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Rotary International

February, 1999

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



THANK YOU ROTARIANS AND FAMILIES FOR ALL YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

We now have approximately 120 days left in this Rotary Year. It's time to take a long hard look at your Clubs Goals & Objectives and progress to date. RI President Jim Lacy asked that we be "Dreamers and Risk Takers" as we march closer to the New Millenium. Each Club has the talent and resources to achieve all the Goals & Objectives identified at the start of this year.

If you need an incentive to produce that burst of lasting energy to make things happen, just remember the disaster devastations, the cries from the hungry and homeless, the children, the adults, and the physically and emotionally challenged who are reaching out to us for help that only we can provide. We are in the final chapter of our legacy – let's leave a mark that we can be proud of and will be long remembered.



PRESIDENTIAL CITATION FORM DUE

It's that time of the Rotary year for Clubs to pull out the Presidential Citation form, complete the information as required and return to DG Ed by 4/1/99. The deadline of 4/1/99 will give DG Ed time to

be sure all Clubs respond. In my official visits last summer, I also encouraged Clubs to schedule the Presidential Citation Ceremony as a joint meeting with the other Clubs in our District "Area" Club configuration. I am hopeful we will again have all the Clubs achieve Presidential Citation recognition. There are only about 15 Districts in the world that have 100% of the Clubs in their District achieving this prestigious honor. Please ensure your Club meets the above deadline date.

48 YEARS PERFECT ATTENDANCE

On February 11th, at a Valentine Celebration at the Sherwood Inn, **ROY KUHNS**, of the Skaneateles Rotary Club, was recognized by DG Ed for having 48+ years perfect attendance. Several members from the Marcellus Rotary Club and Partners/Friends joined in the festivities. Governor Ed commended Roy for his 53 years in Rotary (since 1946) and his untiring passion to serve Rotary with Enthusiasm and unwavering commitment. In Roy's words "Serving others is the greatest joy a person can achieve". Roy's wife, Boots, was also recognized for giving up Roy to over 2650 weekly Rotary meetings and projects. A milestone only a few will see in a lifetime. RI President, Jim Lacy and all District Rotarians extend a very sincere congratulations and best wishes to both Roy and Boots for setting the Rotary



Be Sure to Check Out the Award Winning Rotary District 7150

WEB SITES:

www.rotarydistrict7150.org
www.rotaryyouthexchange.org

RECYCLE THIS ISSUE

Pass to Another Member



From the District Fairness Committee:

INVOCATIONS

FROM "THE ROTARIAN" (The Rotary Club Invocator)

There is nothing that seems so personal as a prayer to God and when giving an invocation for a group an adjustment is sometimes necessary and appropriate. In that case, the invocator is the spokesperson for the assemblage - and to be truly representative, the thoughts expressed must respect the sensibilities of the entire group. The thoughtfulness and prayerful quality of the invocation should not and will not be diminished; in fact, the meaningfulness and import will be enhanced because all join in with full hearts.

Even in Rotary an invocator occasionally forgets and ends an otherwise fine prayer in Christian terms, thereby unintentionally making the invocation sectarian and not representative of all club members and visiting Rotarians. Let each of us when called upon to give a club invocation, do so in a manner faithful to our God, but simultaneously tolerant and respectful of the religious beliefs of all.

FROM "CHRISTIANS & OTHER RELIGIONS IN JOINT WORSHIP: Principles and Guidelines"

PRAYERS:

The purpose of an invocation is to represent the entire assembly before God. It is therefore inappropriate to exclude some of the assembly by offering prayers which are exclusively from a particular religious tradition.

Prayers should be addressed to God along - and should not be in the name of Jesus or the Trinity. Forms of address such as God, Almighty, Ruler of the Universe, Eternal Creator, Source of our Being are appropriate. Again, the language of prayer should include all present - Christians, Jews, Moslem and others - male and female.

