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District 7150
Governor's Newsletter

Rev. Jim Austin, District Governor August 2004

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From the Desk of DG Jim...

You just haven't lived until you make your official visits to clubs accompanied by an 80-pound Basset Hound. I will never forget that picture of him looking up with a smile on his face as he stood in water chest deep at the Colgate University Campus. I could tell that he was saying "And now you have to let me back into the car like this." A word to the wise to any future DGs, "Bring o change of clothes if you travel with your dog. Why do you think Colombo wore a battered rain coat?

With only a few clubs left to visit I continue to find the diversity in this district wonderful. The one constant has been the hospitality given to Joanie, other members of my club and myself. To most of the clubs I have given out two challenges, but for some my message didn't include these challenges so here is a recap of the two challenges for all clubs.
1) Send me an article in the paper that uses the following headline; "Team Rotary of (your club name) celebrates 100 years of service by….." If you send me an article with that headline the next visit I make to your club will be at an event of your choosing and I will bring with me a special certificate for your club.
2) "Pay it Forward" Rent the movie "Pay it Forward" if you haven't already seen it and you begin to change the world using the plan of that 7th grader in the movie. Basic points of "Pay it Forward" are:
a. Find three people and find a plan to help improve or change their lives.
b. When you are asked how you can be repaid for what you have done say, "Don't pay me pay it forward"
c. They should follow that same plan and are not to tell others where the idea originated

.Elsewhere in this edition of Credo there is an article about the combined Foundation/Membership seminar. I would encourage every club to send at least one representative to both of these seminars. We have some incredible speakers and leaders coming in for them and your club members who attend will come away enthusiastic and better informed.

I see this year as the best year to plant new clubs in our district. Not only will it be the only chance for clubs to add Centennial to their club name but also we have many areas in our district that are prime target markets for either Sunrise or Happy Hour clubs. If you see me show up to one of your meetings between October and December with Judy Young (district extension chair) you have been chosen as a prime area for planting a new club. Many clubs are resistant to a new club forming in their community but it has proven over and over that a new club won't detract but enhance a current club's membership.

The District Conference is just around the corner and any club in attendance will have an opportunity to get a special Centennial Award for your club's permanent display. This conference is your conference and has been designed around the ideas, and feedback we have heard from previous conferences and evaluations. Here are three examples of how we have adjusted to make it your conference. 1) Originally we had our eyes set on

are three examples of how we have adjusted to make it your conference. 1) Originally we had our eyes set on a Spring conference but you, the district, were concerned about two conferences along with the International conference in Chicago all the same year; so we hustled around to bring you a quality conference this fall. 2) When we moved to fall at that late a date the only date available was unfortunately Yom Kipper. In sensitivity for our Jewish Rotarians and to honor this special religious Holy Time, we moved from the traditional Friday-Sunday venue to a Saturday evening through Monday venue. We will not begin the official conference until after Sundown on Saturday and have information about Jewish Temples in the Harrisburg area. 3) There will be no marathon sessions, which require Rotarians to sit for hours listening to speeches. There is no plenary or other session that lasts longer than 2 ½ hours. We only have only one primary speaker scheduled at each session. The only processional we will have is the always-special Youth Exchange procession of nations and flags.

If you haven't registered please reconsider and come your conference, the only Centennial Conference our district will have in our lifetime.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as Governor in this special year and I look forward to a great year to Celebrate Rotary.
By the way for all of you that have attempted to reach me by my cell phone over the past couple of weeks, I lost my phone during my visits and had to suspend it until I could either find my phone or get a replacement. By the time you get this email I should be back in business with my cell number.

