



# Galena ROTARY NEWS

Serving Jo Daviess County Dick Laubhan, Editor August 2006



## President's Message

### “Back to School” Is Now Upon Us!

For some of us it applies to our children still in school; for others, it is a distant memory. What memories of your school days come back to you – new schedules, new subjects and classes, new teachers, new friends? What about new challenges and excitement!

The same is true for the Rotary Club of Galena today! “Back to Rotary” is here. Think of it – WE are the students, and through our commitment and dedication to Rotary’s principles and worldwide work we are all enrolled in the World University of Peace and Goodwill. Our “campus” comprises Galena and the communities of Jo Daviess county.

What does “Back to Rotary” mean? Summer is nearly over, and we all need to register for the Rotary curriculum for 2006-07. And what exactly is that curriculum? No surprise – it’s the same as it always has been in past years:

- **Club Services 101** – Teacher, Vince Toepfer
- **Administration & Operations 102** – Teacher, Don Porter, aka Sergeant-at-Arms
- **Community Education Ser-**

- vices 103** – Teacher, Dr. Barbara Sloan
- **Community Club Services 104** - Teacher, Dorte Breckenridge
- **International Services 105** – Teacher, the Rev. Bob North.

If you have not yet enrolled in one of these courses for the coming school year, I strongly suggest that you contact one of the teachers in charge immediately! By studying hard and doing your homework you will meet new friends within our club and our county’s communities, and help carry out programs that benefit residents, area students and institutions that serve the public’s needs.

But beyond all that – you’ll find there is tremendous excitement in being part of the “big picture” that encompasses Rotary International’s motto, “Service Above Self.” Just remember the 10 most powerful two-letter words:

**“If it is to be, it is up to me.”**

Don’t delay – sign up for one of our 2006-2007 courses, and let’s all help “Lead the Way!”

*Duane Grenier*  
President



*District 6420 Governor Pat Burch presents Galena Rotary President Duane Grenier with a colorful banner proclaiming The Rotary Foundation’s “Every Rotarian Every Year” theme. By committing just \$2.00 per week to becoming a Paul Harris Fellow – a total of \$104.00 for the year – the banner points out that our club could meet our Paul Harris contributions goal. Pat was on hand at our Aug. 11 luncheon meeting to provide an update on District 6420’s current activities.*



*District Governor Pat Burch presents past-president Ed Schmit with a certificate acknowledging our club’s Presidential Citation Award, presented in honor of our assistance to the Rotary Club of Combarbala, Chile in its drive to provide public restrooms for its downtown tourist district.*

# This & That

**T**he most recent District 6420 District Newsletter lists clubs in the upper quartile for Total Annual Giving, Per Capita Giving and Polio Plus Giving. Our club is not included in the first dozen in each category. Leading the 6420 pack in giving are Rockford, Loves Park, Rock Falls, Rock Island and Moline.

**W**hat with the price of gasoline, rising health insurance costs and such, these are difficult times. But checking with club members in positions of authority at local financial institutions, they all stated that they would look favorably on long-term loans to enable members to catch up in the giving area, including our lagging Paul Harris contributions, of course.

**I**n case you missed the good news – The Rotary Foundation recently announced that Charity Navigator, the premier charity evaluation service in the U.S., has awarded the Foundation its highest rating of “4-Stars” for sound fiscal management. The Rotary Foundation

is one of only 1,085 charities to receive the coveted award, out of more than 1.4 million charitable organizations eligible for the honor.

John T. Osterlund, general manager of the Foundation, stated: “The commitment and volunteer efforts [of Rotary leaders] have significantly helped our Foundation receive this recognition. We deeply appreciate all of what you do to foster world peace and understanding.”

**O**ne of our club’s very early members, Roger D. Yardley, died on Aug. 9 in Harlingen, TX at age 73.

Roger, formerly of Hanover, was a building contractor widely known for his dedication to the community and also the work of the Galena Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, a son, David, a daughter, Brenda, several grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

**T**he unveiling of the Julia Dent statue in Galena’s Grant Park went off without a hitch on Saturday, Aug. 19. Our club contributed \$500 to the State Historic Sites organization to

help pay for the eight-foot-high bronze statue, crafted by sculptor Lily Tolpo of Stockton. Attending the ceremonies, which included a Main Street parade, Civil War encampment and picnic lunch near the Grant home, was Julia Dent Grant Castleton, Gen. Grant’s great-great granddaughter.



*Robert (Bob) Revenaugh, left, officially became the 85<sup>th</sup> member of our club last month. He’s shown with sponsor Dick Woodruff. Bob, now retired, was owner and CEO of his own firm, Professional Business Management, Inc., providing financial consulting services primarily to doctors and farmers. Bob and his wife, Helga, reside in rural Elizabeth.*

## To Make Up Rotary Meetings:

- Attend a meeting in a different city.
- Attend our board meetings, second Friday of each month, arriving no later than 11 a.m.
- Serve an hour on a committee.
- **Tell Rich Austin about it!**

## Upcoming Programs

Aug. 25 – “Police Brutality,” Jim March  
Sept. 1 – “Passenger Rail Service to Galena,” Janet Fischer  
Sept. 8 – “Garters & Grit,” author Becky Sisco  
Sept. 15 – “Victim Impact Program,” States Attorney Terry Kurt  
Sept. 22 – “The End of Times,” Rev. Fred Baltz  
Sept. 29 – Open  
Oct. 6 – “Lyme Disease,” Denise Seuring, Jo Daviess Health Dept.  
Oct. 13 – “Friends of Jamaica,” Director Marsha Burke  
Oct. 20 – Student of the Quarter, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa  
Oct. 27 – “Polio Survivors,” Marcie Kiefer  
Nov. 3 – “Galena Food Pantry,” Jerry Bolles

## Greeters

Aug. 25 – Don Mennenoh/Dan Mitchell  
Sept. 1 – Carter Newton/Rev. Bob North  
Sept. 8 – Bill Norton/Bill Ortman  
Sept. 15 – John Osmanski-Ken Parrott  
Sept. 22 – Rudy Pascoe/Don Porter  
Sept. 29 – Bob Price/Dan Ripley

## Fines

Aug. 25 – Bob Wehrle  
Sept. 1 – Carter Newton  
Sept. 8 – Dan Ripley  
Sept. 15 – Dave Mikelson  
Sept. 22 – Josh Jasper  
Sept. 29 – Chuck Henle

## Trivia

Aug. 25 – Howard Kerr  
Sept. 1 – Ralph Winkelhake  
Sept. 8 – John Cooke  
Sept. 15 – Duane Grenier

## FYI

Galena Rotary Club, P.O. Box 52, Galena, IL 61036. Meets every Friday at 11:45 a.m. - DeSoto House Hotel

### 2004-2005 Officers

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