

Zone Institute Centennial Honors Program



Goal:

To identify, recognize, honor and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Rotary Zones over the last 100 years and to select a finite number of activities for special recognition at the Zones 31 & 32 Celebration to be held October 3-7, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency located in Cambridge, Maryland.

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Zone 31 Centennial Honors AWARDS



HM= Honorable Mention

DISTRICT

7040 *Coordinator: PDG Bob French*

- 1st Place** **Rotary Club of Lake Placid** - *The Thomas Shipman Youth Center*: The Rotary Club of Lake Placid played a huge role in many aspects of the planning, finding the funding, building and today continue supporting the youth center with time, resources and funds.
- 2nd Place** **Rotary Club of Ottawa** - *Rotary Adventure In Citizenship*: Every year since 1951 220 outstanding high school students from across Canada spend four days in the national capital in a program designed to develop their potential as leaders.
- 3rd Place** **Rotary Club of Tupper Lake** - *Tupper Lake Rotary Track and Athletic Field*: The Club mobilized the entire community to raise over \$225,000 in cash and volunteer time worth another \$225,000 in support of this project to fund and build over four years this Track and Athletic Field that now serves the entire community.
- HM** **Rotary Club of Ottawa South** - *Rotel*: The Club led Rotary Clubs in Ontario, Quebec and Northern New York in funding and building a low cost motel for so family and friends could stay close to their loved ones in the local hospital. The cost of constructing the motel was \$2 million.
- HM** **Rotary Club of Saranac Lake** - *Berkley Green*: The club transformed a park into a mini-amphitheater with terraced seating and open space that enhanced the park and increased access to outdoor concerts and providing a picnic area for families to enjoy.

7120 *Coordinator: PDG Robert Hunt*

- 1st Place** **Rotary Club of Rochester** - *Adopt-A-School*: In the mid 1990s the club made a 10 year commitment and adopted an inner-city elementary school where 99% of the students come from below-poverty-level families. With a \$25,000 a year budget the club meets regularly with a committee made up of administration, faculty and parents to plan and direct a comprehensive hands on project in partnership with parents and faculty.
- 2nd Place** **Rotary Club of Greece** - *Greece Rotary Lodge, Town Park Refurbishment and Handicapped Accessible Playground*: The club adopted a parcel of undeveloped land in 1974 and over a thirty-year period in four phases spending over \$150,000 they built a lodge as a multi-use facility, a deck, a handicap accessible playground and now plan to relocate a historic building to the property.
- 3rd Place** **Rotary Club of Nunda** - *Nunda Rotary Gazebo*: Partnering with a group of at risk students known as the Bert's Busy Bees the Rotary club four years ago began an multi-year building program that taught the students discipline and led to significantly improved grades while building thousands of dollars in improvements for the town.
- HM** **Rotary Club of Belmont** - *Rotary Dollars for Scholars*: Since 1959, the club has been awarding scholarships each year. In 1992 the club created program with affiliated colleges that provided matching grants from the colleges for scholarships the club awarded each year.
- HM** **Rotary Club of Wayland** - *Victory Park Pavilion*: The club moved an old used pavilion from the fire Department and converted it into a useful structure that is used by community organizations and members of the community spring, summer and fall.

7150 **Coordinator: Marlene Brown**

1st Place Rotary Club of Utica - Columbus School Adoption: The Columbus School Adoption project is an ongoing comprehensive and multifaceted “hands on” project which began 3 years ago and which has grown in scope and impact. The project is designed to provide long-term support to 700 students K-6 that has an ethnically and socio-economically diverse school population.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Syracuse - Creek Walk Improvement: This club with a long commitment to disabled children believes improving the Syracuse area Creek Walk will enable handicapped children to more readily enjoy the beauty of the area.

3rd Place Rotary eClub NY1 - Rotary Worldwide Reading Room: This pilot cyber club was chartered on April 6, 2004 by Rotary International. Its unique charter celebration was held August 9, 2004. It has already created a Rotary Resource Reading Room in the Children’s Museum. This project gives Rotarians of the cyber community and the cyber world the opportunity to inform the people of the world about Rotary’s goals and objectives.

HM Rotary Club of Baldwinsville - Improving the Waterfront of the Seneca River: Each year the club sponsors Seneca River days at Mercer Park on the Seneca River where the club is and has been hard at work improving the waterfront as their centennial project.

HM Rotary Club of Rome - Freedom Park: The club by preserving the history of Griffiss Air Base at Freedom park enables both community members and visiting tourists to understand an important part of history.

7170 **Coordinator: PDG Perry Berkowitz**

1st Place Rotary Club of Owego - Community Swimming Pool: The club committed \$50,000 and lead a campaign to raise \$1 million in matching funds to be used in building a world class swimming pool built for \$4.8 million dollars for a community of 4,000 people.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Sidney - Environmental Trail and Nature Walk: This 3 mile nature trail thru a pristine setting along the Susquehanna river has kiosks all along the walkway explaining about the surrounding flora and fauna and plaques that explain the rivers natural cycles. It is supported by a public charity originated and supported by the Rotary club. There are plans to expand the trail by adding 62 acres and a playground within the park.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Oneonta - Axel Axhoj Christmas Project: Working with Family Service, 20-25 Families each year are given Christmas gifts worth at least \$100, anonymously.

HM Rotary Club of Sherburne - Rogers Environmental Educational Project: Sherburne Rotarians provided leadership in founding and operating the Rogers Environmental Center in Sherburne, NY since its dedication. Dedicated on June 10, 1968, today 60,000 to 75,000 people a year now visit.

HM Rotary Club of Whitney Point - Student Award Fund: Started in 1974, \$89,300 has been awarded students whose actions outside the classroom exemplified service above self. Today the student award fund, a growing public charity sponsored by the club to encourage service above self has an endowment of \$150,000 to fund the annual awards.

