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## District 7150 Governor's Newsletter

June 2008



### "A Summation & Thank You..."

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June 2008  
"Dear fellow Rotarians, I

wish every Rotarian could have the opportunity to see Rotary in action that Joan and I have enjoyed over the past months. From India to France, Hong Kong to Brazil, the Philippines to Turkey, we witnessed Rotarians demonstrating, with great compassion & ingenuity, how much Rotary Shares.

We saw incredible disaster relief efforts in Pakistan and had the chance to inaugurate one of seven schools being built there with contributions by Rotarians. In India, we surveyed the impressive results of Rotarian tsunami recovery projects. In Brazil, we visited a school supported by the Foundation of São Paulo Rotarians offering academic and vocational education and a program for the hearing impaired. And we felt very proud when we saw what Houston Rotarians have done in establishing a four-star hotel for patients and families visiting the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Another highlight was our North American membership conferences. These seven meetings drew many Rotarians eager to reverse the region's downward trend in membership. They shared ideas and left energized to strengthen their clubs' membership.

Peace conferences provided another source of great inspiration for Rotarians, who met in Bulgaria, India, Kenya, and Turkey to discuss the obstacles to peace in each of these regions and consider how

Rotary clubs can offer practical solutions. In Canada and France, Rotarians organized conferences around the theme Peace Is Possible, drawing participants from neighboring countries to offer a valuable international perspective.

We came together in Los Angeles for another important Rotary meeting – our 2008 RI Convention, an opportunity to experience a little of the international fellowship I've been so privileged to enjoy as RI president.

Throughout my travels this year, I met many people who congratulated me on Rotary's work to eradicate polio and to improve the quality of life in some of the world's poorest regions. I was especially struck by the words of Olafur Grimsson, the president of Iceland, who said to me: "Rotary has the right answer. Your organization includes men and women on an equal basis, and you have members from many countries who represent every race, color, and creed. So what the world must do is have more Rotarians."

I couldn't agree more. Thank you all for your great work. Joan and I will never forget the 2007-08 Rotary year. *by Wilfrid J. Wilkinson, President, Rotary International*

**GOVERNOR'S NOTE:** It was a highlight of our year, and an honor to have **Rotary International President, Wil Wilkinson**, as Keynote Speaker at our **Changing of the Guard on June 23, 2008**. Rotarians in our Clubs did our district up proud with our Membership growth and our District Awards, all personally awarded by President Wilf! Congrats to all! (*read more inside*)



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



6-08 DG Marlene points out to R.I. President Wilf & gives a shout out to a number of Rotarians involved in successful District & Club projects (view lists on inside Awards article)



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

June 6th, 2008 - District Literacy Golf Tournament, Lake View - Chair Paul Terwilliger  
 June 11th-13th, 2008 - Rotary International Convention, Los Angeles California  
 June 23rd, 2008 - District Changing of Guard, Turning Stone Resort - R.I. President Wilf Wilkinson  
 July 11th-13th - District RYLA Session, Cazenovia College - Chair Larry Richardson  
 August 6th, 2008 - Youth Exchange Welcome Home Dinner, Rusty Rail - Chair Mary Stronach

## District 7150 Rotary Foundation Summary for 2007-08 A OD 3/31/08

**In 2007-08**, just prior to our end of May Foundation Dinner, District 7150 awarded 180 new Sustaining Members; 47 new Paul Harris Fellows; 39 new Multiple Paul Harris Fellows; 3 new Paul Harris Society Members (Earl Lewis, Marlene Brown, Paul Scott); & 3 new Major Donors (Marlene Brown, Earl Lewis, Peg Williams). Our Clubs have donated \$102,097 to date this year to the Foundation, with Chittenango and eClub NY1 donating over \$10,000 each. A new Matching Grant project took place in India, with continuing matching grant projects in Ghana, Chile & South Africa, and a new MG project begun in Haiti. DG Marlene Brown & DRF Chair Jack Luchsinger presented a check for \$10,000 from our District to the Polio Campaign. View all awardees in program book on our website's Foundation page. *A successful year - congratulations all.*

