



# NEWSLETTER

## Our Professions: Called to Serve.

Vocation: a particular occupation, business, or profession; a calling. How many of us feel called to serve in our vocation? Many times we use the term "called" as a reference only for those in spiritual leadership. I beg to differ. I own a security company and my whole professional life I have felt called to do what I am doing today, Protecting Lives and Property. In the same way we have school administrators, attorneys, accountants, business owners, consultants, salespeople, and many more in our Rotary clubs who feel called to offer their talents in our communities and our world.




6460 Vocational chair, Bud Ramshaw works tirelessly to provide an employment opportunity for those physically or mentally challenged. Bud will provide an excellent plenary session on this subject, complete with panel discussion, at the District Conference on Friday, October 26 at 2pm. The Illinois Department of Human Resources will show us how we as Rotarians can assist in the gainful employment of those so willing to work.

RI President Wilf Wilkinson says that Rotary Shares because Rotarians Care! They care so much that they are willing to share their Time, Talent, Money, and Kindness. Don't we share our Time, Talent, Money, and Kindness with our clients, our neighbors, and our communities? Of course we do. I would suggest we do because we feel "called".

October is Vocational month on the Rotary calendar. This month, we celebrate our own professions as worthy talents. Our need for talented professionals in our Rotary clubs is ongoing. Let's celebrate this month the worthiness of all occupations represented in our clubs. Now, let's go one step further. I want to challenge each club to embrace and celebrate the worthiness of all who want to be employed in our communities. Our District

I hope I can count on you and your club to speak with Bud about having a program aimed at employing the disabled. I am confident that if your club would consider mentoring just one individual in their quest to find gainful employment in your community, your club would experience the greatest satisfaction. Bud can be reached at 217-525-7069.

Here's to all the great Professions Represented in Rotary! -RR

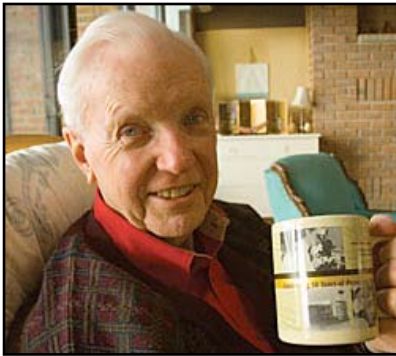
**Five Steps:  
To Improve/Enthuse your Club Now!**

1. Ensure that there are guests at every meeting that would make good Rotarians.
2. Choose one or two meaningful service projects that keep your members engaged and enthused.
3. Challenge your club members to give at least 27 cents a day to the foundation each and every year. (Hmmm, a reachable goal)
4. Provide leadership training for all as a regular meeting on a quarterly basis.
5. Recognize everyone, in any way you can, and do it each and every opportunity you can.

*- Ron Riggins*



THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



In 45 years of Rotary service, Wilf has collected his share of Rotary memorabilia. At home in Trenton, Ont., he relaxes with a memento of his polio work.

Wilf was new to the town of Trenton, Ont., when he was asked to join the Rotary club there in 1962. At his first club meeting, Wilf realized how lucky he was to have been drawn into a group whose ideals so exactly matched his own. One of Wilf's four sons, Peter, told me, "Dad's philosophy is 'to whom much is given, much is expected.'" Wilf sees those high expectations reflected in The Four-Way Test, which, according to Peter, "is something my dad really believes in." In fact, Wilf believes in it so strongly that he and his partners cre-

ated their own version of The Four-Way Test for their firm, Wilkinson and Company. The "Wilkinson Way," a list of 10 ethical principles, has hung in the reception room in the main office for decades. Wilf retired in 2001, but the Wilkinson Way is still displayed on the wall, a tribute to the rock-solid ethical foundation that enabled the firm to grow from a one-man office to three locations totaling more than 100 employees.

A firsthand observer of those principles at work is Ontario's premier, Dalton McGuinty. "I knew that Wilf was a tremendous leader long before I knew about his ascension within Rotary, or his professional success, or his many contributions to the community," he wrote to me recently. "And that is because I work closely with two of his sons: John, an elected member of our provincial parliament, and Peter, who is my chief of staff.

"Someone once said that if your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, then you are a leader," the pre-

mier noted. "Well, judging from their sons' idealism, work ethic, and commitment to serving others, it's clear Wilf, and Joan, are great leaders."

