



DECEMBER 2008

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December is Family Month



From the R. I. President

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As a father of four and grandfather of five, I have been fortunate to have spent many years in the company of children. When raising our own children, my wife, Young, and I worked hard to give them what all children need most: a loving, safe, and stable home. Our children were our first priority, and we made sure that they always had nutritious food, appropriate clothing, quality medical care, and a good education. We knew very well how fortunate we were to be able to do this. We were grateful that we never had to say to our children, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing to eat tonight," or "I'm sorry, but we can't pay your school fees."

When I was a child, Korea was a poor country, and there were many children who went to bed hungry at night and

had no school to go to in the morning. As a Rotarian, I know only too well that there are still far too many children in the world without the absolute essentials: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education. And as a Rotarian who is also a father, I consider all of the world's children to be my responsibility.

When I see my own grandchildren – happy, healthy, and enrolled in good schools – I cannot help but think of the millions of children who do not have so many advantages. I think of the children who have too little to eat and only dirty water to drink. I think of the children who are sick with diseases that could have been prevented and those who will have nowhere safe to sleep tonight. And I think of the children, millions of them every year, who won't live to see their fifth birthday.

December is Family Month. It is a time to focus on our families, to involve them in our Rotary service, and to challenge ourselves to do even more for those in need. Because there are so many families and so many children waiting for our help, we, as Rotarians, cannot look away. We cannot and will not rest until all children, everywhere, have the chance for a long
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December is "Family Month" for Rotary as well as all of us. We often speak of "The Family of Rotary". What do we mean by "Family of Rotary"? It's a term that is used by dedicated Rotarians referring to other Rotarians and their families. It is a deep friendship that develops over a period of time as those Rotarians who share responsibilities in the district or zone or at the International level develop friendships that are akin to Family. The relationship extends to spouses and even children. Many Rotarians in the "higher echelons" are well acquainted with not just the spouses of other Rotarians, but their children also. There is truly a feeling of "Family" among them. I believe that this relationship develops through common beliefs and common desires for "making a difference in the world". We truly work together to "Do Good in the World", as Rotary International Past President Arch Klump said when he founded The Rotary Foundation.

December is a special time of year for all of us. It is a time to gather our families around us and let them know how special they are to us. It is a time of giving thanks for all that we have. Even now when our economy as bottomed out, we still have so much more than most of the world. Our concern is that the future will be dimmed by the depressed economy that we will not be able to take that



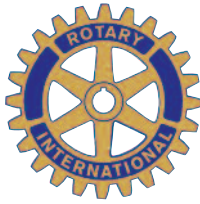
DG Richard Passmore

trip, or buy that car or new refrigerator that we have been eyeing. Worse yet those who are about to retire after working hard for forty or fifty years may not be able to retire, but will be forced to keep on working for at least a few more years until the economy steadies itself. Yes, the picture can appear gloomy, but we also have confidence in our government and in ourselves that we will weather this storm, and in a few months the economy will once again serge and we will be back again where we were six months ago and even better. We are an optimistic people. We have lived through times far worse and recovered; we will again.

So with this in mind gather together with your family, be it your blood relatives or your "Family of Rotary", knowing better years are ahead, and we are still the strongest Nation in the world. Rotary is part of what makes us great: our willingness to support The Rotary
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and healthy life. We will not rest until we Make Dreams Real for every child in every home where there is hunger, sickness, and want. As Rotarians, we can do no less.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International



Foundation to help make our world a better place to live.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS! From The Family of
Rotary to Your Family**

Your Governor,

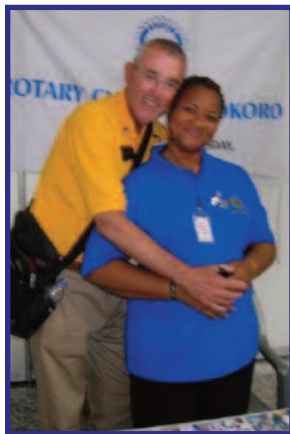
Dick

Dick's African Trip Diary

Day 2: November 14, Wednesday

Dear Friends and Family,
Breakfast was better; I had fruit and bacon; the "boiled eggs" were too hard to crack and peel.

