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August Is Membership Month

Do you have your Rotary pin on?

CLUB ACTION:

Do Something at Each Meeting

It's a new Rotary year. Your Rotary Club meets once a week. At each meeting, why not agree to initiate just one club action aimed at membership development – recruitment or retention. See what happens to the size and camaraderie of your club by the end of this Rotary year.

1. Name an inspired Membership Development chair and committee members who are passionate about Rotary and sharing it with others, enjoy people and are possibility thinkers.
2. Have a club brainstorm together on club membership goals. Do you all want to commit to each member bringing in one member this year? The consensus method ensures that all members understand and “buy in” to the goals. Follow-up with regular progress discussions.
3. Launch a regular Membership Moment at each club meeting. Get ideas for filling each by subscribing to RI's Membership Minute: <http://www.rotary.org/membership/resources/membminute.html>? Hear success stories, see what other organizations are doing, agree on membership development actions and hear follow-up reports.
4. Look at your club. If your membership doesn't look like the community it serves, it is missing a connection with that community. Your club could benefit from the strength and depth that come from diverse experience and perspectives — to say nothing of contacts. Does this open some membership pathways?

5. Ask for advice. Business and town leaders who can't commit the time to join Rotary themselves may admire its works and appreciate its value to their town. They love to be asked for advice. At a club meeting, decide who will call or visit them and ask for their suggestions for potential members — maybe even an employee of theirs.

SUCCESS STORY:

The Rush-Henrietta Rotary Club

The Rush-Henrietta Rotary Club of Rochester, NY drew in new members and sponsors by sending the following form letter to all businesses in the area, emphasizing the way Rotary could benefit them.

Dear Business Person,

How can Rotary help you and your business?

1. *We can give you the opportunity to tell our membership about your business as a speaker at one of our meetings. Call Pat St. Clair at 359-0730.*
2. *We can give you additional visibility in the community by giving you the opportunity to sponsor our fund-raising events, such as buying poinsettias for your store or office or to present to your employees. (Please see the enclosed order form.) Or you can become a sponsor of our fund-raising activities (the costs and benefits are outlined in the enclosed flyer.)*
3. *But the best thing we can offer you is membership and a chance to help make your community a better place to live and work. An opportunity to have the fellowship of other concerned citizens that work to help disabled children, sponsor both incoming and outgoing foreign exchange students, help purchase and then deliver food baskets to the needy seniors in the area at holiday time and even stoop to pick up trash along Calkins Road.*

A tip club we are not! However people do tend to think of Rotarians as honest, hard-working citizens. A nice recommendation for any business.

The Rush-Henrietta Rotary Club meets at 7:15 a.m. at the Park Plaza, 175 Jefferson Road, Rochester.

Please use the enclosed card to be our guest for breakfast at your earliest convenience or pass it on to a member of your organization that you would be proud to have representing your business.

Al Broccolo, President

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CLUB NEWS

SHARON SPRINGS

Join us for some Bordeaux for Books! Sharon Springs Rotary Club presents its **Annual Wine & Tea Tasting** –**Sunday, September 10th, 2006 2-5 pm** at Clausen Farms B&B - Route 20 Sharon Springs.

The Sharon Springs Free Library is this year's Charity of Choice, the benefactor of this event.

Wine by Charlotte's Vineyard and other NY wines
Tea by Thyme for Tea
Hors d'ouvres and desserts by local cafes & restaurants.
Tickets are \$15 per person - advanced reservations appreciated

For more information contact:
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MOHAWK VALLEY

The Mohawk Valley Rotary has set up an account for the Flood Relief in our area. Donations can be made to the Mohawk Valley Rotary. We greatly appreciate any donation for the Flood Relief. There are still families with water in basements and clean up to happen. Some businesses will have a tough decision about staying in business. The clean up is on going.

The Mohawk Valley Rotary and Sharon Springs Rotary on July 5th met at the Saltsmans Hotel for the induction of the new officers. Speaker Bob Comins, Past District Governor, talked on asking and talking to people we value because there is a day when things happen that we wish we knew the information. We all need to take notes and write things down, they keep the past dear to us.

Mohawk Valley announced the Outstanding Student of the Year Awards and Graduating Senior Scholarship winners.

Both Clubs are ready for the 2006- 2007 year.

Thank you
Judy King

MENANDS

We are having our BBQ on Sept 14 in the Menands Park –Giffys chicken bbq and we hope you might come by to buy a dinner

FORT ANN MAKES ANNE HAPPY ON HER OFFICIAL VISIT

We wanted to share with everyone our version of “Don’t Worry, Be Happy” that we sang for Anne at her official visit.

