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District 7150 Governor's Newsletter



April 2008

"Rotary's Privileges and Challenges..."

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April 2008 -

"Dear Fellow Rotarians - Rotary is uniquely privileged to be a well-established, religiously and politically neutral organization with no governmental ties or obligations. We are known and respected as a group of men and women who simply come to help – by bringing clean water and food, teaching literacy and numeracy, providing assistance after a disaster, ending polio. When there is a need, a crisis, or an emergency, Rotary is there. We know that, as Rotarians, part of our role in any crisis is to bring people together, rather than drive them apart. It is our role and also our responsibility.

Today, we are faced globally with a new crisis: the changing environment and changing climate. It's a frightening situation that will affect everyone but will hurt the poor and the weak far more than the wealthy and the strong. The days of wondering and considering and hoping are at an end, as it has become ever clearer we are on a course that can be slowed but not stopped.

This past summer, the Arctic ice cap melted at a pace that exceeded even the most pessimistic expectations. The rate of melting and warming is accelerating in what seems to be a cycle of ever-increasing speed, and we cannot pretend that it will not affect us. It already has. In the American West, water is becoming more and more scarce as less snow falls every winter to refill lakes and streams.

From my window in Evanston, I can see Lake Michigan, whose water level, like the other Great Lakes, is near or already at a record low. And as the supply of fresh water diminishes, the sea levels are rising, putting low-lying nations – many of them poor and developing – at increasing risk.

We know that in the years and decades to come, there will be crises, and there will be challenges. Will we let them drive us apart, or will we use them to bring us together? Will we be fragmented, or will we come together to address the universal needs of all people? Will we choose to address the desires of the rich over the needs of the poor, or will we do what is best for everyone on our planet? The greatest challenges lie before us, now and in the years to come." *by Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, President, Rotary International*

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GOVERNOR'S NOTE: Make sure to get your Paul Harris Fellows, MPHF, Paul Harris Society & Sustaining Member names in as our District will be honored to have, for the 1st time, **The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, Dr. Robert Scott**, as the Keynote Speaker at our **Foundation Celebration Dinner on Thurs, May 29th, 2008 at The Beeches**. Awards will be given by Dr. Bob Scott!

Make sure to get your District & Club awards in as we're honored to have the **Rotary International President, Wilfrid Wilkinson**, as the Keynote Speaker at our **Changing of the Guard on Monday, June 23, 2008 at Turning Stone Resort**. Let's do our district up proud with our Membership growth, and Clubs earning the Presidential Citation & other District Awards, to be given by President Wilf!



2007-08 District Governor Marlene B. Brown and 2007-08 Rotary International President Wilfrid Wilkinson, Canada



A Multi-Club & Multi-District "Journey of the Desks" Project. View the journey on our website



District 7150 Calendar of Events (view complete info on web)

- April 5, 2008 - Rotary Leadership Institute, BOCES, Verona - Chair David Craine
- April 19, 2008 - Rotary District Assembly, BOCES, Verona - DGE Larry Calabrese
- May 10th, 2008 - District Membership Retention, Harts Hill Inn - DG Marlene Brown
- May 29th, 2008 - District Foundation Celebration, The Beeches, Rome - TRFC Dr. Robert Scott
- June 23rd, 2008 - District Changing of Guard, Turning Stone Resort - R.I. President Wilf Wilkinson

The Rotary Foundation Information Sources

Dear family of Rotary, In this world of immediate information through the Internet, e-mails, blogs, and cell phones, the idea of celebrating Magazine Month sounds somewhat old-fashioned. Although information about Rotary Foundation programs is immediately available at www.rotary.org, your Rotary magazine is still the best place to read in-depth accounts of the Foundation's remarkable work around the world.

In fact, the many pamphlets, guides, and request forms available from The Rotary Foundation continue to play a major role. For example, printed take-home instructions are still the most effective way to ensure that Foundation seminar information is reviewed at a later date. Every Rotarian should carry a copy of the latest *Rotary Foundation Facts* (159-EN), a concise, up-to-date summary of the activities of the Foundation, which is published each November and available from the RI Secretariat.

When recognizing our magazines and other printed materials, let's not forget that the timeliest way to get information is on our Web site. During April, for example, the Future Vision Committee will report to the Trustees, who will be making many decisions about the future of the Foundation. These decisions will be reported on Rotary.org, and I ask you to comment online so your Trustees will have the benefit of your opinions.