SAMPLE PRAYER

If you ask a Club that produces a Newsletter or Bulletin, as it is sometimes called, and a Club that does not produce a Newsletter/Bulletin, "Why take the time", you receive responses such as these:

From the Club with a Newsletter/Bulletin you would hear "It's a communication vehicle to remind and inform our Members"....."A means to communicate with the District Governor and other District Leadership""Creates Club activity memorabilia to share with future Members" ... "Reminds Members to attend meetings" "New Members are able to use as a resource for Rotary information and knowledge" .. "Breaking News at the Club and District level is communicated" .. "Upcoming program list encourages attendance" . "Project outcome and success is shared with Club Members and District" . "Members enjoy reading about themselves" . "A good Public Relations piece for new Rotary prospects" . "Those Members unable to attend a meeting are given a meeting summary" .

From the Club that does not produce a Newsletter/Bulletin, you would hear "It's an expense to the Club" .. "No one wants the responsibility" "All the information is communicated by the President verbally".

Rotary International is asking the Clubs that do not produce a Newsletter/Bulletin to revisit a discussion on this subject. Based on the feedback, the positives listed above certainly out weigh the few reasons not to produce a Newsletter/Bulletin. The District communication link is the Club Newsletter/Bulletin, our strength is diminished if a link is missing.

If your Club would like some ideas in how to make this process easy, simple and inexpensive, contact DG Ed.

DISTRICT PROJECT BENEFICIARIES



At the Mid-Year Meeting, DG Ed shared the list (not all inclusive) of those groups/agencies/others that have received support from Clubs in our District. They are:

- FOOD BANKS, PANTRIES AND CUPBOARDS
- SOUP KITCHENS
- HEART, LUNG, DIABETES ASSOCIATIONS
- CANCER SOCIETY
- ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM
- LITTLE LEAGUE / YOUTH SOCCER
- MENTORING AND TUTORING PROGRAMS
- BOY SCOUTS / GIRL SCOUTS
- SALVATION ARMY
- VARIED "HOLIDAY BASKETS" – RELIGIOUS GROUPS
- A BETTER CHANCE PROGRAM
- PUBLIC BROADCASTING FUND RAISING
- ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAMS
- RAMPS CONSTRUCTED AT RESIDENCES
- CROP WALK
- MEALS ON WHEELS
- VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS
- COMMUNITY LIBRARIES
- VISITS TO NURSING HOMES – SONG & CHEER
- CHILD CARE CENTERS
- TOYS FOR TOTS
- SAMARITAN CENTERS
- ROSES FOR THE LIVING
- RONALD MC DONALD HOUSE
- STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
- RESCUE MISSIONS
- THE LEARNING PLACE
- OPERATION SUNSHINE
- ACTIVITIES FOR THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY CHALLENGED
- CAMPS - GOOD WILL AND GOOD DAYS
- CHILD ID PROGRAMS
- DARE
- PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION

And the list continues.....

If someone is to ask you "What are the District 7150 Clubs doing in the communities we serve", pull out this list and with a joy filled, proud smile, share this list with them. We are making a significant difference in our communities one project, one event, one person at a time. Rotarians, feel good about all we do District wide.

Our Award Winning Web Sites Update

by Marlene B. Brown



Designing a Web site is only the beginning. Maintaining the site, and keeping it current is what makes it of value to viewers. We update information on our Rotary Web sites -- both the District site and the YE site -- on an almost daily basis.

As the cyberspace shuttle carries us forward to the new millennium, we're still moving forward with the technology dream DG Ed envisioned last June. We're able to serve our Rotary membership and connect them worldwide via the only meeting place that's available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We thought you might be interested in knowing how many hits and users our sites receive, i.e. where are our visitors coming from, and what pages on our sites are they accessing. Here's what our web trend tracker shows us for the month of January.

First let's define the terms. A user is defined as a different person accessing the web site. That person may view 10 or more pages during their visit. Each view of a separate page is called a hit. Thus the number of hits usually outnumbers the number of individual users.

In January, our Rotary District 7150 web site (www.rotarydistrict7150.org) averaged 1669 hits -- DAILY, from 69 users -- DAILY. The top 10 pages accessed and viewed were (in the following order): the front page (index), Breaking News, District Clubs, the Links page, ROTI, DG Ed's page, CanCon99, FunStuff, District Calendar, District Directory, and Herb's page.

