



"Service Above Self"

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District 7150 Governor's Newsletter

March 2008



"We Shall Have to Begin with the Children..."

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3-08 –
"Dear
fellow
Rotarians,

Mohandas Gandhi once said, 'If we are to teach real peace in this world, and we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children.'

What Gandhi understood so well was simply this: that anger and hatred, arguments and differences, rivalries and quarrels are not inherited or innate. They are learned. Children who see hate, learn hate. But children who see sharing and love, learn sharing and love.

The way things have always been is not necessarily the way they will always be. For better or for worse, almost any status quo can eventually change. When there is a new threat to be faced, people can be divided by it and fight each other, or come together, work together and find a solution to their problems together. Every new challenge has the power to divide and the power to unite.

In a world of change, Rotary must be the constant. In a world of increasing needs, Rotary must keep pace by making sure we have the strength and numbers to do what needs to be done.

In this Rotary year, I have asked Rotarians everywhere to focus on sharing Rotary through membership. It is time to evaluate where we are in this task. Have we all invited a potential new member to a meeting? Are we helping that member grow in Rotary?

Rotary can only continue to serve if it continues to grow. Simply maintaining our membership at current levels will not be enough. As the world's population

and its needs continue to rise, we too must rise to the challenge they present.

We must show the world that Service Above Self is more than just a motto, and Rotary Shares more than just a theme.

Many decades ago, Gandhi – who I think would have made a very good Rotarian – said something else that resonates with Rotarians: 'Man becomes great exactly in the degree in which he works for the welfare of his fellow men.'

Each of us has the opportunity to become great through our Rotary service. Let us all be sure that this is an opportunity that we seize." *by Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson, President, Rotary International*

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GOVERNOR'S NOTE: We had the opportunity to 'begin with the children' on our recent humanitarian trip to India. View the pictures, diary, slideshow and blog on our district website.

Our District will be honored to have, for the first time, **The Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair, Dr. Robert Scott**, as the Keynote Speaker at our **Foundation Celebration Dinner on Thursday, May 29th, 2008 at The Beeches**. Let's do our district up proud with our Paul Harris Fellows, PH Society Members & Major Donors, to be given by Dr. Bob Scott!

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 100% of our Clubs earning the Presidential Citation, to be given by President Wilf!

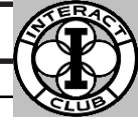
DON'T FORGET: Submit Presidential Citation forms to DG Marlene!



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



District Governor Marlene takes part in Polio drops Feb. '08 in India



News Flash

Saturday, February 16, 2008, a District 7150 Rotaract club was chartered on the State University College at Oswego.

At ceremonies held at the Campus Center, members of the Oswego Rotary Club and Oswego Sunrise Rotary recognized the newly formed Rotaract club on the campus of SUNY Oswego.

This is the first Rotaract club formed in Rotary District 7150. AG Paul Scott presented the certificate to the club as a representative of District Governor Marlene Brown, who was in India at the time.

A Reception was attended by members of the community Oswego's two Rotary Clubs and Oswego High Schools Interact Club. Jennifer Cook from Assemblyman William Barclay's

office, presented a citation.

Rotaract founders are: Aprilyn Gush, president; Angie Friesen, vp; Kendra Lemire, treasurer; Tiffany Duquette, secretary; and Jenna Kirkwood, board member.

Interact, Rotary Intl's service club for young people ages 14 to 18, is sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance.

Yearly, Interact clubs complete community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding & goodwill. As a fast-growing Rotary service program, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and areas, Interact has almost 200,000 young people involved.

In the late 1960s, noting the success of the Interact program, the RI Board realized the need

for a program of service, activity, and fellowship for young adults.

The name Rotaract (Rotary in Action) was selected to show the program's close affiliation with both Rotary and Interact clubs.

RI President Luther Hodges inaugurated Rotaract in 1968, with the University of N.Carolina.

Rotaract grew from 21 clubs in to 289 clubs a year later. There are now 7,000 Rotaract clubs in 163 countries & geographic areas.

To qualify for the Rotaract or Interact Presidential Citation, each Club must complete 4 activities listed in the Presidential Citation Brochure. The sponsoring Rotary Club President must sign this form to certify the club's achievement and mail/fax the form to the District Governor by April 1st.

