



# Credo

## District 7150

### Governor's Newsletter

January 2001

## A New Millennium: Time for Recommitment to Youth and Young Rotarians

by DG Ward Vuillemot

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**Send us your Club Calendar events, your Committee information, and your club news!**



**"Service Above Self"**

We are standing at the juncture of the old and new millennium. We can proudly look back upon the tremendous contributions that Rotarians, in District 7150 and around the world, have made toward Peace and Understanding through the concept of Service-Above-Self. We are thankful for having been given the resources and the opportunity to serve.

As I look forward to and prepare for the future and the growth of our Rotary clubs, I question if we are doing enough to assure the continuance of Rotary and its commitment to our world community. Are we doing enough to bring the principles of Rotary and service into the lives of our youth and into our increasingly diversified communities? Are we reviewing how our communities view us, and making the appropriate adjustments to meet the needs of our changing communities and our younger generations?

Our district has five very active Interact clubs, three newly formed EarlyAct clubs, an excellent Youth Exchange program, and a long-standing commitment to the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. A wonderful start; however, is it enough? We have made

no real commitment to our young adults through the formation of Rotaract clubs or **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - Rotary-sponsored leadership camps or seminars). Five Interact clubs in a district or forty-four Rotary clubs fall short of a real commitment in many of our communities.

The future of Rotary lies in the hands of our future leaders, and our future leaders are the youth and young adults of our communities. Let us not wait for the **Future Rotarians** to address the **Future of Rotary**. Let us start our new millennium with a renewed commitment to expand the magic of Rotary and Service-Above-Self by fully including our youth and young adults through greater utilization of our current New Generation programs, and by finding new and creative ways to meet the community-service needs of our younger Rotarians.

For Rotary to continue and grow, **Today's Rotarians** must Create Awareness and Take Action for the **Future of Rotary**.



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## A Report from our Ambassadorial Scholar by Sheila Maher

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Dear Rotarians, I have been in Urbino now for almost two months, and it is already time for my first report back to the Rotary Foundation sponsor club, sponsor district governor, and the host district governor.

Professor Antonio Faxi is my Rotary counselor here in Urbino. He and his wife have been extremely helpful in everything from procuring my apartment and household necessities to helping me register for class and adjust to the Italian university system.

The Rotary club in Urbino's most recent project was funding a restoration project of a chapel in Urbino from the 1500's. The president of the Urbino club, Carlo Inzerillo, is a teacher and takes a great interest in art. I suppose this kind of project is quite unique to Italy with all of their artistic treasures.

So far, I have attended one Rotary dinner and will attend another on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. At the dinner I attended in November, our district governor was present as well as several presidents of neighboring clubs. I was formally introduced there as the Urbino club's Ambassadorial Scholar. I had the opportunity to meet and visit the Urbino club president, the district governor, and several other members. I expect to give a presentation to the Urbino club later during my stay.

I have just completed the first term of classes at the Università di Urbino. I am taking three literature classes: Italian literature, Renaissance literature, and comparative literature. I am also taking an Italian linguistics class

for foreign students. In addition, I am taking two "tutorial-type" classes that are offered to students taking the Italian literature course.

It has taken a while to adapt to the many differences in the Italian university system. The classes have "monographic" and "general" components. The monographic part of the course is what the professor covers throughout the year in class, and the general part is to be covered by the students on their own. The monographic part just usually covers one writer's works or one aspect of the general topic of the course. In the end, this leaves a very large part of the material for students to study on their own. During the school year, there are no specific reading assignments nor are there projects or papers assigned. So, I have discovered that this system is overwhelmingly autodidactic.

After Christmas vacation, I plan on writing a paper on Dante's Divine Comedy under the direction of one of my professors. She has agreed to advise me, and we have already discussed some possible topics. She has suggested some critical sources to read in the meantime. Right now I am making my way through the "Inferno"

Another challenge is accepting and adapting to the Italian attitude towards class. The classes are not obligatory. The professors tend to cancel class on any given day and without notice, and they are famous for coming to class at least twenty minutes late. However, most professors and my

fellow Italian students are always ready to answer questions and be of any help.

