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District 7150 Membership Increase by DG Bruce Frassinelli

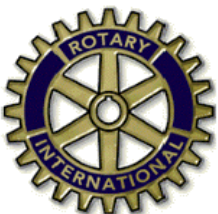
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DG Bruce Frassinelli



"Service Above Self"

November membership shows the *D7150 membership has increased by 40 since July 1*. The Rotary year goal is 220 or a net gain of five members per club (44 clubs) by June 30. **Three clubs lead the pace** with five new members each. They are *Auburn* (25 to 30), *Oswego* (55 to 60) and *West Winfield* (21 to 26).

Canastota and Tully have added four new members since the start of the Rotary year. Canastota has gone from 22 to 26 members, while Tully has increased from 16 to 20. Half of the 44 clubs have shown gains, 10 have recorded losses, 12 have remained the same.

The Rotary Global Quest campaign is paying off in a big way. According to **Bob Coultas** of Madison, N.J., one of President Rick King's closest aides and **Eastern Coordinator** for the Global Quest initiative, *membership has increased by 32,000 worldwide* between July 1 and Nov. 30, 2001. The numbers were released at a just-concluded assembly of Rotary leaders in Evanston, Ill.

Coultas praised Rotary leaders in D7150 for showing a gain of 40 Rotarians since the start of the year, saying it marks the first time in several years that the district has shown positive growth and, he added, it underscores the intensive work clubs have been doing to

build membership. He encourages all district leaders, presidents and club membership chairs to "keep doing the great things you have been doing." He also encouraged all Rotarians to take personal responsibility for this effort by bringing in at least one new member between now and the end of the Rotary year on June 30.

Welcome to these newest District 7150 Rotarians: John W. Burge Sr., Diane D. Kudla, George M. Marovich and Matthew C. Parker, all of *Auburn*; Ann Jones of *Cazenovia*; Laurene Grube and Rocco Bouse, both of *New Hartford*, Peter M. Finocchiaro and Penny S. Poling, both of *Oneida*, and Paula J. Ford of *Oriskany Falls*. Gov. Bruce is asking each club president and membership chair to evaluate its membership program in an effort to meet or exceed its goal. Direct questions concerning Global Quest to **Don Schlueter**, District Chair, at 336-2923 or donschlueter@earthlink.net

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Rotary Foundation annual giving in the district *has grown* to \$20,652, or 31.7% of the \$65,000 goal set by DG Bruce. Another \$8,800 in restricted giving funds have been donated. These totals do not include nearly \$15,000 donated by Rotarians to the Sept. 11 Fund.

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Annual Giving leaders, as of Nov. 30, are: *Skaneateles*, first, (con't on page two)

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\$3,760; *Syracuse Sunrise*, second, \$2,500; *Oswego*, third, \$1,975; *Utica*, fourth, \$1,250; and *Hamilton*, fifth, \$1,200.

Per capita leaders: *Syracuse Sunrise*, first, \$80.65; *Skaneateles*, second, \$68.36; *North Syracuse*, third, \$62; *Tully*, fourth, \$50; *Hamilton*, fifth, \$38.71.

There are 10 clubs which have shown **no Rotary Foundation donations** for the year -- Adirondack Foothills, Aurora, Camden, Dolgeville, Herkimer, Kuyahoor Valley, Little Falls, Liverpool, Oneida Shores, and Solvay-Geddes. If your club needs motivation to get involved,

contact Don Cossette, Foundation Committee chair, at hizhon@aol.com or PDG Ward Vuillemot: wardtv@adelphia.net
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Gift of Life child Nyah Tagayuna, born 12-2-00, has returned with her mother, Nanette, to her native Philippines after a **successful heart operation** in Syracuse. Following the operation and recuperation, Nyah and her mom visited the sponsoring Rotary clubs. Nanette was eloquent and heartfelt in her **praise of what the Rotary program had done** in helping her daughter.