Besides our US viewers, the following countries visited our District site in January: Australia, Sweden, Belgium, the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Brazil, Malaysia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Argentina, Indonesia, Italy, Switzerland, Norway, Turkey, Bulgaria, Austria, and Taiwan.

People found our sites in a variety of ways, including: our weekly Rotary E-mails, and the following search engines: Yahoo, AltaVista, Netscape, MSN, HotBot, Excite, Lycos, WebCrawler, GoTo, GeoCities, plus other Rotary web sites around the world we're cross-linked to.

In January, our Rotary Youth Exchange site (www.rotaryyouthexchange.org) averaged 1771 hits -- DAILY, from 67 users -- DAILY. The top 10 pages accessed and viewed were (in the following order): the front page (index), Latest News, Inbounds, Outbounds, Message Board, Australia's page, the requirements page, Argentina's page, the Application, Fun News.

Besides our US viewers, the following countries visited our YE site in January: Australia, Canada, Mexico, Netherlands, Japan, Argentina, Finland, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, New Zealand, Italy, Poland, Brazil, Croatia, Romania, and Taiwan.

People found our YE site in a variety of ways, including: our weekly Rotary E-mails, and the following search engines: Yahoo, MSN, Netfind, HotBot, AltaVista, Netscape, plus other Rotary web sites around the world we're cross-linked to.

How can you help us continue our exciting Rotary web site growth? Send us information or news about your Rotary Club or Committee, either via E-mailing us at marlene@techartouch.com, or mailing it to Marlene Brown, Marmel Consulting, 53 White Street, Clark Mills, NY 13321-0083. If you have further questions, or you're not yet on E-mail, you can call Marlene at 315-853-1318

View and enjoy the many wonderful comments on the Message Boards and Guestbooks of both sites, put there by people both locally and globally - then add your own comments. Take part in the monthly Rotary contests, and send us information and ideas on how we can improve the sites. Help us to continue to make both sites of value to all who view them as we Follow Our Rotary Technology Dream.

NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE DAY

Rotary International has been requested by Youth Service America to consider programs in April to celebrate the contributions young people make to their communities. The 11th Annual National Youth Service Day will take place April 16 & 17, 1999.

Each Rotary Club is being asked to undertake events on these days, or during the month of April, commemorating Youth Service – whether recognizing outstanding young people, organizing a Youth Service Project or holding a celebratory party.

Let's show our support in District 7150 with creative Dreaming in organizing an activity in honoring or involving

HONDURAS REBUILDING A SLOW PROCESS

The devastation to Honduras, caused by Hurricane Mitch, will take months, and in some areas years, before reconstruction is completed. Please keep in mind our District Honduras Relief initiative involving matching grants from the Rotary Foundation when \$1,000 is donated to be used for low cost housing. Paul Harris credit is also available. Contact DG Ed if you have any questions.

SKANEATELES ENCOURAGES GIVING

To encourage all new and current members of the Skaneateles Rotary Club to strive towards a Paul Harris Fellowship, the board of directors recently established a limited matching grant program to enroll club members as sustaining Paul Harris Fellows.

To reach this goal, our club will match up to \$200.00, dollar for dollar, any contribution made by any new or current Skaneateles Club Rotarians. Also, any new member is "encouraged" to begin their PHF with a \$50.00 "initiation" fee. (matched by the club)

Judging by the dramatic increase of contributions by current members, this plan has succeeded with its goal - Strengthening the Rotary Foundation Program!

By, Ralph I. Jurgensen,
Skaneateles Foundation Chairperson

Editor's Note: As of January 31, 1999, Skaneateles Rotary Club had contributed \$5,830 to the Foundation making it the highest per capita club in the district at \$81.43 per member.