Annual-Giving...Goal (district's).....\$79,796; Actual .....\$55,656  
**Total Overall-Giving** ..... \$102,097  
 Percentage of goal ...100%; Per capita (average) ....\$71.80  
**Top Clubs ranked by Annual-Giving per capita**  
 Sherrill - \$140.91; eClub NY1 - \$138.38; Oswego - \$108.33  
**Top Clubs ranked by Total Annual-Giving**  
 Skaneateles - \$5,150; Oswego - \$4,550; Utica ..... - \$4,300  
**Top Clubs ranked by Overall-Giving per capita \***  
 eClub NY1 - \$941.75; Chittenango - \$415.81; Oswego - \$209.52  
**Top clubs ranked by Total Overall-Giving \***  
 Chittenango - \$22,479.00; eClub NY1 - \$18,835.00; Oswego - \$8,800.00



## Unto Every Season...a Governor's Musings & Thanks

As I sat with global Rotarians in a packed hall at the opening plenary of the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles, President Wilkinson's words of welcome inspired us all. 'All over the world, throughout this year, I have seen how Rotary Shares, in every amazing way you could imagine,' Wilkinson said. RI VP McGovern said 'We honor the places we are from & recognize Rotary's community is one we all belong to, regardless of the place we call home.'

I wanted to share an email I received from one of my Rotary International colleagues: 'Dear Marlene: when I finished my year as District Governor, I had mixed feelings. I had a feeling of exhilaration for having had such a wonderful experience and the feeling of accomplishment; I had the feeling of relief that my service as Governor was over (that Rotary & my District survived) and I could return to a more normal routine; and I had a feeling of disappointment I would not be together regularly with some of the men and women who served as Club Presidents. I expect you today share some of the same feelings. By all reports you have done a great job during your year as governor and I know you have gained the respect of many Rotarians who would never have otherwise met you. I simply want to thank you for your service to Rotary and to the people of the world, and my very best wishes to you for the future. I hope our paths will cross very soon'.

Dear ...- as I work in my office making sure all loose ends are tied up before the stroke of midnight, your kind and perceptive email came in and brought a lump to my throat and tears to my eyes. I have been and am feeling the same mixed feelings you described. It means a great deal to have a Rotarian I respect as much as I do you to take the time to send me such a thoughtful and insightful email. It has been one of the most challenging years of my life, but also one of the most rewarding. I look forward to our future in Rotary, and to continuing to serve you and others where I can. With the very warmest of regards - Marlene'

And I thank you, my Rotary District 7150 colleagues who served and shared, as I look forward to the next path on my Rotary journey. I thank you for being such an important part of this Rotary year. - '07-08 DG Marlene

## District 7150 District Awards Given at the June 23rd COG Dinner

**Rotary International Club and District awards recognize efforts/contributions of Rotarians & Rotary clubs. Awards were given out by DG Marlene & R. I. President Wilf at our Changing of the Guard.**

**Presidential Citations - Awarded to RC President's -** Dolgeville, *Walt Lallier*; N.Utica/Whitest, *John Storey*; Rome, *Ray Carnevele*; Kuyahoor Valley, *Mike Chauvin*; eClub NY1, *Earl Lewis*; Utica, *Ralph Immundo*; Cazenovia, *Fred Palmer*; Oneida, *Penny Polling*; Hamilton, *Joe Glaze*; Dewitt, *Fred Cholet*; Chittenango, *Chuck Kirsch*; Eastwood, *Arlene Kellogg*; Syracuse, *Patrick Spadafora*; Syracuse Sunrise, *Bill Boyd*; Syracuse Inner City, *Khalid Bey*; Baldwinsville, *Bruce Stebbins*; OneidaShores, *Frank Upwood*; Oswego, *Bill Crist*; Oswego Sunrise, *Donna Kuhn*; Fulton, *Steve Osbourne*; FultonSunrise, *Diane Currier*; Aurora, *Ed Rossman*; Marcellus, *Deb Glisson*; Camillus, *George Mango*; Skaneateles, *Dick Kokosa*.

