



“Service Above Self”

Credo

Rotary District 7150 Newsletter

April 2009



2008-09 District Governor
Larry Calabrese
with
Rotary International President
Dong Kurn Lee

SU Coach Doug Marrone

By Mel
Rubenstein
(Dewitt)

The new Syracuse University football coach, Doug Marrone, will be the guest speaker at the Dewitt Rotary luncheon on Monday April 20, 2009.



[Picture of Coach Marrone courtesy of SU Athletic Department]

Time: Noon
Place: LaFayette Hills (formerly LaFayette Country Club), 4480 LaFayette Rd.
Price: \$17.00 includes buffet lunch (cash bar available)
Valet parking available.
Reservations: e-mail to jaywilkins13@yahoo.com no later than 14 April. Hurry while space is available

will always have someone on the district level and club level asking you to bring in new members to your club. Well...! When was the last time YOU asked someone to join you for a meal at your club? When was the last time YOU told someone about Rotary? When was the last time YOU thanked your sponsor for bringing you into Rotary?

Even though we have waited through a long, cold winter it will always be membership season. Spring is something we have long awaited; membership is long overdue in many of the clubs in our district.

Rotary celebrated its 104th birthday on the 23rd of February this year. Did YOU bring someone to your club to help celebrate Rotary's birthday? Rotary is not going to make it to 105 years if we do not get busy and start asking people to join one of the best and oldest service organizations in the world.

So, while you are doing your Spring cleaning, think about sweeping someone into your club for a meal and great fellowship. You won't be sorry and neither will they.

Mel

Jenny

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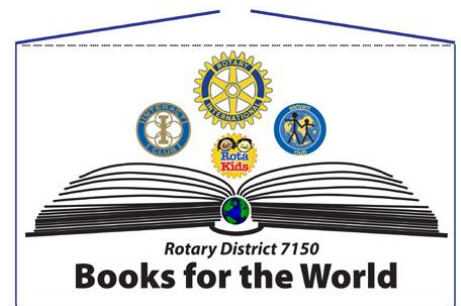
The first four Rotarians: (from left) Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris
[Courtesy of Rotary Images]



Membership

by Jenny
Doane
(Eastwood)

Membership is a constant. It is never going to go away and you





Books for the World — Part I
D7150 Books for the World “Happening”

By Ward
 Vuillemot
 (Skaneateles)

Utica area Rotarians “make it happen”— *March 21, 2009* — It all started with a surprise frantic phone call ten days ago; “I’ve got 150 boxes of textbooks on a truck that need to be unloaded today, where do you want them?” Following a deep breath, a little more coffee, and a few calls to known “take action” Rotarians, a temporary warehouse was located in Yorkville, and arrangements made drop them off that morning.

PDGs Ward Vuillemot and Ed Paparella, and DG Larry Calabrese met at the location that afternoon to see the type and condition of the books, and an action plan began to take shape over more coffee and donuts. At a meeting organized at President-Elects Training Seminar (PETS) a few days later, a plan was put in place to consolidate the efforts of the Utica, Greater Utica Sunrise, and N. Utica / Oriskany Rotary clubs to sort & pack the books the following Saturday.

Materials, tables, and most importantly, volunteers were gathered and in less than three hours, three pallet loads (72 cartons) of grades K–6 textbooks were on pallets and moved to a second warehouse to

await transit to our BFTW warehouse.

PDG Ward says, “*Congratulations to the more than 20 Rotarians and community volunteers who worked together to “make it happen” and for taking a giant step to create a more meaningful world for hundreds of children in Africa who they will never meet, but have touched in a very special way; an education!*”

Ward



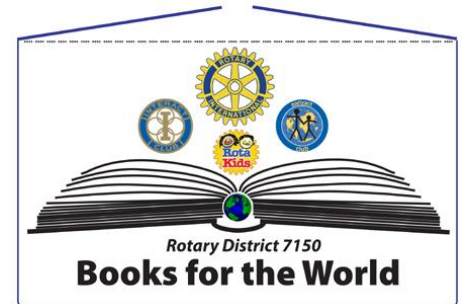
Books for the World — Part II
D7150 Books for the World Expands to Textbooks

By Ward
 Vuillemot
 (Skaneateles)

Textbooks (Grades K–12) Added — *March 3, 2009* — The initial phase of the project has been successful and the logistics kinks have been worked out. The committee has agreed that we are ready to add K through 12 textbooks to our collection efforts. These books and materials are to be same title sets of 10 or more with accompanying teachers materials (when available). Where to do these books reside? They are in school back rooms and have been made redundant when new additions are introduced. PDG Ward asks that Rotarians... “*Check with your local schools, and you will be amazed of what is*

available at the end of each school year!”

