

District 7150
Governor's Newsletter

Rev. Jim Austin, District Governor

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Well the year is half over and we are on the brink of our 100th anniversary year of Rotary. I hope that all of you are creatively working within your clubs to organize special celebrations within your community this year. We have the perfect opportunity to get the name of Rotary out into the communities and to encourage others to become a part of the tremendous service organization. Our special celebration scheduled for the OnCenter on February 23rd will be moved to March and is being organized by the Syracuse Rotary Club. They have the honor of hosting the Official Centennial Bell during the last week of March and we will be incorporating our Centennial Birthday party with the arrival of The Bell to our district. I would encourage all clubs to use that week in February as a special time to Celebrate Rotary that involves other community organizations or pair up with other Rotary Clubs.

Pay it Forward:

As you may remember when I made my official visits I challenged each Rotarian to "Pay it Forward." As we enter into the second half of this Rotary year I will focus on some stories or information that the "Pay it Forward" movement has resulted in. Three lessons about how we "Pay it Forward" without knowing it: Five lessons to make you think about the way we treat people.

1. First Important Lesson - Cleaning Lady.

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During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was a tall, dark haired and in her 50s, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade. Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention even if all you do is smile and say "hello." I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.

2. Second Important Lesson - Pickup in the Rain.

One night, at 11:30 p.m., an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rainstorm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride. Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict filled 1960s. The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab. She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him. Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console color TV was delivered to his home. A special note was attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others." Sincerely, Mrs. Nat King Cole.

3. Third Important Lesson - Always remember those who serve.

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired. By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient. Thirty-five cents," She brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies.

You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

Council on Legislation & RI Board decisions: [Changes you need to know! The reference number for that change is after the change.](#)

- 1) Effective July 1, 2005 all clubs will be required to pay a minimum of 10 members per capita on their SAR. (17.030.2)
- 2) Rotary will:
 - be recognized for its leadership and success in the eradication of polio.
 - have a strong and visible presence worldwide.
 - achieve enhanced capacity for friendship and service through a strong organization with increased and diverse membership.
 - advance its ideals of high ethical standards, international understanding, goodwill and peace, through a membership united in service.
- 3) The Board amended its recommendations for health, accident and liability insurance that parents or legal guardians should provide for their exchangee. The new recommendations are underlined as follows: “Such insurance should provide medical and dental coverage for accidental injury and illness, death benefits (including repatriation of remains), disability/dismemberment benefit (also know as capital benefits), emergency medical evacuation, emergency visitation expenses (for transportation of parent or guardian to student’s location), 24-hour emergency assistance services, and legal liability. At the option of the parents or legal guardians, such insurance may also include cancellation expenses, loss of property, loss of money, or kidnap and ransom;” For full details, check <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/746en.pdf>
- 4) Each club shall pay to RI per capita dues for each of its members as follows: US\$19.50 per half year in 2004-2005, US\$21.50 per half year in 2005-2006 and US\$23.50 per half year in 2006-2007 and thereafter; (17.030.1)

Club News

Camden Rotary has again distributed 300 Christmas baskets with turkeys or hams, boxed and canned goods, toys and certificates to needy families in the Greater Camden Area. Area Churches, Cluster 13 Food bank and Toys for Tots participated in collecting and packing of these large boxes of food and toys.

Syracuse Rotary: Many "Special Needs" children selected by the Special Education Department of the Syracuse City school system enjoyed Batman, Cookie Monster, Cinderella, the balloon man, the

magician and, of course, Santa Claus who distributed presents individually selected for each child involved. A nice story was done about the Party on TV Channel 9. Some pictures can be found here: <http://home.twcny.rr.com/frank/presseextra.html>

Syracuse Sunrise Rotary does have a holiday tradition that has continued for many years. The group enmass collects \$ from the generosity of its members which is matched by the club. This money is used to provide \$100. food baskets/groceries to feed individually chosen families for a week. The members go to the local grocery store (same one for over 6 years) and shop enmass for the food. Led by its creator, Cort Schroder, 11 carts manned mostly by the guys and three or four brave Rotarian women, go up and down the isles in railroad train style shopping for the food. It is indeed a sight to see all these men shopping. The passing of the food items is another sight unbelievable to see but effective. I refer to the tossing of lighter grocery items.

