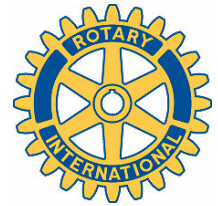




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**Shawn Seale, President**  
**Dr. David Granoff, President Elect**  
**Terrance Gorman, Vice President**  
**Larry Calabrese, 7150 District Governor**

**Bill Crist, Past President**  
**Ann Seifried, Treasurer**  
**Mark DuFore, Secretary**  
**Paul Scott, Ass't. Governor, Area 10**

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

**NEXT MEETING**

**When: January 27, 2009**  
**Where: King Arthur's Steakhouse**  
**Program: Jennifer Hill (Chamber of Commerce)**

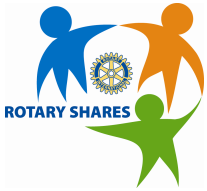
**Today's Meeting Date: January 20, 2009**

Welcome and Call to Order: 12:15 p.m.  
Patriotic Song: America  
The Pledge: Shawn Seale  
Invocation: Ken Hayes  
Second Song: God Bless America  
Current Club Membership: 44

**Visiting Rotarians:** None today  
**Honorary Rotarians:** Ruth Sayer  
**Guests:** Harrison Wilde and John Kruk (today's speaker)  
**Student Guests:** Kelsey Scanlon and Anthony Sterio (Oswego High School)  
**Birthdays:** Tony Henderson (Jan 11); Tim Gleason (Jan 14); Rick Tesoriero (Jan 15)  
**Anniversaries:** Vic Oates (1979); Corte Spencer (1982); Rick Tesoriero (1984); Terry Gorman (1989); Selma Sheridan (1992); Dave Granoff (2004)  
**Fines/Happy Dollars:** Rick Tesoriero collected several happy dollars today.  
**50-50 Raffle:** Rachel Kesler won \$4 in today's raffle but was unsuccessful in drawing the Ace of Spades and winning the grand jackpot of \$154.  
**Meeting Adjourned:** 1:05 p.m.

**We were pleased to see those of you who attended today's meeting:** Joette Deane, Mark DuFore, Terry Gorman, Dave Granoff, Ken Hayes, Sabine Ingerson, Tom Ingram, Rachel Kesler, Charles Platt, Frank Sayer, Shawn Seale, Ann Seifried, Rick Tesoriero, Vern Tryon, Dave Welsch, and Randy Zeigler.

**Reporting Make-Ups:** Please report make-ups for missed meetings by sending an email to the [Attendance Committee](#). Be sure to include the place or activity being used for the make-up, its date, and the date of the missed meeting. Absences from Rotary meetings may be made up by attending meetings of other Rotary clubs anywhere in the world, Rotary International or District functions, or Board of Directors' meetings; participating in Rotary service projects; attending Rotary committee meetings; or by meeting online at any of several [eclubs in the world](#).



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

**Rotary Minute:** None today

**Calendar:** No events are scheduled at the moment.

### **Announcements:**

- ❖ Sabine Ingerson announced that our exchange student will be arriving on Wednesday, January 28!
- ❖ Applications are now available for the Charles E. Riley Oswego Rotary Scholarship, the Ralph & Dorothy Faust Oswego Rotary Scholarship, the Manjulah R. Shah Oswego Rotary Scholarship, the Anthony J. Murabito Oswego Rotary Scholarship, and the Oswego Rotary Club Occupational Educational Award. They must be submitted no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2009. For further information, please contact Vern Tryon.
- ❖ Ruth and Frank Sayer have a neighbor, a young mother of a 3 and 4 year old who had a fire. Her name is Miss Greenie, and she is in need for 2 twin beds, sheets, pillows, and clothing for her children. Please contact Frank or Ruth for more information.
- ❖ The District 7150 Books for the World Project is now a reality. The project is designed to be a collaborative effort among Rotary Clubs, their affiliated youth clubs, and other community and service organizations in order to provide surplus children's K-6th grade picture/story and textbooks to regions in the world that are in need of these materials in order to create a opportunities for better way of life. The initial focus and book shipments will go to the Rotary District 9300 Distribution Center in Johannesburg Republic of South Africa to be distributed to countries in the southern regions of Africa, where English is one of the primary business languages. To learn more about the project, its logistics and costs, and the areas of Africa we are currently serving, visit the following web site:  
<http://www.d7150booksfortheworld.org/Home.html>
- ❖ 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 President Shawn Seale, Melanie Trexler, or Bill Crist.

