



Rev. Jim Austin, District Governor

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From the Desk of DG Jim...

This will be one of my shorter CREDO articles. I have been out of state most of the past month and allowed Jerry to practice his skills at DG. I know he doesn't need any practice and will serve you fine next year. I had to take two courses as I finished up my Sabbatical for my church. These courses should prove very useful as I lead the remainder of this Rotary year and continue to help the District "Celebrate Rotary." This coming week will culminate our intense fall activities in Rotary but we still have two more major events coming later in this year. Next up will be the Birthday of Rotary on February 23rd at the On Center. This is an entire District event and we need every club to give us input as to what they would like to see on this evening of celebration. Then on March 25th, the one and only Centennial Bell will be at the Syracuse Rotary Club. We are a part of the final leg of ringing in Rotary's Centennial Convention in Chicago next June.

Think SHARE: It has been a very busy fall in our Rotary Calendar and I know many clubs are gearing up for finishing up the Centennial Projects, completing the Polio Eradication Goals and forging ahead to make this a banner year for SHARE funds in our district. This is an important year to make SHARE funds your priority because of the need for Rotary Project throughout the United States and the World. Most of us have received a wonderful benefit from our SHARE funds this fall as we got to meet and enjoy the great GSE team from Peru. I don't think I have ever seen a team remain so excited throughout their visit and it is your foundation giving three years ago that brought them here. It is now time for us to return that gift to Peru by sending our own team to them next May. You need to find qualified people in your communities that will be members of this team. We have chosen a team leader and we have an excellent training program but we need people and only you can supply Dick Kemmis (rjkem@twcny.rr.com) and David Townsend (dtownse2@twcny.rr.com) with those candidates

Rotary Prayer Fellowship: I believe there is another dimension to the needs for Rotary service around the world, in our country, in our district and in our clubs that we can begin right now, prayer. I am applying to begin a new Rotary Fellowship, International Rotary Prayer Fellowship. This will be open to ALL and not directed toward any single religious group. Our first meeting will be on the second Monday at 7:00 AM at the Crossroads Church in Chittenago. Our focus will be to pray for World wide concerns, district and club leadership and specific requests from Rotarians. It will be a one hour meeting once per month and ALL are invited (Rotarians, partners, youth, etc.)

If you have special concerns send me an email and put "prayer" in the subject line.

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Next AG meeting: The next AG meeting will be as scheduled. It will be at Delta Lake Conference Center. Directions are at the following web site: <http://www.deltalake.org/directions.shtml>.

We will start at 8:30 and a breakfast will be provided. DG Jim

Eradicate Polio Report

NOTICE TO ALL CLUB LEADERSHIPS. please review the [Polio Campaign Summary Update](#) in this Credo to ensure you are on track in meeting in full your "Promised" Polio Commitment. Many thanks to everyone for staying with this task that is scheduled to end at the conclusion of this Rotary Year.



Thirteen Rotary clubs in District 7150 joined more than 10 million volunteers nationwide to participate in Make A Difference Day on Saturday, October 23. Rotarians cleaned roads, collected outerwear for needy children, put up community signs, distributed dictionaries and did a

variety of other work during this national day of giving.

Unlike the last three Make A Difference Days in Central New York, Saturday's weather was picture-perfect – clear skies with temperatures in the low- to high-50s, depending on location, and virtually no wind.

Make A Difference Day is celebrated every year on the fourth Saturday of October. The brainchild of USA Weekend, one of two major weekend national newspaper supplements, it has become the country's largest day of volunteerism.

Club participation has fallen, from 20 in 1992 and 14 last year.

Here are the Rotary clubs in District 7150 which participated and their projects:

Adirondack Foothills: Fall road cleanup.

Baldwinsville: Handed out dictionaries to all third-graders living in the Baldwinsville School District (public, parochial and home-schooled) on Friday, Oct. 22. The project will continue at two more elementary schools on Nov. 5

Camden: Rotary members delivered backpacks filled with much-needed school supplies for students at a local elementary school which the club has adopted. Administrators and school staff identified the needy children to whom the backpacks and supplies will go.

Cato: The club spearheaded a roadside pickup of a section typically done. With help from non-Rotarians, it was hoped a larger section of road could be undertaken. Earlier in the week, the club honored several community members who volunteer at various projects on a regular basis.