Here’s a little song I wrote
You might want to sing it note for note
Don’t worry, be happy.
In every life we have some trouble
When you worry you make it double
Don’t worry, be happy.
Don’t worry, be happy now.

CHORUS

Don’t worry, be happy. Don’t worry, be happy.
Don’t worry, be happy. Don’t worry, be happy.

Help us welcome a brand new face
Somebody came and took Sam’s place
Don’t worry, be happy.
Anne says the clubs are all first rate
Just make sure your dues aren’t late
Don’t worry, be happy.
Look at us - we’re happy.

CHORUS

Don’t worry, be happy.
Here I give you Anne’s home number. When you worry,
call her, she’ll
make you happy.
Don’t worry, be happy.

Pres. Dawn

SCOTIA

The Scotia Club announces its newest fund-raiser—a Monday Night Football type pool thing. Watch and listen for details of this fun for all event.

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COBLESKILL



President Chris and his wife Beth recently spoke about his and Beth's recent trip to Africa. They also had a power point presentation of pictures taken. Chris and Beth flew from JFK to

Senegal and onto Johannesburg in South Africa. The elevation of city is 6,000 feet and is a major shopping center.

Chris spoke of the orphanage they visited and said that our contribution was very much appreciated. Medicine is supplied to the children by the country but all other supplies are by donation. Students from all countries come to help. The Johannesburg Rotary Club is extremely helpful to the orphanage.

Chris answered questions and said that both he and Beth were very glad to be home.

REMINDER TO CLUB PRESIDENTS

The 2006-2007 District Dues invoices have gone out with a due date of August 1. Please follow through and see that these dues are paid promptly, so that the District can fulfill its functions in servicing the Clubs. Any questions can be directed to our District Treasurer, Bill Nathan (W) 489-4499, (H) 439-0019 or nathanoffice@nycap.rr.com



ROTTERDAM SUNRISE ROTARY

The Rotterdam Sunrise club recently donated 3 heavy duty picnic tables to the Town of Rotterdam. They are at the Eunice Esposito Park in Rotterdam. Funding for this project came from a Simplified Grant from District 7190 funds which were a portion of the district's contributions to the RI Foundation. The cost was \$600.00 each and will never need any upkeep.—Frank DePalma

Correction Notice to Meeting Time of Membership Seminar August 14

The District Directory states the Membership Seminar scheduled for August 14 is at 7:30 but it is at 6:30 right after the AG Meeting at the Chamber of Commerce in Clifton Park.

Rotarians: Delete scam e-mails

As the Internet continues to grow, unfortunately so do e-mail scams and other forms of Internet fraud targeting Rotarians or abusing Rotary information.

The latest wave of e-mail scams, brought to RI's attention by Rotarians who received messages, includes an e-mailed letter that bogusly claims to be from Euromillion Loteria Español or the UK National Lottery. The scam is especially confusing because it uses the likeness and apparent signature of 2005-06 RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, though it is signed as "Mr. Brian Hunt" or "Mrs. Emily Simon." The message text usually congratulates the recipient for winning the prize and also might mention that an agent will "facilitate the release of funds" after recipients respond to the e-mail. Visit [FraudWatch International Web site](#) to learn more about this type of lottery frauds.

RI is aware of these schemes and encourages Rotarians to be vigilant about deleting any e-mail that appears suspicious. Rotary International does not solicit funds via e-mail, nor does it request that personal information be updated via e-mail or other electronic means.

Rotarians targeted by scam e-mails

6 June 2005

The latest wave of e-mail "phishing" scams targeting Rotarians are especially confusing because the senders' addresses appear to be coming from the "rotaryintl.org" domain used by the Secretariat.

Rotarians should keep in mind that Rotary International will not ask for personal information to be updated via email or other electronic means. Any e-mail that appears to be from the rotaryintl.org domain requesting that Rotarians "confirm account information" by clicking on a link or else their "account will be suspended for security reasons" should be deleted immediately.

Rotarians who may have submitted sensitive personal information such as member access passwords, security codes, or credit card numbers as a result of such a scam are advised to change that information immediately.

Phishing scams, such as the one targeting Rotarians, involve imposters posing as account administrators who attempt to deceive unsuspecting e-mail recipients into divulging personal information, including passwords, credit card numbers, bank account numbers, and other sensitive data. Learn more about [how to spot and avoid phishing scams](#).

Club members should also take precautions when including e-mail addresses on Web pages and online forums where privacy is compromised. By sharing e-mail addresses in messages that are posted on Rotary club or district Web sites that are not secure, Rotarians may unknowingly make themselves and their clubs vulnerable to scams.