Other patrons of said grocery store often stop in awe as we proceed through the grocery store. These groceries are then delivered to the 11 different families. This year we supported families from OnPoint for College, families in need recommended by local schools and churches. I helped to deliver to one family - it is an incredible experience. I work for a human service organization and do a lot of this - but this experience made me grateful for what I do have and makes any problems one might have seem insignificant. *Submitted by Sondra Bufis, past president of Syracuse Sunrise Rotary*



Greetings from the 2005 RI Host Organization Committee. We look forward to seeing you in Chicago for

Sarah Holmes	Marcellus	Brazil
Caitlin Hartnett	Moravia	Austria
Amanda Lockett	Moravia	Ecuador
Griselda Tomaino	New Hartford	Brazil
Shelby Dakus	New Hartford	Germany
Robert Hendry	Oneida	Thailand
Anthony Stronach	Oriskany Whitestown	Japan
Katrina Neiley	Rome	Belgium
Jennifer Randell	Sauquoit	Venezuela
Katherine Figura	Skaneateles	Denmark
Sara Hauschild	Skaneateles	Ecuador
Nicholas Becker	Skaneateles	Finland
Hannah Fohs	Skaneateles	Finland
Brian Smith	Skaneateles	Germany
Daniel Ruhlman	Skaneateles	Japan
Sarah Kelly	Skaneateles	Poland
Matthew Hosie	Skaneateles	Spain
Sidnie Howard	Skaneateles	Spain
Emiko Naro	Skaneateles	The Netherlands
Katherine Riehlman	Tully	Argentina
Shana Dahlin	Utica	ALTERNATE
Jacob Goldbas	Utica	Belgium
Sean Bassett	Utica	Chile
Andrew Wright	Utica	France
Kalyn Mould	Utica	Mexico
Guy Evans	Utica	Switzerland
Scott Forrester - Sims	West Winfield	Italy

www.RotaryHost2005.org for all the details. What to look for: Monday night special event. Limited space - sign up early District, Club, or personal recognition in the Centennial DirectoryBusiness opportunity in the House of Friendship Business Expo or as a SponsorJoin the Parade Please invite Rotarians in your Club or District to visit our website!



for local Shelter Box information contact Russell Cook,
President Eastwood Club

457-2776 or lhorton@cayboces.org

Tsunami Relief Plan for your Club?

A DRY SHELTER

A Warm Bed

Light & Heat

Clean Water

Cooking Aids

Tools

For TEN people



Communication Skills Are Essential to Club Success

Part 1-The Club Bulletin by Richard Kemmis, Fulton Rotary Club

All successful organizations have one thing in common. The ability to communicate within the organization and the ability to communicate their mission to the general public. As Rotarians, we often fall short of these two primary goals in our service clubs.

Internal newsletters are standard procedure in our business and corporate life. In fast moving segments of our business world, such as investing, newsletters are a daily event. In other slower paced organizations, a newsletter may be a weekly, monthly or at least quarterly event. Article VII, Section 2 of your Rotary Club Bylaws list 10 committees that every Rotary Club is required to have. A Club Bulletin Committee is one of the most important committees on that list. It is very hard to believe that there are still some clubs in District 7150 who do not have a weekly newsletter or bulletin.

One main reason for a weekly bulletin is attendance. Rarely is there 100% attendance at every Rotary meeting. The announcements made from the floor by club members, as well as, the important announcements made by the club president will never be heard by the missing members. The weekly bulletin editor should record the important events and announcements at each meeting and incorporate them in writing the bulletin. The bulletin also introduces next week's program. The actual write-up of the coming weeks program should be in more detail than the reporting of last week's program. There are two reasons for this. The first one is that each Rotarian reading the bulletin should find next week's program so interesting that they would not want to miss it, and the second reason, next week's program should excite each member to bring a guest each week, hopefully a prospective Rotarian.

The chore of writing the bulletin may fall on one club member, or a Bulletin Committee. Each method has its advantages and disadvantages. My club uses a Bulletin Committee of six members

method has its advantages and disadvantages. My club uses a Bulletin Committee of six members. Each club member is assigned two nonconsecutive months each year, so each member has to write the bulletin for only three to five weeks at one time.

There are several techniques to distribute the weekly bulletin. Some clubs set the bulletin at each place setting each week. In my mind, this is like locking the barn door after the horse runs away. It is a cheap and easy method of distribution. It does not meet the needs of the two goals of the club bulletin, which is to excite members about next week's program, and lay a foundation for club members to invite potential Rotarians to the weekly meeting. Many clubs mail the bulletin, but the favored distribution is through e-mail. Our club bulletin is mailed to only six members, and the rest receive it by e-mail.