Ward



Polio Film

José Adolfo
 Herrera
 (Zone 21)

[The Final Inch](#), a 38-minute film that chronicles the challenges health organizations and government face during the final stages of [polio eradication](#), will air on [HBO](#) during April. Commissioned by the philanthropic division of Google, the film was nominated for an Academy Award in the documentary short subject category. See more at: www.membershipzona21.blogspot.com.

José Adolfo Herrera
 Regional Rotary International
 Membership Coordinator
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www.membershipzona21.org





District 7150's Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team



District 7150's Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team was formed this past February and is now preparing for their exchange visit to District 4570, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Chosen from among eight applicants, the team members are, from left to right: John Jadhon, a corporate attorney, sponsored by the Utica Rotary Club; Jessica Harkins, Marketing Director for the Auburn Citizen newspaper, sponsored by the Auburn Rotary Club; Tom Collins, Team Leader, member of Moravia Rotary Club; Kristin Nylen, Dentist, sponsored by the Fulton Rotary Club; and Wilford "Bill" Doner, GE customer service representative, sponsored by the Skaneateles Rotary Club.

Since March, the team has completed a "mountain" of paperwork, required by The Rotary Foundation; built its PowerPoint® presentations; researched the culture and language of Brazil; and applied for visas for entry into the country. Although not yet confirmed, the team is planning to leave Syracuse on May 9 and return on June 7.

Tom Collins



Literacy Gift Tribute

Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare

District 7150 rotary gives Gift of reading to OB Care Center. This year the annual Rotary conference of District 7150 was a 'hare-raising' and educational experience. More than 100 volunteers organized 300 gift boxes of reading materials for the OB Care Center at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare. The gifts were developed to support new mothers with baby

books and help them begin a life-long love of reading to their children.

The Rotarians donated nearly 1,000 books, along with baby tee shirts that said "Read to Me" and created 'boo-boo' bunnies out of washcloths and ribbons. The bunny is used to hold an ice cube and place on a 'boo boo' for cooling comfort.

"The Literacy Committee of District 7150 was the real driver behind this project," said Larry Calabrese, District Governor. "Their team, along with volunteers, provided the set up and assembly materials for each gift box. It is esti-

mated that one in five adults are illiterate and two-thirds of them are women. We know that reading to children at an early age is important for their lifelong success. And the earlier you begin the greater the learning for your child."

The OB Care Center staff commented about how much the patients love the gifts and how each parent looks forward to reading to their little one. A very special thanks to the members of District Rotary 7150 from all of us at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare.

Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare



**Noteworthy News
from the DG's Desk**

In the world of Rotary every April is designated as *Magazine Month*. It is a time to recognize the role that our Rotary publications play in our Rotary lives, and the role that we should play in our publications.

In our District, the *Credo* is your opportunity to share your stories and to share your projects. Our District Leadership Team continually provides updates on what's going on throughout our District. I encourage all of you to take a few minutes each month to read the *Credo* and find out what we are doing in our communities and in our world to truly make a difference.

To our club Presidents and Secretaries, encourage your members to raise the awareness of what's going on in our district by downloading copies of the *Credo* and distribute them at one of your meetings. Take a few minutes once a month to share a particular story or event with your membership to let them know how much we are doing. I want them to be proud to be a Rotarian so that they will get involved in all that we do. That's how we will grow Rotary.

Your District Governor,
Larry Calabrese



**District Polio
Update**

by PDG Mike
Occhipinti
(Rome)

As of 1 Apr 2009, contributions towards the District's polio challenge have climbed to a new high of \$46,006. Our thanks go to the 24 Rotary Clubs in our District who have supported Polio.

Clubs	Amount
DDF total for 2007-08	\$4,000
Adirondack Foothills	\$150
Camden	\$1,184
Cato	\$1,000
Cazenovia	\$2,000
Chittenango	\$1,700
Dewitt	\$1,000
Eastwood	\$1,350
Fulton	\$100
Greater Utica Sunrise	\$400
Hamilton	\$1,336
Kuyahoor Valley	\$100
Little Falls	\$100
Marcellus	\$1,974
New Hartford	\$460
Oneida	\$350
Oswego	\$6,396
Rome	\$4,505
Rotary E-Club	\$10,300
Sauquoit	\$1,000
Skaneateles	\$1,825
Syracuse	\$375
Utica	\$2,802
West Winfield	\$1,000
total	\$46,006

This dollar figure represents saving 766,767 children in our world from polio.

As I reviewed our latest report I am disappointed to say that in the last nine months there are still 18 Clubs in our District that have not responded to the challenge. I was

hoping that every club in our District would give some kind of financial support so that we would have 100% participation in our District. Some of these Clubs have contacted me to say that they will be sending in their contribution for polio before 1 Jul 2009.

Let's make this a 100% District and show the world that Rotary District 7150 is strongly behind the eradication of polio. Let's keep our promise that we made to Rotary and also to the world, the promise of a polio free world.

