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October 25 Program: David Templin, Rotary International District 6450 Governor

The allure of the Windy City for David, a native Texan, can best be summed up in one word: Opportunity. It was predictable that within a short time, David would establish a name for himself as a Business and Estate planner with The Hartford.

Currently, his drive and talents are on display as a Certified Financial Planner and Regional Vice President with Sun Life Financial. But, David is more than just someone people know they can trust with their hard-earned money. He is also a man with depth and compassion.

The motto of Rotary is "Service above self." For my friend, this is not a slogan but instead, a mantra or way of life.

Today, David provides invaluable service and leadership as District Governor for Rotary District 6450. He is a Trustee of the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation, dedicated to preserving the home of Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris. It is noteworthy that David served with great distinction as president of ROTARY/One, the world's first Rotary Club.

He is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow plus six, a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation, and a recipient of the ROTARY/One Foundation's Chesley R. Perry Award. He was honored as the District 6450 "Rotarian of the Year" for 2007-2008. He has also received the Four Avenues of Service Citation and was awarded the "Distinguished Service Citation" for serving as the ROTARY/One Centennial Chairman. Honors of this magnitude are never bestowed lightly.

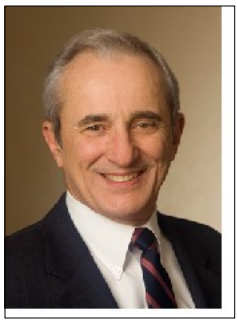
Additionally, David served as President of Linking Efforts Against Drugs, on the Blue Ribbon Committee for Lake Forest High School, and a member of the founding board for the Lake Forest High School Foundation. He understands that almost every problem facing our country today can be solved through education.

David will tell you with glowing pride how Rotary has changed the fortunes of millions of children around the world, helping them to grow free from the scourge of polio. This commitment to helping others has in return also touched and colored his life. You hear it in his voice when he speaks of traveling in the near future to far-flung places halfway around the world to personally administer the polio vaccine to kids in remote villages.

David graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma, where he earned a bachelor of science in marketing, with a minor in computer science. He enjoys reading, golf and world travel.

ROTARY/One Annual Campaign

Chair, Lisa Russ and her committee is CALLING! Please give to the annual campaign. Your dollars given to the ROTARY/One Foundation annual campaign fully support service projects of the club. In addition, if you give to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International there are special incentives provided by the club to match your gift so that you can achieve a Paul Harris Fellowship recognition or your next level.



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 MEETING
ROTARY AFTER WORK
5:30 - 7:00 PM
UNION LEAGUE CLUB

November 1: Rotary After Work - Dennis Chookaszian

There is no luncheon meeting this week. Rotary After Work, the first Tuesday of each month, begins at 5:30 PM with networking and dinner followed by our program. The meeting ends no later than 7:00 PM.

Dennis Chookaszian is the former chairman and CEO of CNA Insurance Companies, which was a $15 Billion multi line insurer with 20,000 employees. In his 26 years at CNA, Chookaszian served in numerous other executive capacities, including chief financial officer, president and chief operating officer where he was responsible for all property, casualty, life, health, and investment operations, and chairman of the Executive Committee. He was also chairman of the Agency Management Services subsidiary of CNA, and chairman of Intergroup, the HMO operation of CNA. Prior to joining CNA, he was a management consultant with Deloitte for eight years working on various financial and systems related assignments. He also served as Chairman and CEO of mPower, an internet startup providing electronic financial advice for management of 401K plans.

Since January 1, 2007, Dennis, who is a CPA, has served as chairman of the Financial Accounting Standards Advisory Council (FASAC), which advises the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) on issues relating to the Board's agenda, project priorities, and other timely and topical matters. His background includes service on many AICPA and FASB committees and task forces, and he was one of the 8 members of the Public Oversight Board Panel on Audit Effectiveness. He currently serves as a member of the Financial Crisis Advisory Group (FCAG), which is the International group that was formed to recommend solutions to the financial reporting issues related to the current financial crisis.