Our group was divided into six smaller groups. Each of the Six Nigerian Rotary Clubs in Abuja was responsible to "host" a group of 15 visiting Rotarians. The Nigerians took their group to see some of the projects the Clubs had sponsored. John and Susan Behrendt from Litchfield, Illinois, were part of my group lead by Barbara Groner. John and Susan were second in command. Barbara, John, and Susan were all veterans of the NIDs; Barbara having been on perhaps a dozen NIDs and John and Susan on six: three to India and three to Africa.



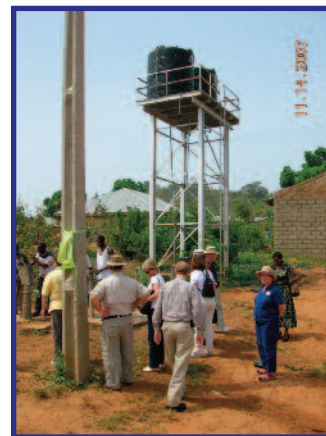
Queen Betty

Our host club was the Asokoro Club. Their President, Ken, served as our leader for the day. Queen Betty (that was her first name, Queen) was with us throughout; Queen is Asokoro's President Nominee, or President in two years. The President - Elect whom we met later had a daughter being married that week and could not fully participate in the week's activities.



Fresh water well and spigots: well, spigots and water tower provided by the Asokoro Cub of Abuja

roads to a small village which the Asokoro Club had "adopted". The local Rotarians showed us wonderful water well with a water tower that had brought fresh, clean



Water tower

water to the village. It was beautiful! Then in the same village we visited the school which the Rotarians had re-built from a shambles (they had pictures of what it looked like before). Furthermore the Asokoro Rotarians had completely outfitted the school with desks, benches, and blackboards.

The children were adorable: they were all outfitted in blue and white uniforms supplied by the parents, somehow. They were all well behaved, polite, and orderly. The teachers asked the students to form even lines like a school assembly and they did so. They were beautiful!



The Chief's Palace, notice the shoes outside, you were required to remove them before entering.

and herds of goats and cattle. We drove up to the "Chief's Palace". We knew this because of the sign over the door, "Chief's Palace".



Left to right: in the Chief's Palace, PDG John Beherent of RT 6490, seated, Ken Osiagwu, President of the Asokoro Club, Tae of the Osokoro Club, the Chief, reclining, a happy village woman receiving her Micro-credit loan, in the fore ground, with villagers on the far right.

The "Palace" consisted of one large round room about 30 feet in diameter with nothing but a lounge which the chief reclined upon and a few chairs. What we saw here was what

President Ken referred to as the "Micro-Credit Scheme". The Micro-Credit Plan as described by Bill Gates, Sr., at the Salt Lake City Rotary International Convention last summer is what the Asokoro Rotarians did in this village: the Rotary Club "loaned" the village 200,000 Nara, about \$2000. The village, or in this



case ,the chief, in turn "loaned " 10,000 Nara, \$100, to each of twenty WOMAN in the village. This woman used this money to start a business like buying jams in the market in town

Women receiving their loans. You probably cannot see the joy in their faces.

and re-selling them at a profit. These women were required to pay back 1000 Nara a month for ten months until their debt was paid. Then as the debt was paid off, the money was "loaned" to another woman and the system repeated itself. What the women gained was 1) a self-sustaining business of their own, and 2) they learned to save money: the 1000 Nara they had used

to repay the loan was now theirs. They learned to save. The day we were there seven women made their final payment and seven more women received their 10,000 Nara to start their businesses. The gift of independence: incredible.

We drove back to Abuja where we had lunch at a "Southern Fried Chicken", similar to the red and white stripes of our KFC. It was the best meal I had in Abuja: I was afraid to order chicken for fear of what I'd get so I ordered a cheeseburger and fries with, of course, bottled water. It was great! The Asokoro Rotarians bought our lunch.

We returned to the Rockview to prepare for the evenings events.