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Dolgeville: Rotarians were involved with two projects – cutting down brush and debris removal, and collection of food for the community's food pantry.

Fulton (noon) Rotary Club : Club members volunteered at the Fulton YMCA's annual Halloween party. Five Rotarians, a spouse and five high school students from the Interact club, who gave out goodies bags, worked at crafts tables and judged the costume contest. "Everyone had a good time," reports project chair Margaret "Peggy" Navagh.

Liverpool: Rotarians did their annual fall cleanup at the senior independent living home.

Marcellus : Rotarians served as parking attendants for the annual children's Halloween party at Baltimore Woods. As a bonus, the attendants were in costume.

Oswego (noontime club): Rotarians set up drop-off centers and picked up outerwear for needy children to help them cope with the challenge of Oswego winters. The Salvation Army, with which the club partnered, will make the distribution.

Rome: Rotarians worked with the local Clean & Green group to rehabilitate a house that was donated to be used as its headquarters. The Rotarians did both inside work (removing old carpets, general cleanup and minor construction and repair) and outside landscape and brush clean-up work. Harry Winberg, project chair, expected more than 20 Rome Rotarians and some non-Rotarians.

Utica: The club painted eight poles as part of a transformation project of the inner courtyard at the club's adopted Columbus Elementary School. The club also was scheduled to paint the Hemisphere and fill planters with dirt and sand in the courtyard. The club also provided staffing for a special Bingo for residents of the Heritage Health Care Center. In addition to providing the Bingo caller, the club also had on hand helpers for those who couldn't hear or see, and Rotarians helped serve refreshments after the event.

West Winfield: The Rotarians continued installation of "Village of West Winfield" signs at all four entrances to the village.

Bruce Frassinelli, district governor 2001-02 and a member of the Oswego Rotary Club, is chair of District 7150's efforts for Make A Difference Day.

PRESIDENT GLENN ESTESS, SR. WILL VISIT DELAWARE ACADEMY AT 1:30 PM TO PRESENT DICTIONARIES TO THIRD GRADERS

The Worldwide President of Rotary International and members of the Inner City Rotary Club will visit the Delaware Academy School on Geddes Street at 1:30 on Wednesday. President Glenn will meet the Students and Faculty and have photos taken, as dictionaries are given to all Third Grade Students. Rotarian, Barbara Moon, a retired Teacher has planned the event. Rotary District 7150 Governor, Reverend Jim Austin will attend along with Gus Harrison and others.

The School Principal Mrs. Evans and City School District Communications Director Neil Driscoll have cleared the way for the Media to attend.



The Oswego District 7150 will host a "Make A Difference Day" on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, at the Delaware Academy School, 100 Geddes Street, Oswego, NY. The event will be held from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. The purpose of the event is to present dictionaries to all third grade students. The event is being organized by Barbara Moon, a retired teacher. The event is being supported by the Rotary District 7150 Governor, Reverend Jim Austin, and other Rotarians. The event is being supported by the City School District Communications Director, Neil Driscoll, and the School Principal, Mrs. Evans. The event is being supported by the Media.

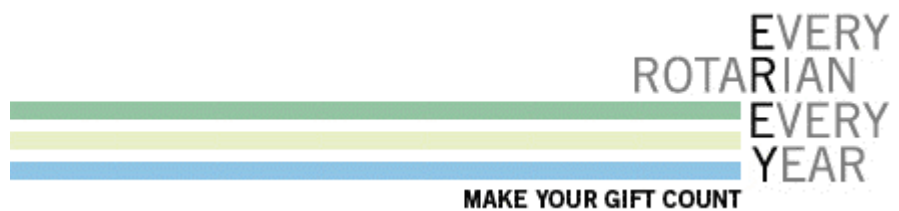
The OnCenter Dinner Reception will start at 6:30, with the Dinner Event beginning at 7:15. Past District Governor, Bruce Frassinelli, former Publisher of the Palladium Times will be the Master of Ceremonies. More than 25 Rotary Youth Exchange Students from as many countries will be attending along with over 300 Rotarians and guests from Rotary Clubs, all over Central, NY.