FULTON SUNRISE CLUB, Charter Celebration April 9th

About two years ago, a few members of the Rotary Club of Fulton were discussing the Killington District Conference and a point that was made about Rotary "Breakfast" Clubs being the fastest growing category of Clubs in the world. Fulton past president, Joe Langlois had a new position and was unable to make many of the Thursday noon meetings, so he and John Livoti with lots of encouragement from Dick Kemmis and Past District Governor George Booth and others had an IDEA. How about forming a "Sunrise" Rotary Club? They knew a few people who met for coffee at 6:45 AM, and Fulton had been a stronghold for Rotary ever since the original club (sponsored by the Syracuse Club) was chartered in 1919.

After a few months, and plenty of discussion, the Fulton noon Club voted to sponsor the new "Sunrise" Club as a Provisional Club. The challenge was to meet and begin operation as a functioning club, with a goal of recruiting at least 20 members, so they could apply for an official Charter. It took many months and many meetings to get and keep at least twenty members so an official "Charter" application could be submitted to Rotary International. This was done in December, by District Governor Ed Paparella.

On January 12, 1999, the Fulton Sunrise Rotary Club Charter was officially approved by Rotary International in Evanston Illinois. The Club President is Joe Langlois, Secretary - Rosa (Ro) Kemmis, Vice President - LaVerne DeLand and Treasurer - Jeanne Candee.

The new Club meets at the Riverside Inn, located on the left, just as you pass the very first traffic light, at the end of 481 dual highway heading north toward Fulton. 6:45 AM sounds early, but if you visit, you will meet many of the new Club members arriving early for the Meeting, which begins at 7:00 sharp. They have a great full buffet breakfast for \$5.00 and the spirit, enthusiasm, and fellowship of the group is really great! Meetings end at 8:00 sharp.

Twenty-three members are on the Official charter, but the club is growing and has a couple of new members in the works now. They are all committed to the reality that some members will not be able to be long term, so they are recruiting new prospects and aiming toward having more than 26 active members by year end.

The Club will have a Gala Event on April 9, 1999 at the Fairway Manor in Fulton, to celebrate the Charter Presentation by District Governor Ed Paparella. The main speaker will be Past District Governor, Frederick (Nick) Norton from Buffalo, District 7090. This event will be a festive event beginning with a social hour at 6:00 PM and a sit down dinner at 7:00 PM.

All Club Presidents in the district have received invitations for their Club Members. Please mail the RSVP card before March 26th. This will be a great event and it will be very nice if Rotarians from many clubs attend and share in the festivities of this first new Charter event since 1990.

Please call Joe McCarthy at 682-5997 or LaVerne DeLand at 593-0226 for more information.

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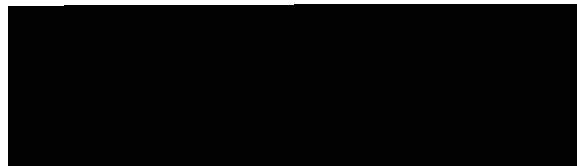


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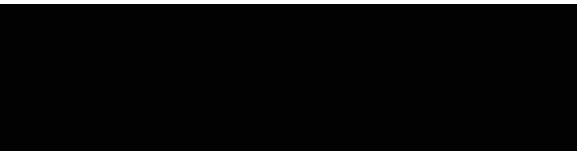
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CLUB NEWS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Governor Ed and all of District 7150 offer congratulations to the following individuals who recently became Rotarians. Let's show our hospitality and friendliness and invite them to our club activities:

Eric Burrell	Cazenovia
Alfred Swiger	Kuyahoorra Valley
Charles G. Mellor	Marcellus
Kathleen A. Totman	Marcellus
Walter Kaminski	Sauquoit
Gustavo Restrepo	Sauquoit
Sandra Bufis	Syracuse Sunrise
William Gessler	Syracuse Sunrise
Theardis Martino	Syracuse Sunrise

DISTRICT CALENDAR

February 1999

- International Assembly, Anaheim, CA

March 1999

- Nine months into year - Clubs review Goals and Objectives
- **3/19-20** Multi-District PETS, Marriott Hotel, Syracuse

April 1999

- **4/9** Fulton Sunrise Club Charter Night Celebration

May 1999

- **5/7** RF Paul Harris Celebration, Dibbles Inn, Vernon
- **5/15** District Assembly, Four Point Holiday Inn, Syracuse

