

C G I T A T R

ROTARY CLUB OF PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS

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Mission completed, Alliance for Smiles Teams from Districts 6440/6450 return home from Shen Yang China

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To read the complete story see **ALLIANCE FOR SMILES**, Debbie Jefkin-Elnekave’s below.

Rotary Club Programs And Special Events

Wednesday AM Meetings at 7 a.m. Summit Square Retirement Residence, 10 N. Summit
Friday Noon Meetings at Crystal Palace Banquets, 2648 E. Dempster St., Park Ridge

5/3 AM Tim Taddy, arborist - M.S. Forest Pathology BARLETT TREE EXPERTS
 5/5 Noon Liz Vaughn, Classification Talk

5/10 AM Laura Smail, Park Ridge Teen Center
 5/12 Noon TBA

5/17 AM John Barrett, Application Network
 5/19 Noon TBA

5/24 AM Rafi Munim, Green Light Mission Cancer Screening Health Awareness
 5/26 Noon Round Table at Andrews

5/31 AM Bob Dieli, RDLB, Inc “Navigating the Business Cycle”
 6/02 Noon Bob Dudycz, Maine Township

6/07 AM
 6/09 Noon Sara Koveleski Kraut, Advanced Physical Therapy & Health Services

***** JUNE 23, 2006 *****

Installation dinner for the Incoming and for the Outgoing Park Ridge Rotary Presidents. Place: Rosewood

***** JULY 29, 2006 *****

Community BBQ at Hodges Park

All members are welcome to attend the next Park Ridge Rotary Board Meeting on May 19th 7:00 am – 2701 W. Sibley – PR Park District Office

If you want to suggest programs, please contact John Pembroke AM meeting at jjpembroke@aol.com or Sandy Artisuk Lynch Noon meeting at amartisuk@mindspring.com

Newsletter copy to Marta Hoover at marta@parkridgechamber.org
 Also Visit club web page at www.parkridgerotary.com

Alliance for Smiles Update 4/28/06

From: Debbie Jefkin-Elnekave

Dear Friends,

Rotary has a way of taking you in unexpected directions. For instance, I never dreamed that I would feel such a deep connection to the people of China, which began with my first Alliance for Smiles mission to that wonderful country. Through your sponsorship of the just-completed **ShenYang** mission, you now share that connection. If only you'd all been there to experience the gratitude of the parents, whose deepest wishes had just come true. The stories of magnanimity and appreciation are numerous, but I'd like to share just one special story with you.

Ke Nan Li is the proud, distinguished uncle of one of our patients. After traveling for two days by train to reach our clinic, he approached me as spokesperson for the family and handed me a bottle of Pepsi as a humble thank you gift. Through a translator, he said that Alliance for Smiles and the American people must have been sent from heaven. I interviewed him after surgery, and he asked me to convey this message to the mission sponsors: *"When people see a normal child, they comment about the child's beauty. When my nephew was born with a cleft lip, people looked down on him, and my family lost face. The effects aren't so obvious when he is young, but if he'd grown up with a cleft lip, his heart would have been broken. The Alliance for Smiles team is a godsend. You have altered the course of my nephew's life."* Like the Grinch who stole Christmas, my heart grew three sizes that moment.

I know that I speak for every child, parent, doctor, nurse, and the entire D6440/6450 volunteer team (Chris, Jana, Jeanne, Sandy, Sue and Pat) in extending my heartfelt thanks for the role that you played in making so many dreams come true.

I look forward to seeing many of you at District Conference and visiting your clubs in the next few months to share the mission video and the results of your generosity. I'll be in touch shortly to schedule a program. In the meantime, if you have a specific date in mind, or would just like to talk about the mission, I'm always happy to hear from you.

In Rotary spirit,
Debbie Jefkin-Elnekave
312-828-0650

Park Ridge Rotarians were honored during District 6440 meeting. I will report on them and their honors in the next Cogitator.