Who needs to receive the weekly club bulletin is as important an issue as writing a weekly bulletin. Certainly each active club member, and honorary club member should be the recipient of the bulletin each week. In some cases, even past members receive the weekly bulletin. We have past club members who receive the club bulletin that live as far away as Nevada, and some who live in extended care facilities. The bulletin, for these former club members, is the only tie to their old friends. Certainly the District Governor and the Assistant Governor should receive the bulletin. Our club bulletin goes to all of the future Governors in the District as well as a good number of the past District Governors. There are other District personnel who may be interested in receiving the weekly bulletin also, such as the Club Service Chair. The Presidents and the chair of the Club Bulletin Committees in adjacent clubs should also receive the weekly bulletin. Each newspaper editor in the club area should receive a copy of the club bulletin. We find that they read it, and when an interesting speaker is scheduled, they may send a reporter, or run an article in the newspaper before the club meeting.

The bottom line is that each club in our district should be producing a weekly bulletin. If your club is not taking care of this simple and essential method of internal communications, your club will never reach its full potential.

Next month, I will discuss external communications for your Rotary Club.

Marcellus Rotary enjoyed a Christmas Party at Inn of the Seasons on December 14. Andy Lee, the exchange student from Taiwan, gave a presentation on his country, and the District Governor and his wife (Joanie and Jim) graced the evening. Members traded stories from Christmases past, sang, and raised \$17 by auctioning (and drinking) a bottle of wine provided by Frank Kelly, former Rotarian extraordinaire.

The Salvation Army was \$602 richer after Marcellus Rotarians rang the bell all day Saturday, December 18 in front of Nojaim's market.

Marcellus Rotary sent \$600 toward the Gift of Vision appeal by the District.

The Tully Club is teaming with the Eastwood Club to work at the Dome events as a fundraiser. The members are very excited about the opportunity. Two of our members were at the game last night helping out.

We are considering becoming involved in the "Dictionary Project" for 3rd graders.

We applied for the District Literacy Grant for the Tully Library Project. We were awarded \$1,000 for a series of children's books and furnishings for the children's room. We are waiting to see if we will be awarded the balance of the funds we applied for through the District

Solvay Geddes club to organize in Geddes (along with vet groups) a Memorial Day concert.....day time date TBD in coming weeks.... our club is planning its regular "Roses for the Living Dinner " in February.....honoring a town person for his or her contributions to the community. Chair for this event in Daniel Patalino 468-2528 (dan is toen of geddes highway supt.).

Sherrill Rotary Club Invites YOU To 50th Anniversary Celebration!

The Rotary Club of Sherrill would like to invite everyone to join us in our 50th Anniversary Celebration! This special event will take place from 6-9pm on January 13, 2005 at Dibbles Inn in Vernon, NY.

The evening will start with a social hour from 6-7pm where guests can view old club pictures, share old stories and enjoy good fellowship! Dinner will begin at 7pm followed by a wonderful program featuring the past, present and future of the Sherrill Rotary Club. Honored guests include; District Governor Jim Austin who will give our invocation, Sherrill Mayor Joseph Shay who will proclaim January 13th Rotary Day and Sam Spurgeon who will receive an award for spear-heading the creation of the VVS Interact Club. A terrific slide presentation will be the highlight of the evening.

Please call Dibbles Inn at 829-3022 to make reservations by January 6th, 2005 or call Sherrill Rotary Club President Colleen Bennett at 363-6446 if you have any questions.

We hope you can join us in honoring our past, celebrating our present and looking forward to our future!

Colleen Bennett, President-Sherrill Rotary Club



Rotary Youth Leadership Award seminar is being revived in District 7150 after a two-year absence. Each Rotary club is encouraged to nominate at least one high school student to attend RYLA.

The leadership seminar will be held July 9-11 at Cazenovia College. It is ideally geared to teenagers who are currently in their junior or sophomore years and who display leadership potential and a willingness to serve others. In special cases, freshmen will be considered. Don't nominate seniors, since they won't be able to return to their schools the following school year to apply what they learn at RYLA.

The sponsoring Rotary club will pay the cost for each teen it sponsors. The exact cost has not yet been finalized, but the committee estimates it will be less than \$250 per teen.

A recommended way to screen for eligible teens is through your local high school's guidance director and/or National Honor Society adviser. It's not simply the A+ student you're looking for, but rather the one involved in activities.

The RYLA seminar will be limited to 40 teens, both boys and girls. The committee will fill the class by selecting from the club nominations on a first come, first served basis.

