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## District 7150

### Governor's Newsletter



November 2001

### Rotary Foundation Seminar a Success by DG Bruce Frassinelli

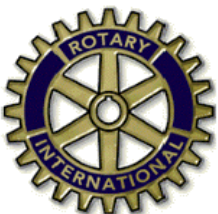
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*E-mail us your Club Calendar events, your Committee information, and your club news!*



**DG Bruce Frassinelli**



**"Service Above Self"**

Nearly 100 Rotarians from 33 District 7150 clubs gathered at Dibble's Inn November 3 for the second annual **Rotary Foundation Seminar**. The day-long program featured sessions on key Foundation programs, including matching grants, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholars program and information on the new Rotary Peace Scholarships.

*Our district's nominee* for the first-ever competition for one of the 70 **Rotary Peace Scholarships** captivated the audience explaining how he came from his native Lithuania to Colgate University in Hamilton, where he is a full-time student. An aspiring journalist, Arnoldas Prancknevicus hopes one day to return to his native Lithuania to help his country and other Balkan countries become stabilized members of the world community. This could be a significant linchpin to world peace and understanding, he acknowledged.

*Two well-known Rotary keynoters* were key presenters at the foundation seminar. They were John "Mac" Leask of Connecticut, who exhorted those in attendance to get fired up and bring back the message to their home clubs that the Foundation needs the help of all Rotarians, and Toni McAndrew of Pennsylvania, who urged as many District 7150 Rotarians as possible to join the list of 725,000 Rotarians world-

wide who are Paul Harris Fellows.

In addition to their presentations, they participated in a question-and-answer panel discussion which ended the seminar. Aside from learning key information at the seminar, Rotarians were able to pick up a variety of resource materials.

District Governor Bruce Frassinelli complimented and thanked Ward Vuillemot and Don Cossette, co-chairs of the program. Other presenters were Past District Governors Ned Mann of Chittenango and Herb Jerry of Eastwood, former district Rotary Foundation Chair Joe Wolczyk of Auburn, Charlie Young of Oswego and Doug Mouncey and Maureen Ozols, both of Syracuse.

District Governor Bruce says **Foundation giving in the district is at one-third of the \$65,000 goal** of nondesignated funds. "We about right on target," he said, "but need to make sure we go all out and meet or exceed our goal." Past Dist Gov Ward reported last year's goal of \$60,000 was shattered by nearly \$20,000. With all types of giving to the Foundation, the district recorded nearly \$101,000 in donations.

Leask cited District Governor-Nominee Andrea *Ives* of the Baldwinsville club for becoming the **district's newest member of the Bequest Society**, achieved through a promise of at least \$10,000 through her will to the Rotary Foundation.

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## The Community Assistance Program by DG Bruce Frassinelli

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The Community Assistance Program provides an opportunity for Rotary districts to *use their District Designated Funds to undertake service projects in their communities* as a way of furthering Rotary Foundation's objectives of world understanding and peace. Now in its second year, the pilot program is running through October 2003.

District Governor Bruce Frassinelli says **seven \$1,000 grants will be available to clubs** in District 7150 on a first-come, first-served basis. He also has appointed **Ron Ramsden** of the Marcellus Club **CAP chair**.

Ramsden and his committee will evaluate proposals, which must be submitted no later than April 25. A session on CAP was presented by Toni McAndrew of PA at the Nov. 3 Seminar.

CAP will provide funding for

one-time-only community service projects that involve the active, personal participation of Rotarians. *The projects must* enhance the community and/or improve the lives of disadvantaged residents where Rotary clubs and districts exist.

The projects also must be Rotary-sponsored, publicly



identified as such and completed within one year.

**For example, your club might:**

- Organize a food pantry for the homeless or low-income residents.
- Donate supplies to a senior citizens center or an orphanage.
- Provide fresh water to

indigent people through wells, reservoirs or new pipes.

- Offer adult literacy classes.
  - Start a food garden to improve nutrition for inner-city residents.
  - Purchase equipment for a health clinic.
  - Sponsor a youth leadership training course.
  - Clean up a lake, river, forest preserve or park.
  - Donate a van to a children's hospital to transport parents and siblings.
  - Plant trees to enhance a neighborhood or preserve an environmentally sensitive area.
- Additional project criteria* are spelled out in "The Rotary Foundation Community Assistance Program Application," which can be gotten from Ramsden. Call him at 673-2813 or write to him at 3867 State Hill Road, Marcellus, NY 13108.