We are only \$3,994 from reaching our current goal of \$50,000.

Until next month...

*PDG Mike
District Polio Chair*



**Credo
Information** Dennis
Schonewetter
(Rome)

Submissions to the 2008-09 *Credo* are due **no later than the first day of each month**. The *Credo* will be published and distributed on or about the tenth day of each month. Send your articles to schonewetter@west-point.org.

Distribution will be through email, on the District 7150 Web Site, and USPS mail.

Emailed copies will go to all club presidents & secretaries, the Dis-



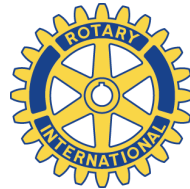
district Staff, AGs, PDGs, and other persons designated by the DG. Email address corrections should be sent to the District Secretary, Laraine Dell when known, at larainedell@roadrunner.com.

The *Credo* will also be available on the District 7150 Web Site as soon as it is published.

DG Larry hopes that each club will make copies of the *Credo* available to their members through

their own club email list and via paper copies to those members who do not have access to email.

Dennis



Rotary Web Sites You Can Use!

District 7150 Rotary Clubs' Meeting Days & Times: <http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/clubmtg2.html>.

District 7150 Calendar of Events: <http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/calendar.html>.

District 7150 Conference Information: <http://rotaryconference.org/>.

Rotary Leadership Institute Information: <http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/LdrspInstitute.htm> & <http://www.rlinea.com/>.

District 7150 Youth Exchange Program: <http://www.rotarydistrict7150youthexchange.org/>.

Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation: <http://www.rotary.org/>.

District 7150 RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award): <http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/RYLA.htm>.

District 7150 Rotary e-Club NY1 Make-ups: <http://www.rotaryclubny1.com/home-pg.html>.

District 7150 Polio News & Updates: <http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/PolioPlus.htm>.





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Annabelle & DG Larry Calabrese

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Web Sites:

www.rotary.org (RI)

www.rotarydistrict7150.org (District)

www.rlinea.com (RLI)

www.RotaryDistrict7150YouthExchange.org (YE)

Check out our District 7150 web site at www.rotarydistrict7150.org — it's great!

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District 7150 Membership Report as of March 31, 2009*

Data from SAR dated	Jul-08	Jan-09	Net	Club Goal	+/- %
Adirondack Foothills	26	26	0	2	N/C
Auburn	24	24	0	3	N/C
Aurora	10	10	0	2	N/C
Baldwinsville	31	33	2	4	6.5%
Camden	15	15	0	1	N/C
Camillus	24	24	0	0	N/C
Canastota	24	25	1	3	4.2%
Cato	17	17	0	2	N/C
Cazenovia	21	19	-2	3	-9.5%
Chittenango	57	54	-3	6	-5.3%
Clay-Cicero-North Syracuse	4	3	-1	0	-25.0%
DeWitt	78	76	-2	5	-2.6%
Dolgeville	13	13	0	3	N/C
Eastwood	35	37	2	1	5.7%
Fayetteville-Manlius	16	16	0	1	N/C
Fulton	30	32	2	2	6.7%
Fulton Sunrise	22	22	0	2	N/C
Galaxy Club	15	0	-15	0	-100.0%
Greater Utica Sunrise	20	23	3	2	15.0%
Hamilton	24	26	2	2	8.3%
Herkimer	26	26	0	5	N/C
Kuyahoorra Valley	24	26	2	5	8.3%
Little Falls	25	25	0	2	N/C
Liverpool	9	9	0	3	N/C
Marcellus	23	25	2	1	8.7%
Moravia	11	11	0	4	N/C
New Hartford	36	42	6	10	16.7%
North Utica-Whitestown	28	27	-1	2	-3.6%
Oneida	78	75	-3	7	-3.8%
Oneida Shores	10	6	-4	3	-40.0%
Oriskany Falls	16	16	0	2	N/C
Oswego	41	43	2	1	4.9%
Oswego Sunrise	16	18	2	2	12.5%
Rome	99	100	1	10	1.0%
Rotary eClubny1	22	21	-1	0	-4.5%
Sauquoit	19	20	1	2	5.3%
Sherrill	12	11	-1	3	-8.3%
Skaneateles	60	61	1	10	1.7%
Skaneateles Sunrise	15	16	1	1	6.7%
Solvay-Geddes	19	15	-4	0	-21.1%
Syracuse	66	66	0	2	N/C
Syracuse Inner City	16	15	-1	0	-6.3%
Syracuse Sunrise	30	30	0	3	N/C
Tully	18	19	1	2	5.6%
Utica	131	125	-6	1	-4.6%
Waterville	19	20	1	0	5.3%
West Winfield	20	17	-3	1	-15.0%
Totals	1395	1380	-15	126	-1.1%

* RI had not received SAR's from clubs in bold.

Please submit January SAR membership figure to the District Secretary