June 1999

- **6/13-16** RI International Convention, Singapore
- **6/25** Changing of the Guard Celebration, Rusty Rail, Canastota

MONTHLY ROTARY OBSERVANCE

MARCH: Interact and Rotaract Focus Month

APRIL: Magazine Month

MAY: Spring Open Your Dreams

Building Blocks

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Tim Green To be Guest Speaker At the Annual Foundation/Paul Harris Dinner at Dibbles on May 7th

Tim Green, dubbed the "Renaissance Man" of sports by the Los Angeles times and Sports Illustrated, will be this years guest speaker at the Annual Foundation/Paul Harris Dinner to be held on May 7, 1999 at Dibbles Inn in Vernon, New York commencing at 6:00 p.m. Advance Tickets will be \$25.00 per person.

Tim Green, maybe best known as a former Syracuse University football standout, and as a first round draft choice for the Atlanta Falcons, where he was a star defensive end for eight years. But his achievements off the playing field are equally impressive as academician, sports commentator, author and husband. He was valedictorian of his undergraduate class and an honors law school graduate of Syracuse University. Rather than the practice of law, Tim has chosen the media as his venue. He commentates weekly on life in the NFL for National Public Radio, writes a regular column for USA Today, serves as a sports contributor on ABC's Good Morning America and has co-hosted Fox sport's prime time, Emmy nominated show NFL Total Access. He is currently an anchor on Syracuse (WTVH) channel 5.

Tim, while a lawyer, has authored four highly successful suspense novels: Ruffians, Titans, Outlaws and The Red Zone, as well as a non-fiction New York Time bestseller, The Dark Side of The Game. He also has authored a memoir about his own search for his family roots entitled "A Man and His Mother: An Adopted Son's Search", the movie rights of which have been reserved by CBS.

Tim lives on Skaneateles Lake with his wife Illyssa, and their four children.

58,929.00 in Total Giving as of January 1999 -
Foundation Annual Giving 53.6 % of way towards
\$50,000. SHARE goal

Rotary District 7150 has achieved 53.6 % of its annual giving goal of \$50,000.00 for the 1998-99 Rotary year. The Foundation's Monthly Contribution report as of January 31, 1999 shows Annual Giving, from which funds are returned to the District in the form of SHARE dollars on a three year funding cycle, \$26,823.07. Only contributions to the general fund result in SHARE funds which are allocated back to the District. As of January 1999, Restricted Giving totaled another \$10,375.00. Permanent fund contributions continued its surge totaling \$21,406.00, the largest annual contribution ever made to the Fund from Rotary District 7150. The District's total for all Foundation giving this year has totaled \$58,604.97 or 58.6% of our total giving goal of \$100,000.00.

Individual Rotary Clubs continue to distinguish themselves in the District's Annual Giving (SHARE Funds) Campaign. Skaneateles RC with its 63 members continued to hold top honors with each member's contribution of \$81.43 to the Foundation. Baldwinsville R C followed with each of its 40 members contributing \$75.00 to the Foundation. Kuyahoorra Valley RC, rounded out the top three clubs with each of its 24 members contributing \$41.67 to the Foundation. Mid size and smaller clubs continue to lead the District in its annual giving to the Foundation. Rome RC led in total giving in January with \$23,317.30 in total funds contributed. Eastwood followed with \$8,100.00, followed closely by Skaneateles with \$5,830.00.

Following is a summary of total giving by each club in the District, including annual, restricted and permanent fund contributions, as of January 31, 1998:

Adirondack Foothills	\$ 625.00
Auburn	0.00
Aurora	750.00
Baldwinsville	3,000.00
Camden	0.00
Camillus	200.00
Canastota	0.00
Cato	0.00
Cazenovia	25.00
Chittenango	850.00
Dewitt	1,150.00
Dolgeville	200.00
Eastwood	8,100.00
Fayetteville-Manlius	500.00
Fulton	200.00
Fulton Sunrise	0.00
Greater Utica Sunrise	900.00
Hamilton	1,000.00
Herkimer	0.00
Kuyahoorra Valley	1,000.00
Little Falls	0.00
Liverpool	0.00
Marcellus	50.00
Moravia	0.00
Morrisville	107.77
New Hartford	0.00
North Syracuse	0.00
North Utica	100.00
Oneida	2,100.00
Oneida Shores	0.00
Oriskany Falls	325.00
Oriskany-Whitestown	75.00
Oswego	1,600.00
Rome	23,371.30
Sauquoit	500.00
Sherrill	750.00