You can now view my DG site at the following web page:
http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/2004-05Team.htm
See you at Harrisburg. Top

Eradicate Polio Report

NOTICE TO ALL CLUB LEADERSHIPS. *Note from Ed Paparella, PDG - District Polio Eradication Campaign Chairman:*..please review the most recent District & Club Summary in this Credo issue to ensure your Club is on track in achieving the Polio Eradication Goal established. Please direct any questions or concerns you may have to me by e-mail bepapa@adelphia.net or phone 736-6611. Once again, allow me to extend my very sincere "thank you" to all the Clubs in our District as well as all the Club Members for your outstanding support in this World Wide Polio Eradication Campaign. We are getting very close to our $330,000 District Commitment but will need a last dedicated effort to ensure all Clubs meet or exceed their goals. Lets "Fulfill Our Promise to Eradicate Polio in the World" together. Top

Club Notes:

Sherrill Rotary Club

To kick off the Sherrill Rotary Club's 50th Anniversary, we are having an **After-Hours Fellowship** month throughout the month of

Skaneateles Sunrise Rotary Club:

SSRC Golf Outing; fundraiser to benefit SSRC

For more information, please contact Colleen Bennett, Sherrill Rotary Club President at (315) 363-4418 or keysprogram@aol.com! We hope to see you there!

Make A Difference Day
October 23, 2004

Every year, millions of Americans undertake a single-day project to help their communities and the people living in those communities. Rotarians in District 7150 have been participating in **Make A Difference Day** for the past three years, and each year they have done roadside clean-ups, planted trees, helped low-income home-owners, worked on Habitat for Humanity houses and have done hundreds of other badly needed projects for their communities and their residents. District Governor Jim Austin is asking all clubs to undertake a project to help people in their respective communities on **Saturday, October 23.** The idea is to have as much participation as possible in a project that takes a few hours on that specific day or on that weekend. If you need ideas, go to the **National Make A Difference Day** web site (makeadifferenceday.com). When you've come up with an idea, send it to Past District Governor Bruce Frassinelli, who is serving as district Make A difference Chair for the fourth time, at brucep@aiusa.com. ``We will submit all of our activities as one entry," PDG Bruce explained. ``Our district's efforts have been cited by USA Weekend, the sponsor of **Make A Difference Day**, for two of the last three years," he added. If your club will not be participating, you can participate as an individual by doing your own project or by joining with a club that has a project. A list of all club projects will be posted in mid-October. When the project is completed, please let PDG Bruce me know how many Rotarians participated and any other relevant information about the project. If you take photos of the event, please send them to: Bruce Frassinelli, 139 Arcadia Avenue, Oswego, NY 13126 or to the above e-mail address. The best will be submitted with the district's entry to USA Weekend, and others will be posted to the district website. If you have questions, please call me at 342-4180.
Thanks for celebrating Rotary and making a difference.
Yours in Rotary Service, Bruce Frassinelli Top

President Glenn Estess looking forward to his visit with us

DGxs and Centennial Presidents. We are finishing up the agenda this coming week and sending it to Rotary International for their approval.

Foundation and Membership Seminar

September 11, 2004 is the date for the combination Rotary Foundation and Membership Seminar. Please pre-register if possible by FAXing your information to (315) 843-5155 or E-Mailing to: MMiersSR@aol.com or Mailing your registration to : Mr. Michael J. Miers Sr. PO Box 154 Knoxboro, New York 13362. **The cost is $18.00 per person if registered before Sept. 6th. After that the price is $ 20.00 each.**

All Club Goal Forms should have been into the Governor's possession by May 4th. We still have several clubs who have not filed this important document with the Governor. RI has allowed each club the opportunity to set their own goals this year. This information was presented at the PETS meetings and each President Elect was aware that they were responsible for completing this document. **Please make sure your "Club Goal Form" has been completed and submitted to the Governor before Sept. 11th.**
Thank you to everyone for what you do in the name of Rotary Service -
Michael J. Miers Sr, .District 7150 Rotary Foundation Chairman 2004 - 2005 Top

'04-'05 Ambassadorial Scholar leaving

The District 7150 Ambassadorial Scholar is leaving in Mid September for his year of study abroad. He is **JASON HOPKINS** from Canastota and sponsored by the Canastota Club. He will be attending the University of Suffolk, England. He will major in European Union studies.

His scholarship is funded by the contributions of the District clubs to the Rotary Foundation 3 years ago and is part of the District Designated Fund which includes 50% of what the district contribution was at the time.

Jason is a graduate of Cornell University Class of '02. He also attended the University of Paris (Sorbonne). He attended Utica College in 2000.

