



# Eggs



## President's Message

February means **Bowl-A-Thon** and what a **"ball"** we had. Sorry, couldn't resist.

Nearly 100 bowlers from the Gurnee Breakfast, Gurnee Noon, Grayslake, Round Lake Area and Zion clubs braved arctic cold to help raise money for the Lake County Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse. And their efforts were not in vain. Event Chair George Butler and his right-hand man, Pat Gallagher, did an outstanding job in raising between \$3500 and \$4000 – the highest total in the Bowl-A-Thon's 10-year history. Not only were there more lane sponsors, we had an abundance of raffle items, some of which were sold on a silent auction bid basis. The raffle alone rose nearly four times as much as last year. Hats off not only to George and Pat, but their tremendous support team including Jim Fransen (Grayslake), Melanie Eickhoff (Gurnee Noon) and Darlene Gallagher, Jan Boettle, Roberta Pfeiffer, Mike Brankin, Adam Krieger and Dorothy Desmond (Gurnee Breakfast). And a second Thank You for all that bowled, tried to bowl or just came to support and encourage their fellow Exchangites

On a more poignant note, as many of you know, Chuck Balling has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Glenview Park District, leaving the Gurnee area after more than nine years of guiding the Gurnee Park District to the level of success and recognition it now enjoys. During our membership meeting on the 28th, we had a chance to say "thanks" to Chuck for his tireless commitment to Exchange and the many contributions he has made to our club's own success and growth, serving as President, Director, Committee Chair for numerous events, volunteer coordinator, co-worker, mentor and good friend. We wish him well and anticipate hearing of yet another Exchange title -- Club Builder. His new contact information is Ph: 847 657-3224, Email: [chuckballing@glenviewparkdist.org](mailto:chuckballing@glenviewparkdist.org)

As we move into March, on the 14th, Gurnee Mayor, and fellow Exchangite, Kristi Kovarik will be our guest speaker, presenting her State of the Village report. On the 28th, we will hear from several District 56 representatives on the "Great Americans" program. This is our local project that parallels the National Exchange "Milestones of Freedom" project.

As you know, April is blue ribbon month in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention month. Our club is involved in four very meaningful activities. Later in the newsletter, Roberta Pfeiffer reports on our work at the local high schools in providing information on the Illinois Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act and in our participation in Illinois' "Largest Baby Shower" to support the Safe Haven and other abandoned newborn support sites. Gayle Neumann highlights our upcoming Spring Clean-Up and Book Drive for the Children's Advocacy Center. Plus, we have the Senior Luncheon with County Recorder, Willard Helander, and our fun night at Dairyland Greyhound Park.

Don't look now, but May is Salad in the Park and our Memory Walk – Healing Field. Read more about these events and other activities listed in the monthly Calendar of Events and let us know where you think your talents will be most useful.

Yours in Exchange,

*Bill Froese*

# CHANGE

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Gurnee, Illinois

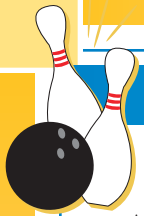


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Meetings  
Second and Fourth  
Tuesday of each  
Month at 7:00 a.m.  
at In-Laws Restaurant.

EXCHANGE  
*Growing Our*  
**FUTURE**  
*Together*



## Bowl-A-Thon

February 19 was a memorable day for Lake County Exchange Clubs. Four Clubs (Gurnee Noon, Gurnee Breakfast, Grayslake and Round Lake Area, WTHS FBLA members) participated in the 10th annual combined Bowl-A-Thon for the Prevention of Child Abuse. It was a cold but beautiful day, which, I think helped bring out the crowds. Ninety-six people bowled during the 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. time set for the games. Each of the clubs sold lane sponsors, so I have no way of knowing how much was raised by each club but I can tell you that the space was filled with signs. There were three tables brimming with prizes. Three prizes were extra nice and George Butler of the Breakfast Gurnee Club decided to raffle them on a silent auction bases. Also, there were many others that were very nice, the ticket prices were increased to \$2 each, 6 for \$100. The raffle was very successful, bringing in more than \$1,200.00. This is almost four times the usually amount for this joint effort for the Foundation.

Workers at the event included: Jim Fransen-Grayslake, Melanie Eickhoff-Gurnee Noon, Darlene Gallagher, Jan Boettle, George Butler, Roberta Pfeiffer, Fergal Gallagher, Mike Brankin, Adam Krieger and Dorothy Desmond-Gurnee Breakfast Exchange Club.

*Fergal P.J. Gallagher*



## Party with the Puppies

Please join us on Saturday, April 22, 2006, 6:00 p.m. at the Dairyland Greyhound Park, Kenosha, WI. The evening will include private skybox, buffet dinner, free admission, parking, mutual teller and bartender, program, race dedication, and lots of fun with your Exchange friends. The cost is \$24 per person (cash bar). Space is limited. For reservations, please call Roberta Pfeiffer at 847-680-0331, by April 11, 2006.