Dennis has served as a director on the boards of eleven publicly traded corporations and currently serves on the boards of Allscripts, a healthcare systems company, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the world's largest derivatives exchange, Career Education, a private post secondary education provider, LoopNet, an internet based commercial real estate listing service, Insweb, an internet based insurance purchasing service, and MacDonald Dettwiler, an information services company. He has also served on the Boards of 50 private companies throughout his career and presently serves on the Boards of 10 private companies. In addition, he currently serves on the boards of 6 not-for-profit organizations.

He earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Northwestern University, an MBA degree in finance from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, and a master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics. In 2010, Dennis received the Outstanding Director Award from the Financial Times Outstanding Directors Exchange.

Club Calendar

November 1: Rotary After Work Program-Dennis Chookaszian: former CEO, CNA Insurance and board member for 11 companies including the CME 5:30 PM, ULC

November 8: Program-Veterans Day

November 15: Program-Annual Meeting, Legacy Recognition, Paul Harris Recognition

November 22: Program-Earl Jones, Clear Channel Communications

November 29: Program-Orly Gil, Israel Consul General

December 6: Rotary After Work Program-Merit School of Music

December 13: Annual Holiday Party - no luncheon meeting; 5:30—8:00 PM, ULC

December 20 & 27: NO MEETINGS

Heartland International is seeking home stay hosts for an upcoming *U.S. Department of State* program: ***Emerging Young Professionals: Development of Grassroots Organizations for Women for Belize and Nicaragua.*** Home stay hosts are needed from November 1 - 17, 2011. All of the participants are female and they all speak English. Take advantage of the unique opportunity to host an emerging grassroots leader from Belize and/or Nicaragua This group of 18 professionals working on women's rights and empowerment will be in Chicago from October 29 - November 19 to work with their U.S. counterparts to develop joint community-based projects and take part in a leadership development program designed by Heartland International. In addition, they will gain an invaluable intercultural experience by staying with a home stay host.

ROTARY/One's International Committee supports their programming. If you are interested in hosting someone please contact: Julia Sportolari at (312)750-9888 or julia@heartlandinternational.org

Rotary-UN Day will be held in New York City on 5 November. The event, themed "Rotary and the United Nations: The World Is in Your Hands," will feature panel discussions on water, literacy, health, and youth; speeches by senior staff from international government and nongovernmental groups; and a youth panel with presentations on international club projects.
http://www.riunday.org/

All Rotarians are invited to attend. 8:00 registration; program 9:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Rotary and the United Nations have a long history of working together and sharing similar visions for a more peaceful world.
In 1942, Rotary clubs from 21 nations organized a conference in London to develop a vision for advancing education, science, and culture after World War II. That event was a precursor to UNESCO. In 1945, 49 Rotarians went to San Francisco to help draft the UN Charter. Rotary and the UN have been close partners ever since, a relationship that's apparent through PolioPlus and work with UN agencies.

Rotary currently holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies. Rotary maintains and furthers its relationship with a number of UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies through its representative network . This network consists of RI representatives to the United Nations and other organizations.

Rotary-United Nations Day Each year at Rotary UN Day, more than 1300 Rotarians including many Rotary International Directors, Foundation Trustees, past Senior Leaders, and guests come together at UN Headquarters in New York. The program is designed to inspire and educate all participants as well as provide insight into the relationship between Rotary and the United Nations. In the past, the day has been very successful and has sold out.

Rotary International District 6450 Foundation Roadshow

After a resounding success last year reaching over 300 Rotarians, we are again decided to conduct another Foundation Roadshow during the month of November (starts late October). The clubs listed below have kindly agreed to host us at the dates and locations provided. This is your opportunity to be part of learning about "Our" Rotary Foundation. Registration is easy, just go on line and say you are coming. Costs are just the normal cost of a Rotary breakfast or luncheon meeting and as an extra incentive it will count as a "Make-Up"! We strongly urge you to take advantage of this opportunity. It will be a good time to meet Rotarians from neighboring clubs as well as a time to learn more about The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, what is does for so many and how it can benefit our club directly.

