



Key Notes



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The Road Not Traveled

Traveling District 6460

by Larry Thompson, 6460 District Governor

**I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference
...Robert Frost**

This is the last stanza of the poem by Robert Frost we have all heard. I was reminded of the poem and its meaning while attending the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange in Grand Rapids earlier this month. Judy and I enjoyed visiting with the many young people of our district as some were preparing to depart to other countries on a youth exchange while some were just returning after a year and others were arriving from other countries to visit our district.

Rotary International President John Kenny attended and addressed the assembly referencing the Robert Frost

poem and encouraging all of the youth to take "the one less traveled by." By our travels and experiences in life, we learn more if we dare to expand our view.

While traveling around the district, I have learned that Rotary is alive and well and serving 49 communities in our district. I have indeed visited towns and traveled roads I have not traveled before.

Past District Governors have remarked that the official visits to each club is the best part of being a district governor. I must agree. Every Rotarian should know that when you enter a community displaying the Rotary sign, you are suddenly among friends. Please take "the road less traveled" yourself and visit another club in our district. You will be glad you did.

Rotary District 6460 installs 98th Governor

Judy and I extend our thanks for all who attended the Governor's Installation on June 27. We had a few surprises in the evening with the presentation of a Paul Harris Award to my wife Judy. We want to especially thank our club, Rotary Club of Alton-Godfrey for hosting the installation.



PDG Ron Riggins give oath of office to DG Larry Thompson

What's in a Name?

For a number of years, the district newsletter has had several different names. In 2005-06 and 2006-07 the newsletter was titled *4-Way Today* and last year, IPDG Dick Passmore called his newsletter *Circle of Service*. Most years the newsletter was titled *Governor's Newsletter*. Some of the district leadership would like to see the newsletter always have the same name to develop a branding concept. For example when you see *USA Today*, you immediately know what to expect when you pick up a copy to read. If the district newsletter always had the same name, district rotarians might recognize this newsletter as a source of district information like we recognize *The Rotarian* as a source of Rotary International information.

So we are going to have a contest. Please submit your (and remember, you are the key.) suggestion for the district newsletter name by October 31. We will place the names on a ballot and vote during the business session at our district conference in Alton and Godfrey, November 13 and 14. Please email your suggestions to editor Ron Mayhew at rpmayhew@charter.net.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISITS



JULY 7, 2009

Judy and I started the club visits the first week in July with the very first visit to the **Rotary Club of Jacksonville Sunrise**. This is the home club of District Governor Nominee, Gordon Jumper. President Debbie Hughes conducted her first meeting that morning. She handled the meeting very well.

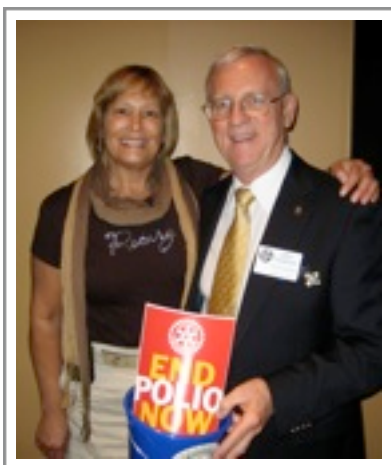
The following meeting on this day was at the



noon meeting of the **Rotary Club of Springfield Midtown**. Past President John Kelker rang the bell to begin the meeting. I was privileged to induct President Junell Ransdell and the officers and later inducted

two new members, Roger Dahl and Wes Barr.

Judy and I then traveled to Petersburg to visit the **Rotary Club of Petersburg** where President Anne Smith is beginning her term. Their club motto is "Small but Mighty" and that is so true. This club is inviting one of the former members of the Athens club to join their club. The



Petersburg club sponsored Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Jesse Sullivan. If you want to have a good time at a Rotary meeting visit this club.

JULY 8, 2009

President Brent Borah of the **Rotary Club of Springfield Sunrise** welcomed us as he begins his term. There was a report on the Hats Off To Lincoln project. This club enjoys breakfast each week at the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

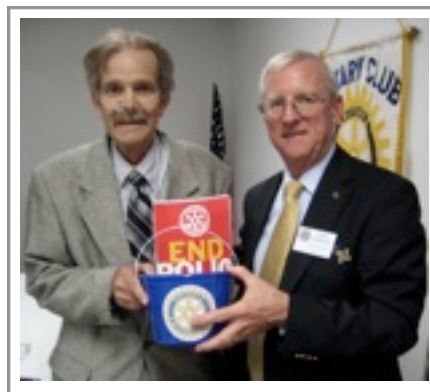


We finally arrived at the Graham Hospital in Canton for the noon meeting of the **Rotary Club of Canton**. President Phil Fleming rang the bell to start the meeting.