Although, I have studied in Italy before, [as a D7150 Youth Exchange Student] I have made many new observations of this country's culture, and language. It has been much easier to step into the Italian culture this year having a solid language base. Understanding what I read in the newspaper, what I hear on the nightly news. And in daily conversation has opened and unearthed a lot of what I could not comprehend before. The Labyrinth of Italian politics is becoming somewhat more comprehensible. As a Catholic, I am realizing that the Church's political influence and historical presence are much more pronounced here in Italy rather than its religious impact on society. Living on my own and cooking for myself has forced me to learn the ways of the "going to market" and cooking in Italy. Here in Urbino, I am fond of the thriving piazza life. The piazza is the heart of this small town, and is a great sight to see at Christmas time. Filled with students, children, and elderly people.

There is a rich history in Urbino. Its "Golden Age" was in the 1500's. The ducal palace is one of the main Historical/cultural attractions; an impressive sight.

My studies are well underway, and I am enthusiastic about the coming semester. I am extremely grateful to the individual Rotarians who have helped me on my way to Urbino and during my stay here and to the Rotary Foundation for providing me with this opportunity to study and service.

*Sincerely, Sheila Maher*

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## Rotary Leadership Institute in Our District! *by PDG Ed Paparella, GUS*

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**Date:** 2/24/01                      **Place:** Holiday Inn, Liverpool/Syracuse

**Time:** Classes begin 8AM – concludes 4:30PM

**Sign up:** Club Presidents and Assistant Governors have forms **Deadline:** 1/24/01

**Includes:** Outstanding Northeast Area Rotary Facilitators \* Breakfast \* Lunch \* Materials

**Guarantee -** Your excitement to share what the day included

**Reasons to attend:** Support DG Ward – 7150 is Host District

This one day investment will strengthen your Club

You'll return to your Club with successful New Project ideas

**Who should attend:** Club members interested in the Future of Rotary



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## Technology and Rotary RYLA *by Marlene B. Brown, ICO, New Hartford*

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Shortly after the holidays, I received a phone call that began ***"I'm going to make you an offer you CAN refuse."*** When that offer comes from someone I so respect and admire, Past RI Vice-President and RI Director Abe Gordon, it was an offer I didn't want to refuse.

Many of you have had the pleasure of meeting Abe at a Rotary event, where he's a popular speaker. Abe is 2000-01 RI Chair of **RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**.

Abe's offer was to ask me if I would design a website for RYLA. What an honor. As an empasioned Rotarian, mother of 5, grandmother of 4, and former teacher, I so value the fact that our children are indeed our future. So we secured the domain name of



[www.rotaryryla.com](http://www.rotaryryla.com) and we proceeded to design the website.

Working with the RYLA Committee -- comprised of: Chairman, Abe Gordon, USA; Vice-Chairman, P. C. Thomas, India; Liason Director, William G.B. Gant, USA; Liason Trustee, Irving "Sonny" Brown, USA; Board members: Warwick Bateman, Australia; Sergio Levy, Brazil; Kenneth Charles, England; Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, Sweden; and from the USA, James R. Berg; Ronald Greenburg; Dana Mackison -- has been a global Rotarian joy.

Currently, 528 Rotary districts in the world sponsor this program, whose aim is to encourage and assist young people in the development of their leadership skills.

What's really special about this important Rotary committee is that even though it became an official Rotary program in 1971, the Board of Directors has approved ***the first International RYLA Convention*** to be held Thurs to Sat, 21-23 June, 2001 prior to the RI Convention in San Antonio. Honored there

will be outstanding RYLArians from all over the world. We'll be there to help celebrate and record this for Rotary history.

