



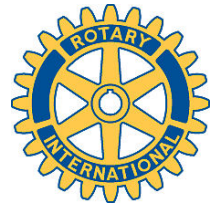
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**Shawn Seale, President**

**Dr. David Granoff, President Elect**

**Terrance Gorman, Vice President**

**Larry Calabrese, 7150 District Governor**

**Bill Crist, Past President**

**Ann Seifried, Treasurer**

**Mark DuFore, Secretary**

**Paul Scott, Ass't. Governor, Area 10 (Oswego)**

**D. K. Lee, Rotary International President (Korea)**

### NEXT MEETING

**When: October 14, 2008**

**Where: King Arthur's Steakhouse**

**Program: Shawn Seale -- Literacy Volunteer/Student Club Support**

### Today's Meeting Date: October 7, 2008

Welcome and Call to Order: 12:15 p.m.

Patriotic Song: America (led by Dave Welsch)

The Pledge: Shawn Seale

Invocation: Tim Gleason

Second Song: On the Sunny Side of the Street (led by Dave Welsch)

Current Club Membership: 44

### **Visiting Rotarians:**

None today

### **Honorary Rotarians:**

None today

### **Guests:**

Harrison Wilde

### **Student Guests:**

Katie Flanagan and Kevin O'Connor (Oswego High School)

### **Birthdays:**

Roger Modi (Oct 5); Bob Wood (Oct 31)

### **Anniversaries:**

John Fitzgibbons (12<sup>th</sup>); Tom Kearns (11<sup>th</sup>); Ken Hayes (8<sup>th</sup>); Bill Crist (4<sup>th</sup>)

### **Fines/Happy Dollars:**

Paul Heins and John Fitzgibbons collected several fines and happy dollars today.

### **50-50 Raffle:**

Tom Ingram won \$4 in today's raffle and contributed it to the Rotary Foundation. He was unsuccessful, however, in drawing the Ace of Spades and claiming the "grand jackpot" of \$89.

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

1:05 p.m.

**We were pleased to see those of you who attended today's meeting:** Cora Brumley, Diane Dillon, Mark DuFore, John Fitzgibbons, Bruce Frassinelli, Tim Gleason, Dave Granoff, Paul Heins, Tony Henderson, Tom Ingram, Charlie Phallen, Charles Platt, Viv Sayer, Shawn Seale, Ann Seifried, Selma Sheridan, Dick Shineman, Corte Spencer, Rick Tesoriero, Vern Tryon, Dave Welsch, and Randy Zeigler.

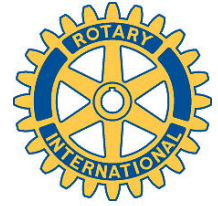
**Reporting Make-Ups:** If you wish to use Meals on Wheels, a committee meeting, or participation in a Rotary event as a make-up for a missed meeting, please send an email to [Paul Scott](mailto:Paul Scott) with "Make-Up Notification" as the subject and list the missed date, make-up date, and type of make-up.

**Job Well Done Recognition Award:** None today



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**Rotary Minute:** From Paul Harris (September 15, 2002 Agreement): It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which they are in disagreement. Rotary has satisfactorily demonstrated the fact that friendship can easily hurdle national and religious boundary lines ... This approach represents the technique of the simple act: the small man-to-man acts of service and fellowship. Rotary offers no magic formula, no quick solution. Its method does not make headlines. But it does make friends ... The genuine approach to Rotary fellowship – the firm handclasp and the warm, informal greeting – speaks in inaudible eloquence: “You don’t pray or talk the way I do, but you are a fellow human being and I like you.”

### **Calendar:**

October 15                      Oswego Rotary Club’s participation in this year’s Hospital Bazaar (further details to follow)  
October 25                      Rotary International Foundation Seminar (The Links at Erie Village, East Syracuse)  
October 25                      Make A Difference Day  
October 29                      83<sup>rd</sup> Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner (Rochester Riverside Convention Center, Rochester)  
November 14                    Bruce Frassinelli Recognition & Appreciation Dinner at The American Foundry (further details to follow)

### **Announcements:**

- Rachel Kesler has been proposed for Rotary membership by Shawn Seale, has been approved by the Board of Directors, and has participated in a Rotary information meeting. She is a municipal and business deposit sales officer at Pathfinder Bank and her classification is Banking. Please notify President Shawn in writing within one week if you have any objection to this proposal.
- Rotary’s annual distribution of thesauruses for our Oswego City School District 4<sup>th</sup> graders will take place this year on October 8-10 and volunteers are being sought. Each school distribution should take approx 15-20 minutes. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bill Crist. Please report to the main office of each elementary building on the day and at the time scheduled. Times must be followed closely so as to not disrupt instruction. The dates and times for these distributions are as follows:

#### Thesaurus Donation Distribution

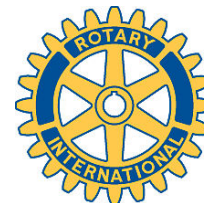
<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Riley	10/8/2008	9:15	64
Minetto	10/8/2008	10:00	59
Kingsford	10/9/2008	10:00	47
Fitzhugh	10/9/2008	1:30	50
Leighton	10/10/2008	9:15	70

- We need one of our members to take the lead for this year’s “Make A Difference Day,” which will take place on Saturday, October 25.
- Each of us, as Rotarians, has recently been issued a “challenge” by Bill and Melinda Gates in the attempt to eradicate polio. Please see the challenge below.
- District 7150 will hold its annual Rotary International Foundation Seminar on Saturday, October 25 at The Links at Erie Village in East Syracuse, N.Y. The meeting will begin at 8:00 AM and conclude at 1:00 PM. The cost of the seminar, which will include both breakfast and lunch, is \$35 per person. Please contact President Shawn for further details.
- The 83<sup>rd</sup> Eastern Cities Fellowship Dinner, featuring Rotary International President D. K. Lee, will be held on Wednesday, October 29 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 East Main Street, Rochester, N.Y. The cost of the dinner is \$45 per person. Please contact President Shawn for further details.
- Oswego Hamilton Homes is putting together a Halloween event for Friday, October 31, to be called the “Hamilton Homes Halloween Hunt.” The Oswego Hamilton homes office and yard area directly in front will be



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transformed into a Haunted House complete with carnival games, music, and treats. Volunteers to help with this project are being sought. Individuals interested in participating are encouraged to attend a planning meeting on Monday, September 22 at 10:00 AM in the Hamilton Homes office (Apt. 159). Please contact Kathy Alibrandi at 472-3820, 263-6473, or 432-8542 for further details.

- The Annual Rotary Spelling Bee will be held on Saturday, March 14. If you are interested in serving as the announcer for this event, please contact Deb Robillard.
- If you haven't yet done so, please consider contributing to The Rotary Foundation. All contributions are welcome.
- Members who have programs to sponsor for any of our luncheon meetings are asked to contact Shawn Seale, Melanie Trexler, or Bill Crist.

### **\$100 Million Challenge From Bill and Melinda Gates:**

Rotary District 7150, encompassing 47 Rotary Clubs across Central New York, is launching a three-year campaign to eradicate polio from the world. Polio, a crippling and often fatal disease no longer present in the U.S., still plagues some areas of the globe. Because of its priority effort to vaccinate children wherever polio strikes, Rotary International this year received a \$100 million matching grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to finish the job.

"Central New York Rotarians are committed to raising \$50,000 a year for three years to help meet that \$100 million challenge," announced 2008-09 District Governor Larry Calabrese of Whitesboro. "We're joining Rotary districts around the world in this campaign to lower child mortality and make our world polio-free."

Calabrese made the announcement at the recent annual District Conference, held this year in Alexandria Bay, where he also introduced Polio Campaign Chair Mike Occhipinti of Rome, a polio survivor himself.

"Ninety nine percent of the world is polio-free, but it's the last one percent that is the most difficult," Occhipinti said. "India, Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan are areas where outbreaks of polio still maim or kill children. Mobilizing vaccination teams, getting refrigerated vaccine to remote areas, and overcoming geographical, political, religious and cultural barriers are daunting challenges, both financially and operationally." "That's why," he added, "Bill and Melinda Gates have given us \$100 million and have asked us to raise another \$100 million, and finally make the world polio-free."

Occhipinti said his committee was raising some money at the district level and at the same time was asking each club to raise \$1,000 a year for three years to help meet the district's \$150,000 commitment. He explained that clubs would be raising dollars in a variety of ways:

- holding fundraisers ranging from auctions to pancake breakfasts and other events.
- seeking corporate sponsorships.
- partnering with schools and youth groups to have young people participate in a "Pennies for Polio" drive.

"Young people can make a difference by collecting coins in 'Pennies for Polio' canisters," Occhipinti noted. "We'd like to see this happen during 'Make a Difference Week', the last week in October." For every \$1.20 that school children raise, "we'll be able to provide vaccine for two children; we'll be able to save two lives," Occhipinti said. For every \$1,000 that corporate sponsors provide, "we'll be able to provide vaccine for 1,667 children." "So the people and companies of Central New York really can make a difference," Occhipinti said.

Anyone interested in joining with Rotary to eradicate polio may contact a local Rotary Club or District Polio Chair Occhipinti at 315-337-2405.