*P.S. Friends and family welcome!*

## Thanks for the Memories Chuck

By Dorothy Desmond

Anyone who has been president knows that it is a very rewarding but challenging position. During my tenure, one of my many critical phone calls came from Chuck Balling. We were approaching the date of the 911 ceremony in Viking Park. Chuck called to ask my assistance in acquiring a rock. Being a very peculiar request, I asked him why he needed my assistance. He said that it was a large rock. In fact, it was a VERY LARGE rock in someone's yard in Gurnee. It needed equipment to move it and he would love to have it in Viking Park. I was surprised that the park equipment wouldn't be sufficient so he laughed and stressed that it was a VERY, VERY LARGE rock. He asked if I would go take a look at it. I did . . . It was NOT a rock. It was a boulder the size of Mount Rushmore!

Through the generosity of Campanella & Sons, the ROCK was dug up with a large bulldozer and 4 men hauled it to Viking Park and strategically placed it to the North of the band shell. At the 911 Remembrance Ceremonies, the ROCK and the beautiful bronze plaque that is mounted on it were dedicated to the memory of those who perished. Heh Chuck, take a good look at this picture. This is NOT A ROCK! It is a BOULDER!

*(Thanks for the memories!)*  
*Love, Dorothy*

## Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. To help spread the message about Child Abuse Prevention, on Saturday, April 29, Breakfast Exchange members are being asked to volunteer to help spruce up the Children's Advocacy Center, O'Plaine Road. This is a hands-on activity. We will begin around 8:00 a.m. and plan to be finished by noon. Also on that day, we will be asking the community to donate new or gently used children's books to fill the CAC library. Books can be dropped off at the center that a.m. Members will be asked to sign up to help at a meeting in March. For more information contact Gayle Neumann at 847-336-0800.

## Senior Luncheon

Our club will be presenting a complimentary luncheon and seminar for the Lake County Seniors. The event is being held on Monday, April 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the In-laws Restaurant, Milwaukee Avenue, in Gurnee. Our guest speaker will be the Lake County Clerk, Willard Hellander, who will present "Services for Seniors in Lake County." Our sponsors are the Consumers Credit Union, In-laws Restaurant, and American Home Care Express. Reservations are required – limited seating available. Please contact Roberta Pfeiffer 847-680-0331 by April 10.

## Birthdays

March



Fred N. Friedl III – 3/5  
Gayle Neumann – 3/14  
Jeffrey Carr – 3/20  
James T. Hayner – 3/27



## Congratulations to Our Student of the Months

The Breakfast Exchange Club of Gurnee's Student of the Month for November was **Kelly Foster**. Kelly is the daughter of Carol and Woody Foster. She is a member of National Honor Society, Girls Hockey Team, Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Steel Band. Through her church, she participated in Habitat for Humanity in northern Wisconsin and traveled through Biloxi, Mississippi to help with hurricane relief. After graduation from Warren Township High School, she will major in English Literature and Political Science at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Illinois. Her goal is to become a Lawyer.

**Cassidy Blair**, the daughter of Troy and Katherine Blair, was the Breakfast Exchange Club of Gurnee's Student of the Month for December. Cassidy is a member of National Honor Society, a National Merit Commended Scholar and attended Illini Girls' State at Eastern Illinois University this past summer. She is on the Warren Tennis Team and received the All District Athletic Award. In addition to being in choir and playing piano, Cassidy received the Christian Youth Theatre Rose Award. She also received the Daily Herald Leadership Team Award given for youth leadership and Community Service. Cassidy hopes to attend Washington University next fall and major in International Law.

The Student of the Month for January is **Maria Gencev**. Maria is the daughter of Boris and Kosana Gencev. Maria attends Warren Township High School and is very involved in Community Service. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American Students, and is an Illinois State Scholar. Currently serving as President of Students and Service, she also is a member of Student Council and the School Improvement Council. Maria hopes to attend the University of Wisconsin in Madison where she will major in Foreign Language in Secondary Education.

## Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act

The Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act in Illinois is a way that parents/guardians can avoid leaving their babies in unsafe settings. Immunity from criminal prosecution will be avoided if they safely abandoned their infants within 72 hours of birth with personnel at designated "Safe Havens." They include police and fire stations, hospitals and medical emergency facilities. DCFs has joined the Abandoned Babies Foundation to launch a campaign to raise public awareness to the Act. The Foundation will be proclaiming April 4, as the official "Save Abandoned Baby Day" [Saveabandonedbabies.org](http://Saveabandonedbabies.org). A proclamation by the Governor will be read in the City of Chicago, and the special guests will be three babies that have been saved by this law. This event will also be proclaimed as "Illinois Largest Baby Shower." This is where our Exchange Club comes in. If you would like to donate baby articles, they will be given to shelters in our area, you can bring them to the March 14th or March 28 meetings. Articles needed are: diapers, size preemie, 1&2, clothes and pajamas, size preemie 0-9 months, blankets, booties and caps, bottles, pacifiers, canned powered formula, baby food, diaper wipes, diaper bags, bibs, hooded towels, and infant toys. For more information, or you would like to help with this project please call, or e-mail, Roberta Pfeiffer. (847)680-0331 [RJPVOL@aol.com](mailto:RJPVOL@aol.com)

By Roberta Pfeiffer

## Great American Program

The District 56 Great American Program offers an opportunity for interested fifth grade students at O'Plaine School and Gurnee Grade School to complete nine series of historical facts. The students are required to memorize and recite all the information verbally to their teachers, except for one test that is written. The nine events are:

1. The Pledge of Allegiance
2. Gettysburg Address
3. Star Spangled Banner Song
4. Statue of Liberty Motto
5. Flag Facts Written Test
6. Proper Flag Folding
7. Presidents – in order
8. States and Capitals
9. Preamble

Over the past couple of years, through the generous donation of money and flags, the Gurnee Exchange Club has helped us to continue to encourage our students to become Great Americans. The cost for each child to become a Great American is about \$35. After completing all the challenges, each child receives recognition by the principal over the loudspeaker to the whole school, is given small tokens of appreciation for their hard work, and will be presented with a shirt, a goodie bag, an American flag, and fun-filled Great American Assembly/Activity Day in May. Our goal is to create enthusiasm about being a Great American while promoting the importance of pride, respect for our country, and volunteering to build a better community for all.

*Pam Hampson and Kathy Jansen*  
Great American Coordinators

## LifeBridge

LifeBridge is a program that offers a **free** 10-year term life insurance to income eligible families. In the event that an insured parent or legal guardian passes away during the term of the policy, a \$50,000 benefit would be paid into a trust and used exclusively toward the educational expenses of his or her eligible children. There is no cost to the insured; MassMutual pays the premiums.

MassMutual has teamed up with six national organizations to roll out this initiative - Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, YWCA, Urban League, Habitat for Humanity and Big Brothers Big Sisters. MassMutual is also working with employers, faith organizations, schools, municipal offices, and day care centers and invites the participation of all organizations to help us reach out to eligible participants. Because of the established relationships your organization has with potential participants, your assistance will be crucial to informing these individuals of this opportunity.

If any Exchange Members are involved with, or know of, a group that could use this program, or you would just like more information, please contact Michael Brankin of the MassMutual Financial Group at 312-636-9087.



We wish to thank the following for their generous support of time, talent and resources in helping the Breakfast Exchange Club in the prevention of child abuse and support of other children and family services throughout Gurnee and Lake County

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# News



**March 7, 2006. Board Meeting**  
**In-Laws Restaurant** (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)  
 Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m.

**March 14, 2006. Membership Meeting**  
**In-Laws Restaurant** (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)  
 Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m. Guest Speaker, Mayor Krysti Korvarik (tentative) – Election of 2006-2007 board candidates (tentative)

**March 28, 2006. Membership Meeting**  
**In-Laws Restaurant** (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)  
 Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m.

**April 4, 2006. Board Meeting**  
**In-Laws Restaurant** (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)  
 Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m.

**April 11, 2006. Membership Meeting**  
**In-Laws Restaurant** (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)  
 Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m. Captain Barry Henby – Quarters for Kids

**April 17, 2006. County Services for Seniors Luncheon** 11:30 a.m. In-Laws Restaurant (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue) Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m.

**April 22, 2006. "Party with the Puppies"**  
 Dairyland Greyhound Park, Kenosha, WI  
 6:00 p.m.

**April 25, 2006. Membership Meeting**  
**In-Laws Restaurant** (Rt. 21 and Grand Avenue)  
 Gurnee, IL 7:00 a.m.

**April 29, 2006. Children Advocacy Center**  
 Book drive and spring clean up.  
 8:00 a.m. to noon.

**May 9, 2006. Salad in the Park**  
 Viking Park, Old Grand Avenue, Gurnee, IL

**May 21, 2006. Field of Memories – Healing Field Ceremony.** More details to follow – for more info call Mary Caselli 847-578-8877

**July 15 - 16, 2006. Relay for Life** 2006 Team registration begins in March. For more info call Roberta Pfeiffer 847-680-0331

**Don't forget to bring a guest to our next meeting!!**

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# Flash

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