We wish him well. Top

Anand Balachandran - District Conference Keynote speaker from WHO in Geneva, Switzerland

Mr. Balachandran is based at WHO-HQ in Geneva, Switzerland and holds the position of "Interagency Coordinator" of the Polio Advocacy Group (PAG) - a unique public-private partnership between the WHO, Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and UNICEF. He is responsible for developing and coordinating global political advocacy strategies and resource mobilization efforts of all the partners to ensure that there is strong global political commitment and that necessary financial resources are raised to rid the world of polio once and for all. He works closely with the senior staff from all the partner agencies, including Rotary International, throughout the world. The Polio Advocacy Group has jointly raised more than $500 million in the last two years for global polio eradication activities, and has been instrumental in ensuring that key political groups like the G8, the African Union, the European Union, and the Organization of the Islamic Conference have all strongly supported polio eradication and placed it high on their agenda.

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Prior to joining the UN, Mr. Balachandran was a Director at Conflict Management Group, an international non-profit organization associated with Harvard Law School that provided strategy and training for international negotiations and conflict resolution. He also has significant work experience in the field of hunger relief.

Mr. Balachandran is a citizen of India and holds graduate degrees in International Law & Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts/Harvard University program, and in Sociology from Georgia State University.

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LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!

District Conference Sept 25-27th Harrisburg/Hershey (Lancaster, Pa)
August 31st is the cutoff for guaranteed room availability and price.
After this date, it is uncertain how many rooms will be available.
Your Conference Registration Committee will do its utmost best to get you signed up, and your room booked. Please do your part and call or email Eleanor Preston at: eleanor@dreamscape.com
Ph. 1-315-696-5973 (home) or 1-315-696-4681 (TAHS) Or just go online to the District Web site http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/ and Click on: Conf. 04 See you at the Conference !

Rotary Birthday Party promising to be a memorable event

Although it seems a long way off, the Birthday Party for Rotary on February 23rd will be an event our district will long remember. We have secured a theatrical group that has written a special humorous performance on the History of Rotary. We also have a Russian Vocalist and pianist scheduled to perform at this event. We are hoping for a lot of local talent, including this year's exchange students. If you have ideas on how we could Celebrate the Birthday of Rotary, please send me your suggestions. We are looking for a good dance band for this event also, so if you have any ideas on who may be available for that slot let me know about that as well. If you have learned about my style by now, when you come up with an idea, I will give you the opportunity to run with it and will trust you to make it happen. We will give the On Center a party they won't forget in February and you will make the event a success.

GSE down to the wire...

Well we have heard from the Peru GSE team and they are, hopefully, going to get here just in time for the District Conference. The good news is they should still be here for President Glen's visit on October 27th. We have a firm date and the GSE committee has met to work out a new schedule.
We have a great group of candidates for GSE Team leader and will be able to announce prior to the conference who will lead our team to Peru Next may.
Now it is your turn to find some good members to accompany that team. You can download the form at the following site:
http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/161en.pdf

Bike Ride for Rotary needs a volunteer

Chuck Roach (Rotary Club of St. Paul) has been biking across the country as his way to celebrate Rotary for this centennial year. He had a little health problem a couple of weeks ago but is back in action and needs someone to drive their van from September 1-7 as they wind their way through our district. They have the vehicle but they need some of us to drive. If you can take your turn behind the wheel let me know ASAP and we will schedule you in. I will have the schedule later this month so the members in our district will know if and when he is passing through your area.

The district directory is available in Acrobat, bookmarked format on the district directory. It is located on DG Jim's 2004-05 Team page at URL:http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/2004-05Team.htm
Simply click on the 2004-05 District Directory (pdf) link and download.

Help needed in Bangladesh:

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
It gives us immense pain to note that we have become victims of flood most of the country is under water. We started relief work through our club within our limited means, which is very meagre.
It would be very helpful and a matter of great pleasure if we would get extended hands which would help us rendering assistance to flood victims by supplying Cook food, Bread, any Dry food, safe Drinking water, Cooking fuel, Tents, Matches, Candles, Water purifying tablets, Medicines and others possible.
With the hope of sympathetic consideration from your kind end. We close it here.
Wishing your golden moment's full happiness and safety.
Yours-in-Rotary
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President of RC Bakergonj

To My Dear Rotary Team,

As I have toured almost 2/3 of the district on my official visits I have felt very welcomed and encouraged by the heart of Rotarians from Dolgeville to Aurora; Oswego to Tully; and all places in between. We truly have all the ingredients it takes to make our District a TEAM that can exemplify all that Rotary is meant to be and can do in our Family, which President Glenn has identified as the world.