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Skaneateles	5,830.00
Solvay-Geddes	0.00
Syracuse	2,850.00
Syracuse Sunrise	770.00
Tully	50.00
Utica	1,125.00
Waterville	0.00
West Winfield	500.00

To all of those who have contributed and will be doing so in the coming months, thank you for your continuing generosity and support.

DISTRICT 7150 AT A GLANCE

As of December 31, 1998, the Foundation reported the following about District 7150:

Paul Harris Fellows	1,177
Sustaining Paul Harris Fellows	344
Benefactors	61

All Time Foundation Giving 1,539,177.85
Zone 31 district rank in giving 12th of 15

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS BEING CONSIDERED BY DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE

As of February 26, 1999, the District has received, or been notified by the Foundation of the receipt of \$11,928.00 in contributions from the following individuals, Rotary Clubs and Districts:

Rotary International	\$1,000.00
District 7040	5,000.00
Greenport NY, RC	250.00
Castle Shannon PA, RC	100.00
Skaneateles RC	500.00
Watertown RC	250.00
Oswego RC	1,000.00
Rome RC	500.00
West Winfield RC	500.00
Sun City Center FL, RC	50.00
Fulton RC	200.00
Dewitt RC	100.00
Aurora RC	200.00
District 7250	1,000.00
District 7470	1,000.00
Undertermined funds	255.00
Interest income	23.00

The District is beginning to distribute these funds to individual and groups affected by the Labor Day storm. An allocations committee has been established under the auspices of the District Foundation Committee. It is being chaired by DGND Ward Vuillemot, with Rotarians and Volunteers from throughout the District. The committee has established a simplified application, found in last month's newsletter or on the District internet site. The Committee will take requests on a first come first serve basis. To date, the committee has received three requests for assistance. All applications should be sponsored by a local Rotary Club, not directly by individuals or interested groups. The club will be responsible for administering the funds according to Foundation stewardship guidelines.

The Committee anticipates completing the disbursement by the end of this rotary year. The District's disaster relief efforts will focus on assistance to the elderly, families with children, and the task of rebuilding.

Rotary districts, Rotary Clubs Rotarians, Corporations and other groups as well as interested individuals interested can still make contributions in one of two ways:

For non-taxable and no Paul Harris credit

contributions can be sent directly to Account #0190211887, "Rotary International District 7150 Disaster Relief Fund," maintained at Skaneateles Savings Bank, 33 East Genesee Street, Skaneateles, NY 13152, USA.

For a tax deductible contribution and Paul Harris credit make checks payable to "The Rotary Foundation - Disaster Relief in District 7150", and send to The Rotary Foundation, c/o Harris Trust & Savings Bank, P. O. Box 71169, Chicago, IL 60694-1169, USA. with a contribution recognition form with your donor ID number.

For more information, or to obtain the recognition form, contact Rotarians Carol Jubenville, 6 Russet Drive, Whitesboro, New York 13492, USA Telephone: 315-733-1389; or Duane Weaver, 16 Onondaga Street, Skaneateles, New York 13152; Telephone: 315-253-9744

DISTRICT PRESENTS LAUBACH LITERACY WITH \$40,000.00 CHECK FOR MEXICAN LITERACY PROJECT TO BEGIN IN MARCH

On February 10, 1999, Ward Vuillemot, DGND on behalf of DG Ed Paparella with District's Grants Sub-Committee Chairman Bruce Davis presented a \$40,000.00 Foundation check to Sandra Staniec of Laubach Literacy for our matching grant Literacy Project in Central (Delores Hildago) Mexico. (The presentation was aired by Syracuse television station WIXT Channel 9 and can be found on the district internet site.)