That evening, all ninety of us, were hosted by the Apo Rotary club. We were bused to the Savannah Suites Hotel where we were entertained by a calypso-like band and a meal consisting of goat soup (bones), rice (tasted like fish, of course) jams, and moose, not desert music, but moose moose. It tasted like liver...yuck! All I can say is "Thank God for beer". It came in 600ml bottles and it cost only 300 Nara.

Then back to the Rockview Royale for a restful night on the "rock-hard" bed. Dick.

Clubs in Action



Peoria News

Rebuilding Together Renovation Project.

Joint Veteran's Day Meeting.

Star Student's

The photo of the two children with Win is from last Friday – these two boys were the “Star Students” for October at Tying Primary School. The students in our reading program who earn the most Accelerated Reading points each month get to come to Rotary for lunch.



Col. William Robertson (right), Commander, 182nd Airlift Wing (and a member of our Club) was the guest speaker. In the photo is presenting Capt. Bryan Miller (center) with a promotion in rank to Major. The “majors” pin is being pinned on Capt. Miller by Hal Fritz (left_ who is a Congressional Medal of Honor Winner.



Rotary Club of Peoria, District 6460 – Club No. 76

Chartered July 1, 1913

The Rotary club of Peoria is the largest club in the District 6460 and the 2nd oldest and largest in Illinois. The membership consists of 270 business and community leaders. Susie Stockman is President. The meeting place is the Hotel Pere Marquette every Friday at 11:45 AM. Contact: Susie Stockman 683-3230 peoriarotary@ameritech.net

Vocational Service: The Club provides substantial **scholarship support** to Bradley University, Illinois Central College and has been given specially designated funds to establish a scholarship for Peoria High School and Manual High School graduates.

The Rotary Club of Peoria joins with our other local Rotary Clubs (Peoria North, Peoria Sunrise, Chillicothe, East Peoria and Farmington) to provide a **Sterling Merit Banquet** to honor the top 8% of graduates from 16 area high schools. The article will run the Peoria Journal Star the Sunday before the event (May 13th) when they display all the pictures of the top students being honored for each school. We will also have articles accompanying the photos explaining the history of Rotary, what all the participating Rotary Clubs projects are and encouraging membership.

In 1998 the club became an Adopt-A-School partner for **Tying School** which is a program to help 3rd Graders (90% poverty families) work on their reading skills. Approximately 50 members participate with the one on one tutoring. With the matching funds of the District Simplified Grant we provided non-fiction reference books for the library at Tying School. **“Rotary Reading Buddies”** will come to the school library and discuss the importance of reading in their jobs. With the help of the District Literacy Grant we will provide every student at Tying School a fictional “fun” book to take home with them at the end of the school year to encourage reading during the summer. In conjunction with our Tying reading program, we host the top readers each month at one of our meetings and then host a special recognition meeting with all the readers and students at the end of the school year.

The club sponsors the **Service Above Self in Education Award** to an outstanding elementary school teacher at a club meeting. It is a very special occasion to acknowledge a teacher for their efforts. Applicants are nominated by Rotarians, friends or their colleagues.

The club **hosts two top seniors every week** during the school year from different high schools. They are introduced with their accomplishments and future goals. This is a way to honor student achievement and encourage future Rotaract and or Rotary interests.

Community Service: Members (and their families) host a **Wheelchair Basketball Dinner** for the athletes and their families and coaches who participate in the National and State Wheelchair Basketball tournaments held in Peoria in conjunction with March Madness. This year over 200 were served a spaghetti dinner by Rotarians.

The families (from various states) really appreciate because they can all gather in one spot in a place that is completely accessible to this great a number at one time. This also gives them social time with other competing teams from all over the U.S.

In two weeks we will be participating in **Rebuilding Together “Christmas in April”** project. Our club, on April 19th and 26th (two Saturdays), will paint; make repairs and improvements, general cleanup and landscaping to the home of a disabled gentlemen and his wife. One of our members provides breakfast and lunch for all the volunteers. Approximately 50 Rotarians volunteer with this project. We participate every other year in conjunction with the community’s “Rebuilding Together” project.