All Rotarians are encouraged to read the Rotary International [privacy policy](#) for information on the proper use of membership data.



Exchange Student Report

Lea Misty Brice-Brazil

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of
Colonie-Guilderland

Ed. Note: From time to time over the past year or so I have tried to share some of the reports made by the students that made certain points about the program and in support of the program. This is one of those reports.-Blair

May 2006

Hello Hello Hello! Well, to me it seems just like yesterday when I was sitting down at this very same computer to write my very first report. Time has passed by so much, and it makes me sad just to know that I will be leaving this wonderful country in 39 days. Wow, I remembered when I first wanted to go home and I cried about a month every night asking God to just let me give in and go home. But to my surprise here I am... almost 9 months later.

It is funny because so many different things have changed with me - mentally and physically. When I arrived I was 17 and now I am 18 years old. A young woman basically, with a lot more potential than when I came. I have now grown into a totally different person. If this exchange was to make me a different, smarter, stronger and a more stable person... I DID IT!!!!!! I mean wow. I am so happy that I am different and that other people see the difference in me. It was really someone in Brazil who made me open my eyes to this. My host parents told me when I arrived I was basically TERRIBLE!!! But now, I am GREAT! Which is what makes me so happy. When someone really enjoys being around you and just talking and sharing a good conversation. Another thing that has changed is I lost some pounds!!! Wow!!! I thought they said this was impossible.

I know my mom and all my friends are patiently waiting for me to come home. It isn't that I don't want to, it's just that my heart will be broken. I am such a sensitive person. But I am glad yet and still I am GROWING!!!! It really feels nice to grow. Many of my friends have gone home already and my other friend leaves in 9 days. I ask her about every day how does it feel. She always gives me the same answer. Weird. I truly agree with her. If it were my last 9 days, I would already be crying!!!! Well, that's life.

I went and visited my friend's house last week and went to a motofest. And then this week my other friend came and stayed at my house. She is here right now and will leave on Mothers Days. My friend and I made a peach cobbler with the help of my mother from United States. I called her and she told me exactly what to do! It turned out great, and my other mother Vera loved it!! It was such a great feeling to do something for someone else! And she never had it before so it made things even better.

This Sunday is mother's day...and well, it should be nice. I am trying to live the rest of my days here in Brazil the best I can. They are the last ones I will have for a while...

THE GREATEST GIFT IN LIFE IS TO LOVE AND TO BE LOVED!!!!!!!!!!

MY LIFE HAS FILLED THIS PART!!!!

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Success Strategies

The impact of Rotarians' generosity is everywhere. When you talk with a Group Study Exchange team member, an Ambassadorial Scholar or visit the site of a Matching Grant, you realize that *our* Rotary Foundation is truly creating peace and hope in our world. Many Rotary clubs regularly contribute to The Rotary Foundation as a part of their club's annual goals. Clubs that consistently give to The Rotary Foundation have two things in common: 1) their members are more aware and involved in the good works of The Rotary Foundation and 2) their club leaders have a clear and defined strategy to conduct fundraisers and/or solicit funds from every club member.

The following are specific strategies to raise money. They're fun, easy to implement, and have proven successful among many Rotary clubs and districts.

Divide and Conquer!

Divide the club into groups of five members. Each member agrees to give US\$200.00 to The Rotary Foundation for a total of \$1,000.00. The group puts each member's name in a hat and the one name pulled from the hat receives the credit for the Paul Harris Fellow. By doing this once a year or more you can combine fellowship and fundraising.

Give Change to create Change:

Each week a member of the club is asked to make a two minute presentation to the club on how The Rotary Foundation is making a change in the lives of those less fortunate in our world. Placed on each table is a TRF contribution canister with the words "Change for Change" boldly displayed. As the speaker shares the virtues of TRF, club members place loose coins and paper money in the canisters as "applause" for the speaker, and as a show of support for the Foundation's great humanitarian works. The funds collected can be used as the club's contribution to The Rotary Foundation or as matching funds for newer members.

Challenge Others with a Challenge Gift:

Identify one or two generous Rotarians with the capacity to make a major gift to the Annual Programs Fund. With their permission, use their accumulated Foundation Recognition Points to match contributions from other Rotarians. The first contribution is commonly the most difficult one to get. This incentive can help to create a habit, or 'culture of giving' among ALL Rotarians!

Supplement your quarterly dues with a TRF Contribution:

Want to keep it really easy and simple? Include an option on the quarterly dues statement for personal contributions to TRF. The most successful clubs include varying amounts (\$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 per quarter). Make sure to regularly mention current district projects so members are reassured their contributions are well spent. When new members join the club, they're started off in the same way, assuring 100% participation by all members.