The RI **Technology Task Force** has developed many useful web pages. The Task Force Links on RIP Frank Devlyn's website [www.frankdevlyn.org](http://www.frankdevlyn.org) will lead you to a technology link in the left hand column, with new RI E-mail Guidelines that provide a framework for how Rotarians should communicate with each other via the Internet. The Links to Discussion Forums lets you discuss a variety of issues with Rotarians from around the world.

**January 2001 is Rotary Awareness Month.** Rotary Founder, Paul Harris, died on January 27, 1947. Here's one of my favorite quotes: "I would like to think that the pioneering days of Rotary have only just begun. There are just as many new things to be done as ever there were. Rotary must certainly continue to pioneer or be left in the rear of progress." - *Paul Harris*



## District Calendar Events

**January, 2001 District MidWinter Meetings**, dates on Club Calendar, Contact Area Ass't Governors

**February 12, Assistant Governor's Meeting** Dewitt Library, Dewitt, NY Contact DG Ward Vuillemot

**February 24, 2001 Rotary Leadership Training**, Holiday Inn, Liverpool, Contact PDG Ed Paparella

**March 16-17, 2001 President's Elect Training**, E. Syracuse, NY Contact DGE Bruce Frassinelli

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### December 2000 in Sweden! ... by YE student Kevin Ferguson

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I can't believe that it's already December! Temperatures have been incredibly warm with no white stuff on the ground. When I saw the sun last week, for the first time in 3 weeks, I was overjoyed! Today, (16 december) it's also sunny and everyone is out buying Christmas trees and presents. Sweden's weather service is predicting holiday snow.

You might've heard that during the summer Sweden is known as the "Land of the Midnight Sun". But now, I call it the "Land of the Noon-time Darkness!" With Stockholm's latitude the same as southern Alaska (59 N) we don't receive a lot of sunshine this time of year. It's considerably shorter than what I experienced in good ol' Central New York. It's pitch-dark when I get to school and leave school now.. a really weird experience. That all turns around on the 21 december, so in June I'll be bragging of an 11pm sunset!

I had planned to start my training

for Stockholm Marathon on 9 June, but that is my graduation day here at my gymnasium (high school) on Lidingö. My host dad and I are planning on doing an 80km (48 mile) ice skate from Uppsala to Stockholm in february, so I must keep my fingers crossed that there'll be ice to skate on! My physical education class has been fun. Played badminton, squash, and intense ping-pong matches! The class went to a shooting range last week and I got to shoot a 9mm pistol amid the questions of: "Do you have a gun?" "do your friends own guns" ..gotta love those American stereotypes!

I've done a little more travelling within the past month. In early december, I visited two exchange students whom I've previously met. We 3 Americans went to a rock concert marathon in Sundsvall a city bordering the Gulf of Bothnia. Our school has had two recent parties: "200 dagar" (days until Graduation)

and "Fotballsfesten", A party after a football game between our school and the rival school on the island. I also had taken part in a Rotary-Inner Wheel (Women Rotarian) meeting on 5 december. They had the traditional christmas foods on the "julbord" and I stood in front of a group of 40 or so and talked for 3-4 minutes in Swedish, told them my funny and embarrassing experiences. I never thought I could be funny in another language! On 13 december, I went to "Luciakoncerts" (one for my little sister's school). The concerts were usual traditional Swedish Christmas songs and I actually heard "Jingle Bells" in Swedish, too. For Christmas break (from 30/12 until 6/1) I will be going on a ski holiday to Ramundberget, a ski resort 500km (310 miles) northwest of Stockholm with the family. It should be a blast!!

...continued next month

**On January 13th, RI President Frank J. Devlyn** will attend the all-star football fundraiser in Florida. For the third year running, the state of FL's top collegiate football players (Team Florida) will take on the rest of the country's top players (Team USA) at the Gridiron Classic game in the Florida Citrus Bowl stadium. Conceived more than three years ago by Ted Ruta, current president of the Rotary

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## And the Youth Exchange Beat Goes On... *by YE Chair Dennis McDermott*

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January is a very busy month for the Youth Exchange Committee.