The Sept. 11 operation **received international attention from the RI Gift of Life program** because, while Nyah was in surgery, the terrible tragedies in New York City, Washington, and the Pennsylvania countryside were unfolding. At a time of death and destruction, Nyah was receiving a **new lease on life**.

We thank **Mike and Donna Occhipinti** for the incredible job and selfless dedication they have shown for the district Gift of Life program for many years. They will be giving an update soon on the district's next Gift of Life child.

PDG Bart & Marge O'Brien & Cookbooks Provide YE Scholarships by Ray Allen

It gives me great pleasure, as co-chairman of the **Case Scholarship fund drive**, to announce that our campaign to increase the principal of the Clarke T. and Ruth Case Scholarship Fund has **reached a major milestone** with the transfer of \$10,344 from the **District Cookbook fund in honor of Marge and PDG Bart O'Brien** to the Case Scholarship fund.

These funds have been deposited with the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc and bring the **total contributed to the scholarship fund to \$34,677**. In addition, this contribution has allowed us to meet the matching grant requirements established by the foundation, resulting in their matching funds of \$5,000 being transferred into the scholarship, bringing the total contributions to

\$39,677. Without these funds we would have missed the deadline of Feb 2, 2002 and lost the matching grant.

This is a **wonderful opportunity for the less fortunate youth of our District** to participate in the Youth Exchange Program. The interest from these funds will provide scholarships of up to 50% of the international airfare to worthy youth who could not otherwise afford to apply and achieve their dreams.

It is a tribute to PDG Bart that he and Marge had the foresight and interest in youth to establish this Cookbook fund in our District, the interest from which was designated to the programs for youth. It was with Bart's support and agreement of a proposal by PDG Ward Vuillemot and DG Bruce

Frassinelli to transfer the funds to the foundation, and the affirmative vote of the District Rotarians assembled at the 2001 District Conference that this possibility became a reality.

It has been an honor to have worked with Bart in youth exchange over the past years. He and Marge were always supportive of the program and our District's "kids". Bart - and Marge, as you look down on us - a big "Thank You" for your interest in our YE Program and the youth of our District.

PDG Bart O'Brien's new address is: 1200 Jewel Drive, Apartment 210, Watertown, NY 13601





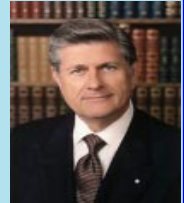
District 7150 Calendar of Events

January, 2002, Area Mid-Winter Meetings, Contact your Assistant District Governor

March 1-2, 2002, Multi-District PETS, Syracuse, Contact District Governor Bruce

April 6, 2002, Rotary Leadership Seminar, MVCC, Utica, Contact PDG Ward Vuillemot

President King extends relief appeal for Afghan refugees: "When a child is starving, NOW is the time food is needed. When the child is cold, NOW is the time blankets and warm clothes are needed. There is nothing we can do to make this season of the year more meaningful in our lives than to give NOW. Please ask your Rotary clubs and members of your district to join us today in this global humanitarian rescue. A tragic mix of drought, famine, war, and winter has resulted in an unfolding humanitarian disaster facing millions of displaced people of Afghanistan. I ask that contributions to this effort be sent by 31 January 2002. Mankind IS our business."



A Holiday Message from our Ambassadorial Scholar

Dear Bob and Robin, Thank you for the Christmas wishes. I just returned from California where I spent a very nice week. It was not traditional but I had no permission to leave the American continent to join my family, so I spent it with a couple of friends from SU.

We went to San Francisco, Santa Barbara and Big Sur. From all these my favorite was the last, with its beautiful coast line just by these immense mountains. I missed the grandiosity of the American nature. We also saw elephant sea

lions in great quantity, amazing sun sets, and did some hiking.

I enjoyed being back in the US. The time I lived there left me very good memories and a special love for this country and people. I still say that one day I should move to the US, even if just for a while.