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## Clubs Honored at Rotary Foundation Seminar

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**Four clubs in District 7150 were honored** at the November 3 Rotary Foundation seminar for their contributions to the Foundation. The awards were made in conjunction with November being Rotary Foundation Month.

Past District Gov. Ward Vuillemot presented banners and letters of recognition from former International President Luis Vincent Giay, chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees.

The **top three clubs in per capital** annual program fund-giving for 2000-01 were: **Greater Utica Sunrise**, first, with \$450; **Rome**, second, with \$139.10, and **Oriskany Falls**, third, with

\$109.38. **Top three clubs in total** annual program fund-giving were: **Greater Utica Sunrise**, first, with \$12,150; **Rome**, second, \$11,684.70, and **Chittenango**, third, \$5,800.

"These clubs should be proud of their accomplishments," said John T. Osterlund, Rotary Foundation Fund Development Manager. He pointed out that per capita calculations are based strictly on contributions to the Annual Program Fund, a computation method in accordance with a 1995 Trustees decision.

In his letter to the winning clubs, Chair Giay wrote: "Please

accept the banner as an expression of our gratitude to all the members of the club. May this banner offer an example of what your club has accomplished and serve as motivation to preserve your club's strong support of the Foundation in the years to come". *The Annual Fund is the cornerstone of The Rotary Foundation's giving efforts.* "The money raised by your clubs," he adds, "allows the Foundation to support the numerous humanitarian and educational programs as well as an infinite number of other endeavors of international goodwill".

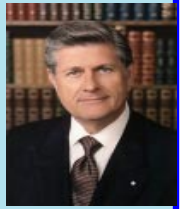


## District 7150 Calendar of Events

Monday November 12th, *Eastern Cities Dinner*, Rochester, NY, Contact DG Bruce Frassinelli

**From: Richard D. King Sent: Monday, October 08, 2001 1:18 PM To: 'Marlene B. Brown'**

**Subject: September Eleventh Rotary Support** My Fellow Rotarian: Thank you for your support and sympathy following the tragedy of September 11, 2001. I greatly appreciate the kind words and offers of assistance that have come in from Rotarians all around the world during this difficult time. You may be interested in viewing the section on the Rotary International website to see how other Rotarians are responding to this crisis. At this time, I believe that as Rotarians we need to continue our efforts for peace and safety for all people of the world. I hope that you will continue in Rotary's long standing tradition of promoting goodwill and international understanding, and not be dissuaded by recent events of the importance of helping others throughout the world. Together we can continue to show the world that Mankind Is Our Business. With warm regards. Sincerely, Richard D. King, President, Rotary International



### News of Note by DG Bruce Frassinelli

Doug Richard, *Assistant Governor from Area 1* (Dolgeville, Adirondack Foothills, Greater Utica Sunrise, Herkimer, Kuyahoor Valley, Little Falls and North Utica), has resigned, effective immediately. His duties as manager of Hannaford's in Herkimer are being expanded. District Governor Bruce Frassinelli is **seeking nominees** to step into this key position. The person does not have to be a member of one of those seven clubs but could reside in a nearby area. Nominees must have served a complete term as club president to be considered.

Bruce at 342-4180 or by e-mail (brucep@aiousa.com).

Ghislaine ``Peggy'' Duhamel has been named *secretary of the Chittenango* Rotary Club. She succeeds Melanie Graham, who died suddenly at the age of 49. We extend our sympathies to Melanie's family, close friends and to members of her home club which she served so effervescently and ably.

We welcome the following new **District 7150 Rotarians**: Michele Mark, Canastota; Carolyn Williams, Dolgeville; John Mitchell and Kaylene Taylor-Bouchard, Oswego; Mark Modzeleski, Chittenango.

**Reminder to club secretaries:** All new members, member terminations and change of data must be reported to District Secretary Anita Brown, District Governor Bruce and Rotary International.

A large contingent of District 7150 Rotarians is planning to attend the **Eastern Cities Dinner** in Rochester on Monday, November 12 to hear Rotary International President Rick King. He also will be the keynote speaker at a dinner sponsored by the Binghamton Rotary Club in that city two days later.

### Technology Update by Marlene B. Brown, Webmaster & Internet Communication Officer



As we continue to update the **District website**, some new items you may find useful:

➤ A new **Club Calendar** where you can input information on your club fundraisers yourself is now available. All you need is the ID &

PW we'll provide you with. If you will be the point person for your club, e-mail webmaster Marlene. Meanwhile, check out the **new Club Calendar**, found on the District Calendar page.