We will bid a very fond farewell to three of our exchanges students who have now reached the end of their year-long stay: Laura Nardelli (Argentina/Cato), Sarah Woodham (Australia/Kuyahoorra Valley) and Ollie Loughlin (Australia/Utica).

But, we are pleased to welcome five new arrivals later in the month: Patricio Murphy (Argentina/Herkimer), Rani Blakeney (Australia/Oneida), Carlie Ware (Australia/Baldwinsville), Ricky Booth (New Zealand/Utica)

and Frances Craig (New Zealand/Eastwood).

During the first two weekends of January, we will be interviewing approximately 30 students who have applied to be Outbound exchange students next summer.

Each student has already been interviewed by his sponsoring Rotary club and will now be interviewed by the adult members of the District Committee as well as our Rotexers, former exchange students.

Selections and country placements will be determined by the middle of the month, and we then begin the process of making arrangements for the

exchanges and preparing the Outbounds for their year abroad.

Finally, we are now receiving hosting commitments from the clubs in the district. This tells us how many students we can receive from other countries next year which, in turn, affects the number of students we will be able to send out.

Never a dull moment with Youth Exchange! *View latest on our YE website:*

[www.rotaryyouthexchange.org](http://www.rotaryyouthexchange.org)



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## Club & Int'l News & Views & Meetings

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**2001 AREA WINTER MEETINGS: Area 6:** January 17 at Sam's Restaurant in Brewerton; **Area 2:** January 18 at Alfredo's in New Hartford; **Area 3:** January 23 at Colgate Inn, Hamilton; **Area 5:** January 24 at Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles; **Area 1:** January 25 at American Legion Post 229 in North Utica; **Area 4:** January 31 at DeWitt Library in DeWitt. More info on website Club Calendar [www.rotarydistrict7150.org/calendarClubs.htm](http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/calendarClubs.htm)

The **Syracuse Sunrise** Rotary Club is having a fundraiser on February 9, 2001 at the Jamesville-Dewitt High School. Children's performer Red Grammer will be doing a special event. An award-winning singer and songwriter of children's music, he has received

numerous awards for his music - often used by teachers throughout the country in their lesson plans.

Any Rotarian with elementary age children or grandchildren will find this program thoroughly enjoyable. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5.00 or from the Syracuse Sunrise Rotary Club. Proceeds will benefit literacy programs of the Syr Sun Club. - *submitted by David C. Schreyack*

**3rd WHARF Meeting in Louisville, April 5-7, 2001** We have 44 WHARF member organizations and a number of prospects. Please pass the word around in your area to organizations that are active in shipping Humanitarian Aid to third world countries from their locations in the USA and Canada. WHARF is open to Rotary, Non-Profit, and Missionary based

organisations. *Contact: Jack Maxwell, Member WCS Task Force 00/01, Founder of MSNI, HART, WHARF. Email: [jackmaxw@swbell.net](mailto:jackmaxw@swbell.net)*

The **Oriskany Falls** Rotary Club will be meeting at the American Legion, Madison St, Oriskany Falls from December 27, 2000 until the first Wednesday in February 2001 at their regular meeting time.

The **Fayetteville-Manlius club** will be meeting at Mully's Manlius Pub, on Cazenovia Road just south of Manlius, Tuesdays, at 12:10PM

**Club Secretaries:** Make sure the Semi Annual Report is processed and returned to RI in January with a Copy to DG Ward.



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## Jim Raymonda Memorial Fund by Joe Wolczyk, Auburn Club

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The Jim Raymonda Memorial Fund, organized by our District, under the leadership of Governor Ward, is still accepting contributions. A reminder also that the proceeds will be contributed to the Rotary Foundation's fight to eradicate polio worldwide by 2005. The District is contributing the first \$1,000 in Jim's name. For information contact PDG Paul Stratton, AG Jerry Kelley, or Joe Wolczyk.