Wilf's desire to serve has been the key to his becoming a leader in Rotary. To this day, he feels strongly that you should never seek a leadership position within the organization. Just do what you are asked, and opportunities to serve will come your way. Wilf also never lets a day end without thanking as many people as he can, in writing. It's no surprise to me that, a mere five years after joining, Wilf became president of his Rotary club. In 1971, he became governor of District 707 (now 7070, covering parts of Ontario), and his rise in the leadership of Rotary International had begun. But he was more interested in changing lives, and he would soon get a chance he had never imagined to do just that.

"I want Rotarians everywhere to accept the responsibility of bringing in one new member each year and mentoring that person to become a committed Rotarian." -Wilf

Hello from Oxford!

Hi all, this is Jesse Sullivan and I have just arrived at Oxford.

Rather than sending out annoying mass e-mails to all my family and friends to keep in contact, I decided to set up a blog.

Please take a look and keep me updated on your lives. I feel so blessed to know you all and I look forward to hearing from you.

<http://JesseSullivan.blogspot.com>





## PITTSFIELD PRESIDENT TAKES FOUNDATION CHALLENGE TO HEART

Randy Hires, the 07-08 President of the Pittsfield club was a little apprehensive about taking the position, until he attended PETS. At the President-Elect Training Seminar he shared with then DGE Ron Riggins his concern. DGE Ron told him that if he (Ron) couldn't screw up the district in one year surely Randy couldn't screw up the Pittsfield club in the same time. Today, they still laugh about the joke between them.

At PETS, DGE Ron challenged all of the Presidents for 07-08 to be a leader to their club, particularly by becoming an Every Rotarian Every Year contributor to the Rotary Foundation. Randy Hires took that to heart, and then some. Randy planned something special for the Official District Governor visit on October 17<sup>th</sup>. At the close of the meeting, he asked DG Ron to step out in front of the head table and presented him with a check for \$100 for his EREY commitment. And then, one by one Rotarians came forward with their \$100 check or \$100 bill. \$2200 was raised for the Annual Fund of the Rotary Foundation that day.

Many Thanks to President Randy Hires and his great Pittsfield club for an excellent example of how Rotary Shares! -RR



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### District Governor Nominations

The Nominations Committee of Rotary District 6460, is now accepting from district clubs, proposed individuals for the office of District Governor for the rotary year 2010-2011. A full explanation of the qualifications and duties of the District Governor are part of the Rotary Manual of Procedure (MOP) and particularly sections 15.70 through 15.090 of the Rotary International Bylaws which are part of the MOP.

A proposed individual must have completed a term as club president, have been a rotarian for at least 7 years when taking office, occupy a classification whose integrity is without question, and demonstrate a complete willingness and ability to physically and otherwise to fulfill the duties of the office of District Governor.

A District Governor Nominee form is available in the Downloads area of our district website at [www.rotarydistrict6460.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6460.org). This form should be submitted to DG Ron Riggins by mail or email: [ron@copsincorporated.com](mailto:ron@copsincorporated.com) no later than December 1, 2007.





The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district collaboration effort to train future club leaders. This training is perfect for those up and coming club leaders. For the first time, our district will host RLI

on Saturday, December 8th in Galesburg. For additional information on RLI and to acquire a registration form, go to our district website [www.rotarydistrict6460.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6460.org) and click on RLI.



### "I Have A Question . . . ?"

Where does one begin to look for answers?

- Assistant Governors.
- District Committee Chairs on the subject.
- Club and District Support reps at RI (CDS).
- The District Governor.

To communicate with District 6460 via this  
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## Rotary Events Calendar 2007

### October 26 & 27

District Conference @ Crowne Plaza, Springfield

### December 8

Rotary Leadership Institute, Galesburg

## 2008

### January 13-20

International Assembly, San Diego

### February 11-22

Pre - P.E.T.S. by Areas

### February 15 & 16

Rotary Leadership Institute, Decatur

### February 23

District Team Training, Crowne Plaza, Springfield

### March 18

90th Anniversary Jacksonville Rotary Club

### April 4 & 5

L.O.L.P.E.T.S. @ Crowne Plaza, Springfield

### April 26

District Assembly, @ Crowne Plaza, Springfield

### May 17

Dist. Leadership Seminar @ Crowne Plaza, Springfield

### June 30

District Governor Installation, Macomb



The Nominations committee of Rotary District 6460, is now accepting from district clubs, proposed individuals for Delegate to the 2010 Council on Legislation. All proposed individuals must be Past District Governors. Clubs may propose an individual by submitting a letter from the club signed by the President or Secretary stating said nomination. The deadline for submission is December 1, 2007 and may be mailed or emailed to DG Ron Riggins.



