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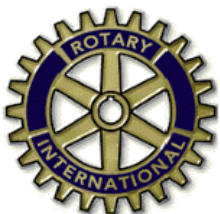
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D7150 2000/01 World Community Service Projects Great Success by DG Ward Vuillemot

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Calendar events, your
Committee information,*



"Service Above Self"

D7150's WCS Projects were an outstanding success!

One of our district's primary goals this Rotary year was to increase the involvement of District 7150 clubs in international projects. We "seeded" this goal with a \$1,000 District Designated Funds match for qualified RF matching grant projects.

Twenty-four of our proactive clubs participated in projects, which stretched around the globe. These projects included; Matching Grant, Discovery Grant, Rotary Volunteer, Avoidable Blindness, Club to Club, and club support of other international organizations. Individual clubs accomplished some of these projects, with others leveraging the resources of multiple clubs. The results are exceptional and far beyond our original expectations. The following is a listing of the projects that were initiated during the year. Some of these are still "works in progress". Each of these clubs is to be commended for recognizing Rotary's internationality.

Avoidable Blindness Project – Herkimer Club

Twenty million people in our world today are blind because they do not have access to a simple cataract operation. Through the efforts of Rotary President Frank Devlyn, Rotary is able to restore sight to three individuals in third-world countries for just US\$100. Herkimer Rotarians raised \$1,000 for this purpose, which was matched by RF and the district

for a total of \$3,000. Through their efforts, Herkimer Rotarians restored sight to 90 individuals.

Belize School Supply Project – Fulton, Fulton Sunrise and Oneida Shores Clubs

These clubs have gathered school supplies and shipped them to schools in need in Belize. This is an excellent example of how clubs can combine their efforts to work directly with a deserving organization across an international border.

Kisan School Project, Buhpur, India - Fulton and Oswego Clubs

These clubs leveraged their resources for an RF matching-grant to provide funds to ship books and computers to Kisan High School and to purchase audio-visual and science equipment for the Rural Center for Science Culture.

Karur India Technical School Project -Area-5 Clubs: Auburn, Aurora, Camillus, Marcellus, Tully, Moravia, Skaneateles, Solvay-Geddes

Eight Area-5 clubs have combined their effort to support an RF matching grant, which will create a vocational training center to train unemployed persons in profitable vocations for a sustained and decent living. The students will be trained in the weaving and tailoring occupations.

Machakos Primary School Book Project, Machakos, Kenya - Hamilton Club

The purpose of this project is
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to bring the world of literacy to the children of Machakos, Kenya, who would otherwise be without access to books. This is to be accomplished by vastly augmenting and growing a small existing library located at a primary school facility.

Rotary Volunteer Service, Santa Cruz, Bolivia - Rotarian Dr. Joseph Bearman Supported by Rotary Clubs of: Canastota, Chittenango, Fayetteville-Manlius, Oneida and Sherrill Clubs

Rotary Volunteer, Dr. Joseph Bearman, of the Oneida club lead a team of two doctors and two medical students to Santa Cruz, Bolivia on a mission to supply pediatric treatment to indigent children. This is a wonderful example of how much one dedicated Rotarian can accomplish by pulling together multiple resources for a mission of mercy. It is the possible precursor to a future RF Matching Grant in the coming year.

Tutoring / Mentoring Project, Tirana, Albania - Rotarians; Barbara Klein and Sheila Orlin Supported by the

Utica Rotary Club

This Tutoring/Mentoring Project "piggybacks" on an existing program being operated by an organization known as Useful to Albanian Women (UAW) in two cities in Albania. The program provides 180 disadvantaged and poor children from the war-torn regions with economic/social programs.



Training School for Employable Disabled, Argentina - DeWitt Rotary Club

This grant leverages the Rotary Club of General Pacheco, Argentina, to utilize a building owned by that club to create a training and workshop center for physically and mentally disabled employable young adults. The project is the outcome of a Rotary Friendship

Exchange in which the DeWitt Rotarians participated in the spring of 2000.

