**Rotary District 6440**  
**2011 Conference Agenda**

**Thursday, April 28**

3:00 – 5:00 pm  
Council of Governors Meeting  
*Illinois/Indiana Room, 3d Floor*

6:00 – 7:30 pm  
Council of Governors Reception & Dinner  
*Salon E, 1st Floor*

8:00 – 10:00 pm  
Musical Theatre Presentation of *42nd Street*  
*Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre, 1st Floor*

**Friday, April 29**

7:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Registration Open

8:30 – 10:00 am  
First Plenary Session – District Business  
*Salon A-D, 1st Floor*  
Presiding: Don Brewer, Algonquin-Lake in the Hills  
Speaker: Ron Burton, RI President Ray Klinginsmith’s Representative  
Topic: *The State of Rotary*

10:00 – 10:30 am  
Fellowship Break - This is your opportunity to meet new Rotarians and greet old friends while visiting the many exhibits in the House of Friendship located in the corridors surrounding the Grand Ballroom on the first floor.

10:30 – 11:30 am  
Second Plenary Session – Building Communities  
*Salon A-D, 1st Floor*  
Hear speakers from four clubs in the District describe successful community projects they have conducted and how they have raised funds to finance those projects  
Presiding: Tamiye Meehan, Wheeling, District Community Service Advisor  
Speakers: Susan Breier & Scott Bernholdt, Elk Grove Village  
Topic: *Difficulties and Rewards of Organizing the Elk Grove Rotary Fest*  
Speakers: Ted Welch & Maureen Barry, Wilmette Harbor  
Topic: *Promoting Community Activism: Beach Sweep*  
Speaker: Steve Carlson, Evanston Lighthouse  
Topic: *Involving the Community in a 25th Anniversary Project*  
Speaker: Julie Clark, Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates  
Topic: *Raising $250,000 for a Children’s Hospital*

11:30 am – Noon  
Fellowship Break (Cash Bar)

Noon – 2:00 pm  
Paul Harris Luncheon  
*Salon E-H. 1st Floor*  
Open to all Rotarians and their guests, this luncheon celebrates the programs and accomplishments of The Rotary Foundation and honors those Rotarians who have made generous donations to the Foundation.  
Presiding: John Osterlund, President-Elect, Evanston Lighthouse, and General Manager, The Rotary Foundation  
Speaker: Paul Decker, RI District 6270 Governor, Hartland, WI  
Topic: *Building and Leading 21st Century Communities.* We have been asked to
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Think "Bigger, Better, Bolder" as Rotarians. In our work, personal and Rotary lives, the 21st Century comes at us every day. How do we utilize the great technological tools at our disposal to engage with and build our community? How do we continue to make progress and retain essential values? What defines leadership today?

Speaker: Ina Pinkney, Celebrity Chef and Polio Survivor
Topic: Polio's Lifetime Implications

2:15 – 3:15 pm  Third Plenary Session – Ambassadorial Scholars

Salon A-D, 1st Floor

Ambassadorial Scholarships. It’s one of the most successful programs of The Rotary Foundation. In this session, you will learn how your club can enhance its effectiveness in finding outstanding candidates to recommend to the District for scholarships and providing support to inbound scholars.

Presiding: Carolyn Anthony, Skokie Valley, District Ambassadorial Scholarships Chair
Speaker: Ambassadorial Scholar Hannah Warren
Topic: How My Experience in India Changed My Life
Speaker: Ambassadorial Scholar Andrea Yao
Topic: Insights from an Inbound Scholar

3:15 – 3:30 pm  Fellowship Break

3:30 – 5:00 pm  Fourth Plenary Session - Group Study Exchange

Salon A-D, 1st Floor

They come in groups—inbound and outbound—to visit their vocational counterparts in other countries. Hear of their experiences from South Africa and Brazil, including helpful tips for sponsoring and mentoring GSE applicants.