To contribute to the fund: 1) make your check payable to "The Rotary Foundation" in whatever amount you wish to contribute; 2) complete a Rotary contribution form listing yourself as the donor (include your TRF number) and Jim Raymonda as the recipient; and 3) mail your completed form and check to: The Jim Raymonda Memorial Fund, c/o Joe Wolczyk, 164 State Street, Auburn, New York 13021.

Contributions are eligible for a tax deduction credit and Paul Harris Fellow credit. Call Joe at 315-252-8336 with questions.



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## Presidents-elect Training Session by DGE Bruce Frasinelli, Oswego Club

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**Presidents-elect Training Session (PETS)** will be held on **March 16-17, 2001** at the Wyndham Hotel in E. Syracuse, off Rte 298 near Carrier Circle.

This is **mandatory training for all incoming presidents**, according to Rotary International. It also is an enjoyable

experience to be involved in. I look forward to attending the District Governor Elect training session in Anaheim next month and bringing back some exciting ideas in preparation to working with you. More information will be forthcoming on PETS and other important 2001-2002

events in the coming weeks. *View more on our website:* [www.rotarydistrict7150.org/PETS2000.htm](http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/PETS2000.htm)



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## Rotary Foundation, D7150 PHF & Eastwood by Don Cossette, Chair, Oriskany Falls

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**The Rotary Foundation**, as of October 31, 2000, has received \$12,940.00 in donations from District 7150 for the Annual Fund. Remember our goal this year is \$60,000.00. Half of Gov. Ward's year is gone already. We only have six months left to reach our goal and go over the top. So let's get the donations on their way to the Foundation. Remember we receive 60 percent of the total money we raise for the Annual Share Fund Program.

Bob Batley reports **"the Eastwood Club is 100% TRF.** The Rotary Foundation of

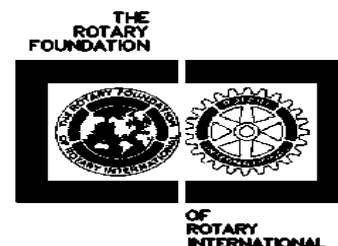
Rotary Int'l is supported by the contributions of Rotarians, Rotary Districts and Clubs around the world.

Recognition for the contributions is by the Paul Harris Fellow Award when the amount of the gift is \$1,000. or more. Some Rotarians have received the PHF award by being a Sustaining Member of the Foundation and have contributed at least \$100. per year until the \$1,000. level is reached.

Our club has been a regular supporter of the Foundation by our annual contributions. It is with great pleasure that we can announce that the Eastwood Club now has 41

contributors to the Foundation, which is 100% participation. As of December 20, 2000 our club has 24 active members who have received the Paul Harris Award and 17 members who are or have become Sustaining Members of the Foundation. Congratulations, all".

*View more on our website:* [www.rotarydistrict7150.org/foundation.html](http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/foundation.html)