Forms available on district website's Rotaract & Interact pgs.

Top Ten Tips to Improve Rotary Club Membership, shared by AG Jim Gascon

10. Strong Collegiality Within the Club. A happy, healthy Club is the solid foundation upon which Club growth must begin. Treat each other with the highest degree of respect. Do not project your expectations of what others should be doing. We are all volunteers. Show a perspective member they will gain a host of new friends by joining the Club.

9. Run Your Meetings Well. Show perspective members how well organized and professional the Club is. Have fun at the meeting. Make the Meeting an enjoyable experience the new or perspective member will want to attend.

8. Good Publicity. Days of Rotarians working quietly behind the scenes are over. Appoint a publicity chairperson to get the word out about what Rotary is doing locally and Internationally,

peaking the interest of a potential new member with positive pr.

7. Appoint Membership Chair. Appoint one of the Club's best and most active members. Realize membership is one of Rotary's most difficult challenges. Keep membership at the top of everyone's consciousness.

6. Membership Meeting. Make a list of potential members. Obtain input from all the current members. Then invite the perspective members to a meeting, a dinner or a party and introduce them to the Club, Rotary and all that RI does and means.

5. Have Fun. All work and no play turns Rotary into another obligation. Make sure your members are having fun and project that onto new or potential members.

4. The School District. One of the best ways to get someone's

attention is to have a positive rewarding experience with their child. In many communities the local School District is the center of all activities. Actively recruit school administrators, teachers and personnel. Make sure your Club involves the school in its projects.

3. Youth Exchange. Outbound students, their parents and Inbound Host Families are fertile ground for new members. The same is true for Rotaract, Interact and Earlyact.

2. Community Involvement. Well run community projects bring Rotary to attention of local residents and give them a reason to join.

1. Ask. The number one way to grow membership, without a doubt, is to ask. The best recruiters of new members are the ones who ask the most. Every current Rotarian was first asked by someone to join.



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

- March 14 & 15, 2008 - Multi-District PETS, Doubletree Hotel, Syracuse - DGE Larry
- March 31, 2008 - District Speech & Presidential Citation Applications due - DG Marlene
- April 5, 2008 - Rotary Leadership Institute, BOCES, Verona - Chair David Craine
- April 19, 2008 - Rotary District Assembly, BOCES, Verona - DGE Larry Calabrese
- April 26, 2008 - District Membership Celebration, Harts Hill Inn - DG Marlene Brown
- May 29th, 2008 - District Foundation Celebration, The Beeches, Rome - Dr. Robert Scott
- June 23, 2008 - District Changing of Guard, Turning Stone Resort - President Wilf Wilkinson

What Exactly Is Polio? & The 1st Disbursement of Gates Funds

Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability. A crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease, polio still strikes children mainly under the age of five in countries in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Polio can cause paralysis and sometimes death. There is no cure for polio, so the best protection is prevention. For as little as \$0.60 worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life. In the most severe cases, polio attacks the motor neurons of the brain stem, causing breathing difficulty or even death.

If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of the disease. More than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalize on its US\$4 billion global investment in eradication. Polio eradication is within our grasp. But if we don't eradicate the disease now, the risk of crippling and deadly polio outbreaks will continue to threaten the world's children. You can help Rotary get the job done by contributing to Rotary's PolioPlus program or volunteering & creating awareness of polio.

Nine countries and two World Health Organization regions have received Rotary Foundation's first distribution from the Gates Foundation's \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication. The US\$40 million disbursement is being used by WHO and UNICEF to carry out immunization activities in the four remaining polio-endemic countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, Pakistan. Salim Habayeb, WHO's India representative, calls Rotary International 'a cherished partner.' 'This tremendous support comes at a crucial eradication effort,' says Gianni Murzi, UNICEF's India representative.



Dr. Robert S. Scott, is Trustee Chair of The Rotary Foundation, 2007-08



Rotary Foundation in D-7150 by Jack Luchsinger, DG 83-84, Chair - DRFC

It has been a busy year for the Rotary Foundation in District 7150, As most of you know, an international project with huge benefits to those in need came our way this past fall. Bob Hood of Cazenovia (e-Club) has been working for the last 6 years in rural Haiti to try and help people improve their living conditions.

