

# ROTAJET

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The club welcomes our new leader **Richard Blecker**. The Pres. was welcomed with the normal accompaniment of pots and pans a la **Eddy Longshore**. May we be the first to say what a great job we think **Richard** is doing.

Speaking of Presidents, has anyone seen the President's Pin? Former Pres. **Kathi** just smiles sheepishly each time the subject is brought up, but did we see a telltale pawn ticket, or was that the ticket for the blue marble drawing she was holding?

**Jim Scribner** delivered the invocation, our patriot pilot Hal Austin led us in the flag salute

Visitors this week included **Ted Pauw** from Downtown and our own **Jan Fanton**.

**Howard Born** reported that all was found to be well in his nether regions. He got a card from his Proctologist that said "Thank you for your business, it is always good to look up old friends."

**Hal Austin** is going to test the Homeland Security System and go to England. We understand there will be a golf tournament of some sort in the itinerary.

#### Congratulations to the following perfect attenders:

<b>Kathi Salinas</b>	<b>1 Year</b>
<b>Eddy Longshore</b>	<b>14 Years</b>
<b>Richard Blecker</b>	<b>4 Years</b>

There seemed to be a lot of finger pointing going on about **Doug Albee's** wardrobe. The President tried to fine him for wearing shorts, but he blamed **Dennis Johnson** who said he was still using the Demotion Party dress standards, which were set by **Jim Scribner**. Usually it is best if you just wear what your wife tells you to and then you don't get in so much trouble.

**Mike** and **Lyn Green** are still helping to raise money for the club by exchanging our used lap tops, cell phones and empty printer cartridges for cash (no PC's or monitors). Please see **Mike** for details, or visit [www.cartridgesforkids.com](http://www.cartridgesforkids.com) online. If you have any items you need picked up call Lyn at 951-907-7651.

Richard Pershing has developed the ultimate pass the buck system by allowing each member of the club to participate in his job as Program Chairman. Each member will have the opportunity to supply a program for one week during the year. Actually this will give a diverse and varied series of programs. Please take some time to call Richard with your program idea.

Thanks to Jerry Miller and Doug Albee for their attendance at the Chicago Convention to represent our club. They reported on the 100,000 wheel chairs in 100 countries in the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Rotary. Various gifts and T-shirts were distributed to deserving members of the club.



#### FROM THE CONVENTION

CHICAGO — Rotary's centennial convention closed with a look to the next 100 years. The keynote address from Nobel Prize winner Dr. Wangari Maathai focused on our shared future and the environment, and others gave examples of how Rotary's youth programs are instilling in the next generation an ethic of Service Above Self. Maathai, who won the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize for her contributions to sustainable development in Africa, used the metaphor of a traditional African three-legged stool to discuss the three pillars of any stable government: the environment, democracy, and peace. Maathai also stressed that the basic needs of people are not just water, food, shelter, and education, but also justice and equality. Later in the day, Maathai said she was inspired by Rotarians' abilities to manage multiple projects. "Listening to the presentations at the convention, I am inspired by [their] ability to achieve so much with limited time and resources," she said.

Three members of the Rotaract Club of New Road City, Nepal, told the audience of their ascent to Mount Everest earlier this year. Moni Mulepati Sherpa, Pem Dorjee Sherpa, and Kami Sherpa brought the flag they hoisted atop the world's highest peak and presented it to RI President Glenn Estess Sr., who waved the flag to the roaring cheers of the audience.

The attendants met President-elect Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar and his family as a group of Swedish Rotarians cheered them on, waving the blue and yellow colors of their nation (and Rotary). In a humorous moment, Stenhammar demonstrated a prototype yellow and blue "reversible jacket" for the 2006 RI Convention in Malmö and Copenhagen. He said the jacket would later be auctioned with proceeds going to The Rotary Foundation. Stenhammar declared that the first year of Rotary's next century would be the year of women in Rotary and added that the appointment of Incoming Trustee Carolyn Jones should send the signal that there is a place for women in Rotary leadership.

He also discussed his dream to bring China and Cuba back into Rotary and shared his passion for Rotary's youth programs, in particular Rotary Youth Exchange. "I have a dream that every single youth, at the age of 17, would become an exchange student," he said. "If we did so, we would have no wars."