Phil reported on his trip to Birmingham, England for the Rotary International Convention. They have great carmel corn in Canton.

That afternoon, Judy and I were inspired in our visit to the **Rotary Club of Abingdon**. Club President John Paisley is not allowing his battle with cancer stand in the way of his opportunity to lead his club. You could tell John has the full



support of each member. The Abingdon club has a rich history of community and international service. In addition to Abingdon having a Rotary Park, the drive on the east side of the park is called Rotary Drive.

JULY 9, 2009

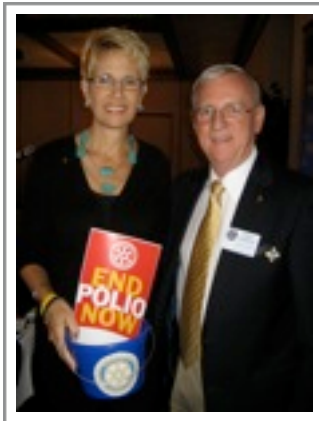


At the crack of dawn in Macomb each Thursday, the **Rotary Club of Macomb Centennial** starts off the day with a rousing Rotary meeting. President Peg Shroyer rang the bell and we began the meeting with a song. During the meeting their exchange student from Brazil gave

a touching good-bye to the club as she was soon to return home (her other home).

We arrived in Peoria before noon to setup for the **Rotary Club of Peoria North** meeting to find Exe. Secretary Paula Bergstresser doing her usual excellent job preparing for the meeting. President Kim Sanders rang the bell to begin the meeting and appeared to be very comfortable in the role of club president.

Members of the Peoria North Club made contributions to the collection of school supplies for children of need that Judy was sponsoring.



On Monday evening, I visited Bushnell where Sirina Waddel is club president of the **Rotary Club of Bushnell**. PDG Harold Camp is a member of this club as are Lois and Ken McClintock. This is a very active club with many fund and fun raisers. One in particular is their annual Radio Days scheduled

this year for Saturday, August 29.

JULY 14, 2009

The next day Tuesday, July 14, I traveled to Mason City for the noon meeting of the **Rotary Club of Mason City**. This year's club president is Mason City school superintendent



Patrick Martin. After a brief business meeting in Patrick's office, we went to the club meeting at the Chestnut Street Grill. Patrick has ambitious goals and support from his club.

My next visit was to the **Rotary club of Manito-Forest City**. Two clubs from these neighboring towns merged to form Manito-Forest City. Norm Lacer is club president and has plans to continue the very successful Dime Toss fund raiser. With money raised, the club

JULY 13, 2009

I paid a visit to the **Rotary Club of Jerseyville** on this Monday at noon where Pat Hurley is club president. Lunch is exceptional at their meetings where it is served home style by the ladies of the United Church of Christ. This day we had one of my



favorites - meatloaf. Immediately after the meeting, members began preparations for their Jersey County Fair Parade the next day.



sponsors a scholarship and has recently organized one of the newest Interact clubs at Midwest Central High School.



Assistant Governor Mac McGee assists Aledo Rotary member John Sheriff at the grill for the annual Aledo Corn Boil

On Friday, July 10, the Aledo Rotary Corn Boil goes forward: Aledo Rotary has had to get smart, due to conditions affecting the club, such as the aging membership and lack of new members. Although the current economic situation often gets blamed for other downturns, the Aledo Rotary's annual Corn Boil must go on. With just six active members, that's

ALEDO ROTARY CORN

a lot of food to prepare. To remedy the situation, Aledo received help from both of Galesburg's Rotary Clubs, Galesburg Sunrise and Galesburg. This year's Rotary theme is "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands." Rotary is the oldest service organizations in the world.

Mac McGee, Area 1 assistant governor, was among the volunteers who came up to help serve the public on Friday, July 10. He said that Rotary clubs helping other Rotary clubs is common throughout the world. He is currently waiting for word on a \$23,000 medical surgical grant request for Rotary Clubs in Area 1, Clubs of Virginia and Clubs in the Philippines to come together to help children in the Philippines. Mac McGee is a member of the Galesburg Rotary Club. Victor Johnson, president and secretary of Aledo Rotary Club, said the audience was steady, even through it rained earlier; a total of 475 people were served at the lunch and dinner settings.

The Aledo Rotary Club meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. at Happy Joe's.

NEW PLATE NOW AVAILABLE

This license plate would look great on your car. On August 14, 2009 the Secretary of State's office will be ready to receive applications for the Rotary license plate. Consider the impact the plate could have on your community if all your club members had a Rotary plate on their car. You would continue to promote Rotary in your community. Of course there are disadvantages. You would also have to obey the speed limit and stop at stop signs.