I am graduating from Maxwell this month. However I do not think they do a ceremony in December, so I will not go to Syracuse for that. I believe the diploma is sent a year after the graduation date. It is very nice to have it behind. It was fun

while I was in SU. My final paper was approved!

I have extended leave and will do 15 months in Colombia, in place of 12. I thought it was best since time flies by here like never in my life and a year seemed too short to do all I wished to try to do here. As things look now I will be in Colombia until July.

Best wishes for 2002.

- Filipa Neto Marques,
D7150 Ambassadorial Scholar
Thanks to Chair Bob Batley for sharing this.

Technology Quiz & E-mail from Afar by Marlene B. Brown, Webmaster & ICO



1st, let's have fun with a Rotary Quiz. E-mail answers to marlene@technotouch.com and tell us where on our District website you found them.

➤ What are the four avenues of service?

➤ In 1959 young people in

Australia were selected to meet Princess Alexandra. This led to Rotarian training which was adopted as an official RI program in 1971. What is the program's official name?

➤ What do you have to do to become a Paul Harris Fellow?

2nd, I thought you'd enjoy this email I received: Dear member of Auburn Rotary Club. A Happy New Year. *I'm Hitoshi Wakatsuki Chisato's father.*

Long time no see. My family is OK. We never forget your kindness for us. Chisato is very hard work about study, volley ball and boyfriend. Some time she is speaking about Auburn memory. We hope peace and warm world. Best Regard from Japan

Hello. This is Chisato. How are you everyone? I hope that all of you are having wonderful new year days. I really want to thank for all you did for me last year. - Hitoshi Wakatsuki
(e-mail address is available).

New Council on Legislation Changes by DG Bruce Frassinelli

The purpose of the following is to assist Rotarians and their clubs **understand the changes** made in the types of Rotary club membership by the **2001 Council on Legislation**. The changes became effective July 1, 2001, and affect the Rotary International Constitution, Bylaws and the standard Rotary club constitution. This means that **every Rotary club should** examine its own constitution and bylaws to make the required changes.

While you are at it, **you may want to make other changes in your local club documents** to reflect significant changes over the years. For example, according to District Gov. Bruce, a number of District 7150 Rotary clubs still refer to all-male clubs, even though women have been valuable members of their clubs for more than a decade.

Prior to July 1, 2001, there were five types of membership: active, additional active, senior active, past service and honorary. Each had its own set of qualifications. Enactment 01-148, adopted by the 2001 Council on Legislation, reduced the types of membership in a Rotary club to two: active and honorary. As of July 1, 2001, additional active, senior active and past service members became "active" members.

This enactment also

amended provisions in the RI Constitution about how many Rotarians may have the same classification in one Rotary club. A club may now have five active members from a given classification, no matter the size of the club. However, if a club has more than 50 members, it may elect a person to active membership in a classification so long as it will not result in a classification with more than 10 percent of the club's active membership.

Irrespective of these changes, **each club shall have** a well-balanced membership in which no one business or profession dominates, and no one who is a member of a Rotary club as of July 1, 2001, shall lose membership by reason of the provisions of this enactment.

Here's what this means:

-- All additional active, past service and senior active members are now active members.

-- Each club shall have a well-balanced membership in which no one business or profession predominates.

-- If a club has 50 or fewer members, the club can have up to five active members in any single classification.

-- If a club has more than 50 members, the number of members holding a single classification should not be more than 10 percent of the club's active membership. Examples: A club with 43 members may have up to five members in a single classification. A club with 81 members

may have up to eight members in a single classification.

-- Members who are retired from their profession should not be included when counting the active members in any single classification.

-- An interim provision provides: "No one who is a member of a Rotary club as of July 1, 2001, shall lose membership by reason of the provisions of this enactment."

Here is what your club should do now:

-- Review the club membership list and adjust it to indicate that each member is either "active" or "honorary."

-- Review the membership of the club as a whole and plan a strategy to bring in additional new members from businesses and professions that are not represented in the club. Your club should strive to seek a balance of members that represent a cross-section of the community.