A nomination form will soon be put onto the district's Web page, www.rotarydistrict7150.org

Ideally, your club's community service chair will select one of your Rotarians to chair this project and you can budget the money needed to sponsor one or more teens.

A deadline for submitting an application will be May 2. To ensure your club nominates the best candidate(s) possible, however, start the school contacts as soon as possible. It's easy to do with school officials' help.

Students who attend RYLA will stay in dormitories, attend sessions and eat meals at Cazenovia College.

More information on RYLA will follow, including at mid-winter conference, at PETS, in CREDO, on the district Web site and through your assistant governors.

Thank you for your early action.

Respectfully submitted, LARRY RICHARDSON



Outbound GSE Team is Preparing for Peru

On December 5, 2004, the District 7150 Group Study Exchange Committee met at the BOCES Educational Complex in Verona. The committee interviewed five very strong candidates for the four slots on the Outbound Group Study Exchange Team heading to the Lima, Peru area in the month of May, 2005. Joseph Bearman, a Rotarian in the Oneida Club, was selected earlier in the fall as Team Leader. Dr. Bearman is a retired physician.

The District 7150 team to Peru will consist of four females. Yamayra Betler works for the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees and counsels refugees on business and medical matters in the Utica area. The Rotary Club of Utica sponsors Yamayra.

Jean Sabourin works for Ramsco, a health care provider in the Syracuse area. Jean is in charge of the Human Resources Department at Ramsco and is sponsored by the Marcellus Rotary Club.

Sharon Fellows is a Syracuse attorney, presently working for Green and Seifter in Syracuse.

Sharon also has a high skill level with computers. The Baldwinsville Rotary Club sponsors Sharon.

Krista Karch is an International Reporter for the Utica Observer-Dispatch newspapers. The Rotary Club of Utica sponsors Krista.

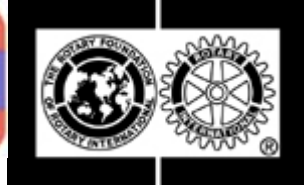
The team has been meeting on a regular basis in preparation for their trip to District 4450 in the Lima, Peru area. The District Conference for District 4450 is in the middle of May. The District 7150 team will visit several Rotary Clubs before and after the District Conference.

Thank you for your thoughts of others *whose needs cannot be imagined.*

Because their needs are so great, and because there seems to be no end to the need for your generosity, Rotarians continue to give.

We have no idea when we start on a journey where we will truly end. Of course there is always a final destination. But we never really do know if we will reach our final goal. Only through perseverance and planning are the longest of journeys ever accomplished.

Imagine the forethought of those who undertook the mission of eradicating polio throughout the world. Who could have been so bold as to begin a journey of such colossal proportion? Only those who believed in their purpose and had the final destination in sight could even imagine such a lofty goal. But we as Rotarians accepted the challenge and are now about to see the end of this awful



disease.

Dr. Albert Sabin (who invented the polio oral vaccine) has said this about the Rotary PolioPlus

campaign: "If you had not started PolioPlus in 1985, there would at the time of Rotary's 100th birthday in 2005, be eight million more children with polio - and probably 800,000 deaths during that period"

How will the world say "Thank You Rotary" for what you have done? Some will say that we will never hear the words: Thank You." But that does not change the fact that Rotarians will continue to fight, continue to volunteer and continue to give. Because if in you heart you feel it is the right thing to do, and you are able to do it "You Should." So we will get our "Thank You" every time we see a healthy child. And we will say "Thank You" for letting us serve.

Your continued support of the Rotary Foundation will help in ways that only those with such immense imagination can predict. And again we will say "Thank You Rotary, for letting us serve."

The Rotary Foundation - There is no other way you can do more for humanity.

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

District 7150 Rotarians all had plenty of food for Thanksgiving, in most cases too much! We are now finishing other Holiday Seasons where we exchange gifts, have parties to attend, warm homes and many more blessings. As you sit at your next meal - raise your glass--of water. Notice that it is crystal clear and we refill, refill and refill our glasses without second thought. In many countries this water, alone, would be a gift that families would love to receive. We can help others by performing two simple, and easy functions. **WRITE A CHECK NOW TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.** First, complete your polio contribution; second enclose an additional amount for the Foundation to use for the clean water project as well as other activities supported by your Foundation.

PLEASE SHOW YOUR ROTARY COMMITMENT TO HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS.

