

West Little Rock Rotary Club

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NEWSLETTER



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We Need a
Service
Projects
Chair!

Today's Guest Speaker:

Ray Keller, District Governor 2008-2009

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Ray Keller is a native of Northeast Arkansas where his ancestral family moved in the 1850's. He lettered in basketball with Florida College where he received his A.A. degree in 1970 and followed with a B.S. in Economics at the University of Arkansas in 1972. He became a member of the Rotary Club of Jonesboro in 1979. He has served as Secretary, Vice President, and served as President in 1993-94. He has served as Chairman of numerous committees and elected several times to the Board of Directors.

Ray is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and for many years has worked with various district programs. He is a frequent contributor to the district's RYLA, PETS, and District Conferences. He was an organizer of the Jonesboro Rotary Centennial Park project at Craighead Forest Park and initiated the club's James Gramling "Service Above Self" award. He has worked with the club's annual fundraiser, the Arkansas SportShow, and helped organize many of the club's fund-raising and benevolent drives.

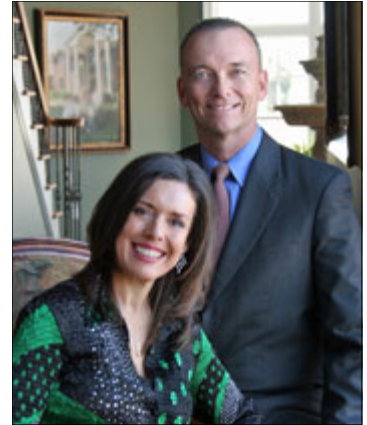
He is an active member of the Northside Church of Christ where he has served as interim minister.

Ray is the owner of Keller International (KI) which is a company he founded in 1975. He is an accomplished international speaker and trainer with an amazing resume'. His talks have been professionally recorded and translated into several languages and distributed world wide.

Ray is also the owner of Keller Business Alliance and serves as a corporate coach for selected companies in North America. His forte' is team building and personal development.

He married Karla Tackett from Fayetteville in 1973 and the couple have three children and five grandchildren. His son, Travis, is a member of the Rotary Club of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Ray's hobbies are varied. He was one of the youngest Amateur Radio Operators in the state in the 1960's. He has been a pilot for most of his adult life and counts his restored J-3 Piper Cub as a member of the family. He also collects and restores antique vehicles and enjoys golf and skiing.



RAY AND KARLA

The Four-Way Test

Of the things
we think, say, or do...

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Good friends are like stars.

You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.



2008 District Seminars

Four District Seminars are scheduled in locations convenient for all District 6150 Rotarians. Each will include sessions on four tracks - The Rotary Foundation, Membership, Community Service & Youth Programs.

Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008 - Jonesboro, Holiday Inn

Tuesday, September 16, 2008 - Heber Springs, Cafe Klaser

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 - Little Rock, Location TBD

Thursday, September 30, 2008 - Wynne, Location TBD

6:30 p.m. -6:50 p.m. Registration and Reception

6:50 p.m. Welcome and buffet dinner

7:00 p.m. - 8 30 p.m. Attendees to bring dinner to their respective rooms.

Breakout to 4 tracks: Foundation, Membership, Community Service, or Youth Programs.

Registration fee is \$15 per person (includes dinner).

DG Ray's
Blog

Log onto
www.rotary6150.org/view/418 if you
would like to read or
add comments to DG
Ray's blog.



Beijing club accommodates Rotary Olympic goers

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News
21 August 2008

Rotaractor Bernardo Garcia (right) trains with the Chinese wushu team during the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing. *Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of La Rioja*

After the Chinese wushu team invited Bernardo Garcia to train with them for the Wushu Tournament Beijing 2008, the Argentine Rotaract club member and the Rotary Club of La Rioja, La Rioja, Argentina, reached out to Beijing Rotarians for support. Garcia didn't receive financial support from the government of Argentina because wushu, a full-contact sport derived from traditional Chinese martial arts, isn't an official Olympic sport; it is a recognized International Olympic Committee competition.

Not wanting to waste a great opportunity, he raised enough money to make the trip to Beijing. However, finding accommodations during the Olympic Games is no small feat. Nidia Acuña, president of the La Rioja club, contacted Gilbert Van Kerckhove, a member of the Rotary Club of Beijing, to see if he could help Garcia upon his arrival. Van Kerckhove, an investment promotion adviser for the Office for Beijing Olympics 2008 Projects, came through with the gold, finding a hotel room for Garcia.

"Obviously, these are hectic times in Beijing," said Van Kerckhove. "But our club is good at arranging logistics, and we managed to find a low-cost hotel that was close to transportation."

"Van Kerckhove and the Beijing club were a great help," said Acuña. "I really appreciate the importance of an organization like Rotary, which made it possible for two different cultures to come together in order to help an athlete like Garcia fulfill a dream."

The Beijing club also found a five-star hotel for the Belgian Olympic Committee and helped Rotarians traveling abroad get competition tickets. The club hosts a hospitality cocktail hour for visiting Rotarians every Thursday evening at the Hilton Beijing during the Olympic Games.