To obtain your Rotary plate, go to rotarydistrict6460.org and download the application form, fill it out, and send the form to the Secretary of State's office in Springfield.

\$11,186

On April 25, Rotarians from around the area attended a Cardinals Cubs Baseball game in St. Louis. Our district sold 1,045 tickets resulting in a check from Cardinals Care to our district for \$11,186. As in the past, this money will be placed in our literacy matching grant fund. PDG Rod Buffington will be sending out Literacy Grant Applications soon.

ROTARY DISTRICT 6460 CONFERENCE

November 13 & 14, 2009

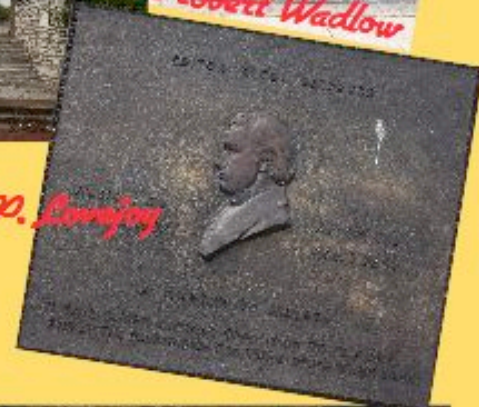
Conference Activities

Ladies' Luncheon
and Shopping
at Josephine's
Restaurant

Historic Tour
of Alton
on Bluff City Trolley



Elijah P. Lovejoy



**JONATHAN MAJIYAGBE
AUTOGRAPHS NAPKINS**

President Jonathan Majiyagbe, who was R I President in 2003-2004 and Chair of The Rotary Foundation in 2008-2009, signed two unused napkins at a dinner at the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England for PDG Keith Lape.

Napkin #1 is "Lend a Hand"

Napkin #2 is "The Future if Rotary is in YOUR Hands"

Keith Suggests the napkins be auctioned in the follow manner.

1. Rotarians bid separately on each napkin, with the final bidding a "LIVE" bid at the District Conference November 13 and 14, 2009 in Alton and Godfrey.

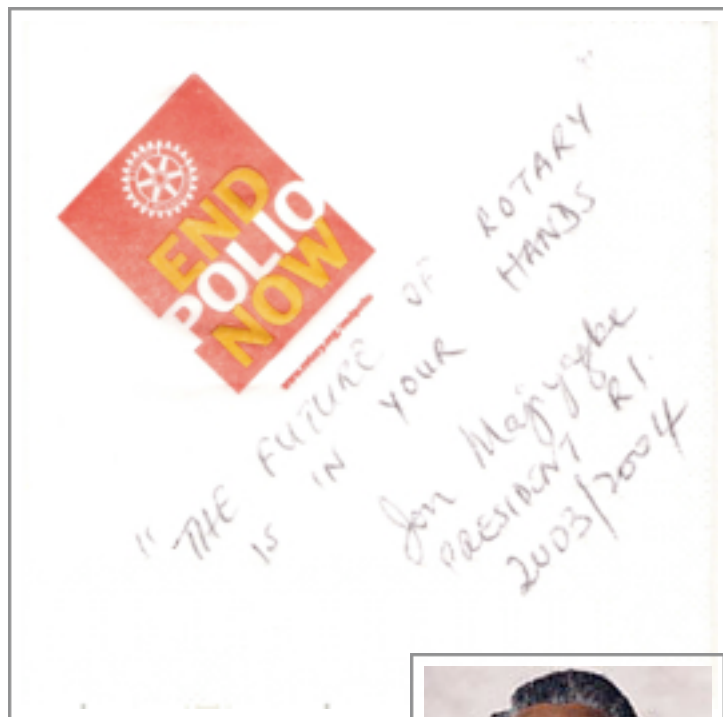
2. Bids may be submitted by email or written mail, no phone calls (email address keithlape@verizon.net)

3. Each napkin needs a separate bid-NO COMBINED BIDS. Therefore, we can have two winners or deposits to The Rotary Foundation.

4. Keith will keep us informed if and as the bids price rises.

5. MOST IMPORTANT - The winning Rotarian(s) agree to put the amount of the approved bid in the Polio Fund of The Rotary Foundation before December 31, 2009. They would put it in as a contribution to their account and the District's credit.

Keith has already had an offer from a Rotarian from another District of \$99.00 for each napkin. I would like to keep the napkins in our District. The other Rotarian would put the money in the Polio Fund, but our District would not get the credit.