Presiding: Alicia Mentell, Waukegan, District GSE Chair
Speaker: Cynthia Tomusiak, Fox Lake-Round Lake Area
Topic: Personal Story of a Rotarian
Speaker: Bob Zamor, Libertyville Sunrise
Topic: Involvement with the Inbound Team
Speaker: Scott Nadeau, Waukegan
Topic: Sponsoring and Mentoring GSE Applicants
Speaker: Jim Runnfeldt, Long Grove
Topic: GSE with Taiwan

Plus presentations by South Africa inbound and outbound GSE teams and the Brazil outbound GSE team

5:30 – 6:30 pm  Paul Harris Society Reception (Invitation Only)
5:30 – 6:30 pm  International Reception (Cash Bar)
6:30 – 9:00 pm  International Reception & Dinner

Salon E-H, 1st Floor

A former international company CEO will speak, followed by entertainment from Youth Exchange students from around the world who are currently enrolled in District 6440 high schools.

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Speaker: Harry M. Kraemer, Jr., former CEO of Baxter International, professor at Northwestern University’s Kellogg Graduate School of Management, and author of the just-published book, *From Values To Action*. Topic: **Values-Based Leadership**. Simply put, leadership is the ability to influence others. Values-based leadership takes it to the next level. By word, action, and example, values-based leaders seek to inspire and motivate, using their influence to pursue what matters most. Professor Kraemer puts it all into perspective and will inspire you to greater heights in your own Rotary and personal leadership opportunities.

**Entertainment:** They sing, they dance, and they play musical instruments. In the process, they provide unique insights into their native cultures. Always a popular feature of the District Conference is this potpourri of talent and exuberance from youth worldwide...our Youth Exchange students.

**9:00 pm–Midnight** **Hospitality Suites** - You didn’t think we’d let you go to bed at 9 o’clock, did you? Each of the four hospitality suites, open Friday and Saturday nights ‘til midnight, has a different theme and will prove to be lots of fun.

- **Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Club – Great Lakes I, 1st Floor** -- This suite, with its Mardi Gras theme, will help you get into the mood for RI’s convention in New Orleans, which is just three weeks away.
- **Deerfield, Lincolnshire, Wheeling, and Buffalo Grove clubs – Great Lakes II** -- Even though there’s still a chill in the air, baseball diehards are already singing *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. This suite will feature sports games accompanied by music as spun by returning DJ Bruce Piepenbrink.
- **Wheaton Club – Great Lakes III, 1st Floor** -- On the weekend that Kate and Harry take their wedding vows, this suite will feature a Royal Wedding theme, complete with a visitor from England.
- **Northbrook Club – Great Lakes IV** -- This alcohol-free suite is specifically designed to appeal to the young-at-heart and the Youth Exchange students, who will disco the evening away as only the young can manage it.

**Saturday, April 30**

**7:00 am – 6:00 pm** **Registration Open**

**7:15 – 8:15 am** **Presidents’ Breakfast**

*Illinois/Indiana Room, 3d Floor*

*Presiding: DG Bruce Baumberger*

An invitation-only breakfast for club presidents.

**7:15 – 8:15 am** **President-Elects’ Breakfast**

*Wisconsin/Iowa Room, 3d Floor*

*Presiding: DGE Carlos Früm*

An invitation-only breakfast for club presidents-elect.

**9:00 – 10:15 am** **Fifth Plenary Session – New Generations**

*Salon A-D, 1st Floor*

The fifth Avenue of Service for Rotarians is New Generations, featuring activities that
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involve future Rotarians that are now in elementary school, high school, or college. This session will present ideas for involving your club with the youth of your community.

Presiding: DGN Dick Larson
Speaker: Sam Martinez, Wauconda, District Interact Chair
  Topic: The Excitement Begins with Interact
Speakers: Renee Bruning, Palatine, District Rotaract Chair, 2011-2012, with Emily Chow and Lauren Coffaro, Northwestern Rotaract, District Rotaract Co-Chairs
  Topic: Planning in Our Future
Speaker: Sean Nelson, Lake Zurich, District RYLA Chair
Topic: The RYLA Experience
Speaker: Bill Summers, Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, District Youth Exchange Chair
  Topic: The Impact of Youth Exchange on the Future of Rotary

10:00 am – Noon
Food Packaging for Haiti
  Picnic Grove Pavilion, 1st Floor
This is a hands-on service project with the Kids Against Hunger organization to prepare packages of food for distribution to the earthquake-ravaged sections of Haiti. The packaging, by members of Interact clubs, Youth Exchange students, and other volunteers, will be going on throughout the day, concurrent with other conference activities.