Wells/Latrines Project, Harare, Zimbabwe - Liverpool Club

This is a grant project "work in progress" that will supply funds and materials to create clean drinking water and prevent water contamination through the construction of adequate latrines. It will combine the efforts of Rotary Clubs of Liverpool and Harare, Zimbabwe, and the contribution of equipment from a local manufacturer.

West African Eye Foundation Clinic, Dakar, Senegal - Discovery Grant - Rotarian James Gascon Supported by the Eastwood Rotary Club

This discovery grant leverages the efforts of the West African Eye Foundation, Inc. (WAEF), established in Syracuse. The WAEF is to establish an eye clinic to include examination and treatment of diseases and disorders relating to the human eye. The clinic staff is to be equipped, trained and the clinic open to not only Senegalese inhabitants but to all of the surrounding countries in West Africa.

Delegates Chart Rotary's Course at 2001 Council on Legislation

Convened into session on April 21st, 2001, by Chair Clifford L. Dochterman, delegates representing most of Rotary's 530 districts met at the **COL (Council on Legislation)**, the official legislative body of RI, in Chicago, Illinois.

The Council deliberated and acted upon more than **600 proposed enactments and resolutions** submitted by Rotary clubs,

district conferences, the General Council or the Conference of Rotary International in Britain and Ireland and the RI Board of Directors. The council concluded business on April 27th.

This council, like past ones, was a **key vehicle for Rotarians** to strengthen the organization's legal foundation and to renew its relevance in a world experiencing

rapid changes in technology, business and society.

Rotary has recognized the importance of the Internet as an efficient tool of communication to promote the Rotary spirit. Rapidly embracing the fruits of information technology, Rotary is moving into the 21st Century.

View legislation passed by the COL at the RI website.

Tech Trends & Tidbits by Marlene B. Brown, Internet Communications Officer, New Hartford

I had the pleasure of sitting across from PDG Jim Spencer at our Foundation dinner. We got to kidding about the *Rotary alphabet soup*. It occurred to us that many folks don't know what the terms stand for. *So here goes:*

AG: Assistant Governor

CICO: Club Intern Comm Officer

COG: Changing of the Guard

DICO: Dist Internet Comm Officer

DG: District Governor

DGE: District Gov Elect

DGN: District Gov Nominee

DGND: District Gov Nom Elect

GSE: Group Study Exchange

PDG: Past District Governor

PETS: PresElect Trng Session

PHF: Paul Harris Fellow

PP: Past Rotary Club President

RIP: Rotary Int'l President

RIPE: Rotary Int'l Pres Elect

RIVP: Rotary Int'l Vice Pres

RYE: Rotary Youth Exchange

RYLA: Rotary Youth Ldrsp Award

WCS: World Community Service

Internet Terminology:

And here's some Net/Web terms:

Applet - scrolling stock tickers and headlines on websites.

Bandwidth - per second transfer.

Higher connection, faster download.

Browser - decodes code and allows you to view Web images

Download - transfer of information from Internet to your computer.

DSL - Digital Subscriber Line, connects 30x faster than 56K

FTP - File Transfer Protocol, copies files between computers.

HTML - Hypertext Markup Language, web page computer code

HTTP - Web pages you have

About this time of year, incoming district governors around the world are putting the finishing touches on confirming the names of those who will serve in *district leadership roles* -- either as committee chairs or committee members.

With more than 1,700 Rotarians in District 7150, one might imagine that this is an endless pool of resources from which to tap talent. The reality of the situation is that there are few who are willing to take on the **demands required of a district leadership position.**

Because of the pressures of their job -- sometimes jobs -- family, other civic responsibilities and other commitments, it is virtually impossible for some to accept such a district leadership role, even though those Rotarians are eminently qualified to do so.

In some cases, however, there are *many potentially talented Rotarians who sit on the sidelines*, yet they may want to be part of the district action. The problem is: ***They have never been asked.***

As I am winding down the task

of putting the district leadership team into place for the start of the 2001-02 Rotary year on July 1, I have been struck by how few Rotarians are in a position to step up to district leadership position.