One startling statistic, one out of every three children in Haiti die before they reach the age of five. The major reason for this sad statistic is Haitians do not have pure water. Their water is loaded with bacteria that cause dysentery, diarrhea, and dehydration. The result is needless deaths of thousands of children.

District 7150 made a decision in Oct 2007 that it was going to help Bob so children the ages of our children and grandchildren would be able to survive.

The District made a 4-year commitment to this project. District Governors, Marlene Brown, Larry Calabrese, Fred Cholet, and Paul Scott, all agreed we would help rural Haiti. A team of Rotarians District 7150 will travel to Haiti to initiate a joint project with Haiti's Rotary District in Haiti.

I have visited half the clubs in the District, presenting a program on this project, and

the response has been fantastic. The Syracuse Rotary Foundation agreed to a \$4400 gift to this project. We have written a Matching Grant to RI to work with us as we save lives in Haiti.

In speaking with our RI representative in Evanston, she indicated the money donated by District clubs can be used to earn or award Paul Harris Fellows. This is an added feature we hope will encourage clubs to support the project.

For those clubs who would like to hear more, please contact me at jackluchsinger@yahoo.com.

Clubs: Submit by April 5th to Earn the 07-08 Rotary Int'l Presidential Citation

The **2007-08 Presidential Citation** will honor Rotary clubs that fulfill criteria established by 2007-08 RI President Wilkinson.

* Have a net increase of one member by 31 March 2008;

* The Club completed one (1) activity from each of these categories: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service,

International Service, Youth.

The scope of the activities should be in proportion to the number of Rotarians in the club, their abilities, interests, and skills.

Once your club has met this challenge, complete the certification form and submit it to DG Marlene. Governors must submit qualifying Clubs to R. I. by April

15th, 2008. **Download 07-08 Citation form** www.rotarydistrict7150.org/clubcorr.htm

Be proud of your year by earning this year's Presidential Citation, to be handed out June 23rd by DG Marlene & RIP Wilf himself!

Matching Grant in India results in a District project - "Gurukulum!"

President Wilf's March message: "Gandhi once said, 'If we are to teach real peace in this world, and carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children.' Reading this was a serendipitous moment for me, having just returned from a Rotary Humanitarian visit to India, where the children, especially, captured my heart.

I was given the chance to see India as a foreigner, through the eyes of several Rotarian friends. India today is a rich country full of both confidence and challenges. While it suffers from high levels of poverty and environmental degradation, economic reforms have transformed it into the second fastest growing large economy.

One of Gandhi's famous quotes, framed in my office, is 'You must be the change you want to see in the world'. So off to India we went to take part in a Rotary journey with the country I chose to do our District's cultural exchange with.

Our first experience was traveling with a Rtn. friend to north of Delhi, where the challenge to eradicate polio is ongoing. Giving polio drops is an incomparable moving experience. The sad eyes of some of the children still haunt me, but the smiles after hugging them bring joy that only the genuine touch of caring can convey. It reminded us of the important work Rotary does,

not only in our local communities, but also worldwide, especially in the very important work of eradicating polio.

We then flew to Coimbatore in the south of India, and were greeted by India's GSE Team Leader, Rtn. Maddy.

For the next two weeks, we were hosted, toasted, loved and made welcome in the special way that only Indians have through drink, food, entertainment, and warm embraces. We became instant family - and we will remain family forever.

Our two districts, District 3200 and 7150, had received a Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation for a Vocational Training Center for Women & Children in Tirupur, India, named by Maddy 'Gurukulum'. The Club Rotarians had been busy for weeks, restoring an old building, getting it ready for the opening. As we stepped out of the car, we were greeted by DG LN, dozens of Rotarians, press and media. The traditional blessing at the doorway was followed by the unveiling of the stunning inauguration plaque on the building's outside, inscribed/engraved with the date, both our DG names and Districts, our respective Clubs. Part of the building is

already set up and teaching women sewing and embroidery skills, so they can become gainfully employed in the factories of Rotarians in Tirupur.

The other part of the building will house our computers, where we will on weekdays teach women computer skills of database management & financial management so they can improve their earning status. Saturday's, this center will be open to girls, teaching them these computer skills.