7190 **Coordinator: PDG Blair Hartman**

1st Place Rotary Club of Twin Bridges - Mission Chikandakubi: In Zimbabwe with the Rotary Club of Victoria Falls during 2004 the club embarked on a long-term commitment to a school in Africa for 300 children: modernizing books, supplies, curriculum, equipment, and the building using a Foundation matching grant. The project, which included hands on site work, has expanded to include issues like health, clothes, food and water.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Champlain Canal - Saratoga Battlefield: The club partnering with the Rotary Clubs of Troy, Ballston Spa and Saratoga Springs coordinated and solidified efforts of other organizations and individuals throughout the state of New York to fund the preservation of the site of the Saratoga Battlefield. As a result the site was acquired, developed as a historical site and on June 1, 1938 became the first National Historical Park in New York State.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Niskayuna - Clover Patch Swimming Pool: In 1971 lead by the club, and with the help of 6 other Rotary clubs, funds were raised and then over 100 Rotarians and 350 volunteers built a pool at a camp for cerebral palsy victims. Subsequently, over 10,000 children have enjoyed the use of the pool.

HM Rotary Club of Lake George - Amanda's House: The club after leading a campaign to raise funds to help a child with leukemia named Amanda, decided after her death to spearhead the development of a house where parents of critically ill children can stay when their children are being cared for in Glens Falls Hospital.

HM Rotary Club of Lansingburgh - Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club: Since 1955 as part of a long term commitment the Rotary club has had a close relationship with the Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club conducting annual fund raisers for them as a long term project of the Rotary club. Today over half of the members of the Rotary club sit on the Board of Directors of the Lansingburgh Boys and Girls Club and several members are intimately involved in its various Boys and Girls Club programs, including participating as tutors and mentors.

7780 Coordinator: PDG Trish Hunter

1st Place Rotary Club of Portsmouth - Friends Forever: Friends forever is a peace project targeted toward 2 of the most troubled nations in the world (Northern Ireland and Israel) that has provided life-altering experiences for over 1000 teens from both sides of the "divides" since 1986. Approximately 50 Rotary Clubs participate.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Dover - Rotary Arts Pavilion: Dedicated July 9, 2004 after a decade of planning, fund raising and construction the Rotary Arts Pavilion offers a home for a wide variety of musical and theatrical performances.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Wells - Wells Rotary Pavilion: Conceived in 1998, approved by the town and completed in 1999 this 30 foot by 60 foot structure accommodates 15 picnic tables. The Wells club donated \$10,000 and local businesses and individuals donated \$50,000 more.

HM Rotary Club of Brunswick - Andmoscoggin River Bike Path: This 2.6 mile bike and jogging path along the Andmoscoggin River was funded with \$50,000 in seed money raised by the club. The project has earned state and national recognition for its design and popularity.

7790 No nominees were submitted

7810 Coordinator: PDG: Nancy Gilbert

1st Place Rotary Club of Caribou - Caribou Ski Center: What started as a routine Rotary club project expanded into a change in lifestyle for Caribou and the entire surrounding community. From creating a cross country ski trail the project grew over several years to include lighting the trail for night skiing, building a warming building and a lighted hill for a downhill ski slope for the community.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Edmundston - Build a school in Lesotho, Africa for 250 Children: In 1992 as a result of a program by Father Hammond, an Oblate priest, the club funded through a matching grant the building of a school in Lesotho, Africa where he served as a missionary priest. This led the club to fund and complete 3 more world community service projects in Lesotho.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Perth-Andover - *Purchase of Zamboni for River Valley Civic Center*: In 1995 the club committed to fund the purchase for \$50,000 of a Zamboni for the new Civic Center in Perth which enabled the community to host events with 40,000 to 50,000 people in attendance. With creative community based fund raising the actual cost, of \$60,000 was funded by the club.

7850 Coordinator: DG Ronald Bedell

1st Place Rotary Club of Burlington - *Burlington City Hall Park*: In a neglected 1 square city block park that had become the center of drug sale, drunks and vagrants the Rotary club led an effort to renovate and reclaim the park that included clearing trees and foliage, installing new lighting, providing Rotary International themed benches and trash receptacles, a new sidewalk, a new gateway arch, repairing a fountain and spring and fall flower plantings, and led to the building of the Firehouse Center for Visual Arts and outdoor café tables and involved the community.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Lebanon-Riverside - *Riverside Community Park*: This 14 year project has involved the entire club in providing easily accessible recreational facilities in an underserved area of the city which includes a 40' by 60' picnic pavilion, a handicap-accessible playground, a 20 element skateboard park, 10 tournament sanctioned horseshoe pits and ample parking on this formerly wild plot of city land that has involved the entire community.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Wolfeboro - *Hearthstone Homes of Wolfeboro, Inc*: This over 26 year project started with \$500 has resulted in 78 rental apartments at two locations with a present value of \$3,343,600 with an annual budget of \$835,000 that provides a low cost housing, facilities and services for the elderly and today involves Rotarians in the administration, engineering, design, finance, food service, operations and service on the Board of Directors.

HM Rotary Club of Central Vermont - *4 H gardening Project*: Started in 1975 this hands on club project has provided every year since the funds to purchase seeds and plants which are provided to the community's young people (8-16) to grow vegetables and flowers as part of an annual 4-H program that includes hands on work and education, three events judged by club members and year end banquet for the young people and their families.

HM Rotary Club of Middlebury - *Project Honduras*: This project involving several matching grants over several years has resulted in 100 low cost shelters in five locations, water projects, latrines, School medical supplies and equipment, vocational center assistance, computers and an ambulance and included a trip to Honduras.