Despite this, I also have found as I have contacted some Rotarians who have been identified by current leaders as having "*strong potential*," they are excited to serve and

Rotary Benefactor Program: Achieving Immortality *by PDG John Engelmann*

In April 1888, *a great industrialist, whose brother had just died*, opened the newspaper to read his brother's obituary was stunned to find his own instead. (Papers in those days prepared obituaries for important people ahead of time, and the paper printed the wrong brother's piece)

Even more horrifying was that, instead of mentioning good things he had done, the obituary depicted him as a "*merchant of death*". He was remembered only as the inventor and producer of dynamite, the forerunner of high explosive military weapons.

He resolved that this would not be his permanent legacy. When he died eight years later, his will made

several small bequests, but the rest of his vast estate was to be liquidated and invested in safe securities. Only the annual earnings would then fund awards to persons who had most benefited mankind in the areas of medicine, physics, chemistry, literature, and world peace. Later, economics was added.

As you may know, this dynamite personality was *Alfred Nobel*, and the award, *the Nobel Prize*. Long before Rotary had its Four-Way Test, Nobel lived it. Nobel Prizes have been awarded for the past 105 years. The program is going stronger than ever and will continue into infinity.

Through the Rotary Benefac-

tor program, *any Rotarian can be part of a similar positive legacy to mankind forever*. Your contribution, like the Nobel Prize program, will continue to generate funds to help the less fortunate in the world and *your "Service Above Self" will continue forever*. It is your chance to achieve immortality.

This is from PDG John Engelmann's "Rotary Information Moment" published Feb. 17, 1998 in Rome Rotary Club's newsletter. He presented it at the April 27th District Rotary Foundation Dinner.



Why A Look Back is Important *by PDG Ed Paparella, GUS*

By the time you receive this issue of Credo **Rotary Year 2000-01** will have just about 45 days left.

This year the District Leadership Team has hoped to give all the Clubs some ideas in making **the Millennium Year** one to be long remembered. Many Clubs picked up on suggested new ideas and found a real sense of accomplishment as **Service doors opened wide** and members responded. When we begin anew with anything it is always wise to take some time to Look Back to see what goals & objectives were formulated at the beginning of the year and did we meet and/or exceed objectives.

Why this is important is pretty straightforward. We took the time to develop some goals with the idea at the end of the Rotary Year we would evaluate outcomes. Some will say, we are all volunteers, is it important to hold ourselves accountable for

results. Others will say, we all signed on to do a certain number of projects, activities, etc. to the best of our ability, now let's take some time to **see how we did**. Those with the later thinking have already exceeded in identifying with the Mission of Rotary.

Setting goals comes right from the top, and RI President Frank Devlyn did his part early on in identifying his objectives for the year. We can do no less as we follow his example, believing in the **Rotary Ideals**, service in our Community and throughout the World. Did our District make a significant difference this year, you bet we did. How much of a **significant difference** came from your Club, you have to decide.

If you find several of your goals were far exceeded, Congratulations. If others just seemed

so-so, take some time to evaluate why some were exceeded and others fell short of expectations. Just **setting out with an objective makes you a winner**.

For the benefit of the New Rotary Year that will begin on July 1st, have some discussion with all your members as you Look Back and then **set your sights on improving** in those areas you decide may have fallen short. It has been proven a Club will grow using this process and you will find, with renewed determination, more goals and objectives for next year will be exceeded. That's why **A Look Back is so Important**.



Rotary Youth Leadership Award Applications *shared by Ray Allen, Chair*

Applications for high school students between 15 and 18 years old are available for those interested in applying to our District 7150's first RYLA Seminar. Copies have been sent to all clubs that indicated an interest in sponsoring students. There are 30 openings so get your applications in quickly. Close out date is June 10th. Cost of the seminar, to be paid by their sponsoring Rotary Club, is \$180.00 per student including seminar materials, room and meals. District clubs are encouraged to identify candidates and alternates for participation. Clubs will be contacted prior to any alternates being placed. If you need an application or have questions call Ray Allen at 315-732-3883, fax: 315-732-5282.