To view pictures, read blog, & perhaps join our grant project, check out rotarydistrict7150.org/GSE-08_India-MG.htm



District 3200
India



Submit students for District-Wide Speech Contest!

Eligible students of schools within the communities of the 46 Rotary Clubs in District 7150 are encouraged to enter.

Who is Eligible or Ineligible?

1. Any High School student.
2. Any immediate family member of a Rotarian is not eligible.

Rules of the Contest

1. Subject: Applying the theme in everyday relationships with other people.
2. Delivery: A written copy of the speech will be presented prior to presentation. Contestant may refer to the speech during its presentation, but should not be reading the speech word for word, nor should it be completely memorized.
3. Length of Speech: The speech

should be no longer than 5 minutes. Penalty points will be added if the speech runs over this time limit.

4. Speech Content: The speech given by each contestant must be original in content and related to the importance of applying the theme in one's everyday life.

Statement of the Theme: Each Rotary Club may choose between 'The 4-Way Test' and the current year's theme 'Rotary Shares'.

Time Frame:

Round #1: Compete by March 31 against other local contestants at the local Rotary Club.

Round #2: Compete by April 15 against round #1 winners from 3 or 4 Rotary clubs - Prize \$150.00



Round #3: Compete against four other round #2 winners

Saturday, April 26, 2008 at District Membership Seminar- Prize - \$250.00

Round #4: Compete against the other round #3 winner at the Foundation Dinner Celebration, May 29th, 2008 for the Grand Prize - \$500.00, where they will be presented Certificates by R.I. TRF Trustee Chair, Dr. Bob Scott

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

NOTE: Entry & Judges etc. forms available on district website.



Strive for the Rotary Awards Available to Rotarians & Clubs this Rotary year!

Rotary Int'l offers the following awards to recognize efforts & contributions of Rotary clubs, Rotarians & non-Rotarians.

Best Cooperative Projects

Award (for clubs) Nominators: District governors * Deadlines: 15 March, clubs submit applications to governor; 15 April, governor submits up to five nominations to RI * This award recognizes clubs that conduct outstanding projects in cooperation with other local, national, or int'l organizations.

Family & Community Service Award (for individuals or organizations) Nominators: Rotary clubs * Deadline: Ongoing * Clubs may confer on individuals or organizations for outstanding service to families & communities or positive contributions to individual Rotary clubs made by family members.

Rotary Foundation District Service Award (for Rotarians) Nominators: District governors * Deadline: Ongoing * Recognizes Rotarians who serve humanity through Foundation programs.

Four Avenues of Service Citation (for Rotarians) Nominators: Club presidents * Deadline: Ongoing * This provides a way for Rotary clubs to recognize one club member for his or her outstanding efforts in four Avenues of Service.

Recognition of Smaller Club Membership Growth (for clubs). Nominators: District governors * Deadlines: 15 May, governor reports qualifying clubs to RI * Award offers incentive to clubs that fall below the charter requirement of 20 members by recognizing challenges and achievements of small clubs.

RI Membership Development & Extension Award (for clubs) Nominators: District governors * Deadlines: 15 April, clubs submit applications to district governor; 15 May, district governor submits initiatives to Rotary International * Recognizes clubs for development & implementation of creative plan to support primary foundations of membership: retention, recruitment of qualified new members, or organization of new Rotary clubs.

Presidential Citation (for clubs) Nominators: District governors * Deadline: 15 April * This award is designed to motivate clubs to actively participate in service. Revised on an annual basis by the RI president, the award traditionally highlights the president's emphases.

International Service Award for a Polio-Free World (for Rotarians) * Nominators: Any Rotarian * Deadline: Ongoing * Established by Foundation Trustees to recognize outstanding contributions to polio eradication effort.

RI Public Relations Award (for clubs) Nominators: District governors * Deadline: 15 May * This award recognizes clubs for outstanding media campaigns that improve Rotary's public image.

Significant Achievement Award (for clubs) Nominators: District governors * Deadline: 15 March * Recognizes clubs for outstanding local community service projects.

Rotary Foundation Honors generous support of Paul Harris Fellow, Society & Major Donors.