Family is the first message of my greeting:
The family of Rotary is a team that celebrates together and works together. We are a team that laughs together and struggles together. Think of the District conference as the place you can get together with your extended family to share some great meals, share joys and find support for getting past your hurdles. Many of the events at this year's conference are designed around families. We will have a chance to hear from some of our old family members like Polio and see what is being done around the world to defeat this menacing disease. We will find out how a young adult program in our district is doing with a presentation of the Gift of Vision. We will hear from those special youth that have returned from the most amazing year of their life in another country and see the new members of our family that are here for this year's exchange program.

TEAM Rotary is what the Conference is all about:
We are attempting to make this a true District Conference. We have clubs from all over the district bringing there gifts to the table and have adjusted our format, time schedule, emphasis and activities based on what you, our team members have indicated would make a successful conference for you. How can you enjoy playing on the TEAM if you stay home as a couch potato or remain on the sidelines not sure if the game is even worth getting in. You will be able to visit with both incoming and some of our outgoing GSE teams to Peru. You will be able to team up on a golf outing or to work on simplified grant projects. You will see how TEAM Rotary is celebrated around our district and what incredible Centennial Projects have been accomplished.

Celebrate Rotary is what we want to accomplish:
I have found it virtually impossible to have a celebration without going to where the celebration was being held. Yes, us Baptist ministers know how to celebrate as well as anyone. This is the only opportunity in any of our lifetimes that we will celebrate 100 years of service. There will be awards given out to those clubs that attend and every club will get a chance to share their celebrations with the rest of the district. I know many of you are saving up for that trip to Chicago next summer and I applaud you for that. But those in this district are probably the ones you have been working with since you joined Rotary. They are the ones you will share the memories with in the years to come. When you look back and explain to a new member that was attracted by the Centennial Celebrations of Rotary, what stories will you have about the way you celebrated the 100th birthday of Rotary. The District Conference will provide joy for the weekend but memories for a lifetime. Many seeds that will grow into TEAM rotary will be planted and begin to grow at this year's conference.
I look forward to seeing you in Harrisburg DG Jim

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District 7150 Attendance and Membership Form for July, 2004

Club	SAR Baseline	Total	New	Terminated	Membership change from July04		July	Leading District Clubs	
Name	7/1/2004	Jul.Membership			#	%	% Attendce	Attendance	%
Adirondack Foothills	31	32	1	0	1	3%	59%	Rotary eClub NY1	100%
Auburn	29	20	0	0	-	-	57%	Clay,Cicero,N Syracuse	95%
Aurora	13	13	0	0	0	0%	57%	Eastwood (Syracuse)	92%
Baldwinsville	34	31	1	3	-	-	82%	Moravia	89%
Camden	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oswego Sunrise	86%
Camillus	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oneida Shores	85%
Canastota	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oriskany Falls	85%