May celebrations "Happy Birthday Day To You"

May

1 Vic Carter
4 Dave Holland
12 Don Ely
20 Bob Mau
27 Sandy Artisuk Lynch
27 John Pembroke
29 Ed McCabe



Editor's Note: If we missed your birthday, we apologize for the oversight. Let me know and we will make sure to include your name in the next issue.

Bob Barker Scholarship Award presented to Marc DeMonte

Reported by Bill Haley

A senior at Maine South, Mr. DeMonte is planning to attend the Universal Technical Institute to pursue a career in automotive technology. He has completed the Automotive Class at Main South, has done a full engine overhaul, and has done extensive work on five cars. Congratulations!

Make A Difference Scholarships Reported by John Davis Congratulations

Vincent Evola – Fenwick High School
Semerra Mateziz – Niles High School
Katie Everette - - Glenview High School

Hendee Award Winner Reported by Sally Pryor

Congratulations to Margaret Warzocha

Ms. Warzocha is a music teacher at Roosevelt School she has been teaching in #64 for the past 5 years. She hopes to take a graduate course at Vandercook College that will focus on the musical development of children 10 years old and older. She was thrilled to receive the scholarship. We will recognize her at a future PR Rotary meeting.

Note: Your Opportunity for Rotary Service-

If unable to complete this club assignment, please arrange your replacement.

May 2006

AM Duties Wednesday	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Morning Duties	C. Ogorek	J.Pembroke	S. Pryor	A. Rybak	P. Ahern
Gold Badge	E. McCabe	R. Carlsen	J. Dickerson	B. Haley	D. Hogan
Gold Badge Alternate	D. Hogan	J. Schaefer	T. Tolbert	J. VandenBrink	J. Warnimont
NOON* Friday 12N-1:15P	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	June 2
Invocation/4-way test	R. Carlsen	R. Crawford	H. Frimark	Memorial	D. Hogan
Greeter	V. Carter	J. Dickerson	B. Gottschalk	Day	J. Krupp
Fun & Frolic	E. Coyne	D. Ely	B. Haley	Round Table	P. LaRue

**Park Ridge Rotary Club
2005-2006 Officers/Avenues of Service**

President: Sandy Artisuk-Lynch*
Secretary: Claudia Vignola*
Assistant Secretary: Diane Forsythe
Treasurer:
Noon Sergeant-at-Arms: Bob Mau, Don Ely
AM Sergeant-at-Arms: Dan Davidson*
Past President: Jim Schaefer*

Club Service: Dan Davidson (Pres-elect)*
Vocational Chair: Bill Haley*
Community Service Chair: Anna Rybak*
International Chair: I.D. Maramba*
Additional Board Members:
 Ed Coyne*, Roger Crawford*, John Davis*
 Bill Parker*, Steve Schermerhorn*, John Warnimont*

*Member, Park Ridge Rotary Club Board of Directors, Park Ridge Rotary Foundation

Foundation Secretary
Rick Libner

The Editor wishes to thank all of the Rotarians that contributed to this most recent issue of the Cogitator. The next issue will be in three weeks. Please forward your text/inserts to me at Marta@parkridgechamber.org.

website:

WWW.PARKRIDGEROTARY.COM

Happy Mother's Day
May 14th

Other Member News

From Chelle O'Connell

Save the Date – June 22 – Golf Outing
Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce

Fellow rotarians join me and other businesses at your Annual Golf Outing to be held at the White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville. Only a half-hour from Park Ridge. If you would like to attend or sponsor an event contact the chamber at 847-825-3121 or visit our website at www.parkridgechamber.org

Unwanted Medication Disposal

Wednesday May 31, 2006 8:00am-3:00pm
Maine Township Senior Center
1700 Ballard Road, Park Ridge

For additional information, call (773) 744-4000 or visit www.cookcountysheriff.org

Rotary District 6640 Governor Installation Dinner, June 28

Reminder: We all received an invitation from The Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club to the attend the installation of David C. Waring District 6440 Governor, 2006-07 & Steven Hollis President, Barrington Breakfast Rotary Club on June 28th. Please register early, space is limited. If you did not receive your invitation, contact PR Rotary President Sandy Artisuk-Lynch or President Elect Dan Davidson.