The RYLA seminar will be held August 1-3, 2001 at Mohawk Valley Community College, in Utica, NY. Registration will be at 10am on Aug 1st with a graduation luncheon at noon on Aug 3rd hosted by Utica Rotary at Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club. We have invited Rotarian and Congressman Sherwood Boehlert to be the keynote speaker. The RYLA student's parents will be

invited to attend the luncheon.

The program includes lectures, participatory group activities, and discussion periods all directed at leadership training. It also includes a Ropes Course to teach team building, communication and trust recognition skills. There will be teams set up with each team having a project to complete by the end of the seminar. Current leaders in the community, MVCC faculty and Rotary will be seminar leaders and guest speakers. Students will stay in MVCC dorms with Rotarians as chaperones.

Rotarians are also encouraged to consider having their children and grandchildren, who meet the candidate criteria, apply to the seminar. Selection criteria are:

This program requires self-awareness, previously exhibited leadership qualities, and the ability to communicate effectively.

Required Criteria:

- **Age:** high school students between the ages of 15-18 years.
- **Academic Level:** high school candidates 10th, 11th, 12th grade
- **Drugs:** Not been or currently be involved in drugs
- **Medical:** Not have any medical, mental or physical

conditions that would preclude active participation in all program activities

- **Leadership Activities:** (*Identify items appropriate to your area*)
- **Availability:** Be available for the full duration of the seminar including residence on campus and attendance at the graduation luncheon.

Suggested Leadership Activities:

- Hold leadership positions in high school clubs, organiz., athletic teams
- Significant project involvement: school class project, Junior Achievement, Science Fair, school play, etc.
- In 4-H, FFA, Scouting, Church &/or other community ldrsp roles
- Leader of Interact Club
- Previously a Rotary Exchange Student participant
- School or community sports involvement
- Volunteer worker in community organizations or programs.

Awards: Recognized by school, organizations and / or community for outstanding scholastic, athletic, and other exemplary achievements.

Potential: To become a Community Leader and Supporter.

See add'l info on rotaryryla.com



D7150's Rotary Foundation Dinner a Success *by Don Cossette, Chair, Oriskany Falls*

As of April 6, 2001, the Foundation reported the following about District 7150:

Paul Harris Fellows -- 1,289

Sustaining PHF's -- 169

Benefactors -- 76

All Time Foundation Giving: \$1,720,912

YTD Annual Giving: \$39,199 or 65% of \$60,000 goal To

accomplish our goal, it is important that each of your clubs examine their TRF goals & take steps to meet those goals as quickly as possible.

D7150 Rotarians who received a PHF this past year, and District Rotary Benefactors were honored at the April 27th Foundation Dinner.

The funds are used to fund the many humanitarian, education

and world piece programs that we Rotarians initiate and manage through out our world.

More information and names of those honored on our website: rotarydistrict7150.org/foundation.html