Calendar for Rotary District 6460

Larry Thompson, Governor, 2009-2010

David Parsons, Governor 2010-2011

Gordon Jumper, Governor 2011-2012

2009

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	WHO ATTENDS
September/October	Foundation, Membership, & Youth Seminars	By Region	Club Presidents, Foundation Chair, Membership Chair, & Youth Chair
September 8-10	Zone Governor Elect Training, GNTS, Train the Trainer	Tulsa, OK	DGE and spouse, DGN and spouse, District Trainer
September 11-13	Zone Institute	Tulsa, OK	DG, DGE, DGN, PDGs, spouses, and Rotarians
TBD	Rotary Foundation Dinner	TBD – Downtown Springfield, IL	Club Presidents, Club Foundation Chairs, District Foundation Committee, all Rotarians and spouses
November 12-14	District 6460 Conference	Lewis & Clark Community College, Godfrey, IL	All Rotarians and spouses

2010

January 14 -16	Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Board Meeting	Schaumburg, IL	CSYE Committee, DG, DGE, DGN and Spouses
January 17 - 24	International Assembly	San Diego, CA	DGEs and Spouses
January 30	President's Summit, Pre-PETS and College of Governors Luncheon	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Springfield	Current Club Presidents and Presidents Elect, AG's, District Training Team, PDGs
February 20	District Team Training Seminar	Crown Plaza Hotel Springfield	District Leadership Team, AGs, District Officers, District Training Team
March 12 & 13	PETS	Effingham	Club Presidents Elect, District Training Team, DGE, DGN, DG and PDGs, Spouses

Rotary District 6460

Membership & Attendance: June 2009

Ordered by: Club Name



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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	75.00	12	77.22	6	28	24	-4
Aledo	4 of 4	93.00	1	85.89	1	6	6	-
Alton-Godfrey	5 of 5	87.70	3	66.64	22	107	100	-7
Benld	4 of 4	37.00	43	46.75	43	26	26	-
Bushnell	4 of 5	79.00	=6	76.40	7	22	24	+2
Cambridge	4 of 4	60.00	=25	68.41	21	22	22	-
Canton	4 of 4	63.00	23	71.42	16	47	40	-7
Carlinville	4 of 4	61.00	24	62.73	25	34	36	+2
Collinsville	4 of 4	49.00	38	50.00	=41	29	27	-2
Delavan	4 of 4	46.00	=40	71.83	14	17	13	-4
East Alton, IL	4 of 4	51.69	36	52.77	38	36	32	-4
East Peoria	5 of 5	37.78	42	50.48	40	41	45	+4
Edwardsville	4 of 4	64.00	=21	72.98	12	-	129	-
Farmington	4 of 5	53.25	32	53.70	36	34	34	-
Galesburg Sunrise	4 of 5	76.91	10	71.85	13	41	40	-1
Galesburg, IL	4 of 4	64.02	=21	69.19	19	79	87	+8
Galva	5 of 5	53.00	=33	54.75	35	13	12	-1
Granite City	5 of 5	54.86	30	52.64	39	68	51	-17
Havana	5 of 5	70.00	17	70.16	17	34	32	-2
Highland	5 of 5	77.05	9	76.36	8	75	75	-
Jacksonville Sunrise	5 of 5	81.00	4	84.00	2	12	14	+2
Kewanee	5 of 5	76.80	11	71.48	15	46	47	+1
Land of Goshen	4 of 4	88.75	2	78.11	5	76	73	-3
Macomb	5 of 5	60.00	=25	62.26	26	102	91	-11
Macomb Centennial Morning	4 of 4	80.00	5	83.50	3	42	36	-6
Mason City	5 of 5	58.04	28	58.23	32	14	14	-
Monmouth	4 of 4	73.83	13	62.17	27	76	79	+3
Pekin	4 of 4	79.00	=6	80.09	4	53	50	-3
Peoria	4 of 4	48.00	39	50.42	=41	274	251	-23
Peoria North	4 of 4	53.24	=33	57.30	33	174	179	+5
Peoria Sunrise	5 of 5	67.00	19	64.75	23	12	10	-2
Petersburg	5 of 5	71.00	=15	68.67	20	16	17	+1
Pittsfield	5 of 5	72.09	14	74.55	10	51	45	-6
Quincy	5 of 5	56.63	29	59.12	30	97	100	+3
Quincy East	4 of 4	60.20	=25	63.11	24	22	22	-
Rushville	3 of 4	71.40	=15	69.93	18	27	28	+1
Springfield	5 of 5	66.58	20	60.41	28	90	88	-2
Springfield - Midtown	5 of 5	53.80	31	60.41	29	30	26	-4
Springfield South, IL	4 of 4	46.21	=40	53.00	37	39	41	+2
Springfield Sunrise	4 of 4	79.00	=6	75.00	9	27	28	+1
Springfield Westside	4 of 4	51.25	37	56.97	34	22	20	-2
Washington	4 of 5	52.00	35	58.58	31	51	52	+1
Wood River	4 of 5	69.00	18	73.25	11	34	32	-2
Totals						2146	2198	-77