The Rotary Foundation in Evanston provided funding of \$20,000. Our Rotary District provided matching funds from previous SHARE allocations of \$17,000.00 in conjunction with the Mexican Rotary District which provided an additional \$3,000, plus the human resources necessary to implement the project. In addition Laubach Literacy, based in Syracuse, has provided additional funding of \$20,000.00. The entire grant sponsored by the District will total \$60,000.00.

The project is set to commence before the end of March 1999. Additional sources of corporate funding are being sought from the corporations which will benefit from the increasing literacy of the workers in the area. The project is intended to help 1650, all most the total number of Rotarians in our District, to become literate. This promises to be an especially exciting year for our grants committee and our continuing literacy campaign. Contact Bruce Davis (Greater Utica Sunrise RC), Grants Chairperson, is exploring new ideas for matching grants for the coming Rotary year. Please contact him directly if you are interested in participating in this tremendously important District project.

DISTRICT ALLOCATES ADDITIONAL DISTRICT
DESIGNATED FUNDS (DDF) FOR HONDURAS
HOUSING AND COLOMBIAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

In February 1999, District Governor Ed Paparella allocated this year remaining district designated matching grant funds to aid victims of hurricane Mitch which struck Honduras, and the earthquake which struck Columbia.

In Honduras \$2,000.00 will be used to help provide low incom

Attendance & Membership Information

Area	Club	Attend.	Member.			Gain/ Loss		# of	Member
		%	Analysis 07/01/98	Last Month	This Month	Number	%	Meetings	Goal
13	Fulton Sunrise	81.0%	0	0	23	23		2	0
3	Adirondack Foothills	58.0%	34	32	32	-2	-5.9%	4	37
9	Auburn	67.0%	33	32	30	-3	-9.1%	4	35
9	Aurora	76.4%	28	27	27	-1	-3.6%	4	30
13	Baldwinsville	62.0%	40	36	36	-4	-10.0%	4	43
5	Camden	54.0%	23	21	21	-2	-8.7%	3	23
8	Camillus	64.0%	38	35	36	-2	-5.3%	4	41
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<u>Monthly Attendance Leaders</u>	
<u>Eastwood</u>	<u>93.3%</u>
West Winfield	88.9%
Moravia	87.5%
North Syracuse	85.1%
Rome	85.0%
Cazenovia	83.0%
Fulton Sunrise	81.0%
Marcellus	81.0%
Oriskany Falls	80.0%

<u>District's Largest Clubs</u>	
<u>Utica</u>	<u>170</u>
Syracuse	161
Oneida	90
Dewitt	87
Rome	85
Oswego	79
Skaneateles	57
Chittenango	48
Eastwood	45

<u>Highest Membership Gain</u>	
<u>Dolgeville</u>	<u>9</u>
Hamilton	3
Oriskany Whitestown	3
Oriskany Falls	3
Dewitt	2
Eastwood	2

<u>Highest Membership % Gain</u>	
<u>Dolgeville</u>	<u>90.0%</u>
Oriskany Falls	13.6%
Hamilton	10.7%
Oriskany Whitestown	10.7%
Eastwood	4.7%
Oneida Shores	4.3%
Cato	4.2%

ATTENDANCE & MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

We are now at a peak time of the Rotary year for recruiting new members. We are fast approaching the May 1st reporting date for Clubs to qualify for the **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT and EXTENSION AWARD**. After May 15th, District Governor Ed will report the following to RI:

- ✓Club with highest growth percent
- ✓Club that brought in the most new members
- ✓Club with highest retention rate percent
- ✓Clubs that sponsored a new club

Read the Membership report for January and you will see that the new Fulton Sunrise Club has 23 members. Dolgeville has done an outstanding job and is well past their annual goal of 16. Twenty clubs, on 2/1/99 are even or ahead of their membership count of 7//98. If they can do it, all clubs could. Only **YOU** can propose a new member for Rotary.

Clubs Presidents - Accept the Challenge! Revise your year end goal to an attainable number and urge your membership to **Share Rotary**, by proposing good, new members, so we can reach Governor Ed's revised **District Goal of 1820** by 7/1/99.