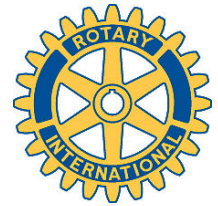
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**Today's Program:** Shawn Seale introduced Dave Renzi, Republican candidate for the New York State Senate, 48<sup>th</sup> District. Dave, a former member of the Rotary Club of Watertown, stated that he intends, if elected, to help create an environment in this district where both businesses and homeowners wish to be. We need to cap property taxes at or below the rate of inflation, recommended Dave. We need to eliminate waste in government spending. We need to provide tax credits for businesses that create new jobs. And above all, stated Dave, we need to make sure that we are treated fairly compared to those living downstate. In response to a question asking Dave to name the major differences between himself and Darrel Aubertine, his opponent in the upcoming election, Dave stated that Senator Aubertine has voted for increased taxes and spending many times and that the Senator appears simply to accept the disparity between downstate spending authorizations versus spending for Central and Northern New York. Dave indicated that, as Senator, he would take completely different stances on both issues. In response to a question asking what, if any, issues Dave is unwilling to compromise on, he stated unequivocally that he is pro-life and that he believes marriages should be confined to the union between a man and a woman. Thank you for sharing your views with us today, Dave!

### ASSIGNMENTS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS AND FRONT DESK/BANNER

#### St Luke's Meals on Wheels

#### Reminder for Meals on Wheels

#### Front Desk and Banner

Oct 7	Deane/Dillon		Oct 7	Tryon/Sayer
Oct 14	Dillon/DuFore		Oct 14	Sayer/Scott
Oct 21	DuFore/Ferguson		Oct 21	Scott/Seifried
Oct 28	Sunrise Club		Oct 28	Spencer/Trexler
Nov 4	Ferguson/Gleason		Nov 4	Tryon/Welsch
Nov 11	Gleason/Fitzgibbons		Nov 11	Welsch/Wise
Nov 18	Fitzgibbons/Gorman		Nov 18	Wise/Wood
Nov 25	Sunrise Club		Nov 25	Tesoriero/Zeigler
Dec 2	Granoff/Hayes		Dec 2	Zeigler/Brumley
Dec 9	Hayes/Colucci		Dec 9	Brumley/Crist
Dec 16	Colucci/Ingerson		Dec 16	Crist/Deane
Dec 23	Ingerson/Robillard		Dec 23	Fitzgibbons/Ferguson
Dec 30	Sunrise Club		Dec 30	Ferguson/Murabito

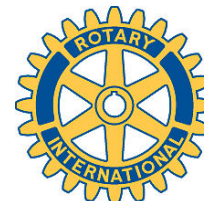
### 2008-2009 PROGRAMS

Date	Rotarian	Program
10/14/08	Shawn Seale	Literacy Volunteer/Student Club Support
10/21/08	Bill Crist	Darrel Aubertine - State Senate Candidate (tentative)
10/28/08	Joette Deane	Water Project
11/04/08	Melanie Trexler	Historical Society
11/11/08	Bruce Frassinelli	Jake Annal (Rotary Spelling Bee)
11/18/08	Diane Dillon	SUNY Oswego Project SMART (Sue Witmer)



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Dir-09: Joette Deane	Dir-10: John Fitzgibbons	Dir-11: Sabine Ingerson
Dir-09: Tony Henderson	Dir-10: Deana Masuicca	Dir-11: Vernon Tryon
Dir-09: Melanie Trexler	Dir-10: Diane Dillon	Dir-11: Randy Zeigler

### Oswego Rotary Foundation Board of Directors

Dir-08 Paul Scott	Dir-09 Bill Crist	Dir-09 Ann Seifried	Dir-10 Shawn Seale
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### Paul Harris Fellows (Active Members)

+ Benefactor \* Multiple PHF

Edward Caraccioli	Bruce Frassinelli +*	Anthony Murabito *	Ann Seifried	Richard Tesoriero *
William Crist	Paul Heins	Victor Oakes *	Selma Sheridan	Melanie Trexler *
Joette Deane *	Joseph Hutchinson	Frank Sayer +*	Richard Shineman +*	Vernon Tryon *
Mark Dufore *	H. Peter Kaulfuss	Paul Scott +*	Corte Spencer *	Robert Wood

### Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members

William Crist	Bruce Frassinelli	David Granoff	Shawn Seale	Melanie Trexler
Diane Dillon	Sabine Ingerson	Victor Oakes	Ann Seifried	Vernon Tryon
Mark Dufore	Thomas Ingram	Frank Sayer	Selma Sheridan	Robert Wood
Sherwood Dunham	Anthony Murabito	Paul Scott	Richard Shineman	Randy Zeigler

### Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member:

An individual who personally contributes \$100 or more each year to the Annual Programs Fund. Contributions are cumulative throughout the Rotary year and donors receive a Sustaining Member badge sticker from the club. Contributions count toward Paul Harris Fellow. Our club will donate an additional \$50 for each individual who personally contributes \$50 or more each year to the Annual Programs Fund.

### Honorary Members of the Rotary Club: 2008-2009

> Sustaining Member \*Multiple PHF

Valerie Hutchinson	Ruth Sayer (PHF)	Monica Ravindra Shah	Neelesh Ravindra Shaw
Dennis Jerome			