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AUGUST 2008

MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6 <i>Speaker: Dr. Mary Aiken</i>	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 <i>Speaker: Rhonda Sanders</i>	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 <i>Speaker: Anthony Lucas</i> RICHARD MEYER	21	22	23 JAMES ARBUCKLE
24 31	25	26	27 <i>DG Ray's Official Visit to our club</i>	28	29	30



NEWS BRIEFS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

August Program Director: Darwin Buehler

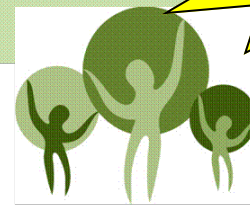
Speakers and Upcoming Events:

- August 27— DG Visits our Club**
- September 9— Night at the Rep**
- September 27— Camp Aldersgate Fish Fry**
- October 13th— Offsite Mtg - Lilly's Dim Sum Then Some**
- November 8— Barnes & Noble Fundraiser**
- December 24— NO MEETING**
- December 31— NO MEETING**
- June 21-24 2009— RI Convention—**
Birmingham England

Upcoming Program Chairs:

- September— Ed Linck (NEW GENERATIONS MONTH)**
- October— Bo Frazier**
- November— Fred Williams**
- December— Jim Westbrook**
- January— Gary Speed**
- February— ??**
- March— Marc Sherman**
- April— Jack Myers**
- May — Jim Foster**
- June — ???**

We need YOU!
 Are you interested in being a program chair? Months available are February and June 2009!
 Please contact
 Nicci Tiner:
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CAMP ALDERSGATE'S
25th Annual Fish Fry
 Saturday, September 27, 4-7p.m.
 at Camp Aldersgate

Activities include live entertainment, by Elvis, Bob Hayes, and Jubilation Jazz, children's area, bake sale, silent auction, and more.
 All proceeds go to benefit programs at Camp Aldersgate.

Adults	\$15
Children ages 4-11	\$10
Seniors (65+)	\$10
Children under 4	Free

For more information, call (501) 225-1444. *Must present ticket at event.

CAMPALDERSGATE
 COMMON GROUND FOR EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE

Buy tickets at regular meetings or contact
Sarah Wacaster—225-1444
swacaster@campaldersgate.net

Locate an Arkansas Rotary Club

Here is a handy reference list of Arkansas Rotary Clubs.

Club Name	Day	Time	Location	Club Contact	Club Name	Day	Time	Location	Club Contact
Bald Knob	Wed	1200	Kelly's Rest.	501-724-3322	Marked Tree	Wed	1200	First United Methodist Church	870-358-6000
Batesville	Mon	1200	Batesville Country Club	870-793-5441	Marshall	Fri	1200	Sunset Rest.	
Blytheville	Thu	1200	Blytheville Country Club	870-763-6800	Maumelle	Tue	1200	Maumelle Country Club	501-851-7544
Brinkley	Mon	1200	Gene's Bar-B-Q	870-734-1906	Newport	Fri	1200	Newport Country Club	870-523-6761
Cabot	Tue	1200	Western Sizzlin	501-985-4075	North Little Rock	Thu	1200	Alltel Arena	501-833-1814
Cleburne Cty	Thu	0730	Red Apple Inn, Heber Springs	501-362-7526	NLR-Riverside	Mon	1730	Corky's BBQ, McCain Blvd.	501-663-6200
De Witt	Wed	1200	Sahara Family Rest.	870-946-3576	Osceola	Tue	1200	Chamber of Commerce Bldg.	870-563-3804
Fairfield Bay	Wed	1200	Indian Hills Country Club	501-884-5255	Paragould	Wed	1200	Paragould Country Club	870-240-0208
Forrest City	Tue	1200	Civic Ctr.	870-633-5493	Pocahontas	Wed	1200	Bonanza Rest.	870-892-5489
Harrisburg	Thu	1200	1st United Pentecostal Church	870-578-9500	Quad Cities/Sharp Cty	Mon	1200	Clyde's Chuckwagon, Ash Flat	870-994-3040
Heber Springs	Tue	1200	McPherson Rest.	501-250-9902	Searcy	Tue	1200	Searcy Country Club	501-268-8841
Helena	Wed	1200	Phillips College, Fine Arts Bldg.	870-338-7476	Sherwood	Wed	0700	St. Vincent North, Wildwood Ave.	501-833-3036
Hughes	Mon	1900	Bruins Supper Club	870-339-2345	Stuttgart	Tue	1200	Stuttgart Country Club	870-673-1602
Jacksonville	Mon	1200	Western Sizzlin	501-985-4039	Trumann	Thu	1200	Truman Country Club	
Jonesboro	Tue	1200	St. Bernards Auditorium	870-932-1465	West Little Rock	Wed	1200	St. Vincent Infirmary, L.R.	501-219-7130
Jonesboro Metro	Tue	1730	Holiday Inn, Jonesboro	870-933-6134	West Memphis	Mon	1200	Southland Greyhound Park	870-735-2683
Jonesboro-Univ.	Thu	0700	Holiday Inn, Jonesboro	870-935-2030	Wynne	Wed	1200	Kelley's	870-238-2702
Little Rock (99)	Tue	1130	Double Tree Hotel	501-663-0063					
Little Rock Metro	Fri	0700	Baptist Med. Ctr. Cafeteria, L.R.	501-614-9699					
Little Rock Mid-town	Mon	1200	Hilton Hotel, University Ave.	501-682-1050					
Marianna	Mon	1200	Cleo's Rest.	870-295-6802					
Marion	Wed	1200	Marion United Meth. Church	870-739-3632					

ECLUB MAKE-UP

Are you having trouble making up missed meetings? Don't forget Rotary eClubs.

Topics are varied and educational.

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