There will be a presentation by the Utica Rotary EARLYACT Club and there will be Recognition given to recent Rotary Foundation, Paul Harris Fellows. President Glenn will be the main Speaker. District Governor Jim will close the Event and allow time to greet President Glenn.

DG Jim appreciates the help and time given by Theardis Martino, Gus Harrison, PDG Don Reese, and others, especially Assistant Governor, DGN, Carol Anthony for the outstanding effort that made this event possible.

"Celebrate Rotary"
Joe McCarthy

Has your Rotary club undertaken a fundraiser or challenge gift in support of the Every Rotarian, Every Year effort?



Please remind your club "Foundation Chairman" that **November is Rotary Foundation month**. Please emphasize your November meetings with reminders and programs of what the Rotary Foundation is and what it does. My thanks go out to those clubs who have invited me to their meetings for a quick program on the "Rotary Foundation." I am very pleased to see the response we have been getting from the "EREY" campaign. I hope everyone has had an opportunity to meet the GSE Team from Peru. What a great and talented group of individuals. This is just one of the wonderful things that the financial support of annual giving to your Rotary Foundation does.

Michael J. Miers, Sr. District 7150 Rotary Foundation Chair 2004 - 2005

Club Notes:

Marcellus Rotary Club

The amphitheater has been designed to include a Rotary symbol at the center of the stage with space behind the tiered benches to include engraved pavers from supporting Rotary Clubs and individuals. Ground has been broken and work has begun. Over \$6,000 has been raised.

Participating Clubs so far: Dewitt, Eastwood, Skaneateles, and Marcellus. To participate in this project contact Patty Weisse, Executive Director of CNE at 673-1350 or Ron Ramsden at 673-2813 or rjram@twcny.rr.com .

Ron Ramsden -Marcellus Rotary

Dewitt Rotary Club

Dewitt Rotary 24th Annual Monarch Kindling Wood Sale, all proceeds benefit Monarch Industries/a division of Arc of Onondaga.

Saturday, November 20, 2004 9am-4pm Kmart Plaza, Erie Blvd. E.

Price \$4. per bundle/3 bundles for \$10.

Further information call..Tom Deuson (work) 251-2600

Thanks very much.....Jay Wilkins, Secretary 2004-05

A couple of the ongoing stories from Dewitt's Outbound in Thailand.

Hey, September 9, 2004

Wow, I cannot believe how much I love being in this country! I spent the weekend at Rotary interviews. These are for the students who want to go abroad from Thailand next year. I made a lot of friends with the other exchange students who are here for the year. Most are having lukewarm responses to the country so far. I cannot comprehend not loving each and every second that I spend in Thailand. It was quite surreal to be standing in a group of about ten people, most of us from different countries, and realize that we are all together in Thailand. We were all from different cultures, spoke many different languages, and here we

to take them into consideration. When the bell rings meaning it is time for the next class to start, you are expected to finish what you are doing and then walk leisurely across the school to the next classroom. Some of my friends who went to America for a year thought one of the biggest differences about American schools was that you actually had to be on time to class. Another difference is that teachers don't show up a large percentage of the time. If they are busy it isn't necessary for them to come. I mean, it's only a class!

Well, I'm running off to find new adventures. I'll be sure to let you know when I find the big ones!

Love to all, Jenn

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – Ward Vuillemot, RLI Chair

There are two **Rotary Leadership Institutes** that are coming up in November near D7150. You may want to get a "jump start" on the April 9, 2005 sessions to be held in the district. Perhaps you'll want to complete the three parts series to participate in the Graduate Course to be offered at D7150's RLI. The near by locations are are:

November 6th, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY - Parts I, II & III

November 6th, The Inn on the Lake, Canandaigua, NY - Parts I, II & III

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) webpage with the 2004-05 schedule, FAQ's, Registration forms, and on-line registration available. Please mark the following URL on your browser "bookmarks", and make it available to your members. Also, link it to your web-pages and include in your email newsletters.

<http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org/homedivision.htm>

Also, for additional information for you and your membership, click on;

<http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org/rotaryleadershipinstitutFAQ.htm>

This link will assist you in discovering. What are the courses? When and where are the courses held? What are the teaching methods? Who are the faculty? Why do we need a leadership institute? Who should be nominated to attend the Institute courses? What are the costs? Should our club participate? What is the Graduate Program?