Give "**Every Rotarian, Every Year**" the opportunity to support *our* Rotary Foundation. For more information on devising a strategy for your club, please contact The Rotary Foundation at 847-866-3352 or e-mail: EveryRotarianEveryYear@rotaryintl.org.



Rotary International Convention Comes to Salt Lake City

Combining the amenities of a major metropolitan area with the friendliness of a small, western city, Salt Lake City is fast becoming one of America's foremost destinations – and the choice of Rotary International for its 98th Annual International Convention, June 17-20, 2007.

Join District Governor Anne and many of your fellow Rotarians as we travel to this beautiful and vibrant city with access to natural recreation, dynamic nightlife and warm hospitality.

The Host Organization Clubs are hard at work to provide a Rocky Mountain welcome to Rotarians from all over the world. Genealogy rooms will be stationed throughout the convention hall and host events will include BBQ's, Rodeos and performances by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Watch the "Toolbox" for information about registration, district suggestions for hotel accommodations and plane travel.

The 10th Best Reason to join us for the Rocky Mountain Rendezvous – THE WEATHER: daily sunshine, low humidity and refreshing mountain breezes combine for a comfortable year-round climate

Hi WCS Directors!

Peru, with 27 million inhabitants, has more than its share of problems: water, health, nutrition, education - just as a start. We are particularly interested this year in fire equipment as our 156 fire stations are entirely volunteer: no pay or food for anyone, no vehicles or equipment, no operating costs, not even health insurance.

We badly need to put ambulances where there are none, fire trucks where they are badly needed, and training in First Response. Project CD 11 gives you more information.

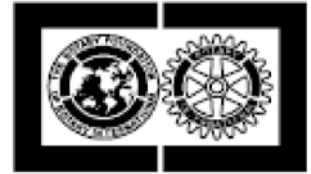
If you have interest in any of these projects. or have projects you would like to do in Peru, please contact me and you will receive an immediate response in English-

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Rotarily, Martin



TRF- Donations
FORM FOR
MATCHING FUNDS CREDIT
DISTRICT 7190



Personal Information (Please Print):

Name _____ Daytime Telephone (_____) _____

Street _____ Evening Telephone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Donor's Rotary ID # _____ Rotary Club of Donor _____

Club Number _____ District 7190 _____ Credit the Rotary Club of _____

Enclose the following items:

1. Check for \$100 made out to The Rotary Foundation from the donor.
2. Check for \$100 made out to The Rotary Foundation from the Rotary Club.

If you have questions, please call Blair Hartman at 518-234-7637

*and Mail with this completed form** to:*

C. Blair Hartman, PDG
 108 Clinton Circle
 Cobleskill, NY 12043

Thank you

***and the 123en_write Foundation Contribution Form if available*

Funds Urgently Needed For Polio Plus Partners

In addition to mass immunization with monovalent vaccines in Nigeria, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, the four countries still considered endemic, a large-scale campaign with the vaccines will need to take place in 2006-07 in eight additional countries to stop recently imported polioviruses. Funds are urgently needed for the Polio Plus Partners program.

The number of polio cases has been reduced from 350,000 per year in 1988 to 747 this year, as of June 27. We can't stop now!

Just recently in St. Petersburg the G8, the Group of Eight – Brazil, China, Congo, Finland, India, Kazakhstan, Mexico and South Africa, renewed their vow to the eradication of polio. The Russian Federation also carried on the G8

tradition of supporting polio eradication and made a specific funding pledge for polio eradication, committing \$18 million in US dollars to the program.

Polio eradication continues to be the primary commitment of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. We must eradicate this disease while the opportunity is present and the world is committed to the same objective.

Please make your contribution to the Polio Plus Partners program TODAY.

Call or e-mail Olive Scott if you need more information or help in making your contribution. (518-234-4586; opscott@nycap.rr.com)

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FROM THE DESK OF GOVERNOR ANNE

WOW! Don't we have great clubs in District 7190? In the past week 10 clubs in our District had the Official Visit by the District Governor. These clubs were Fort Ann, Racing City, Watervliet, Turning Point, Saratoga Spring, North Creek, Glens Falls, Middleburgh and Glenville. We should be proud of the accomplishments of these clubs. By the list of their goals, they are all set to 'Lead the Way'. They are working on Every Rotarian Every Year, Water Projects, Literacy, Public Image, Membership, Health and Hunger. They are following RI President Bill Boyd's list of items to be focused on.