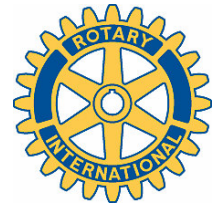
**Today's Program:** Shawn Seale introduced today's speaker, County Treasurer John Kruk. John grew up in Scotia, New York and following high school attended Canton College and Kent State University. Following his graduation from college, John went to work for General Electric in Schenectady; later he worked for Miller Brewing Company in Fulton and served as Plant Controller when it closed. He moved to Milwaukee for three years and then returned to Oswego. Four years later he ran successfully for County Treasurer, a position he continues to hold today. According to John, the qualifications for County Treasurer are to get one more vote than your opponent. (That being said, John does agree that a business/financial background is certainly helpful for anyone wishing to assume this position.) At present, the County Treasurer's Office consists of eight employees and performs two primary functions: (1) keeper of the books, and (2) collector of delinquent taxes. Regarding the first function, the County Treasurer is responsible for all revenues coming into the county and all expenses paid out, including the preparation of a year-end report of the county's financial condition to the County Legislature. Regarding the second function, John noted that this responsibility includes foreclosing on property when necessary. At present, the county is preparing to foreclose on



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properties with unpaid taxes from 2005. "How do you know when the county is financially sound?" John asked. By looking at its fund balance – more specifically, by looking at the ratio of the county's fund balance to its yearly budget. According to John, a ratio of at least 10% represents a financially sound county. This year, with a projected fund balance of at least \$36 million and a projected yearly budget of approximately \$181 million, the ratio is approximately 20% -- so things look good for the county. Thanks for visiting with us today, John, and for explaining some of the in's and out's of the County Treasurer's Office!

### 2008-2009 PROGRAMS

Date	Rotarian	Program
Jan 27	Shawn Seale	Jennifer Hill (Chamber of Commerce)
Feb 3	Tom Ingram	Tom Ingram – What Do You Want? Good Grammar or Good Taste?
Feb 10	Randy Zeigler	Randy Zeigler -- Estate Planning

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

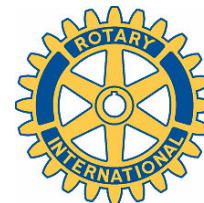
St Luke's Meals on Wheels		Reminders	Front Desk and Banners	
Jan 27	SUNRISE CLUB	<b>White trays are for regular meals and yellow trays are for diet meals.</b>  <b>If clients tell you they need to cancel a meal, please inform the manager at the site.</b>	Jan 27	DuFore/Gleason
Feb 3	Tesoriero		Feb 3	Gleason/Fitzgibbons
Feb 10	Tesoriero		Feb 10	Fitzgibbons/Gorman
Feb 17	Trexler/Tryon		Feb 17	Gorman/Granoff
Feb 24	SUNRISE CLUB		Feb 24	Granoff/Wood
Mar 3	Tryon/Welsch		Mar 3	Wood/Henderson
Mar 10	Welsch/Wise		Mar 10	Henderson/Ingerson
Mar 17	Wise/Brumley		Mar 17	Ingerson/Murabito
Mar 24	Brumley/Colucci		Mar 24	Murabito/Hayes
Mar 31	SUNRISE CLUB		Mar 31	Hayes/Hutchinson



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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 *	David Welsch
Robert Wood *	Randy Zeigler			

### 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			