D7150 Attendance & Membership Leaders for January 2008

Club	SAR Baseline	Total	New	Terminated	Membership change from July 07			
Name	Leading District Clubs	Jan 2008 membership			#	%	% Attendance	
Attendance	7/1/2007					%		
Adirondack Foothills	29	27	0	0	(2)	-7%	49%	Rotary E-club 100%
Auburn	28	24	1	0	(4)	-14%	60%	Oriskany Falls 89%
Aurora	10	11	1	0	1	10%	67%	Canastota 88%
Baldwinsville	29	27	0	0	(2)	-7%	78%	Moravia 88%
Camden	14	14	0	0	0	0%	30%	
Camillus	31	21	0	0	(10)	-32%		
Canastota	26	24	0	0	(2)	-8%	88%	
Cato	18	18	0	0	0	0%	81%	
Cazenovia	20	21	0	0	1	5%	67%	
Chittenango	50	55	0	0	5	10%		
Clay,Cicero,N Syracuse	4	4	0	0	0	0%	75%	Most New Members #
DeWitt	80	78	1	0	(2)	-3%	82%	Rome 2
Dolgeville	13	13	0	0	0	0%	63%	Syracuse Inner City 2
Eastwood (Syracuse)	40	39	0	0	(1)	-3%		Utica 2
Fayetteville-Manlius	22	19	0	0	(3)	-14%	53%	
Fulton	30	18	0	0	(12)	-40%		
Fulton Sunrise	19	19	2	0	0	0%	59%	
Greater Utica Sunrise	25	23	0	1	(2)	-8%	75%	
Hamilton	36	31	0	0	(5)	-14%	74%	
Herkimer	32	26	1	0	(6)	-19%	73%	
Kuyahoor Valley	26	29	1	0	3	12%	50%	Membership Net Gain #
Little Falls	26	25	0	1	(1)	-4%	79%	Rome 7
Liverpool	10	10	0	0	0	0%	68%	Rotary E-club 5
Marcellus	20	25	0	0	5	25%		Marcellus 5
Moravia	13	12	0	2	(1)	-8%	88%	
New Hartford	42	39	0	0	(3)	-7%		
North Utica	24	26	0	0	2	8%	49%	
Oneida	77	77	1	0	0	0%	73%	
Oneida Shores	7	10	1	0	3	43%	60%	
Oriskany Falls	16	18	0	0	2	13%	89%	Membership Net Gain %
Oswego	42	43	0	0	1	2%	65%	Oneida Shores 43%
Oswego Sunrise	19	18	0	1	(1)	-5%	68%	Rotary E-Club 25%
Rome	99	106	2	1	7	7%	63%	Marcellus 25%
Rotary eClub NY1	20	25	1	0	5	25%	100%	Kuyahoor Valely 12%
Sauquoit	21	21	0	0	0	0%	67%	West Winfield 11%
Sherrill	11	10	0	0	(1)	-9%		Aurora 10%
Skaneateles	53	55	1	0	2	4%	68%	
Skaneateles Sunrise	17	16	1	0	(1)	-6%	76%	
Solvay-Geddes	19	18	0	0	(1)	-5%		
Syracuse	90	69	1	0	(21)	-23%	38%	Total Membership #
Syracuse Inner City	31	22	2	0	(9)	-29%	56%	Utica 137
Syracuse Sunrise	29	30	0	0	1	3%		Rome 106
Tully	18	19	1	0	1	6%	68%	Dewitt 78
Utica	135	137	2	2	2	1%	56%	Oneida 77
Waterville	20	18	0	0	(2)	-10%	53%	Syracuse 69
West Winfield	18	20	0	0	2	11%	72%	
	1,459	1,410	20	8	(49)	---		

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Monthly updates from the clubs are in black.

D7150 Secretary Laraine Dell
 Attendance reporting form:
www.rotarydistrict7150.org/reports.html



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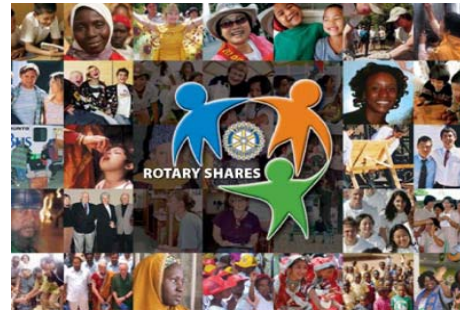
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