Thanks for your consideration. George Davenport

PLEASE NOTE: The proper procedure is for donations to be made to the Rotary Foundation and given to the club Foundation Chairman. Then the club Foundation Chairman does the proper paperwork that must accompany any donations and sends them both in and at the same time sends Mike Miers a copy for our district records. There is no way to assure our Rotarians that they will receive credits toward their Paul Harris status without following this procedure.

From the Desk of Dennis & Donna Schonewetter
Co-Chairs, Membership and District Development, District 7150

Membership growth and retention remains a major focus for District 7150. Most of our clubs continue struggling with retention and attracting new members. New clubs are certainly important to our growth, but growing current clubs and retaining our existing members is far more important to our long-term success.

Rotary is a great service club, and we should all share the wonderful opportunities it affords us as members. Therefore, one important goal for each District Officer, Club Officer, and each individual Rotarian is to make membership growth and retention important and included in all that we do as Rotarians.

How do we do this? There are many ways, but let us concentrate on two of the more obvious ones regarding growth.

The first and most important element is VISIBILITY. We must not let our good works go unnoticed in our communities. Make sure that each club's service projects are well publicized through newspapers, radio, TV, and word-of-mouth. We are not bragging when we do this, we are just making the community aware of our activities. This in turn enables more community dialog and also makes potential members aware of Rotary.

Next, and certainly as important, is to INVITE potential Rotarians to a meeting or to participate in one of our activities. All of us were invited to join Rotary, remember? How many times have we all heard a distinguished member of our community, who is thrilled to be a new Rotarian, say that he or she would have joined earlier but no one ever asked?

Keep your club's VISIBILITY high and INVITE new people to join in and serve with us. That is all it takes — really! Retention is also easy! Just involve your members in your projects and activities. Do not allow anyone to just show up for the weekly meeting. Rotary is fun. Everyone needs to be involved — they all joined a SERVICE CLUB, so allow them all to provide SERVICE to their community. It is what we Rotarians do, and it is the key to retaining your members.

We wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!



This is a letter we received from Lizzie Lee our exchange student in Ecuador. It is a lovely letter.

Dear Skaneateles Rotary Club, After only 3 months in Ecuador, I can honestly say this is the most amazing year of my life. I have experienced and learned so much in so little time that I feel years older than when I left instead of only a few months. I am having the most wonderful time here. I believe an angel was watching over my shoulder when I arrived, because I was placed in the most wonderful family with the most kind and caring parents. School is great, I have

made great friends with all my classmates, and the work (that I do) isn't too difficult! I am learning Spanish so quickly; people are amazed at how far I have come in only three months! Right now I am reading Harry Potter in Spanish, its coming along so well sometimes I forget I'm reading in another language! I have been fortunate to travel all over the coast, mountains (sierra) and have even made multiple visits to the jungle! One of the things that I enjoy most here is volunteer work. Ecuador is not a very well-off country, as 70% of the populating is below the poverty line. Every day I encounter people who barely live and support their families on less than 75 dollars a month. For that reason I find the most fulfillments in sharing the gifts that I have received from God, my family and the loving community of Skaneateles that I was raised in. Every week I visit the local hospital and spend time with injured, sick and abandoned children. I read stories with them, play games, and share the love and kindness that I have been raised with that in their lives is almost nonexistent. Each time I walk out the doors of the infirmary, I find within myself a feeling that is indescribable. It is better than a million Christmas mornings combined. It amazes me how just sharing a simple smile or act of kindness can have such an effect on a persons state of being. I only wish I could do more! For this reason, I would like to come up with some ideas to propose to the Rotary Club of Skaneateles for sponsoring some sort of volunteer project. I will write again soon. Thank you so much for this opportunity to be here! - Lizzie Lee

Club	SAR Baseline	Total	New	Terminated	Membership change from July04		Nov	Leading District Clubs	
Name	7/1/2004	Nov.Membership			#	%	% Attendce	Attendance	%
Adirondack Foothills	32	31	0	0	(1)	-3%	52%	Eastwood (Syracuse)	91%
Auburn	23				(23)	-100%		Clay,Cicero,N Svracuse	90%