10:15 – 10:45 am
Fellowship Break

10:45 am – Noon
Sixth Plenary Session - Bridging Continents
  Salon A-D, 1st Floor
This session features case studies of outstanding international projects by district clubs.
  Presiding: Larry Kanar, Northbrook, District International Service Advisor
  Speakers: Teri Dreher and Bob Zamor, Libertyville Sunrise
    Topic: Nigeria
  Speakers: Jeff Pringle and Cathy Hetrick, Wheaton
    Topic: The Dominican Republic
  Speakers: Suzanne Gibson and Narayan Murarka, Barrington Breakfast
    Topic: The “Mechanical Cow” in Guatemala.
  Speakers: Members of the Northwestern University Rotaract Club
    Topic: Peru—A Spring Break with a Difference
  Speaker: PDG Pam Kerr, Wilmette Harbor
    Topic: An Update on the Guatemala Digital X-Ray Project

Noon – 12:30 pm
Fellowship Break (Cash Bar)

12:30 – 2:00 pm
Awards Luncheon
  Salon E-H, 1st Floor
  Presiding: Donald Brewer
  Presentation of District Awards by Debra Schoendorf, Barrington Breakfast, District Awards Chair
  Speaker: Andrea Fanta, Rotary Peace Scholar at the University of Queensland in
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Brisbane, Australia

Topic: How My Year as a Peace Scholar Changed My Life.

2:00 – 3:30 pm  Focus on the Coming Year
   Illinois/Indiana Room, 3d Floor
   Presiding: DGE Carlos Frum
   Next year’s District Governor unveils plans for District activities in the 2011-2012 Rotary year

2:00 – 3:30 pm  Rotaract Brainstorming
   Iowa/Wisconsin Room, 3d Floor
   Presiding: Renee Bruning, Palatine
   A year ago there was but one Rotaract club in the District. Today there are five. This session is designed for Rotaract leaders and members to get to know each other and to swap ideas for club activities.

2:00 – 3:30 pm  Youth Exchange Presentations
   Salon A-D
   Presiding: Bill Summers, Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, District Youth Exchange Chair
   A perennial favorite, this year’s Youth Exchange students tell about their home towns, families, and personal interests.

3:30 – 4:30 pm  Food for Haiti
   Picnic Grove Pavilion
   A continuation of the food packaging activity

5:30 – 6:30 pm  Governor’s Reception (Cash Bar)

6:30 – 9:00 pm  Governor’s Dinner (Business Attire)
   Salon E-H, 1st Floor
   Presiding: Don Brewer
   A gala evening of food and entertainment to celebrate a successful Rotary year for District 6440.
   Presentation of the Colors by Lincolnshire Boy Scout Troop 78
   Speaker: Ron D. Burton, official representative of RI President Ray Klinginsmith. A Rotarian since 1979, Ron has served Rotary as a club president, district governor, member of the RI Board of Directors, and a trustee of The Rotary Foundation. He is here with his wife, Jetta.
   Topic: The Future of Rotary in a Topsy-Turvy World
   Entertainment: The Lakeside Singers, a unique ensemble of professional singers who perform the very best in vocal music in an extraordinary variety of styles.

9:00 pm – Midnight  Hospitality Suites
   More fun, frolic, and fellowship in the four club-sponsored hospitality suites.

Sunday, May 1

8:30 – 9:15 am  Interfaith Service and Remembrance
   Great Lakes I & II
   Presiding: Sam Martinez, Wauconda
   Speaker: Don Baker, Evanston
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9:30 – 11:00 am  Brunch & Closing Session
    Salon E-H, 1st Floor
    Presiding: DG Bruce Baumberger
    Speaker: Ron Burton, RI President’s Representative
    Topic: Thanks for the Memories and Now On to New Orleans
    Farewell to the South African Group Study Exchange Team

11:00 am  Adjournment