# Rotary District 6460

## Membership & Attendance: September 2007

Rotary Club of...	Meetings Held	Attendance				Membership		
		This Month %	Rank	Year to Date %	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
Abingdon	76 of 4	76.00	10	82.23	4	24	24	-
Aledo	4 of 4	79.00	=7	82.23	3	7	7	-
Alton-Godfrey	4 of 4	73.40	15	63.17	=27	114	109	-5
Athens	4 of 4	55.00	=38	58.00	=33	11	10	-1
Benld	4 of 4	43.00	46	41.75	46	27	26	-1
Bethalto Illinois	4 of 4	67.92	23	67.92	19	-	34	-
Bushnell	3 of 4	82.00	=3	80.33	5	22	21	-1
Cambridge	4 of 4	79.55	6	71.16	17	22	22	-
Carlinville	4 of 4	62.00	=32	58.67	32	32	39	+7
Chillicothe	4 of 4	71.00	=18	78.33	6	18	20	+2
Collinsville	2 of 4	57.00	37	57.20	=39	-	30	-
Delavan	4 of 4	80.00	5	75.67	10	-	21	-
East Alton, IL	4 of 4	67.24	=24	65.63	23	35	35	-
East Peoria	4 of 4	62.38	=32	57.88	36	37	38	+1
Edwardsville	4 of 4	79.36	=7	77.76	7	138	134	-4
Farmington	4 of 4	62.00	=32	57.55	37	33	34	+1
Galesburg Sunrise	4 of 4	68.04	=21	67.86	20	46	44	-2
Galesburg, IL	4 of 4	72.21	16	71.97	16	77	80	+3
Galva	3 of 4	53.00	=41	57.00	=39	15	14	-1
Granite City	4 of 4	53.45	=41	51.09	44	70	67	-3
Havana	3 of 4	77.00	9	77.00	=8	37	35	-2
Highland	4 of 4	73.77	14	74.99	11	77	77	-
Jacksonville	4 of 4	65.12	30	60.90	30	100	104	+4
Jacksonville Sunrise	4 of 4	72.05	17	58.48	=33	16	13	-3
Jerseyville	3 of 4	67.00	=24	63.33	26	44	45	+1
Kewanee	4 of 4	73.80	13	73.00	=14	47	48	+1
Land of Goshen	4 of 4	87.89	1	88.21	1	66	65	-1
Macomb	4 of 4	61.00	36	58.00	=33	106	99	-7
Macomb Centennial Morning	4 of 4	82.00	=3	82.68	2	41	38	-3
Manito-Forest City	4 of 4	54.00	40	57.50	38	-	27	-
Mason City	4 of 4	66.07	=27	53.21	43	14	14	-
Monmouth	3 of 4	68.71	20	67.28	22	-	76	-
Morton	4 of 4	71.29	=18	71.03	18	126	127	+1
Peoria	4 of 4	48.00	45	43.67	45	-	268	-
Peoria North	4 of 4	50.16	=43	55.08	42	184	185	+1
Peoria Sunrise	4 of 4	55.00	=38	55.96	41	-	15	-
Petersburg	4 of 4	85.00	2	74.00	=12	20	17	-3
Pittsfield	4 of 4	66.63	26	67.41	21	52	52	-
Quincy	4 of 4	63.08	31	63.67	25	95	95	-
Quincy East	4 of 4	50.00	=43	60.07	31	22	23	+1
Rushville	4 of 4	75.80	11	77.27	=8	29	30	+1
Springfield	3 of 4	65.78	29	63.75	24	86	86	-
Springfield - Midtown	4 of 4	66.00	=27	63.00	=27	29	27	-2
Springfield Sunrise	4 of 4	75.00	12	74.00	=12	25	26	+1
Washington	4 of 4	62.00	=32	61.00	29	52	53	+1
Wood River	3 of 4	68.00	=21	73.00	=14	36	35	-1

No report received from Rotary Clubs of: Canton, Springfield South, and Pekin. Totals 2032 2489 -14