7870 Coordinator: PDG Peter Powers

1st Place Rotary Club of Concord - *Perley Street Project*: In partnership with the New Hampshire Child and Family Services the club helped provide a home, safety, education and hope for young homeless persons in the community. The project included acquisition of a building and hundreds of hours renovating the property with its Interact club now known as the Rotary Perley Street House and now houses the Child and Family Services Transitional Living Program serving young homeless people aged between 14 and 25.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Bennington - *Bennington Rotary Deer Park Project*: this park developed 50 years ago has remained an important resource to local families, travelers and residents of the Vermont Veterans Home. Involving hundreds of hours of work this multi-year project involved moving chain link fencing, construction of picnic tables, fireplaces, bathrooms, extensive plantings, landscaping to create a large green space with a pond and over the years has involved replacing dying trees and further landscaping.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Springfield - *Equipping Thiafoura, West Africa Medical Dispensary*: working with a Springfield pediatrician who had joined the peace core for a year to work in Senegal and two other Rotary Clubs with a matching grant equipped the medical dispensary for the Doctor over two years.

HM Rotary Club of Nashua West - *Exemplary Workers Breakfast*: Recognizes annually non-management level employees of local businesses for their contribution to the success of their company at a breakfast, which includes recognition and a notable keynote speaker.

HM Rotary Club of Rutland - *Coats for Kids*: Begun in October 2002 now every year the club intends to collect coats and other items of clothing at drop boxes at placed throughout the community and publicized by radio until mid-November and then with the assistance of local schools distributes them to the needy after cleaning and providing any needed repairs.

7890 Coordinator: PDG Jeff Tager

1st Place Rotary Club of South Windsor - *Literacy Project*: This clubs commitment to literacy included adopting a school in a neighboring inner city with a project that breaks down barriers between the city and the suburbs in their community and an international literacy project with District 3270 funded by a matching grant.

2nd Place Rotary Club of New Milford - *International Projects*: The club has made a long term commitment to community service and has completed projects that include: purchase of 250 wheel chairs for Calcutta, India; 10,000 fruit trees for a rural community north of Calcutta, India; 40 deep tube wells in District 3290 in West Bengal, India; Computer equipment for computer literacy project for a secondary school in Durgapur, Calcutta, India; three low cost shelters in Kumbalangi, India; tuition for a student in Ruingru School, Nyeri, Africa; a schoolroom in Haiti; and books to a Library in Kenya, Africa.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Chicopee - *Helping Hands*: Three times a year, as a result of this hands on project over 100 families who lack food are provided with a meal (Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter). Local charitable organizations and churches identify the families in need.

HM Rotary Club of Amherst - *Teddy Bear Rally*: For 22 years the club has organized this fun event for children and family which includes a teddy bear hospital, a picnic for teddy bears and young children, magical moments balloon sculpting, and entertainment including songs about bears, waltzing bears, and a Dixieland band.

HM Rotary Club of Farmington - *Direct Connect*: the Community Technical College: the club with a career planning grant developed a program to prepare students for the changing workplace. This project led to changes in the way the Farmington school system prepares students for the workplace.

7910 Coordinator PDG: Robert Golosov

1st Place Rotary Club of Westborough - *Global Emergency Medicine INitiative ("GEMINI")*: GEMINI, founded by the club in 1997 now involves Rotary Clubs in Guatemala, Honduras, the Dominican Republic and Armenia in training others how to improve the quality of emergency medicine using replicable train-the-trainer methods providing training to first-responders: physicians, fire fighters, police nurses, auxiliary nurses, paramedics and emergency technicians.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Bedford - *Literacy Project in Nepal*: At the beginning of the project in 1996 the literacy rate in Nepal was 30-40% and even lower among women and girls. As a result of this project Rotary Internationals literacy methodology (Concentrated Language Methodology) was introduced and as a result became the national methodology of that kingdom.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Framingham - *Transitional Housing*: In 1990 the club lent \$15,000 to South Middlesex Opportunity Council for the purpose of purchasing a duplex transitional home for homeless families and pledged to underwrite up to \$5,000 a year in losses for the first three years to creating a program and home for homeless families. The club contributed hands on labor to help fix up the house that was to serve as transitional housing while homeless families receive training to assist them in getting back to the community.

HM Rotary Club of Shrewsbury - *The Iron Curtin Crumbles*: In 1984 after two Shrewsbury Rotarians participated in an exchange program with the USSR called "USA-USSR Bridges for Peace" the club became very involved with Ukrainians interested in starting a Rotary club in Kiev. An international group of Rotary Clubs was formed to assist with forming Rotary Clubs in the Ukraine and as a result the Rotary Club of Kiev and 36 other Rotary Clubs were formed in Ukraine.

HM Rotary Club of Dracut - *Dracut Children's Memorial*: This \$30,000 two and a half year project honored children who had died or will in the future die too young, several of whom the club had worked with prior to their death.

7930 Coordinator: PDG Victor Saldanha, MD

1st Place Rotary Club of Amesbury - *Esabalu, Kenya/Amesbury, Massachusetts Sister Village Project*: The Club and its Kenyan partner club have worked together for 12 years in a collaborative effort between a small American town and a Kenyan farming Village that has employed Rotary foundation grants and exchanges involving 28 Kenyans and over 165 Amesbury Citizens.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Rockport - *Netzahualcoytl Indian School in Zihuatanejo, Mexico*-Matching Grant and on-going service to school and community: Involving 10 Rotary clubs to date, several hundred Rotarians and over 40 projects which has taken a school from a cluster of rustic shacks serving 150 students to an all new modern campus with over a dozen safe buildings, serving 350 children.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Lynn - *Camp Rotary*: Begun in 1921 hundreds of underprivileged children have been sent to this 48 acre camp for Boys and Girls now run by Youth Service Mangers, Inc., a 502(c)(3) organization whose members are mostly Rotarians from the district. Many young people have stayed overnight at the camp at no cost to the families and others have received large discounts thanks to this camp and the continued involvement of the Rotary Club of Lynn.