- Updated information can be found on the **Foundation** page.
- Updated pictures of our most recent child on the **Gift of Life** page.
- Easy online membership reporting form on **Membership** page.

- Check the latest September 11th **donations** on the Support page.
- Check out the new search engine on our **Links page**, & of course, the easy online attendance **reporting form**.

➤ Info on how to stop sending viruses from your address book on **Virus page**.

**Quote:** "When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, 'I used everything you gave me.'" - Erma Bombeck

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**Our 33rd Gift of Life Child - Nyah Tayaguna from the Philippines**  
*by Mike Occhipinti, Chair of GOL, Rome Rotary Club*

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**They say a picture's worth a thousand words...**



**Thank you, Rotary, for the Gift of Life Program**

*View info on the D7150 GOL program & Clubs involved on our website.*

**Next month, we'll preview the D7150 Gift of Vision program**

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## Our Ambassadorial Scholars *by Dist Gov Bruce Frassinelli*

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District 7150 is hosting two *ambassadorial scholars who are attending Syracuse University.*

Rotarians attending the recent Dist Conf had an opportunity to hear and meet both -- **Mariangelo Bizzarri** from **Saronno, Italy**, & **I-Lin Chen** from **Taichung, Taiwan**

In her first report to the district, Bizzarri says the terrorism of Sept. 11 has had a "tremendous impact" on her. Hosted by the Camillus

club, she says she has become involved in activities at the Global Affairs Institute, a research center at the Maxwell School at SU. She has offered to teach students who want to speak Italian. "I think it is important for me to do something other than studying," Bizzarri said. "There is no better way to be an ambassadorial scholar than doing something related to my region while I am here."

She says although she has been in the United States only 3 months, it seems much longer. "Part of me feels as if I have been here forever," she says. "The United States is a fascinating country. I cannot think of any other place in the world that can show the same variety of different cultures, languages and religions." She says she is *grateful for the opportunity to share cultural experiences and learn with people from all over the world.*

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## Relive America's Past ... Shape America's Future *by DGE Don Reese, Utica Rotary*

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On **October 18, 19 & 20, 2002**, please plan to be a part of our next outstanding **2002-2003 District 7150 Rotary Conference**. For the first time, our District will celebrate in **Sturbridge, Massachusetts**. Our destination: The Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center. Located in the heart of Sturbridge, the hotel is directly across the street from the 1830's re-created and restored historical area known as Old Sturbridge Village. In this world of transition, what a great place for a Conference! A re-created village and outdoor history museum, Old Sturbridge Village brings to life the world of ordinary men and women in early 19<sup>th</sup> – century rural New England. Like Rotary, the Village is a place where we can find meaning, inspiration and delight in history, as well as our daily lives.

**October in Massachusetts will be spectacular!** Located just off the "Mass Pike" at Exit 9, Sturbridge is approximately a four hour drive from our District. The Host Hotel and Conference Center has 220 Early American décor, very spacious rooms, including canopy bedrooms, rooms with working fireplaces and 39 suites. This is a lakeside resort with boating available. The hotel has a large Atrium area featuring an indoor

pool and whirlpool. They have a miniature golf course right on the grounds. They feature a complete health and fitness center with racquetball, nautilus, weight machines and saunas.

**As we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Rotary**, we will have the opportunity to shape Rotary's future. At the Conference we will feature panel discussions on the future of Rotary, as well as international projects beyond "Polio Plus". What is your vision of Rotary in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? This is the opportunity to present your ideas and views. In this time of transition, Rotary, now more than ever, needs leaders to develop and work with our District Clubs and Rotarians. This Conference will feature some of our young leaders. Listen to their viewpoints... challenge them... present your own ideas... help make the 21<sup>st</sup> Century of Rotary become a reality. **Rotary makes things possible...but Rotarians make things happen!**

The Conference will also feature special, reduced prices for two-day passes to Old Sturbridge Village... an optional trip to Boston... a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Rotary

Golf Tourney...shopping...or just take a week-end and relax in beautiful, rural New England. The Conference will also feature a theme party Friday night you won't want to miss! Bring the family. The rooms are large...the hotel is great and there are plenty of activities to keep every one busy in the Sturbridge area.