Harry and I felt welcome at all the clubs. Fort Anne Club changed the words to "Don't Worry Be Happy". I didn't know that Sam Hall could sing. Middleburgh club presented Harry with rocks for our pond along with wonderful words for the District Governor.

In order to stop the tradition for District Governors not to fit in their jackets at the end of the year, I decided that when I went for an Official visit I would only eat half of the food. Well I will give the other half to Harry. He turned to me and said are you trying to make sure my jacket won't fit.

As you are Leading The Way remember "Don't cry about things that might have been, start work on the things that could be"

Your District Governor

Anne



CAROUSEL – A Ticket to Ride

Round and round she goes...come to the annual Foundation Dinner on November 18 and take a ride on the carousel in the State Museum. This year the event will be held in the museum with a cocktail hour, a catered dinner, and a program to honor Paul Harris Fellows, old and new. The featured speaker for the evening will be Mark Oliver.

During the evening in addition to the carousel rides there will be a silent auction. Clubs will be asked to make donations to this event. All proceeds of course will go to the Foundation. Watch your mail in early October for invitations.

Interact Corner

The Interact Club at Amsterdam High School made a move closer to recognition by Rotary International. At the end of the school year the club put together their "Interact Club Organization List". District Governor Anne Cargile signed the form early this month and sent it on to R.I. We all wish Amsterdam luck as they move one step closer to having an Interact Club charter.

A number of Rotary Clubs within the District have shown interest in forming an Interact Club. It's a service and social club for youth aged 14 to 18. An Interact Club must be sponsored by and overseen by a Rotary Club. One of the early questions that comes up is, "Will it be a school based club or a community based club." Which is better? My conclusion is whatever fits the community.

A first approach seems to be a school based program. Among the membership in our Rotary club do you have a school administrator? This provides a valuable opportunity to a partnership for a career day, literacy project, or even an Interact club. A high school guidance counselor or a social studies teacher make excellent Interact Club Advisers. The advantages to a school based program include a ready place to meet in an established central location within the community. School staff as an adviser are ideal to identify potential members and capture a new members' imagination, enthusiasm, and creativeness. The downside is finding a school staff member who has the time, often the willingness to take on one more task.

After three years of effort to start an Interact Club, the Shenendehowa and Twin Bridges Clubs settled on a community based approach. A critical mass of public school students, church youth group members, and home schooled youth came together in mid-October. This effort requires a committee of Rotarians to oversee and guide the Interact group. Finding a "neutral" meeting place can be a challenge, but between a church and the YMCA (which also has a youth leadership goal) that problem seems to be solved. The disadvantage to the community based approach is that it takes commitment by a group of Rotarians to make it work.

Once the major hurdle of community based or school based is behind you follow R.I.'s Interact Handbook and let the fun begin. In the accompanying photo Sayan Battacharryya and Kathryn Bissett enjoy the view from the highest elevation in Saratoga County, Hadley Mountain. The hike was in place of a usual Wednesday evening Interact meeting. The Great Sacandaga Lake can be seen in the background. This brings up another advantage of a community based program... you can meet year-round and club activities can be more flexible.

If your Rotary Club or one of your Rotarians is interested in starting an Interact program give me a call.

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District 7190 Pure Water Project Update

After 7 months it is not too early to label the District 7190 Pure Water Project in Choluteca, Honduras a wonderful success. To date, over 4800 village residents have received the filters and training, which will provide them with clean, uncontaminated water for a lifetime. We are on target to meet the goals of the two-year RI matching grant which funds 2500 bio-sand filters. This means over 16,000 people will have access to pure water as a result of the generosity of clubs in the participating districts. Great news...but the news gets even better. In a February 2006 meeting with the Choluteca Rotary Club, we began exploring the possibility of a second matching grant, a grant which would more than double number of families impacted. With the monies collected from the Glens Falls Rotary Club Water Walk, and the pledges from the individual clubs and District Governor Anne, we have met our portion of the funds needed for a second matching grant. The grant will be submitted to RI in the near future.

And there is more great news...the water project in Choluteca has become the model project for cooperation between Rotary and the Pure Water for the World organization. We have just received information from the Choluteca Rotary Club that they have hosted Rotarians from El Salvador and Nicaragua who are very anxious to duplicate the project in their respective countries. We will be actively exploring ways in which the project in Choluteca can include these locations in subsequent grants.

The most important news is that Rotary and Rotarians do make a difference. It may be one filter, one family and one village at a time, but at the conclusion of the District 7190 Pure Water Project we expect to have provided more than 32,000 individuals with the basic human right to clean water.

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