HM Rotary Club of Boston - *Donation of Medical Equipment to Hospital in Ternopil, Ukraine*: The Boston Club began its work in the Ukraine in 1999. The club assembled a partnership of eleven Rotary Clubs and five Rotary districts from six nations to provide desperately needed medical equipment.

HM Rotary Club of Salem - *Romanian Soccer Field*: Funded with a matching grant this field is used exclusively by orphaned and abandoned children in the greater Bucharest, Romania area. Thanks to Rotary on any given Saturday a bus from an outreach program picks up inner city children and brings them to this oasis from city life where they learn to interact with other children, play by the rules, have fun, and be a kid.

7950 Coordinator: PDG Jack Ryan

1st Place District 7950 Project - *Rotary Community Corps of Adult Day Health Programs, Inc.*: This Community Corps was established within Districts 7950 & 7810 to support participants of the N. E. Sinai Hospital's Adult Day Health Program. to reach out to frail senior citizens who need services but can not afford the per diem charge.

2nd Place District 7950 Project - *Polio Plus Partners*: All 65 Clubs participated in a polio plus partners matching grant that funded the \$60,000 needed to fund the NID in the country of Burkina Faso.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Scituate - *Scituate Rotary Playground*: In 1987/88 the club formed a playground committee. Town land was made available to the Club, the land was cleared equipment was purchased and assembled in 1991, a fence installed and the park dedicated. The playground is now an ongoing project for the club.

HM Rotary Club of Newport - *Rotary Remembers*: on the club's 75th Anniversary the club published a history of the Newport Rotary Club. The \$25,000 in net proceeds went to Fund a Rotary Community Service Board Room in the public library.

HM Rotary Club of Braintree - *Ken's Dream 1982*: During the summer of 1982 the club got involved in building a 16' by 24' first floor addition to make life normal for a thirteen year old named Ken who had been confined to a wheel chair because of Rheumatoid arthritis. 60-70 Rotarians donated time, money and labor to completed the project.

7980 Coordinators: PDG Paul Burns and DG Pamela Akins

1st Place Rotary Club of Bridgeport - *Bridgeport Rotary Housing Corporation*: The Club planned, funded (with a HUD Grant), and supervised the building of 220 units of housing for income restricted seniors and the handicapped and has subsequently provide over 30 years of stewardship and continuing support.

2nd Place Rotary Club of New London - *Camp Rotary*: In partnership with many community resources this four week full day summer program was designed in 1995 to enhance reading and writing skills of New London Youth. Today supported by five suburban Clubs and New London this urban program teaches the four-way test, the value of teamwork and education and prepares the participants to be leaders of tomorrow.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Norwich - *Rotarians Helping Haitians*: This project spearheaded by a Norwich Rotarian and the Club has grown from a small project started in 1982 to serve over 200,000 Haitians with many programs involving many Rotary Clubs from several districts over 20 years. Rotary has been directly in involved in the seven listed programs, most with matching grants. Individual Rotarians have been involved with many other programs that are part of this project.

HM Rotary Club of Ridgefield - *Rotary Park-The Sky is the limit! (accessible playground)*: The club planned, organized, promoted the project to the entire community, and raised over \$250,000 to build this handicapped accessible playground for handicapped and wheel chair bound children.

HM Rotary Club of Stratford - *Emergency Medical Service*: In 1973 the club was the impetus for bringing effective EMS service to the community and, by extension, to the region resulting in numerous saved lives and improved health.



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DISTRICT

7210

- 1st Place District 7210 Project - Shots for Tots:** A presentation at the United Nations on the deaths of 23 children under the age of 2 years in New York from measles precipitated the Shots for Tots program. Through the leadership of Rotarians, Rotary, NY County Health Departments & NY State Health Department, the immunization level for 2 year olds was brought from 52% to 93 % throughout the State between April 1993 and 2003.
- 2nd Place Rotary Club of Livingston Manor, NY - Rotary Park:** In 1977 a Rotarian donated land for a town park. The park has been totally built and maintained by the Rotary club. It includes a Little League field, softball & soccer field, an enclosed pavilion and the Seely Ice Skating Rink, plus a warming hut. The annual "Carnival" has hosted stars JoJo Starbuck and Elaine Zayak on the rink. A children's playground was just added.
- 3rd Place Rotary Club of Warwick – Grenada-International Project:** \$1 million worth of medical equipment, drugs and supplies plus 12,000 pounds of powdered milk have been provided to Grenada. Rotarians from Warwick and Grenada Rotary clubs distributed the humanitarian assistance.
- HM District 7210 – Rotary Wheels Around the Community:** In October 2000, all 66 clubs did community projects. The massive number of community projects invited Interact, Girl Scouts, West Point Cadets, high school bands and other civic groups to "Lend a Hand". Projects included bus trips for seniors, a blood drive, books for a library and landscaping for a family shelter.
- HM Rotary Club of East Fishkill – Food Closets:** For 20 years the club has donated to local food closets. Over \$125,000. was raised for individuals in need of a basic staple of life – FOOD. \$6000. was contributed to the "Feed the Hungry project last year.