## D 7150 Attendance & Membership Leaders for November

Club Name	Members 01-Jul-00	Nov-00 Members	Change re: 01-Jul		November-00	
			Members	%	Mtgs	% Attendance
Adirondack Foothills	30	30	0	0.00	5	44.00
Auburn	28	31	3	10.71	4	46.55
Aurora	23	23	0	0.00	4	71.00
Baldwinsville	36	39	3	8.33	5	56.00
Camden	24	21	(3)	(12.50)	4	61.00
Camillus	27	29	2	7.41	4	71.81
Canastota	22	28	6	27.27	4	81.87
Cato	21	21	0	0.00	4	82.00
Cazenovia	28	31	3	10.71	4	79.00
Chittenango	60	62	2	3.33	4	92.00
DeWitt	88	89	1	1.14	4	71.62
Dolgeville	20	15	(5)	(25.00)	5	38.00
Eastwood (Syracuse)	40	41	1	2.50	4	88.40
Fayetteville-Manlius	30	32	2	6.67	4	64.00
Fulton	42	42	0	0.00	4	69.00
Fulton Sunrise	20	21	1	5.00	3	70.00
Greater Utica Sunrise	33	31	(2)	(6.06)	4	65.00
Hamilton	36	31	(5)	(13.89)	4	67.25
Herkimer	34	30	(4)	(11.76)	4	76.00
Kuyahoorra Valley	28	# 26		NoReport		#
Little Falls	26	26	0	0.00	4	77.00
Liverpool	19	19	0	0.00	5	64.00
Marcellus	15	13	(2)	(13.33)	4	84.07
Moravia	15	15	0	0.00	4	86.00
Morrisville	26	22	(4)	(15.38)	4	50.00
New Hartford	39	37	(2)	(5.13)	5	59.35
North Syracuse	5	5	0	0.00	4	80.00
North Utica	23	21	(2)	(8.70)	4	47.67
Oneida	84	87	3	3.57	4	81.61
Oneida Shores	16	16	0	0.00	4	82.00
Oriskany Falls	25	24	(1)	(4.00)	4	84.00
Oriskany-Whitestown	26	29	3	11.54	4	69.00
Oswego	65	69	4	6.15	4	82.00
Rome	92	84	(8)	(8.70)	5	65.40
Sauquoit	29	31	2	6.90	4	74.00
Sherrill	21	21	0	0.00	4	61.00
Skaneateles	55	55	0	0.00	4	61.40
Solvay-Geddes	16	17	1	6.25	4	83.82
Syracuse	132	136	4	3.03	4	41.13
Syracuse Sunrise	33	31	(2)	(6.06)	3	78.67
Tully	20	21	1	5.00	4	67.00
Utica	152	158	6	3.95	3	68.00
Waterville	20	20	0	0.00	4	80.30
West Winfield	21	22	1	4.76	4	75.72
<b>District Averages</b>	----	# ----	----	----	----	69.71 #
<b>District Totals</b>	1,645	# 1,654	9	----	----	----

Leading District Clubs (For Month of November 2000)	
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>%</b>
Chittenango	92.00
Eastwood (Syracuse)	88.40
Moravia	86.00
Marcellus	84.07
Oriskany Falls	84.00
Solvay-Geddes	83.82
Cato	82.00
Oneida Shores	82.00
Oswego	82.00
Canastota	81.87
Oneida	81.61
Waterville	80.30
North Syracuse	80.00
<b>Membership Total</b>	<b>Qty.</b>
Utica	158
Syracuse	136
DeWitt	89
Oneida	87
Rome	84
<b>Membership Gain</b> (Re: Previous 01-Jul SAR)	<b>Qty.</b>
Canastota	6
Utica	6
Oswego	4
Syracuse	4
Auburn	3
Baldwinsville	3
Cazenovia	3
Oneida	3
Oriskany-Whitestown	3
Camillus	2
<b>Membership Gain</b> (Re: Previous 01-Jul SAR)	<b>%</b>
Canastota	27.27
Oriskany-Whitestown	11.54
Auburn	10.71
Cazenovia	10.71
Baldwinsville	8.33
Camillus	7.41
Sauquoit	6.90
Fayetteville-Manlius	6.67
Solvay-Geddes	6.25
Oswego	6.15

Reports not Received	1
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Note:

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

43 Reports Received	
	E-Mail = 2
	FAX = 0
Nov-00 Reports (MARs)	Mail = 2
	Phone = 5
	Web = 34

**Note:** D7150 Secretary Austin Beltrani's new email address: beltrani@att.net



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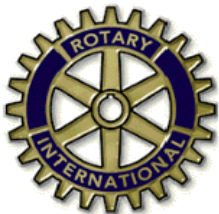
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