**External Relations Best Cooperative Projects Awards** - clubs that conduct outstanding projects cooperation with other local, national, or international organizations. **Awarded to:** *Rotary eClub NY1, Fulton RC & New Hartford RC - the Desks to India Project*

**Membership Development & Extension Awards** - recognizes membership growth in existing clubs. **Awarded to:** *Rome RC (Ray Carnevele); Marcellus RC (Deb Glisson); Utica RC (Ralph Immundo); Chittenango RC (Chuck Kirsch); Syracuse RC (Patrick Spadafora); Rotary eClub NY1 (Earl Lewis).*

**Newsletter/P.R. Awards** - Recognizes outstanding media clubs. **Awarded to:** Large Clubs: *Utica RC (Dana Jerrard); Rome RC (Dennis Schonewetter); Syracuse RC (Frank Decker)* Medium Clubs: *Fulton RC (Dick Kemmis); Skaneateles RC (Ward Vuillemot).* Small Clubs: *Moravia RC (Tom Collins); Oriskany Falls RC (Deidre Purdy); Skaneateles Sunrise RC (Tom Seely); Oswego Sunrise RC (George Reed).*

**Significant Achievement Awards** - Recognizes clubs for outstanding community service projects. **Awarded to:** *following RC's: Utica, Rome, Little Falls, New Hartford, Dolgeville, Syracuse, Hamilton.*

**Exemplary Service Award & Award for Innovation:** To club whose record of services throughout the year sets a model of excellence. Earned RI Presidential Citation, had exemplary service project during the Rotary year. & Has implemented a new service project judged to represent a novel effective idea in the world of Rotary or within our District. **Awarded to:** *Rotary eClub NY1 (India/Haiti/Children's Museum)*

**Community Award:** For that club whose program of service made a significant impact on its local community or another community within the USA. **Awarded to:** *Syracuse Inner City (Hoops for Peace)*

**Vocational Award:** For that club whose program of service has best forwarded the dignifying of all Rotarians occupations. **Awarded to:** *Marcellus RC (for numerous projects)*

**Club Service Award:** For that club whose success in building membership and/or developing enthusiasm for Rotary among its members with attendance & membership. **Awarded to:** *Skaneateles RC*

**International & Foundation Service Award:** For clubs whose programs have made the most significant impact on at least one community beyond USA borders, serving humanity through Foundation programs. **Awarded:** *Larry Richardson (Chittenango RC, Ghana water), Ward Vuillemot, (Skaneateles RC, S. Africa literacy); Antonio Herrera (Syracuse Sunrise RC, Chile literacy); Frank Upwood (Oneida Shores RC, Armenia literacy); Marlene Brown/Earl Lewis/Brad Brown (Rotary eClub NY1, India literacy; Haiti water)*

**Significant Achievements:** 1st District Rotaract: **Awarded:** *Oswego/Oswego Sunrise RC's, Advisor: Diane Dillon, Oswego State. Newest Interact Club. Awarded: Dolgeville RC, Advisors: Christine Reynolds, Ari Marucci, Jim Donnelly; Officers: Alissa Kent; Ann Locke, Catherine Donnelly, Shelby Warren, Austin Litwhiler, Greg Young, Erin Patrick. 1st Dist Speech Contest Awarded: AdirondackFthls RC, Jack Weidner.*

**Smaller Club Membership Growth Awarded to:** *Fulton Sunrise RC, Diane Cooper-Currier*

**Membership Development Award:** Recognition of the highest growth rate Clubs: **Awarded to:** *Rotary eClub NY1; Marcellus RC; Fulton Sunrise RC; North Utica/Whitestown RC. Recognition of Clubs with most new members: Awarded to: Rome RC; eClub NY1; Marcellus RC; Skaneateles RC; Utica RC, Syracuse RC*

**Membership Extension Award:** Recognition of Club who sponsored a new club: *Rotary eClub NY1 for Chartering Galaxy RC (Earl Lewis & Marlene Brown, eClub; Mark Crever & Stacy Butcher, Galaxy RC)*

**Governor's Thanks:** *Matt Chmielewski/Earl Lewis (Conference Chairs); Sam Crisino (Dist. Treasurer); Laraine Dell (Dist. Secretary); Don Reed (Literacy Golf); Mary Stronach (Youth Exchange); Bob Stronach (Dist. Directory); Paul Terwilliger (Dist. Literacy); Jim Gascon (Gift of Vision); Henry MacDonald & Dick Kemmis (GSE Chairs); Penny Polling (GSE Team Leader); PDG Bruce Frassinelli (MADD); David Craine (RLI Chair); PDG Ed Paparella (Dist. Trainer); PDG Jerry Gortner (Chair Bylaws Comm.); PDG Ned Mann (Gov's Council); Tom Taylor (Parliamentarian); Nancy Crisino, Val/Paul Graziano (Conf Comm)*  
**District Rotarian of Excellence: Awarded:** *Earl Lewis (for playing multiple roles).*