7230

- 1st Place Rotary Club of New York – 9/11 Disaster Response:** The Rotary "9/11 Action Committee" offered services to victims at Ground Zero. Water, Masks, gloves and food were supplied as well as medical assistance and grief counseling. With a \$1.4 Million Disaster Relief Fund, they researched the most needy and expediently disbursed the funds. A Committee" arranged for widows and children to be "adopted" by Rotarians Michigan.
- 2nd Place Rotary Club of Staten Island – Gift of Limbs:** Staten Island, Gateway and Verrazano Rotary clubs arranged for prosthetic hands and legs for people in Sierra Leone, Africa. The amputees were victims of revolutionaries who tried to control the voting and population to maintain control of the diamond mines.
- 3rd Place Rotary Club of Bronx, NY – Sanitary & Water systems:** The Rotary club provided a central water distribution & sanitary system to Islamhanpet, India. This project inspired other international projects.
- HM Rotary Club of White Plains, NY - Operation Safe Smiles:** 33 Rotary clubs in Westchester county, NY, teamed up with the District Attorney's office and the Polaroid Corp. to produce Safe Smiles Passports for over 6,000 local children. The parents now have identifying information to give police when children are abducted. A photograph and physical information for each child is included.

HM Rotary Club of Chinatown, NY -Scholarship Program: This program focuses on public school graduates who plan to attend college. In Chinatown, a college education is not often the first option so the Rotary club offered support since 1987. Eleven students received help, totaling \$8,000. in 2004.

7250

1st Place Rotary Club of Manhasset – Gift of Life: Since 1975 this program has saved the lives of more than 3500 children from all over the world by providing life saving open heart operations. What began in 1974, for one child from Uganda, has grown to a Rotary district project, which attracts participation of volunteers and money from many areas to serve many countries.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Mineola – Garden City – ROTACARE: Working with the Interfaith Nutrition Network Rotacare provided free medical and health care to indigent and uninsured people.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Queens Borough – Long Island City YMCA: In 1921 the “Boys’ Work Committee” was formed which was the forerunner to the YMCA in Long Island City, NY. The immigrant population was served by Rotary. The fundraising and hands on effort have served over 7000 youths and 12,00 adults with supervised programs.

HM Rotary Club of Jamaica, NY – Cop of the Month / Horses Donated: The Cop of the Month ceremony honors officers who have performed outstanding work. Since all horses in the Mounted Unit are donated, Rotary decided to donate horses. Now bomb sniffing and body recovery K-9 units are also included.

HM Rotary Club of J.F.K. International Airport, NY – Rotaship: Provides inexpensive or gratis shipping services for Rotary Projects throughout the world. Shipping is provided for computers and books for literacy, food and clothing into disaster areas.

7260

1st Place Rotary Club of Babylon, NY - Making a difference: Celebrate Peace-Over 1,400 students from 40 high schools in District 7260 and their neighboring district Heard messages of peace and inspiration from world renowned Speakers. Over \$110,000 was donated to charity, the District’s first RYLA program was formed and Rotary had great public relations. Besides the media coverage on the day of the event, re-broadcasts of a half hour program on Telcare continued for six months about Rotary.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Moriches-Camp PA – WUA – Tuck: The Moriches Rotary Camp has provided 58 years of service for physically & mentally handicapped children. Originally founded for children with Polio, it now serves handicapped children 5-20 years old. International staff is invited to participate.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Suffolk – Gift of Life: Since 1987, 350 children from many countries benefited from life saving cardiac operations. Last year 43 children participated. Volunteers serve as Host Families. Surgeons and medical staff provide service at no cost. The NY State University Hospital provides pediatric cardiac surgery at a minimal cost of \$4000. per child.

HM Rotary Club of Patchogue – Fred Marin – Service Above Self: District Governor Marin was on a ship that was torpedoed during WWII. He vowed to help the youth of the world, if he lived. Projects he started continue to be life- savers for the children around the world. The Gift of Life, Shots for Tots, free eye care and scouting services are a few examples of his work.

HM Rotary Club of Commack – Kings Park, NY – Service Above Self-Award: In 1988 John Forte conducted his first marathon for Polio Plus, raising \$22,000. Subsequent walks garnered \$80,000. In 1997 he participated in a National Immunization Day in Ethiopia. His accomplishments include exchange programs with England and a handicapped children’s camp.

7350

- 1st Place Rotary Club of Altoona** – *Rotary Career Fair*: Six hundred thirty six high school juniors from eight school districts have attended the 12th Annual Rotary Career Fair. Over 100 presenters presented eighty-five careers. Each student signs up for four career sessions to attend. An essay contest, after the fair on what students learned, has awards for winning students of \$100 savings bond with the top winner getting a \$500 bond.
- 2nd Place Rotary Club of Frostburg** – *Fight to Save our School*: The leadership of the Rotary club saved the State Teacher’s College from closing. This school, in a coal mining area of west Maryland, would have closed if not for the extensive effort of club members working with school officials and politicians.
- 3rd Place Rotary Club of Ridgway** – *“I like Me” Program*: This kindergarten reading enhancement & self-concept program is a very successful literacy program. Personalized student books and Parent / Child interaction are developed during a 12 week guide.
- HM Rotary Club of Martinsburg WV, Sunrise** – *Festival of Trees*: This project allows individual & businesses to purchase or decorate a tree for the Christmastime competition. The proceeds from a black-tie auction of the trees benefit the Boarman Arts Center. This center provides summer youth programs and career development.
- HM Rotary Club of Keyser** - *Katherine*: Keyser has had a great award ceremony for 50 years, which recognizes the top boy athlete. Keyser Rotary has provided an award ceremony for girls.