Members ring bells at holiday time to assist the **Salvation Army**.

All members are treated to a soup and salad day instead of our large lunch on the 4th Friday of every month. The difference in cost is forwarded to a **Hunger Fund**. At the end of the year, not-for-profit agencies, which provide humanitarian support, are awarded stipends to support their food, shelter or client care needs.

On the Friday closest to **Veterans Day**, we have a joint meeting with the **Rotary Clubs of Peoria, Peoria North & Peoria Sunrise** to recognize and pay **tribute to the veterans** and those still serving in the military. The 182nd Wing – III Air National Guard Color Guard and the members of the Air National Guard Band of the Midwest participate in this luncheon. In 2008 retired Congressman Robert H Michael was the guest speaker.

Endowment Fund – An endowment fund was established to finance Community Projects such as the **Military Services Memorial at the Riverfront**, a Rotary Literacy Center at the South Branch Library near Harrison School which provided computers, software, books and an enhanced reading and learning skills program.

International Service: Our club is sponsoring an **Ambassadorial Scholar**, Carl Budd, who will be attending the American University in Cairo, Egypt.

The club is an active participant in the **Group Study Exchange Program**. The District GSE team leader, Roger Dornaus, who is from our club and the team, is just returning from a month in Thailand. In May, we join with **Peoria North** in hosting members of the visiting team from Thailand. Our members will be involved in hosting tours and special events

**Mark your calendar for
The District 6460
Conference:
"Leadership: at Home,
at Work, in Rotary"**

Date: May 28-30, 2009, featuring:

District Golf Tournament: Thursday,
May 28, 2009 at Macomb Country Club

Home Hospitality: Friday, May 29,
2009, at the homes of area Rotarians

Project Fair: Friday and Saturday, May
29 & 30, WIU

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WITH BEST
PROJECTS!**

2009 CALENDAR FOR ROTARY DISTRICT 6460

Richard Passmore, Governor 2008-2009

Larry Thompson, Governor 2009-2010

January 13-20	International Assembly-GETS, <i>San Diego, CA</i>	June 27	District Governor Installation, Lockhaven Country Club, <i>Godfrey, IL</i>
February 4-26	Pre-PETS, By Region	July 12-14	Rotary Youth Exchange Summer Meeting, Calvin College <i>Grand Rapids, MI</i>
February 21	District Team Training Seminar, Crowne Plaza, <i>Springfield, IL</i>	August/September/October	Foundation, Membership, & Youth Seminars, <i>By Region</i>
March 12-14	Land of Lincoln PETS, Westin Yorktown, <i>Lombard, IL</i>	September 8-10	Zone Governor Elect Training, GNTS, Train the Trainer, <i>Tulsa, OK</i>
April 4	District Assembly, Crowne Plaza <i>Springfield, IL</i>	September 11-13	Zone Institute, <i>Tulsa, OK</i> TBD, Rotary Foundation Dinner, TBD – <i>Downtown Springfield, IL</i>
May 9	District Leadership Seminar, Crowne Plaza, <i>Springfield, IL</i>	November 12-14	District 6460 Conference, 2009-10, Lewis & Clark Community College, <i>Godfrey, IL</i>
May 16	Zone 29 Membership & Foundation SUCCESS Seminar, Missouri Athletic Club <i>St. Louis, MO</i>		
May 28-30	District 6460 Conference, 2008-2009, WIU, <i>Macomb, IL</i>		
June 21-24	100th Annual Rotary International Convention, <i>Birmingham, England</i>		



During the month of November, the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation recognized the top three clubs in District 6460 for their generosity to the Rotary Foundation. Awards were presented to the following three for achieving the highest per capita giving. Those clubs and their per capita amount are:

Jacksonville Rotary Club	\$174.44
Bushnell Rotary Club	\$ 160.48
Galesburg Rotary Club	\$138.96

Banners were presented to those clubs at a November meeting, in recognition of Foundation Month.

Pictured is Foundation Chair PDG Keith Lape presenting the banner to Past President Art McEwen of the Bushnell Rotary Club.