These changes can be found in the new 2001 Manual of Procedure sent to all Rotary clubs in the district, and on our website. They outline all of the changes of the 2001 Council on Legislation. The Membership change is reflected in the Constitution of Rotary International, Article V; in the RI Bylaws, Article IV, section 4.010 through 4.090; and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution, Articles V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X and XII.



GSE Team Selected to go to District 3820 by Chair Ray Allen

The District GSE Committee has selected the GSE Team Members to accompany ADG/DGN Rev. Jim Austin to **District 3820, The Philippines**. The team leaves Feb 2nd and returns March 5th, 2002. Team members are **Brooke Newell** from Hamilton, NY and **Robyn Wernham** from Pennellville, NY. Baldwinsville Rotary Club is sponsoring both Team Members. They are both active in the church life of their communities and are looking forward to seeing their profession as it is practiced in the Philippines.

Following is Team Leader Jim Austin's bio: "Being chosen as the leader of the GSE team to the Philippines has been one of many Rotary milestones this past year. I currently serve area 5 of District 7150 as the Assistant Governor and most recently have been nominated for District Governor to serve in 2004-2005. I have been president of the Tully club for two separate terms and am currently spearheading a new project that our club is working on with the Cortland noon club called Rotary Computers for Humanity.

I am an ordained American Baptist Pastor and have served both American Baptist and United Methodist congregations since 1985. Currently I serve the Delphi Falls United Church and am in my 11th year of ministry with this congregation.

I received my Bachelor of Science Degree from Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in computer management. I received my Master of Divinity from The Divinity School of Rochester. Beyond my pastoral responsibilities,

I currently teach Bible studies at two local nursing homes and am a volunteer chaplain at Upstate and Crouse-Irving-Memorial Hospitals.

My wife Joan and I have been married for 28 plus years and have two sons, Philip-23, and David-22. A little over a year ago we moved back into the house I grew up in and share our residence with a basset hound named Coco and a cat named Lightning.

Although I am the senior member of this team and the leader, I have the least overseas experience. I bring a strong Rotary presence to this GSE Team. I hope to learn first hand how Rotary is making a difference in some of our on going projects in the Philippine. I hope to bring back ideas and challenges for us to meet in the future. I am hoping that we can be true ambassadors for peace during a time when the world seems to be in conflict". - *Jim Austin, GSE Team Leader for D7150, DGND*

Following are our Team Member bios - Robyn is an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church. She is currently appointed to the Pennellville United Methodist Church in the North Central New York Conference. Robyn received her Bachelor's degree in mathematics and religion from Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA, and her Masters of Divinity from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, TX.

Robyn's interest in missions has taken her to Nepal twice. She has also traveled extensively in the United States and briefly in

Europe. This past summer she attended the World Methodist Conference in Brighton, England, and her bishop has nominated her to attend this year's World Methodist Evangelism Young Leaders Conference.

Her interests include horseback riding and doing logic puzzles. She is also an avid reader. Robyn is sponsored by the Baldwinsville Rotary Club. E: rwernham@aol.com

Brooke has been a United Methodist Pastor since 1991. She is pastor of the United Methodist church in Hamilton, New York. Brooke also serves as the editor of the local United Methodist newspaper. For several years, she taught courses including Women's Studies, Religion and World Literature at Elmira College in Elmira, NY. She has participated in mission trips to Mexico, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras.

Brooke's Bachelor of Arts degree is from the College of William in Mary in Virginia. She holds a Master of Arts degree in International Relations from the Claremont Graduate University in California and a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School in Connecticut with an internship in hospital chaplaincy.

Brooke volunteers as a literacy tutor at the local correctional facility and has been a member of the Southern Tier Women's Club in Big Flats, NY. Brooke shares her home with a dog and a cat. E-mail: bnewell@dreamscape.com.

View pictures and further information on our district website's GSE page.