7370

- 1st Place Rotary Club of Selinsgrove, PA** – *Rotary Field*: Tens of thousands of people have been served at this Rotary Field since 1950. The club purchased land, developed a baseball field, constructed dugouts, added a fence and bleachers, and built a block building for a concession.
- 2nd Place Rotary Club of Williamsport, PA** - *Children’s Development Center*: Starting in 1923 with assisting one young man, this Children’s Development Center grew to serving 800 people annually. In the ‘30s many people with Polio were assisted. In later years, autistic children, and others with physical, occupational and speech problems, have been served. An orthopedic clinic was also added.
- 3rd Place Rotary Club of Renovo** – *Heliport*: In a rural area of Pennsylvania the Ronovo Rotary spearheaded the effort to develop a needed heliport at Bucktail Medical Center in 1986. A \$10,000 donation from the Rotary club toward the \$13,000 cost estimate encouraged other donations. Community & Rotary members joined in hands on service. This heliport has saved many lives.
- HM Rotary Club of Lewisburg** - *Crippled Children’s Project: 1923-1970*: For over 25 years, a Rotary Committee supported medical treatment for needy children. Rotarians furnished transportation to the hospital and bought braces when a family couldn’t afford to pay. Children have been enabled to walk, run and play.
- HM Rotary Club of Hegins-Valley View** - *Annual Dandelion Dinner*: A dinner is served in April each year, which includes dandelion greens. Entertainment involving music, dancing, singing or humorists is provided. Both Rotarian of the Year and Citizen of the Year plaques are presented at this Rotary night.

7390

- 1st Place Rotary Club of York, PA** – *Rotary America’s Promise Committee: Adopt – A – Class*: Started in 2002-03, with 9 Rotary volunteers adopting first grade classes in two city elementary schools, it has grown to 29 Rotary volunteers (including 6 Rotary Friends) adopting 23 classes in six schools. Three visits a class per year by a volunteer translated to a majority of students eagerly articulating their hopes, dreams and career aspirations where before there was little hope.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Harrisburg- *Rotary Youth Community Development Team:* The goals of the program are to teach youth leadership skills and community service to high school students. The ages are from 15-17 with diverse cultural and economic backgrounds. The object is to learn the value of Rotary's "Service Above Self" principal.

3rd Place Rotary Club of York East & Manheim Partnership - *A World without Polio:* Rotarians and community volunteers from five countries joined forces to immunize 2,000 Ethiopians. Coverage by FOX TV heightened awareness. World friendships and better international understanding resulted, as well as community alliances.

HM Rotary Club of Perry County - *Development of a Community Free Children's Library:* This project partnered with America's Promise, churches and schools to provide literacy opportunities for young children. Since the community of Duncannon did not have a library, Rotary wanted to meet the needs of the young. A campaign was launched to acquire 1,000 new age appropriate books. The Duncannon Presbyterian Church now supports this effort and the Perry County Club continues to support this activity too.

HM Rotary Club of Harrisburg - *Rotary Belle:* The Rotary Club of Harrisburg purchased a "cow" for the cow parade to benefit the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts. This "Rotary Belle" now visits the elementary schools to educate the children about volunteerism and the work of Rotary around the world. She will also assist clubs in publicity for programs they sponsor.

7410

1st Place Rotary Club of North Scranton, PA – *Interact Club of Scranton State School for the Deaf:* This school was the first Rotary Interact Club comprised of deaf students. Members have traveled to other schools to teach sign language to non – deaf students. The club also collected books and shipped them to a school for the deaf in Puerto Rico for an international project.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Newfoundland - *Newfoundland Public Library Expansion:* The Newfoundland area has outgrown the Public Library and the Historical Society has no place to preserve their history. The project will benefit the entire community. Rotary worked with an architect and a surveyor to plan the addition. Fundraising activities will continue and when 80% of the funds are raised, a Rotarian will act as general contractor. There will be a large Rotary emblem placed in the finished building and all major donors will be on a plaque in the library.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre - *Wyoming Valley Children's Association:* Since 1924, the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre has sponsored the Wyoming Valley Children's Association. An orthopedic clinic, physical, occupational, speech and vision therapies are provided for preschool children with developmental problems.

HM Rotary Club of Pittston - *Crippled Children:* Members of the Pittston Rotary Club contribute their time and money to this project. Weekly clinics are held at the Pittston Hospital for the examination and diagnosis of new cases, follow-ups, and operating on cases requiring surgery. Dr. Vandyke sets aside Wednesdays for this project. For 40 years Rotary has paid fees, transported children, and made visits to the children's homes. Rotarians give baskets and entertain the crippled children annually at Christmastime.

HM Rotary Club of North Scranton, PA - *Operation Haylift:* An extreme draught occurred in North Carolina in 1986. With North Scranton Rotary leading the way, National Guardsmen, dairy farmers, 4-H groups, trucking companies, football players, railway lines and many others joined together to assemble and ship hay to farmers there. 608 tons were shipped and distributed to those in need. Some North Scranton Rotary club members later did a make-up at a North Carolina club and received a standing ovation from those in attendance.

7430

1st Place Robert Morris Statue: Morrisville Borough was named after Robert Morris, known as the financier of the American Revolution and a signer of the Declaration of Independence. During the bicentennial of Morrisville Borough in 2004, the idea of erecting a statue in his honor was brought forth. Thanks to the Morrisville Rotary Club a coalition of organizations is raising the money needed to get the project organized and funded

7450

1st Place Rotary Club of Ardmore - Branching Out for Rotary: This project involves the donation of Dogwood trees to Rotary Clubs in Japan. It connects Ardmore Rotarians with the largest Rotary club in Japan, as well as other Japanese Rotary clubs. This collaboration displays the family of Rotary expressing peace and friendship that transcends the generations and WWII. Trees were planted in the outer gardens of the Imperial Palace, where some that had been planted in 1970 had become diseased or damaged. Other trees will be distributed to 50 Rotary clubs in the Country.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Kennett at Longwood - Operation Warm: The Rotary Club of Kennett at Longwood launched a program in 1998 aimed at providing warm coats for the children of local migrant workers. Operation Warm now provides more than 25,000 coats each year to needy recipients in their town and nearby urban areas. Many Rotary Clubs are now involved in the cause as well as other charitable groups. Operation Warm has branched out on its own and is going national to help nearby urban areas.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Chester, PA - Metro International Health Facility, Oyol, Nigeria: Maternal care was needed for the women, children and infants of Oyol. A multi-disciplinary approach was developed for the depressed Nigerian State. A clinic with 50 hospital beds, pediatric and OB-GYN care, dialysis treatment, surgical and video links to U.S. hospitals was established. A ranch with dairy cattle inseminated to create better milk producing off spring helps to subsidize the cost of the facility.