**We are now featuring a "Pre-Conference" Special.** The regular registration fee is \$70.00 per Rotarian. But, if you register and pay before January 2, 2002, that fee drops to \$50.00 per Rotarian. For more information and a Conference Registration Form, please check out the 2002 Conference feature on the District Web Site, or contact District Governor Elect Don Reese at [dreese@mvcc.edu](mailto:dreese@mvcc.edu). The prices for the rooms and meals are now being finalized. However, it will be approximately the same as this year.

As Rotary approaches its' 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2002 – 2003 will be a very exciting year for all of us in District 7150. Plan now to attend YOUR District Conference. From Saratoga in 2001 to Sturbridge in 2002, let's keep the Rotary "light" burning bright! **See you in Sturbridge, where we will Relive America's Past and Shape Rotary's Future!**

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## D7150 Make A Difference Day Projects by Bruce Frassinelli, DG, 2001-2002

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*At least 18 Rotary clubs* in District 7150 rolled up their sleeves to do *special projects as part of the National Make A Difference Day* observance on Saturday, October 27.

The mobilization of Rotarians as a force for good in their communities, and, by extension, the world has been a longtime dream of District Governor Bruce Frassinelli, who incorporated the concept into the 2001-02 Goals and Objectives.

"Mother Nature conspired to challenge some of our projects," said DG Bruce, who noted some clubs postponed their activities until the following weekend.

In the project sponsored by **his home club, Oswego**, more than 40 Rotarians, Boy Scouts and Zeta Beta Tau fraternity members at Oswego State teamed up to dispose of tons of brush and debris from the Rotary Trail along Lake Ontario.

The **Adirondack Foothills** club cleaned up a two-mile stretch of state Route 365 between Barneveld and Prospect. Almost three pick-up truckloads of debris were removed during the four-hour project.

The **Aurora** Rotary Club patronized local shops and businesses to give a shot in the arm to the local economy.

The **Baldwinsville** Rotary Club cleaned litter from Route 690, erected a new welcome sign for the village, restocked and cleaned up the Peace Inc. food and clothing bank, cleared an entrance area to the new YMCA.

The **Canastota** Rotary Club worked with a local church and its Loaves and Fishes organiza-

tion in helping the elderly and underprivileged in its food kitchen.

The **Chittenango** Rotary Club delivered boxes of handy emergency supplies to residents, along with instructions on what to do in cases of emergency. The supply also included an assortment of food in the event of bad weather.

The **Fulton** Rotary Club had a fundraising pancake breakfast to raise money for the D7150 Sept 11 fund for NYC disaster relief.

The **DeWitt** Rotary Club cleaned, painted, inventoried and hauled trash for the Refugee Resettlement Warehouse.

The **Fayetteville-Manlius** Rotary Club painted, wallpapered and assembled display boards at The Learning Place on Erie Blvd.

The **New Hartford** Rotary Club created a Serenity Spot in the downtown area with benches, flowers, and a birdbath feeder.

The **North Utica** Club held a party for the developmentally disabled from Oneida-Lewis Co's Assoc of Retarded Citizens.

The **Oneida** Rotary Club performed fall fix-up chores for senior citizens throughout the community.

The **Oriskany Falls** Club painted a few newly constructed rooms in the staff apartments at the Heritage Farms near Pine Woods, a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide meaningful employment and day therapy for the developmentally handicapped.

The **Rome** Rotary Club helped with inside trim painting at the Jervis Public Library. Some Rotarians prepared meals for the Utica Rescue Mission. Others helped at the annual Rome Rotary Community Halloween Parade and

Party at the YMCA.

The **Sauquoit** Rotary Club, joined by their Interact Club, cleaned up an area highway. Other Rotarians sorted and distributed clothing and food to the needy at the Sauquoit Friends and Neighbors organization.

The **Skaneateles** Rotary Club was scheduled to clean a portion of Route 20 but had to postpone the project because of snowy and intemperate weather.

The **Utica** Rotary Club helped with improvement projects for the Jesus Christ Temple of David, a not-for-profit, community outreach program located in the center city. Chores included erection of a pre-manufactured storage shed and fencing. They were also involved in painting projects at the Boys & Girls Club of Utica and at the Association of Retarded Citizens summer camp. Others donated to the Utica Food Bank and to Columbus School

The **West Winfield** Rotary Club spent the day providing and installing electrical service, lights and timer to illuminate the U.S. flag that flies in front of their Public Library.

*District Governor Bruce said* he was pleased that several hundred Rotarians made a difference in their communities through their efforts. "*I hope this is the start of annual awareness of National Make A Difference Day,*" he said. More than 12 million persons participated in community-service projects across the United States on October 27th. The special day's activities were sponsored by USA Weekend, publisher of USA Today.