Since its inception, the Future Vision Committee has relied very heavily on the opinions of Rotarians at all levels. In this final lap, we need these thoughts more than ever, and our Web site provides an excellent way to get your feedback. Our Web site is indeed essential today, so let's include it in our celebration of Magazine Month.

- Dr. Robert Scott, Chairman of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees



Rotary District Speech Contestant Appearances & Journey of the Desks

Several eligible students of schools within the communities of the 46 Rotary Clubs in District 7150 have entered our 1st ever District-wide Four-Way Speech Contest.

Rules of the Contest

1. Subject: Applying the theme in everyday relationships with others.
2. Delivery: A written copy of the speech will be presented prior to presentation. Contestant should not be reading the speech word for word, nor be completely memorized.
3. Length of Speech: should be no longer than 5 minutes. Penalty points will be added if the speech runs over.
4. Speech Content: The speech must be original in content and related to the applying in one's everyday life.

Statement of the Theme: 'The 4-Way Test' and 'Rotary Shares'.

Time Frame: Round #1:

Compete March 31 against other local contestants.

Round #2: Compete April 15 against round #1 - \$150.00

Round #3: Compete against round #2 winners Sat, May 10th, 2008 at District Membership Retention-. Prize -\$250.00

Round #4: Compete against other winners at the Foundation Dinner Celebration, May 29th, 2008 with Dr. Bob Scott, for the Grand Prize - \$500.00

Final Presentation: Grand Prize Winner delivers speech at June 23rd Changing of Guard Dinner, to be presented their District check by Rotary Intl President Wilf Wilkinson

A child's request...and promises kept...

Feb. 2008, District Governor Marlene Brown & husband Earl Lewis traveled to India to take part in NIDS Polio drops; inauguration of a Vocational center & visit Rotary sponsored schools.

A child asked, 'Mum, could you get us some desks?' Gov. Marlene mentioned this in her Int'l presentation at D-7150's RLI. Fulton RC President Steve Osborne shared they had desks in a warehouse, and New Hartford Rotarian Chuck Tomaselli shared he could get trucks. And so the idea took hold. View the journey on the web, and the Rotarians involved in this humanitarian project...

The Rotary Foundation offers several ways to recognize Rotarians and friends for their generous support. All forms can be downloaded on our district website at: www.rotarydistrict7150.org

§ **Rotarians (or individuals) may support the Foundation as: New Paul Harris Fellows. Several may be awarded.** Mail the completed recognition and contribution [form](#) with your check. Those who have contributed \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation (this can be US \$1000, 1000 Recognition points, or a combination of the two) become **a Paul Harris Fellow.**

§ **Rotarians (or individuals) may support the Foundation as: Multiple Paul Harris Fellows. Several may be awarded.** Simply mail completed recognition contribution [form](#) with your check. Those who have contributed \$2,000 or more to The Rotary Foundation become **a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow.**

§ **Rotarians (or individuals) may support the Foundation as: Members of The Paul Harris Society. Several may be awarded.** Each donor who annually contributes \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation will be awarded membership in the **Paul Harris Society of District 7150.**

§ **Rotarians (or individuals) may support the Foundation as: Major Donors.** The Rotary Foundation recognizes couples or individuals whose individual or combined personal outright or cumulative giving has reached \$10,000 or more become **Major Donors.**

§ **Rotarians (or individuals) may support the Foundation as: New Benefactors. Several may be awarded.** You may become a Benefactor by making the Permanent Fund a beneficiary in your estate plans or by donating \$1,000 or more to the **Permanent Fund outright.**

§ **Rotarians (or individuals) may support the Foundation as: New Bequest Society.** Couples or individuals who have made commitments of \$10,000 or more in their estate plans, such as in a will, living trust, or through life insurance, can become **Bequest Society members.**

§ **Rotarians (or individuals) may support the Foundation as: New Sustaining Members. Several may be awarded.** Anyone who contributes US\$100 or more per year to the Annual Programs Fund is recognized as a **Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member.**

§ **One (1) Club awarded for support:** 2007-08 First Place per capita Annual Programs Fund Giving Award - To club who donated most to **Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Fund.**

§ **One (1) Club awarded for support:** 2007-08 Second Place per capita annual program fund giving Award - To club who donated 2nd most to **Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Fund.**

§ **One (1) Club awarded for support:** 2007-08 Third Place per capita annual programs fund giving Award - To club who donated 3rd most to **Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Fund.**

