

District 7150 Rotarians that want to celebrate 100 years of Rotary without going to Chicago now have an outstanding opportunity to do just that. District Rotarians and their guest are invited to celebrate 100 years of Rotary on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Beeches in Rome. Former RI President Bhichai Rattakul, 2002-2003 and friend of District 7150 will be the featured speaker.

### District 7150 Celebrating 100 Years of Rotary

85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rome Rotary

June 15, 2005

Beeches Restaurant, Rome, NY

Dinner 6:30PM

Cash Bar starting at 5:30PM

\$30.00 Per Person

To include hors d'ouves during cocktail hour, tossed salad, chicken with artichokes dinner and dessert.



*Bhichai Rattakul, RI [President 2002-2003](#) addressing over 600 Rotarians in D7150*

RI President Bhichai Rattakul took office on 1 July 2002 with a call to Rotarians to grow the organization through a renewed commitment to the four Avenues of Service — especially vocational service — and a return to the grassroots values that will empower clubs "to chart their own course, set their own goals, and fulfill their own dreams."

Rattakul is the Thailand Goodwill Representative for International Cooperation. He was a member of the Thai parliament from 1969 until he retired in November 2000 so he could become Rotary International President. During those years, he served as leader of the Democratic Party, Foreign Minister, Deputy Prime Minister, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and President of the Parliament. He also served on several commissions, vice chairman of the National Security Council and chairman of the Counter Corruption Commission and the Narcotics Control Board and honorary vice-president of the Thai Scout Council. An accomplished diplomat, he has been awarded the highest decorations by King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, the emperor of Japan, and the presidents of the Philippines, Korea, Austria, and Nicaragua.

A charter member of the Rotary Club of Dhonburi, Bangkok, Thailand, since 1958, Rattakul has served RI as district governor, international assembly group discussion leader, member and chairman of numerous committees, trustee of the Rotary Foundation, director, and chairman of the Executive Committee of Rotary International. He is the recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award and Citation for Meritorious Service for his support of its international humanitarian and educational programs. Before entering government, he was president of the Thai Pharmaceuticals Manufacturing Association and

**Director of the Thai Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Thai Industries. He has led many Thai delegations to the United Nations General Assembly.**

**Bhichai as been appointed to head up the Rotary Tsunami relief effort in Thailand**

**During President Bhichai's visit to District 7150 in November of 2002, the Polio Eradication Chairman and PDG, Ed Paparella and then District Governor Don Reese presented President Rattakul with a pledge in the form of a check for the District's Polio Eradication goal. It is the goal of the Polio Eradication committee to present a certificate paid in full during President Rattakul's visit in June. At present our District is short of its goal. All clubs urged review their pledge and the amounts collected to date and make every effort to meet their goal.**



**RI President Bhaichi Rattukal accepts a check from District 7150 Polio Eradication Chairman and PDG Ed Paparella and District Governor Don Reese on the right, for three hundred, twenty thousand, two hundred and twenty-five dollars as the District's pledge to Polio eradication. Additionally Dave Kobernuss, of the Rotary Club of Rome, NY presents an additional seven hundred and thirty-three dollars raised during the November 12th Rome Rotary meeting with district Rotarians in attendance.**

**The Rome Club is going to publish a commemorative booklet celebrating District 7150 highlights during the 100years of Rotary. Rotarian, Pattie Saunders of the Rome Club is the Chairman of this project and will be contacting each club. We will be asking for a one-page bio of your club's highlights or what your club feels is appropriate for insertion and \$100 dollars to offset the cost of production. A copy of the booklet will be given to each attendee.**

**Additionally, prior to dinner President Rattakul will be presenting Paul Harris Fellowship Awards. We ask that the clubs contact Carol Anthony of the Chittenango Clubs who is coordinating the presentations.**

**There will be a special performance by Juliane Wentzkat-Price and Stephen Price opera stars that have performed in Europe and New York City.**

**For tickets, we ask that each club appoint a representative to coordinate tickets sales and distribution within your club and we ask that that Rotarian contact Don Reese (794-8085), Utica Club, Carol Anthony (office 687-9399, home 687-7411), Chittenango Club or Dave Kobernuss (336-2808) of Rome for tickets. We are limiting distribution of tickets to one person in each club for obvious reasons. No one will be admitted without a ticket. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets must be bought in advance.**