## D 7150 Attendance & Membership Leaders for month of Sept. 2001

Club Name	as of 7/1/2001p er SARs	Sept. Members	Membership change from 7/01		Sept.	
	Members		#	%	% Attendance	Mtgs
Adirondack Foothills	30	30	0	0%	66%	4
Auburn	25	25	0	0%	55%	4
Aurora	20	20	0	0%	58%	4
Baldwinsville	37	36	(1)	-3%	53%	4
Camden	20	19	(1)	-5%		
Camillus	32	32	0	0%		
Canastota	22	25	3	14%	78%	3
Cato	19	21	2	11%	91%	3
Cazenovia	31	32	1	3%	69%	4
Chittenango	59	58	(1)	-2%	72%	4
DeWitt	87	88	1	1%	71%	3
Dolgeville	16	19	3	19%	61%	4
Eastwood (Syracuse)	41	41	0	0%	80%	4
Fayetteville-Manlius	27	29	2	7%	50%	4
Fulton	39	40	1	3%	60%	4
Fulton Sunrise	19	20	1	5%	74%	4
Greater Utica Sunrise	26	24	(2)	-8%	73%	4
Hamilton	31	31	0	0%	32%	4
Herkimer	26	29	3	12%	69%	4
Kuyahoorra Valley	26	26	0	0%		
Little Falls	28	26	(2)	-7%	72%	4
Liverpool	22	22	0	0%	52%	4
Marcellus	15	12	(3)	-20%	83%	4
Moravia	16	15	(1)	-6%	88%	3
Morrisville	22	21	(1)	-5%	80%	4
New Hartford	34	36	2	6%	56%	4
North Syracuse	5	6	1	20%	100%	4
North Utica	17	17	0	0%	57%	4
Oneida	83	85	2	2%	74%	4
Oneida Shores	15	18	3	20%	78%	4
Oriskany Falls	20	20	0	0%	76%	5
Oriskany-Whitestown	27	28	1	4%	59%	4
Oswego	55	57	2	4%	49%	4
Rome	82	83	1	1%	68%	4
Sauquoit	29	29	0	0%	73%	4
Sherrill	23	15	(8)	-35%	80%	4
Skaneateles	55	55	0	0%	65%	4
Solvay-Geddes	20	19	(1)	-5%	88%	4
Syracuse	128	125	(3)	-2%	49%	4
Syracuse Sunrise	31	31	0	0%	87%	4
Tully	16	20	4	25%		
Utica	148	150	2	1%	69%	4
Waterville	20	20	0	0%	80%	4
West Winfield	21	23	2	10%	70%	4
<b>44 Clubs</b>	<b>1,565</b>	<b>1,578</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>----</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>----</b>

Leading District Clubs	
Sept.	
Attendance	%
North Syracuse	100%
Cato	91%
Solvay-Geddes	88%
Moravia	88%
Syracuse Sunrise	87%
Marcellus	83%
Eastwood (Syracuse)	80%
Waterville	80%
Morrisville	80%
Sherrill	80%
Canastota	78%
Oneida Shores	78%
Membership Total	Qty.
Utica	150
Syracuse	125
DeWitt	88
Oneida	85
Rome	83
Membership Gain	Qty.
(Re: Previous 01-Jul SAR)	
Herkimer	3
Canastota	3
Dolgeville	3
Oneida Shores	3
Utica	2
Oneida	2
Oswego	2
New Hartford	2
Fayetteville-Manlius	2
West Winfield	2
Cato	2
Membership Gain	%
(Re: Previous 01-Jul SAR)	
Oneida Shores	20%
North Syracuse	20%
Dolgeville	19%
Canastota	14%
Herkimer	12%
Cato	11%
West Winfield	10%

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.

D7150 Secretary Anita Brown's email:  
 anitabrown@adelphia.net  
 Attendance reporting form:  
[www.rotarydistrict7150.org/reports.html](http://www.rotarydistrict7150.org/reports.html)



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**"Service Above Self"**

**Check the Worldwide Rotary Database on our District website & Read Credo Online!**

**November is Rotary Foundation Month**



The works of the Rotary Foundation, made possible by the philanthropy of Rotarians all over the world, are truly remarkable. We are on-target to make the world polio-free by 2005 -- the centennial anniversary of Rotary.

What is your club doing to observe Rotary Foundation Month?