§ **One (1) Club awarded for support:** 2007-08 1st Place Annual Programs Fund Giving Award - To the club who donated to the most to The **Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Fund.**

§ **One (1) Club awarded for support:** 2007-08 Second Place Annual Programs Fund Giving Award - To club who donated the 2nd most to **Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Fund.**

§ **One (1) Club awarded for support:** 2007-08 Third Place Annual Programs Fund Giving Award - To club who donated the 3rd most to the **Rotary Foundation Annual Giving Fund.**

§ **Several Clubs whose projects qualify may be awarded - World Community Service Award:** Presented to clubs who have been involved this year in outstanding MG **WCS projects.**

§ **All Rotarians Eligible may submit - Several Rotarians may be awarded.** Rotary Foundation District Service Certificate Award to recognize Rotarians who serve humanity through Foundation programs. **District Governor awards from [forms](#) submitted.**

§ **All Rotarians Eligible may submit -Several may be awarded.** International Service Award for a Polio-Free World: established by Foundation Trustees to recognize outstanding contributions to polio eradication effort. **Awards Committee awards from [forms](#) submitted.**

§ **All Rotarians who are Eligible - The Rotary Foundation District Service Award (for Rotarians) –** for Rotarians who serve humanity through Foundation programs, this certificate award recognizes their efforts. **District Governor awards from [forms](#) submitted.**

**View more information and download forms on our website: rotarydistrict7150.org/
Awards will be given out by Governor Marlene, DRFC Jack, & Chairman Dr. Robert Scott**

District 7150 District Awards Selection & Criteria - to be given at 6/23 Dinner

Rotary International offers the following Club and District awards to recognize the efforts and contributions of Rotarians, and Rotary clubs. Eligible nominators may submit nominations according to each award's criteria/guidelines.

Club President's & Club/District Rotarians, apply for as many awards as you like. The Awards will be given out by DG Marlene and R. I. President Wilf Wilkinson at our Changing of the Guard dinner.

§ All Clubs Eligible: **External Relations Best Cooperative Projects Awards** - recognizes clubs that conduct outstanding projects in cooperation with other local, national, or international organizations. **District Governor awards from forms submitted**

§ **All Clubs Eligible: Membership Development & Extension Awards** - district-level certificate program recognizes membership growth in existing clubs, retention of current members, organization of new clubs. **District Governor awards from form submitted**

§ **All Clubs Eligible: Newsletter/P.R. Awards** - Recognizes clubs for outstanding media campaigns that improve Rotary's public image. **District Governor awards from forms submitted.**

§ **All Clubs Eligible: Significant Achievement Awards** - Recognizes clubs for outstanding community service projects. **District Governor awards from forms submitted.**

§ **One Club of those eligible – Exemplary Service Award:** To club whose record of services throughout the year sets an exemplary standard and model. Must earn RI Presidential Citation & have achieved clubs Rotary year goals. At least one exemplary service project must be started, completed, or on-going during Rotary year. **District Governor awards from forms submitted**

§ **One Club of those eligible - Community Award:** For that club whose program of service made a significant impact on its local community or another community within the USA, fulfilling the ideals of the Object of Rotary's third element: application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to personal, business, community life. **District Governor/Committee award from forms submitted.**

§ **One Club of those eligible - International Service:** For that club whose program has made the most significant impact on at least one community beyond USA borders in support of Object of Rotary's fourth element: advancement of international understanding, goodwill & professional leaders united in ideal of service. **District Governor/Committee award from forms submitted.**

§ **One Club of those eligible- Vocational Service:** For that club whose program of service has best forwarded the ideal represented by the second element in the Object of Rotary: recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations: the dignifying by all Rotarians of their occupations as opportunities to serve society. **District Governor/Committee award from forms submitted.**

§ **One Club of those eligible- Club Service:** For that club whose success in building membership and/or developing enthusiasm for Rotary among its members best fulfills the ideals of the Object of Rotary's first element: development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service. Attendance & membership are key areas. **District Gov/Committee award from forms submitted.**

§ **One Club of those eligible- The District 7150 Award for Innovation:** Presented to the club which had implemented a new service project judged to represent a novel effective idea in the world of Rotary or within our district. **District Governor/Committee award from forms submitted.**

§ **One Club of those eligible- The District 7150 Communication Award:** Presented to the club, which has created and maintained the most innovative and effective communication medium during the Rotary year. **District Governor/Committee award from forms submitted.**

§ **All Clubs of those Eligible: Recognition of Smaller Club Membership Growth (for clubs)** This District-level award offers incentive to clubs that fall below 20 members by recognizing their challenges/achievements. **District Governor awards from forms submitted.**

§ **All Clubs for those Rotarians Eligible: Club Rotarian of Excellence:** Recognition of a Rotarian from each club. This person is recommended by the club's Board of Director's.