Feinstein Fund & Gift of Vision: Two great Rotary Opportunities

For the fourth straight year, Rhode Island philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein is *offering \$1 million* this spring to non-profit, anti-hunger agencies throughout the United States. He will divide this \$1 million among all those agencies using his offer to help them raise funds from March 1 to April 30, 2002. Each agency will get that proportion of his \$1 million representing their proportion of the total raised and reported to him.

Those wishing to share in this program should simply relay the Feinstein offer to their donors, telling them that the more of a donation they make in response to the offer, from March 1 until April 30, the more of Feinstein's million that will be added to it. Many groups have indicated that using this in their mail and/or phone solicitations has increased donations substantially -- sometimes by even two- or three-fold. Only donations received from this offer should be reported -- no other donations can count, nor can grants, past pledges or gifts in kind -- only cash or checks received during that two-month window.

To participate in the Feinstein offer, agencies need only send a typed report giving the total amount of money they raised during the two-month period using this offer, the number of donors and a statement that those funds were raised only from the use of this offer, plus a copy of their federal tax-exemption (501c3) proof of affiliation with a tax-exempt organization, all mailed together in one envelope and post marked no later than Apr 30, 2002

The reports should be mailed to: Dist Gov. Bruce Frassinelli,

139 Arcadia Avenue, Oswego, NY 13126. These will then be sent to Lou Marciano, a Rotary Dist Gov from Cranston, R.I., who is coordinating the Rotary effort for Feinstein. Marciano will total the reporting agencies, choose the 10 districts that produce the highest number of participating agencies, then send them to Feinstein in early May to be included in his overall totals.

"To the 10 districts that obtain the most number of participating agencies, we would award \$1,000 each", Feinstein said. *If D7150 is one of the successful districts*, the \$1,000 will be apportioned among the clubs which provided the participating agencies. Checks will be mailed to qualifying organizations in mid-June.

Past Feinstein challenges, in which District 7150 has participated, have helped raise more than \$100 million. Feinstein is the founder of the Center for a Hunger-Free America at the University of Rhode Island and the Feinstein International Famine Center at Tufts University. Any club needing the Donor Report Form should contact Governor Bruce at brucep@aiusa.com or 342-4180.

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The launch of the Gift of Vision program in District 7150 has had a profound effect not only *on Neneyo Kamara-Taylor*, the teenager whom the program benefitted, but also on every one of our Rotarians who have met Nene, as we came to know her.

We are indebted to Jim Gascon of the Eastwood Rotary Club *and* Past District Gov. *Mike Occhipinti* for their invaluable help in getting this program started this Rotary year. By doing so, it fulfilled one of the district's major objectives --

``Major new districtwide initiative: The district will launch and support one major new initiative that

will have a significant impact on participating clubs, the district and the Rotary world.

The corneal transplant performed by Dr. Sylvia Norton in Syracuse has allowed Nene to have her sight back. Each day she has been growing stronger. At first shy and reticent, Nene gained self-confidence as she toured the participating Rotary clubs who gave funding to allow this program to go forward.

This program is just in its infancy, and *we are already planning on bringing a second child to the district from western Africa*. Beyond the piecemeal effort, however, we are looking, with Dr. Norton's help, to broaden the program with the establishment of a high-tech eye center in western Africa to do multiple corneal transplants.

In replying to my letter of thanks Dr. Norton confirms her dream, in which D7150 Rotarians can play a role:

Dear Gov. Frassinelli, I appreciated the opportunity to use my skills and talent for the betterment of a child, which betters mankind. When people come together unselfishly to aid the helpless, miracles do occur and certainly did in this case. My new hope is to learn how to obtain a large Rotary International Foundation grant to research and build a high tech eye center in West Africa, in Senegal, the only site of a department of ophthalmology. This region, where the facilities are undeveloped, and below standards, serves an area of 200 million people. The chairman of the university eye center, Dr. Wade, is a gentleman I helped previously by providing him with some modern eye training. I will continue to support your important mission, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Kind regards, Dr. Sylvia Norton