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Rotary Club of...	Meetings Held	Attendance				Membership		
		This Month %	Rank	Year to Date %	Rank	Start of Year	Present	Change
Abingdon	4 of 4	84.00	=4	82.00	4	28	28	-
Aledo	3 of 4	67.00	25	87.60	1	6	6	-
Alton-Godfrey	4 of 4	65.00	27	61.82	32	107	107	-
Benld	3 of 4	84.00	=4	57.67	37	26	26	-
Bethalto	4 of 4	72.00	18	59.33	36	-	37	-
Bushnell	3 of 4	88.00	1	76.60	8	22	22	-
Cambridge	3 of 4	56.00	38	65.30	25	22	21	-1
Canton	4 of 4	86.00	2	72.84	13	47	44	-3
Carlinville	3 of 4	68.00	=22	67.25	22	34	34	-
Chillicothe	3 of 4	68.00	=22	67.20	23	20	20	-
Collinsville	4 of 4	47.00	48	53.20	46	29	29	-
Delavan	4 of 4	61.00	=30	71.00	=16	17	14	-3
East Alton, IL	3 of 4	51.11	45	56.29	40	36	35	-1
East Peoria	4 of 4	54.35	=41	53.30	45	41	40	-1
Edwardsville	3 of 4	74.39	15	75.39	9	-	133	-
Farmington	4 of 4	54.50	40	56.03	41	34	34	-
Galesburg Sunrise	4 of 4	75.00	=11	72.84	12	41	41	-
Galesburg, IL	3 of 4	71.96	19	69.91	20	79	84	+5
Galva	4 of 4	58.00	=34	56.60	38	13	12	-1
Granite City	4 of 4	53.48	43	54.68	42	68	71	+3
Havana	4 of 4	68.00	=22	68.38	21	34	34	-
Highland	4 of 4	83.87	7	77.09	6	75	77	+2
Jacksonville	4 of 4	55.95	39	61.21	34	-	107	-
Jacksonville Sunrise	4 of 4	85.72	3	86.12	2	12	14	+2
Jerseyville	3 of 0	75.00	=11	64.80	26	43	43	-
Kewanee	4 of 4	76.20	10	70.16	19	46	46	-
Land of Goshen	4 of 4	74.33	16	77.04	7	76	75	-1
Macomb	4 of 4	61.00	=30	62.20	=30	102	96	-6
Macomb Centennial Morning	3 of 4	84.00	=4	84.80	3	42	39	-3
Manito-Forest City	4 of 4	54.00	=41	62.00	=30	26	26	-
Mason City	4 of 4	60.94	32	54.18	43	16	16	-
Monmouth	4 of 4	64.36	28	63.05	28	76	75	-1
Morton	3 of 4	68.93	21	70.60	18	125	126	+1
Pekin	4 of 4	80.13	=8	79.06	5	53	52	-1
Peoria	3 of 4	49.00	47	50.20	48	274	263	-11
Peoria North	3 of 4	50.09	46	54.03	44	174	181	+7
Peoria Sunrise	3 of 4	69.00	20	66.75	24	12	11	-1
Petersburg	4 of 4	63.00	29	73.40	11	16	16	-
Pittsfield	4 of 4	73.71	17	71.39	=16	51	46	-5
Quincy	4 of 4	56.63	37	60.21	35	98	101	+3
Quincy East	3 of 4	66.70	26	62.72	29	22	22	-
Rushville	3 of 4	74.40	14	72.14	15	27	28	+1
Springfield - Midtown	4 of 4	58.00	=34	63.60	27	30	29	-1
Springfield South, IL	3 of 4	51.51	44	52.32	47	39	40	+1
Springfield Sunrise	4 of 4	80.00	=8	74.00	10	27	28	+1

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Springfield Westside	3 of 4	58.18	=34	56.30	39	22	20	-2
Washington	4 of 4	60.00	33	61.60	33	51	55	+4
Wood River	4 of 4	75.00	=11	72.20	14	34	34	-
Totals						2273	2538	-12

No report received from:
Rotary Club of Springfield