# D7150 Attendance & Membership Leaders for May 2008

SAR Baseline	Total	New	Terminated	Membership change from July 07					
		Leading District Clubs							
Robert Frost Attendance	7/1/2007	May 2008 membership			%	#	%	% Attendance	
Adirondack Foothills	28	26	0	0	(2)	-7%	51%	Rotary e-club	100%
Auburn	27	24	0	0	(3)	-11%		Sherrill	96%
Aurora	10	10	0	0	0	0%		Oriskany Falls	87%
Baldwinsville	28	31	0	0	3	11%		Moravia	86%
Camden	18	14	0	0	(4)	-22%			
Camillus	22	24	0	0	2	9%			
Canastota	25	24	0	0	(1)	-4%	85%		
Cato	16	18	0	0	2	13%			
Cazenovia	21	22	0	0	1	5%	61%		
Chittenango	55	58	0	0	3	5%	63%		
Clay,Cicero,N Syracuse	4	4	0	0	0	0%	81%	<b>Most New Members</b>	<b>#</b>
DeWitt	80	78	0	1	(2)	-3%		Utica	2
Dolgeville	12	13	0	0	1	8%		Rome	1
Eastwood (Syracuse)	40	39	0	0	(1)	-3%	63%	Oneida	1
Fayetteville-Manlius	23	18	0	0	(5)	-22%	68%		
Fulton	34	35	0	0	1	3%			
Fulton Sunrise	18	22	0	0	4	22%	81%		
Greater Utica Sunrise	24	21	0	0	(3)	-13%	81%		
Hamilton	34	29	0	0	(5)	-15%	56%		
Herkimer	28	28	0	0	0	0%			
Kuyahoorra Valley	26	26	0	1	0	0%	63%	<b>Membership Net Gain</b>	<b>#</b>
Little Falls	27	24	0	1	(3)	-11%		Rome	11
Liverpool	10	10	0	0	0	0%		Skaneateles	7
Marcellus	20	25	0	0	5	25%	69%	Rotary e-club	6
Moravia	13	11	0	0	(2)	-15%	86%	Marcellus	5
New Hartford	37	37	0	0	0	0%	55%		
North Utica	24	28	0	0	4	17%	53%		
Oneida	77	78	1	0	1	1%	68%		
Oneida Shores	8	10	0	0	2	25%	60%		
Oriskany Falls	16	16	0	0	0	0%	87%	<b>Membership Net Gain</b>	<b>%</b>
Oswego	42	43	0	0	1	2%		Rotary e-club	30%
Oswego Sunrise	18	19	0	0	1	6%		Marcellus	25%
Rome	99	110	1	0	11	11%	51%	Oneida Shores	25%
Rotary eClub NY1	20	26	0	0	6	30%	100%	Fulton Sunrise	22%
Sauquoit	21	21	0	0	0	0%			
Sherrill	11	12	0	0	1	9%	96%		
Skaneateles	53	60	0	0	7	13%	63%		
Skaneateles Sunrise	14	16	0	0	2	14%			
Solvay-Geddes	23	18	0	0	(5)	-22%			
Syracuse	75	71	0	1	(4)	-5%	35%	<b>Total Membership</b>	<b>#</b>
Syracuse Inner City	23	22	0	0	(1)	-4%		Utica	139
Syracuse Sunrise	29	31	0	0	2	7%		Rome	110
Tully	16	18	0	0	2	13%	72%	Dewitt	78
Utica	135	139	2	1	4	3%	49%	Oneida	78
Waterville	20	19	0	0	(1)	-5%		Syracuse	71
West Winfield	18	19	0	0	1	6%	53%		
	1,422	1,447	4	5	25	—			

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](http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/reports.html)



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## D7150 Attendance & Membership Leaders for June 2008

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We will pop the June 2008 District Club figures in here when we get them, and upload the updated file to our District website's Credo page: <http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/Credo.htm>

Reports are due the 10th of each month.

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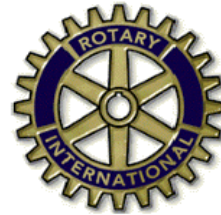
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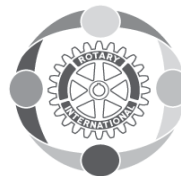
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***June - Rotary Fellowships Month  
& R. I. Convention***

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