All forms can be found on the District website at: www.rotarydistrict7150.org

D7150 Attendance & Membership Leaders for March 2008

Club	SAR Baseline	Total	New	Terminated	Membership change from July 07		
Leading District Clubs	7/1/2007	Mar 2008 membership			#	%	% Attendance
Attendance							
Adirondack Foothills	28	26	0	0	(2)	-10%	Rotary E-Club 100%
Auburn	27	24	0	0	(3)	-14%	Marcellus 90%
Aurora	10	11	0	1	1	10%	Syracuse Inner City 88%
Baldwinsville	28	30	3	0	2	3%	
Camden	18	14	0	0	(4)	0%	
Camillus	22	24	0	0	2	14%	
Canastota	25	24	0	0	(1)	-8%	
Cato	16	18	0	0	2	0%	
Cazenovia	21	22	1	0	1	10%	
Chittenango	55	55	0	0	0	10%	
Clay,Cicero,N Syracuse	4	4	0	0	0	0%	Most New Members #
DeWitt	80	77	0	1	(3)	-4%	Oswego 3
Dolgeville	12	13	0	0	1	0%	Syracuse 2
Eastwood (Syracuse)	40	39	0	0	(1)	-3%	
Fayetteville-Manlius	23	19	1	1	(4)	-14%	
Fulton	34	35	1	0	1	17%	
Fulton Sunrise	18	22	1	0	4	16%	
Greater Utica Sunrise	24	20	0	2	(4)	-20%	
Hamilton	34	29	2	0	(5)	-19%	
Herkimer	28	27	0	0	(1)	-16%	
Kuyahoor Valley	26	27	0	0	1	4%	Membership Net Gain #
Little Falls	27	25	0	0	(2)	-4%	Rome 11
Liverpool	10	10	0	0	0	0%	Rotary E-club 6
Marcellus	20	24	0	0	4	20%	Fulton 5
Moravia	13	11	0	1	(2)	-15%	Skaneateles 5
New Hartford	37	36	0	0	(1)	-14%	
North Utica	24	27	1	0	3	13%	
Oneida	77	77	1	1	0	0%	
Oneida Shores	8	10	0	0	2	43%	
Oriskany Falls	16	16	0	0	0	0%	Membership Net Gain %
Oswego	42	40	3	0	(2)	-5%	Oneida Shores 43%
Oswego Sunrise	18	18	0	0	0	-5%	Rotary E-Club 30%
Rome	99	110	1	0	11	11%	Marcellus 20%
Rotary eClub NY1	20	26	1	0	6	30%	Fulton 17%
Sauquoit	21	21	0	0	0	0%	Fulton Sunrise 16%
Sherrill	11	11	1	0	0	0%	Camillus 14%
Skaneateles	53	58	0	0	5	9%	West Winfield 11%
Skaneateles Sunrise	14	16	0	0	2	-6%	Rome 11%
Solvay-Geddes	23	18	0	0	(5)	-5%	
Syracuse	75	72	2	0	(3)	-20%	Total Membership #
Syracuse Inner City	23	22	0	0	(1)	-29%	Utica 138
Syracuse Sunrise	29	30	0	0	1	3%	Rome 111
Tully	16	18	0	0	2	0%	Dewitt 77
Utica	135	137	0	0	2	1%	Oneida 77
Waterville	20	19	1	0	(1)	-5%	
West Winfield	18	20	0	0	2	11%	
	1,422	1,432	20	7	10	—	

SAR Baseline: Figures in red are from the club attendance submission reports as of July 2007.

Monthly updates from the clubs are in black.

Attendance reporting form: www.rotarydistrict7150.org/reports.html



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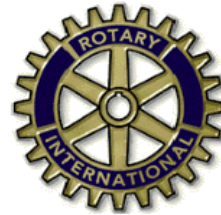
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District Governor's Credo Distribution Policy
- To better utilize our district's electronic communications capabilities, and reduce costs, the primary distribution of Credo will be via the district website.



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Continuing "Journey of the Desks"*