Remember, the E in DG Jim's T.E.A.M., is for Education, and education of our membership on the principles and many programs of Rotary International and its Foundation is the way to build better and stronger Rotarian to better serve our communities, our country and our world. Beyond Rotary Information supplied in your clubs, the RLI is the way to build your leadership team for the future.

District 7150 Attendance and Membership Form for September 2004

Club	SAR	Total	New	Termin	change from		Sep	Leading District	
Name	7/1/2004	Sep.Membership			#	%	%	Attendance	%
Adirondack Foothills	31	31	0	0	0	0%	63%	Clav Cicero N	92%
Auburn*	29				(29)			Eastwood (Syracuse)	88%
Aurora	13	13	0	0	0	0%	55%	Oneida Shores	86%
Baldwinsville*	34	32	2	1	(2)		81%	Solvay-Geddes	83%
Camden	19				(19)			Baldwinsville	81%
Camillus	23				(23)			Oswego Sunrise*	80%
Canastota	27				(27)				
Cato	18				(18)				
Cazenovia	28	27	0	1	(1)	-4%	75%		

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Chittenango	51	50			(1)	-2%	76%		
Clay,Cicero,N Syracuse	5	5	0	0	0	0%	92%	Most New Members	#
DeWitt	90				(90)			Baldwinsville	2
Dolgeville	13				(13)			Rome	2
Eastwood (Syracuse)	37	37	0	1	0	0%	88%	Utica	2
Fayetteville-Manlius	22				(22)			Little Falls	1
Fulton	35				(35)			Syracuse	1
Fulton Sunrise	16				(16)			Oneida Shores	1
Greater Utica Sunrise	26	27	0	0	1	4%	76%		
Hamilton	40	40	0	1	0	0%	77%		
Herkimer	27	27	0	0	0	0%	20%		
Kuyahoorra Valley	20	21	0	0	1	5%	74%	Membership Net Gain	#
Little Falls	23	24	1	0	1	4%	77%	Rome	9
Liverpool*	17				(17)			Syracuse Inner City	2
Marcellus	17	17	0	0	0	0%	73%	Tully	2
Moravia*	17	16	0	0	(1)		61%	Little Falls	1
Morrisville*	23				(23)			Greater Utica Sunrise	1
New Hartford	37	37	0	0	0	0%	57%	Kuyahoorra Valley	1
North Utica	19				(19)			Syracuse	1
Oneida	88	87	0	0	(1)	-1%	76%		
Oneida Shores	18	18	1	0	0	0%	86%		
Oriskany Falls	22	22	0	0	0	0%	79%	Membership Net Gain	%
Oriskany-Whitestown*	21	20	0	0	(1)		47%	Tully	0.0952
Oswego	45				(45)	-100%		Rome	9%
Oswego Sunrise*	21	20	0	0	(1)		80%	Syracuse Inner City	7%
Rome	95	104	2	0	9	9%	65%	Kuyahoorra Valley	5%
Rotary eClub NY1	9				(9)			Little Falls	4%
Sauquoit	21	21	0	0	0	0%	73%	Greater Utica Sunrise	4%
Sherrill	12				(12)			Syracuse	1%
Skaneateles	52	51	0	1	(1)	-2%	58%		
Skaneateles Sunrise	25	24	0	0	(1)	-4%	64%		
Solvay-Geddes	23	23	0	0	0	0%	83%		
Syracuse	103	104	1	1	1	1%	41%	Total Membership	#
Syracuse Inner City	29	31	0	0	2	7%	73%	Utica	152
Syracuse Sunrise*	32	31			(1)		77%	Rome	104
Tully	21	23	0	0	2	10%	71%	Syracuse	104
Utica	154	152	2	0	(2)	-1%	56%	Oneida	87
Waterville	22	22	0	0	0	0%	66%	Skaneateles	51
West Winfield*	23				(23)			Chittenango	50
	1,593	1,157	9	6	(436)	----	----		
Note: Clubs marked with an asterisk have not sent copies of the SAR to the District Secretary.									
SAR baseline shows June 2004 totals									