HM Rotary Club of Philadelphia - The Philadelphia Challenge: In late 1998, the Rotary Club of Philadelphia issued the challenge that for every \$2.00 raised by the 52 clubs, the Philadelphia Foundation would match \$1.00, with a maximum amount by the Foundation of \$100,000. The \$220, 000 raised by District 7450 was used to support international humanitarian programs, for awards to university students and teachers, and exchanges of business and professional people throughout the world. The \$100,000 matching grant was used to support a National Immunization Day in Madagascar after the Rotary Foundation Trustees matched it in 1999.

HM Rotary Club of Media, PA - Championship Little League: The Little League Baseball League were in need of a field twenty years ago. Middle School property was available, so the Media Rotary Club pitched in with donated labor and materials. Two fields, dugouts, a snack bar and restrooms were constructed. Thousands of youngsters have played there. A Centennial Project is to build a similar complex on the opposite side of the school.

7470

1st Place Rotary Club of Blairstown/Caldwell/Tucuman - Help the Children Hear: This is a not for profit humanitarian effort in District 7470. The Blairstown and Caldwell Rotary Clubs initiated a joint project to aid the hearing impaired children of Tucuman Sur, Argentina. A hearing aid bank, established by collecting reconditioned / recycled devices, has delivered over 500 hearing aids and maintained a personal connection between recipients, youth exchange volunteers and Rotarians.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Cedar Grove - Rotary Hosts Teachers for 47 Years: The Rotary Club of Cedar Grove has honored new teachers in their schools for 47 years. Over 900 teachers have been welcomed, instilling a sense of community. By publicly recognizing teachers each year, Rotary shows its support of the teaching profession and the children in their area.

3rd Place District 7470 - *Walk for the World:* District 7470's annual walk is in its eighth year. It raises funds for the Foundation, district clubs and other community organizations. Walkers and corporate sponsors raised \$167,000 while promoting Rotary.

HM Rotary Club of Belvidere - *Hoops House Preservation Project:* In 1967, the title to a small stone house was transferred to the Belvidere Rotary. The house was built in 1779 and is to be used as a historical site. After early restorations, the club continues to maintain and preserve the property so the heritage is saved for generations that follow.

HM Rotary Club of Caldwell - *Willing Hearts Consignment Shop:* The consignment shop was started in 1997 and provides about \$45, 000 annually for the club's other projects. The shop is open five days a week and is staffed by about 40 local volunteers. Over 1400 consignors pay a \$10 fee to sell clothing, house wares, linens, books, furniture and jewelry. Items not sold in eight weeks are sent to local shelters.

7490

1st Place Rotary Club of Jersey City - *Gift of Life Shanghai:* The Gift of Life Program went to China for the first time. Shanghai had the facilities and personnel, but not the financial resources to provide open- heart surgery to China's children. The Gift of Life Foundation had never provided funds for overseas use before and needed to be convinced it was feasible. In the first year seven surgeries were performed with the funds raised by the Jersey City Rotary Club. A centennial twin club relationship was then established between their club and the Provisional Club of Shanghai.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Wayne - *Foundation for the Handicapped:* In 1968 the Wayne Rotary Club created a sheltered workshop for the handicapped. It has 35 workers and operates a 501(C) non-profit corporation. The town donated and maintains the building. The work generated there, donations and fundraising makes the project self supported.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Cresskill-Demarest - *Jason Rueda Project:* This project renovated a home for Jason Rueda, a quadriplegic college student. A computer and handicap accessible van were also purchased, enabling Jason to return to college and graduate. Donations from other Rotary, Lions and civic groups involved many people, increasing community awareness of Rotary International.

HM Rotary Club of Hackensack - *Blind Foundation of India:* In collaboration with the Rotary Club of Madras, India this vision project has been developed. Free cataract surgeries are performed each week. Local Interact students organize outreach camps in different villages to screen poor patients needing this surgery. Children are vaccinated against measles and given vitamin A to protect their eyesight. Over 2, 000 people have been given sight and the twin club project will continue as a Centennial partnership.

HM Rotary Club of Pascack Valley - *New Homes for Used Books:* Educational books in good condition are collected and shipped to schools, libraries and communities in impoverished areas. The goal was to collect 1,000 books. Donations came from individuals, businesses and institutions in the community. RC-Guraon Qutab Enclave and the Pascack Valley clubs have become twin clubs. Illiteracy is combated in India, keeping these books out of landfills protects the environment and friendships have occurred as a result.

7500

1st Place Rotary Club of Moorestown Lunch - *Lend a Hand to Latinos:* Latinos in Burlington County have little awareness of the health, education and social services available to them. Filling this information gap for the fastest growing population in the area will enable them to learn English, register to vote, have affordable health care and to find jobs. Learning to speak English reduces their isolation and allows them to become informed, active citizens. The Moorestown Rotary developed and distributed a video and 10,000 brochures, the first printed in Spanish and English in the county, targeted to the Hispanic population.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Forked River - Rotary Park and Pavilion: The Rotary club of Forked River has provided a handicap accessible playground for the community. A 5,000 sq. ft. pavilion was also erected to hold picnics. It is located in Gillo Park and took 3 years to complete.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Willingboro - Give-a-Christmas: The goal of this service project is to provide money to needy families so parents can buy Christmas gifts for their children. It is a joint undertaking of the Willingboro Rotary club and the Burlington County Times. Over \$1.2 million has been given in the last 35 years.