Thursday October 27th, 2011 12:00pm @ Rotary Club of Elmhurst

Thursday November 3rd,2011 6:15pm @ Rotary Club of Chicago Southeast

Thursday November 10th, 2011 12:15 pm @ Rotary Club of Orland Park

Thursday November 17th, 2011 12:15 pm @ Rotary Club of Lockport

Friday November 18th, 2011 7:00am @ Rotary Club of Naperville Sunrise

Friday November 18th, 2011 12:15pm @ Rotary Club of Hinsdale

Tuesday December 6th, 2011 6:30 PM @ Rotary Club of Morris

Membership is Key

Join the district training event on membership. It will be filled with useful information and brainstorming about membership and retention presented by those who have been successful in both areas.

- how to get prospective members interested
- how to motivate club members to "just ask"
- how can your public relations team help
- how to hold an interesting and informative new member orientation
- how to keep new members engaged
- and many more "how to's"

This seminar is for membership chairs, presidents, president-elects and any other interested club members.

When: Saturday, November 12th
Time: Registration 8:30, seminar 9-noon
Where: Willowbrook Holiday Inn
Why: Learn ways to build your club, retain and recruit members.
How Much: $0
Register: online at www.rotarydistrict6450.org

Rotary International Convention, May 6-9, 2012 Bangkok

Register now for the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May, and enjoy an unforgettable experience in the Land of a Thousand Smiles! Enjoy Thai hospitality. Make friends with fellow Rotarians from around the world. Take in spectacular sights. Taste delicious Thai cuisine. Experience a vibrant culture. Renew your commitment to Service Above Self. And have fun in a world class city.

Registration is online at www.rotary.org or call the Rotary office at 312-372-3900 and we'll assist.

Rotary International District 6450 Conference

May 17-20, 2012

Sheboygan, Wisconsin

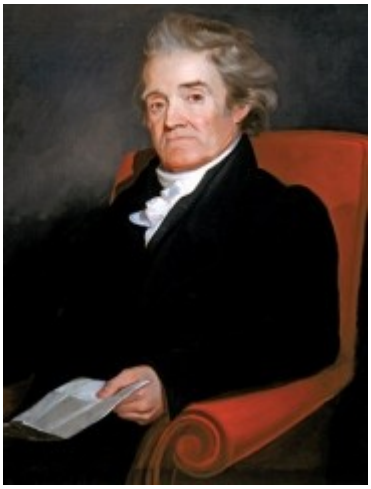
Save the dates. Early Bird registration through January 11, 2011.

Ireland and Scotland Trip for and with Rotary Members

June 27, 2012 Depart for Dublin, Ireland; visit the Guinness Storehouse; go to Rotary meetings; see Downpatrick Cathedral in Dublin; see Nine Glens, Belfast; off to Cairnryan, Glasgow and on to the Edinburgh Castle and Stirling Castle and St. Andrews Cathedral…..and of course, great food, meet new friends, travel with Rotarians and spouses/guests. Return to Chicago July 6. Registration materials arriving soon. $500 deposit holds your place.

Dictionary Day was October 16

At the Dictionary Project, our favorite day in October is **October 16, Dictionary Day**. Dictionary Day celebrates the birthday of Noah Webster, the writer of the first American dictionary. Noah Webster, a lawyer from Hartford, Connecticut, believed that American schoolchildren needed their own reading and spelling books, so that all Americans could learn to spell words the same way, with their own unique American spellings. He first wrote *A Grammatical Institute of the English Language*, a reading textbook used in American schools for 100 years. When he was 43 years old, he started writing his dictionary. He finished 27 years later in 1828, and it included over 70,000 words, including some words such as "skunk" and "squash," which weren't in English dictionaries. He also standardized American spellings of words such as "color." All over the United States, many generous volunteers will be delivering dictionaries to children this month in honor of Noah's birthday.



Noah Webster, 1758-1843

National Dictionary Day is celebrated each year on Webster's birthday, October 16.

CALLING ALL ROTARY/One MEMBERS.....have you signed up for this year's deliveries of dictionaries. See Margrethe Kearney or Zenith Houston to get on the list .