Aurora	13				(13)	-100%		Moravia	86%
Baldwinsville	31	30	1	0	(1)	-3%	76%	Oswego Sunrise	86%
Camden	19				(19)	-100%		Canastota	84%
Camillus	23				(23)	-100%		Oneida	84%
Canastota	27	28	0	0	1	4%	84%	Little Falls	82%
Cato	18				(18)	-100%		Solvay-Geddes	81%
Cazenovia	28	27	0	0	(1)	-4%	78%	Oriskany Falls	80%
Chittenango	51	50	0	0	(1)	-2%	65%		
Clay,Cicero,N Syracuse	5	5	0	0	0	0%	90%	Most New Members	#
DeWitt	90				(90)	-100%		Sauquoit	3
Dolgeville	13				(13)	-100%		Rome	2
Eastwood (Syracuse)	37	37	0	0	0	0%	91%	Kuyahoor Valley	1
Fayetteville- Manlius	23				(23)	-100%		Baldwinsville	1
Fulton	35	37	0	0	2	6%	68%	Herkimer	1
Fulton Sunrise	16	16	0	0	0	0%	73%	New Hartford	1
Greater Utica Sunrise	26	28	0	0	2	8%	74%	Skaneateles	1
Hamilton	40	39	0	1	(1)	-3%	76%	Utica	1
Herkimer	27	28	1	0	1	4%	63%		
Kuyahoor Valley	20	22	1	0	2	10%	77%	Membership Net Gain	#
Little Falls	23	24	0	0	1	4%	82%	Rome	10
Liverpool	17				(17)	-100%		Sauquoit	3
Marcellus	17				(17)	-100%		Kuyahoor Valley	2
Moravia	17	16	0	0	(1)	-6%	86%	Greater Utica Sunrise	2
Morrisville	22	18	0	0	(4)	-18%	43%	Syracuse Inner City	2
New Hartford	37	37	1	0	0	0%	61%	Fulton	2

North Utica	19				(19)	-100%				
Oneida	88	84	0	1	(4)	-5%	84%			
Oneida Shores	17				(17)	-100%				
Oriskany Falls	22	23	0	0	1	5%	80%	Membership Net Gain	%	
Oriskany-Whitestown	21				(21)	-100%		Sauquoit	14%	
Oswego	45				(45)	-100%		Rome	11%	
Oswego Sunrise	20	21	0	0	1	5%	86%	Kuyahoor Valley	10%	
Rome	95	105	2	1	10	11%	66%	Greater Utica Sunrise	8%	
Rotary eClub NY1	7				(7)	-100%		Syracuse Inner City	7%	
Sauquoit	21	24	3	0	3	14%	59%	Fulton	6%	
Sherrill	12				(12)	-100%		Oswego Sunrise	5%	
Skaneateles	52	52	1	0	0	0%	61%	Oriskany Falls	5%	
Skaneateles Sunrise	25	25	0	0	0	0%	61%			
Solvay-Geddes	23	22	0	1	(1)	-4%	81%			
Syracuse	103				(103)	-100%		Total Membership	#	
Syracuse Inner City	29	31	0	0	2	7%	73%	Utica	151	
Syracuse Sunrise	31				(31)	-100%		Rome	105	
Tully	21				(21)	-100%		Syracuse	103	
Utica	154	151	1	2	(3)	-2%	54%	Oneida	84	
Waterville	22	22	0	0	0	0%	60%	Skaneateles	52	
West Winfield	23	19	0	0	(4)	-17%	66%	Chittenango	50	
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D7150 Literacy Committee supporting Special Adult Functional Literacy Project in South Africa



The District Literacy Committee has made a commitment to support a special literacy project in the Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Wildlife reservation and surrounding community in northern KwaZulu/Natal, South Africa. Last Spring, the district's GSE (Group Study Exchange) team focused on literacy in their trip to the Republic of South Africa and became intimately aware of the great literacy challenges in the region. This

awareness has resulted in some of the team members becoming proactive in partnering with other Rotary district's and clubs to reach around the world to help others.

The project, authored by PDG Vic Bredenkamp, is currently in the final stages of planning and will partner with South African, ABET (Adult Basic Education and Training) It is on Literacy and Numeracy, teaching the 60 adult learners to read, write and count, both in their own language, IsiZulu and in English. In addition, the learners will be taught simple manual skills such as sewing, beading, block-making and vegetable gardening, thus enabling them to produce marketable goods which can be sold locally and provide a modest income for themselves and families. It is essential for the future well-being in a climate of crippling unemployment that they also be taught entrepreneurial skill.

The Rotary partners in the project include; the Rotary Club of Nuertingen-Kirchheim/Tech, Germany, District 1830 and the Rotary Club of Vienna, Virginia, District 7610, District 9270 South Africa, club and others. This multi-district operation will hopefully be boosted by a rewording Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation.

The D7150 Literacy Committee is working on a plan to enable our district's Rotary clubs to join in this World Community Service project. Watch you club mail and The Credo for how to join in this project over the next few months. *PDG Ward Vuillemot*