HM Rotary Club of Asbury Park, NJ - Ronald McDonald House: In 1987 the Asbury Park Club joined with the Long Branch and Red Bank Clubs to raise money for a Ronald McDonald House adjacent to the Monmouth Medical Center. The center is still in operation and serves thousands of families with children who have life threatening diseases.

HM Rotary Club of Jackson- Defibrillator Project: The Jackson School District was in need of lifesaving defibrillators for their buildings, which are used not only for classes but also for special events and sports by the community. With the support of the schools and a local church nine defibrillators were purchased. Rotary received positive publicity for the project and seven new members for their club.

7510

1st Place Rotary Club of Hamilton / Washington Twp. Sun. - Early Act: The object of Early Act is to instill the ideals of Rotary and Service Above Self in young children. It is a school-wide service club for elementary students age 5-13. Six clubs have been developed in District 7510. Caring, respect, tolerance, citizenship, friendship and leadership are some of the aims of Early Act. These young members improve the quality of their school lives and local and world communities.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Hamilton / Washington Twp. Sun - Megan's Place: The house where Megan Kanka, a seven-year-old child, was murdered was bought and razed by Rotary. AF Park was built in its place in her memory. After buying and developing the property, the club continues to maintain it. They also provide programs in the school Megan attended.

7620

1st Place Rotary Club of Annapolis - Rotary Club Crab Feast: This is a community celebration that has been held annually for 58 years. The "World's Largest Crab Feast" has raised over \$1,000,000 to assist members of the Annapolis community through 26 non-profit organizations. Each year, about 3,000 guests are served at the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium. The Crab feast has been featured in *National Geographic* and other regional publications.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Columbia Patuxent - Ethiopia HIV / AIDS - 3H Grant: The Rotary club received a 3H Grant from the Rotary Foundation to initiate a 3 year program to run six Aids testing centers in the capital city, Addis Ababa. Counseling and educational materials are also available. FAHA (Foundation Against HIV / AIDS) has been created.

3rd Place Rotary Club of Frederick, MD - Connections - A partnership with W. Frederick school: Connections is a long-range signature project. The steering committee focused on five key areas: Tutoring / Mentoring; Business Relations; Environment; Public Relations; and Fundraising. A computer and Internet access at home, free of charge, was made available for every student. Over 230 computers were provided. A \$225,000 donation from Microsoft was made for software. Local news, radio and magazines featured the W. Frederick project.

HM Rotary Club of Annapolis + Glen Burnic + ET al. - *Tooth Mobile*: This dental office on wheels takes services to children who wouldn't see a dentist otherwise. It is a joint project with the Rotary Clubs of Ann Arundel County and the Department of Health. A third partner, Dentsply, joined the effort by donating \$15,000 toward the van and committing to providing dental supplies.

HM Rotary Club of Washington, DC - *Dictionary Project*: 5,300 dictionaries were distributed to third graders in the District of Columbia Public Schools. A Rotary seal and label were placed in each book. This is the largest community service project that the D.C. club has ever undertaken. It was so well received that it was repeated in 2004 and will be an annual event.

7630

1st Place Rotary Club of Milford – *Milford Rotary Academic Motivation & Achievement Initiative*: For more than twenty-five years, The Milford Rotary Club has provided support to the Milford Middle School. Over 25,000 students have been helped by the \$225,000 contributed for their school. The program targets assistance for the neediest students. The impressionable young children are aided in the development of solid study habits, reading and self-confidence.

2nd Place Rotary Club of Dover Colonial - *Habitat Home Project*: A home was provided for the Hanna family, a single mother with three children, on a Dover lot. Many Dover businesses, organizations and governmental agencies worked together on this project.

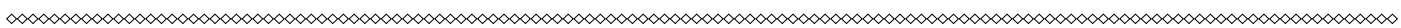
3rd Place Rotary Club of Southern Sussex - *Night under the Stars*: When the medical problems of five area residents were in the local news, Rotary wanted to help. Partnering with other civic-minded people, an event was held to raise funds. The Bear Trap Golf Course provided space and large tents; local restaurants donated food and radio station music. Retail businesses gave auction items, making it a community wide event.

HM Rotary Club of Wilmington, DE - *Project Seed*: Disadvantaged students, who had a strong interest in science, were paired with local chemical countries to work with a scientist for the summer. The goal was to keep students in school and encourage them to go on to college. Students were paid an hourly wage for an 8-10 week research project, as they learned about careers in chemistry. Rotary received national attention when they received the Jefferson Award for its success.

HM Rotary Club of Cambridge - *School Bus for Mentally Handicapped Children*: The handicapped children in the Kanhangad School in Kerala, India needed a bus for transportation. Educational and vocational facilities could be used if a bus became available. More children are able to attend school from poor families that were unable to provide their own transportation.

7640

1st Place Rotary Club of Mullica Hill - *People for People Foundation*: People for People Foundation of Gloucester County was started by The Rotary Club of Mullica Hill. Its purpose is to lend a hand to people through small one-time grants. These grants are given to people who are usually self-sufficient, but have encountered tough times through no fault of their own. \$12,000 has been raised and distributed in six months and over 50 individuals and families have been helped. The local newspaper and TV stations put Rotary's name in the forefront of this project. It is an ongoing effort that will provide aid for years to come.



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