D 7150 Attendance & Membership Leaders for month of Nov. 2001

Club Name	as of 7/1/2001 per SARs	Nov.	Membership change from 7/01		Nov.	
	Members	Members	#	%	% Attendance	Mtgs
Adirondack Foothills	30	30	0	0%	43%	4
Auburn	25	30	5	20%	60%	4
Aurora	20	20	0	0%	58%	3
Baldwinsville	37	35	(2)	-5%	53%	4
Camden	20	20	0	0%	57%	3
Camillus	32	32	0	0%		
Canastota	22	26	4	18%	73%	3
Cato	19	21	2	11%	76%	3
Cazenovia	31	31	0	0%	68%	4
Chittenango	59	59	0	0%	73%	4
DeWitt	87	89	2	2%	77%	4
Dolgeville	16	19	3	19%		
Eastwood (Syracuse)	41	40	(1)	-2%	88%	5
Fayetteville-Manlius	27	29	2	7%		
Fulton	39	40	1	3%	66%	4
Fulton Sunrise	19	20	1	5%	76%	4
Greater Utica Sunrise	26	27	1	4%	71%	4
Hamilton	31	31	0	0%		
Herkimer	26	27	1	4%		
Kuyahora Valley	26	26	0	0%		
Little Falls	28	28	0	0%	70%	3
Liverpool	22	23	1	5%	51%	4
Marcellus	15	14	(1)	-7%	83%	4
Moravia	16	15	(1)	-6%	88%	4
Morrisville	22	20	(2)	-9%	75%	4
New Hartford	34	36	2	6%	65%	4
North Syracuse	5	7	2	40%	86%	4
North Utica	17	17	0	0%	57%	4
Oneida	83	86	3	4%	90%	4
Oneida Shores	15	18	3	20%	85%	4
Oriskany Falls	20	19	(1)	-5%	91%	3
Oriskany-Whitestown	27	29	2	7%	60%	4
Oswego	55	60	5	9%	80%	4
Rome	82	85	3	4%	75%	4
Sauquoit	29	30	1	3%	44%	3
Sherrill	14	12	(2)	-14%	77%	4
Skaneateles	55	55	0	0%	59%	4
Solvay-Geddes	20	18	(2)	-10%	83%	4
Syracuse	128	127	(1)	-1%	41%	5
Syracuse Sunrise	31	31	0	0%	66%	5
Tully	16	20	4	25%	81%	4
Utica	148	147	(1)	-1%	69%	4
Waterville	20	21	1	5%	84%	3
West Winfield	21	26	5	24%	75%	4
44 Clubs	1,556	1,596	40	----	61%	----

Leading District Clubs	
Nov.	
Attendance	%
Oriskany Falls	91%
Oneida	90%
Eastwood (Syracuse)	88%
Moravia	88%
North Syracuse	86%
Oneida Shores	85%
Waterville	84%
Marcellus	83%
Solvay-Geddes	83%
Tully	81%
Oswego	80%
Membership Total	Qty.
Utica	147
Syracuse	127
DeWitt	89
Oneida	86
Rome	85
Oswego	60
Chittenango	59
Skaneateles	55
Membership Gain	%
(Re: Previous 01-Jul SAR)	
North Syracuse	40%
Tully	25%
West Winfield	24%
Auburn	20%
Oneida Shores	20%
Dolgeville	19%
Canastota	18%
Cato	11%
Oswego	9%
Membership Gain	Qty.
(Re: Previous 01-Jul SAR)	
West Winfield	5
Auburn	5
Oswego	5
Tully	4
Canastota	4
Oneida Shores	3
Dolgeville	3
Rome	3
Oneida	3

Note:

- 1) A # symbol denotes no report by club.
- 2) Values within () are Negative.
- 3) Averages & Totals bordered by a # are estimates assuming no change for clubs with no report this month.

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 anitabrown@adelphia.net
 Attendance reporting form:
www.rotarydistrict7150.org/reports.html



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