Cato	18	18	0	0	0	0%	72%	-	-
Cazenovia	28	28	0	0	0	0%	80%	-	-
Chittenango	51	51	0	0	0	0%	77%	-	-
Clay,Cicero,N Syracuse	5	5	0	0	0	0%	95%	Most New Members	#
DeWitt	91	90	0	2	(1)	-1%	73%	Rome	5
Dolgeville	13	13	0	0	0	0%	74%	Baldwinsville	1
Eastwood (Syracuse)	37	38	0	0	1	3%	92%	Utica	1
Fayetteville-Manlius	23	22	0	0	(1)	-4%	39%	Syracuse Inner City	1
Fulton	35	37	0	0	2	6%	64%	Adirondack Foothills	1
Fulton Sunrise	16	16	0	0	0	0%	70%	New Hartford	1
Greater Utica Sunrise	30	27	0	0	-	-	65%	Syracuse	1
Hamilton	40	40	0	2	0	0%	79%	-	-
Herkimer	26	27	0	2	-	-	70%	-	-
Kuyahoora Valley	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	Membership Net Gain	#
Little Falls	23	23	0	0	0	0%	67%	Rome	5
Liverpool	17	6	0	0	-	-	62%	Fulton	2
Marcellus	17	17	0	0	0	0%	62%	North Utica	2
Moravia	17	16	0	1	-	-	89%	Adirondack Foothills	1
Morrisville	23	19	0	1	-	-	44%	Syracuse	1
New Hartford	37	37	1	1	0	0%	58%	Eastwood (Syracuse)	1
North Utica	17	19	0	0	2	12%	63%	Syracuse Inner City	1
Oneida	88	87	0	0	(1)	-1%	69%	-	-
Oneida Shores	17	17	0	0	0	0%	85%	-	-
Oriskany Falls	22	22	0	0	0	0%	85%	Membership Net Gain	%
Oriskany-Whitestown	21	21	0	0	-	-	40%	North Utica	12%
Oswego	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	Fulton	6%
Oswego Sunrise	21	21	0	0	-	-	86%	Rome	5%
Rome	95	100	5	0	5	5%	73%	Adirondack Foothills	3%
Rotary eClub NY1	9	9	0	0	0	0%	100%	Eastwood (Syracuse)	3%
Sauquoit	21	21	0	0	0	0%	61%	Syracuse Inner City	3%
Sherrill	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	Syracuse	1%
Skaneateles	52	52	0	2	0	0%	59%	-	-
Skaneateles Sunrise	25	24	0	1	(1)	-4%	62%	Total Membership	#
Solvay-Geddes	23	23	0	0	-	-	80%	Utica	151
Syracuse	103	104	1	0	1	1%	34%	Syracuse	104
Syracuse Inner City	29	30	1	1	1	3%	60%	Rome	100
Syracuse Sunrise	32	33	0	0	-	-	73%	DeWitt	90
Tully	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	Oneida	87
Utica	154	151	1	4	(3)	-2%	66%	Skaneateles	52
Waterville	22	22	0	0	0	0%	76%	Chittenango	51
West Winfield	23	23	0	0	-	-	51%	-	-
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All Inclusive Packages - September 25-27, 2003

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY - $525.00 Per Couple Includes (2) Nights Accommodations (4) Hors d oeuves Receptions (4) Dinner Banquets (4) Buffet Breakfasts, All Service Charges and Taxes.
SINGLE OCCUPANCY - $360.00 Per Person Includes (2) Nights Accommodations, (2) Hors d oeuves Receptios (2) Dinner Banquets (2 Buffet Breakfasts, All Service Charges and Taxes.
TWO PERSONS SHARING ROOM - $262.50 Per Person Includes (2) Nights Accommodations, (2) Hors d oeuves Receptions (2) Dinner Banquets (2) Buffet Breakfasts, All Service Charges and Taxes per person.

FRIDAY - September 24 - Early Arrival - $95.70 Room Charge Sight N Sound Theater and Amish Buffet - $66.00 per person **Must sign up by August 31** email Eleanor Preston to signup

Bed Preferences -Double -Two-Singles -No-Preference
Conference Banquet Selections-September 25
New York Strip Steak Poached Salmon Fillet Vegetarian Plate (Sunday night, September 26 will be an International Buffet)

House of Friendship will feature club histories and Centennial Projects. DISPLAY YOUR PRIDE Cheryl Fickeisen has requested each Rotary Club president designate a person(s) to put together a display of their club history and their Centennial project for the House of Friendship. The conference committee will hold some of the refreshment breaks in the House of Friendship room to give conference attendees time to look at the displays. Presidents if you haven't designated that person(s) yet, please do right away. Contact Cheryl

Clubs are also reminded to bring or send a Door Prize gift in the value of $25 range.

The Conference website details the various activities, events and all the details of the Conference including Tours for spouses and guests, golf, Friday Night Entertainment, The exciting Sock Hop and Dance Contest on Saturday, hotel details and registration to the conference, Hotel and special events. Please take time to review the site. Just go online to the District Web site http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/ and Click on: Conf. 04

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