D 7150 Attendance & Membership Leaders for March

Club Name	Members 01-Jul-00	Mar-01 Members	Change re: 01-Jul		March-01		Leading District Clubs March-01	
			Members	%	Mtgs	% Attendance	Attendance	%
West Winfield	21	22	1	4.76	4	76.13	Canastota	92.71
Waterville	20	20	0	0.00	5	76.40	Solvay-Geddes	87.06
Utica	152	158	4	2.63	5	62.00	Morrisville	87.00
Tully	20	21	1	5.00	5	55.00	Eastwood (Syracuse)	83.30
Syracuse Sunrise	33	35	2	6.06	5	72.00	Oriskany Falls	83.30
Syracuse	132	129	(3)	(2.27)	5	50.59	Oneida Shores	82.25
Solvay-Geddes	16	17	1	6.25	5	87.06	Chittenango	82.00
Skaneateles	55	55	0	0.00	5	60.10	North Syracuse	81.00
Sherrill	21	21	0	0.00	4	68.00	Oneida	80.06
Sauquoit	29	30	1	3.45	4	70.00	Cato	80.00
Rome	92	87	(5)	(5.43)	4	59.00	Moravia	79.00
Oswego	65	61	(4)	(6.15)	4	73.00	Marcellus	77.10
Oriskany-W hitestown	26	28	2	7.69	4	59.00	Waterville	76.40
Oriskany Falls	25	24	(1)	(4.00)	4	83.30	West Winfield	76.13
Oneida Shores	16	16	0	0.00	4	82.25	Membership Total	Qty.
Oneida	84	90	6	7.14	4	80.06	Utica	158
North Utica	23	18	(5)	(21.74)	3	51.85	Syracuse	129
North Syracuse	5	5	0	0.00	4	81.00	Oneida	90
New Hartford	39	39	0	0.00	4	66.67	DeWitt	89
Morrisville	26	22	(4)	(15.38)	5	87.00	Rome	87
Moravia	15	17	2	13.33	4	79.00	Membership Gain	Qty.
Marcellus	15	14	(1)	(6.67)	4	77.10	(Re: Previous 01-Jul SAR)	
Liverpool	19	18	(1)	(5.26)	4	55.00	Baldwinsville	7
Little Falls	26	28	2	7.69	4	66.00	Chittenango	6
Kuyahora Valley	28	26	(2)	(7.14)	4	63.40	Oneida	6
Herkimer	34	29	(5)	(14.71)	4	63.00	Camillus	5
Hamilton	36	31	(5)	(13.89)	4	61.00	Utica	4
Greater Utica Sunrise	33	26	(7)	(21.21)	4	70.00	Cazenovia	3
Fulton Sunrise	20	20	0	0.00	5	60.00	Auburn	2
Fulton	42	40	(2)	(4.76)	5	60.00	Canastota	2
Fayetteville-Manlius	30	31	1	3.33	4	58.40	Little Falls	2
Eastwood (Syracuse)	40	40	0	0.00	4	83.30	Membership Gain	%
Dolgeville	20	16	(4)	(20.00)	4	56.25	(Re: Previous 01-Jul SAR)	
DeWitt	88	89	1	1.14	4	61.57	Baldwinsville	19.44
Chittenango	60	66	6	10.00	5	82.00	Camillus	18.52
Cazenovia	28	31	3	10.71	3	72.00	Moravia	13.33
Cato	21	19	(2)	(9.52)	3	80.00	Cazenovia	10.71
Canastota	22	24	2	9.09	4	92.71	Chittenango	10.00
Camillus	27	32	5	18.52	5	59.17	Canastota	9.09
Camden	24	19	(5)	(20.83)	3	46.00	Little Falls	7.69
Baldwinsville	36	43	7	19.44	4	47.00	Oriskany-W hitestown	7.69
Aurora	23	24	1	4.35	4	61.00	Auburn	7.14
Auburn	28	30	2	7.14	4	48.21	Oneida	7.14
Adirondack Foothills	30	30	0	0.00	4	59.00		
District Averages	----	----	----	----	----	67.31		
District Totals	1,645	1,639	(6)	----	----	----	Reports Pending	0

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.

44	Reports Received
	E-Mail = 1
	FAX = 2
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Reports	Phone = 5
(MARs)	Web = 34

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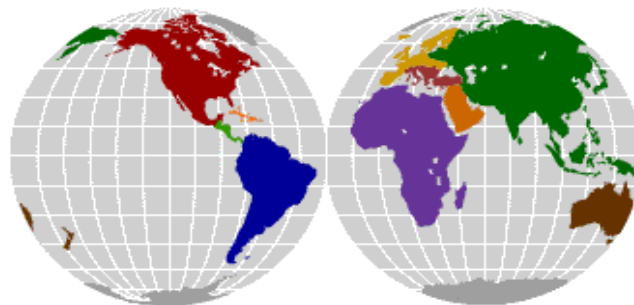
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Foundation Dinner Great Success * See you at District Assembly!