District 7120 District Conference
Crown Plaza Resort
Lake Placid, New York
May 3rd - May 5th

Some 425 Rotarians and guests gathered at the Crown Plaza to celebrate District 7120’s Rotary Year under the leadership of DG J. Gaven Hurley and the many Rotarians that “Lent a Hand” to make it a successful Rotary Year.

Photos contained in this special publication are the courtesy of David Boyer and Manny Freshman.
Part of the Rotary Club of Pittsford team who worked as one unit to make sure the 2013 Rotary District 7120 conference would be a success.

Back stage pre-conference work and preparation Thursday night, May 4th.

At right - Pittsford Rotarian Kevin O'Grady showed his Lake Placid spirit in a big way.

Helpers to welcome visitors. (l-r) Pittsford Rotarians Pam Wright, Jim Murphy and guest Donna Spector who very generously gave their time to take care of many conference details over many months of preparation.

Thursday night, May 4th, was a fine dinner to thank all the Pittsford Rotarians and their guests for their help to make the 2013 conference an upcoming success (which is was). From visiting almost all the clubs in Rotary District 7120 at least once to invite them personally. To planning out the registration flow. Many hands got the important details done over a stretch of several months.

A candid view of a Lake Placid resident sharing a beautiful morning with her dog.
Special Awards Presented

DG Gaven presented 2 special awards at the Friday evening Plenary Session. The first award was presented to Peter Schwarz in “Recognition of Outstanding and Dedicated Service to the Production of District Directories”. That is - many District Directories!

**Congratulations Peter!**

The second special award was an unexpected one by the recipient. Yes, it was me - your District Newsletter Editor - Howard Selleck. As DG Gaven stated, I started as editor for PDG Terry Hall and for all of the DG’s since. This is my 10th year and have enjoyed it all.

Master of Ceremony

Pictured above - Harold McAulliffe was the conference’s MC. Thanks to this “talented tenor time keeper” and also the other conference co-chairs and the hosting club, the Rotary Club of Pittsford, the conference moved along smoothly. It even ending a bit early on Sunday. Harold also led attendees in song, such as, “God Bless America,” “Auld Lang Syne,” and later, “Let Peace Begin With Me.”

**Thanks Gaven - and District 7120**

Pictured - RI President Representative Robert A. Coultas who is a long time friend of DG Gaven from days in New Jersey. Bob said that the right answer to give when asked to help as a Rotarian is, “Yes!” Or at least offer a strong alternative if schedule does not permit.

Photos by David Boyer
Mary French

Mary French - speaking to the conference attendees. Mary has been the Director of The Dictionary Project since 1995. She also led the discussion at 2 breakout sessions on Saturday morning.

DGE Ellen Hughes & DG Gaven Hurley shown with the outbound exchange students after having received their jackets which will be embellished with an assortment of pins and badges upon their return.

At left are some of the caricatures that were drawn by David Boyer at the conference. All proceeds went to The Foundation.

Group Study Exchange Teams

GSE Team from Latvia & Sweden - District 2410: Pictured with John Kenny (2nd from left): Gailitis Kaspars, Inese Vetra, Erik Ostman, Karina Kopmane-Racko, Normunds Strods and team leader Indra Klavina.

District 7120’s GSE Team, left to right: Team Leader John Socha (Penn Yan Rotary), Leah Wolanski, Amy Alvaro and Ryan Hallings.

Jerome (JJ) Johnson, Chairman of the Awards Committee, announcing the winners in the various categories at the Conference.

Photos by Manny Freshman
**Bulletin Awards**

**Division One**
- First Place - Geneseo
- Second Place - Brighton
- Third Place - Avon

**Division Two**
- First Place - Spencerport
- Second Place - Brockport
- Third Place - Rochester Latino

**Division Three**
- First Place - Scottsville
- Second Place - Lima
- Third Place - Gorham

**Website Awards**

**Division One**
- First Place - Avon
- Second Place - Pittsford
- Third Place - Geneseo

**Division Two**
- First Place - Belmont
- Second Place - Elmira Heights
- Third Place - Penfield

**Division Three**
- First Place - Lima
- Second Place - Scottsville
- Third Place - Hilton

**Attendance Awards**

**Jack King Award** - for the largest percentage increase in membership - Rochester Northwest. 88.89% - 8 new members

**Fischer Award** - for the club with the highest percentage attendance - a tie - Belmont and Perry 100% each.

**Division A:** No Clubs
**Division B:** Rochester - 64%
**Division C:** No Clubs
**Division D:** Canandaigua - 52%

**Division E:**
- 1st - Perry - 100%
- 2nd - Watkins-Montour - 81%
- 3rd - Geneva - 69%

**Division F:**
- 1st - Bath - 96%
- 2nd - Palmyra-Macedon - 92%
- 3rd - Dansville - 90%

**Division G:**
- 1st - Belmont - 100%
- 2nd - Spencerport - 99%
- 3rd - Red Jacket - 98%
2013 Rotary District 7120 Club Achievement Awards

Club Service:

Belmont – 3 Club Holiday Gathering
Honeoye-Lake - Spud Dinner
Rochester Latino Club - Father Tracy

Community Service

Perry - Splash Party
Hornell - Annie Musical
Rochester Latino Club - Dance to Health Zumba Project

Vocational

Avon - Technology Seminars
Belmont - Resource Books for Students
Honeoye Falls-Mendon - Health Eye care

International

Seneca Falls - Malawi Irrigation
Rochester Latino Club - Hospital General De Minatitlan in Mexico
Victor-Farmington - Solar Panels Nicaragua

New Generations

Honeoye Lake - Anti Bullying
Avon - Pirate Toy Fund
Honeoye Lake - Adopt-a-School

Literacy Awards

Avon
Bath
Belmont
Bloomfield
Corning
Elmira Heights
Fairport
Gananda
Greece
Hammondsport
Honeoye Lake
Honeoye Falls-Mendon
Hornell
Newark
Ontario-Walworth
Palmyra-Macedon
Penfield
Perry
Pittsford
Rochester Latino
Seneca Falls
Spencerport
Watkins
Watkins-Montour

May 2013

THE GRAPEVINE

Awards
Rotarians enjoying the Conference

(can you find yourself in these photos?)

Photos by Manny Freshman
More candid photos at the Conference

(Add your own captions!)

Photos by Manny Freshman
Paul Harris Recognitions

Above - DG Gaven, assisted by PDG & Foundation Chair Jeff Krans, holds up a Rotary Foundation Major Donor Crystal being presented in absentia to Donna DiGirolamo (Belmont Rotarian) who was traveling in Spain.

Above - receiving their Multiple Paul Harris recognition pins were Barry Kissack on the left and Jim Dougherty on the right.

Above - Susie Rose, left, (Honeoye Falls-Mendon) receives her Multiple Paul Harris recognition pin.

Photos by Manny Freshman

Silent Auction

Pictured are some of the many great items that were donated for the Silent Auction. Forty Five (45) clubs donated 70 items which brought in $5,329.00 for The Rotary Foundation.

Above - Travis Piper - looks like he bid on many items at the auction.

Katherine Sherry of the Rochester AM Rotary club enjoyed this conference very much. She was one of the many successful silent auction bidders.

Photo by David Boyer

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At 7:30 AM Sunday morning, Rotarians and attendees assembled for, “A Celebration of Life,” to commemorate those Rotarians who passed this year.

Above - from the Rotary Club of Pittsford, PDG Michael Leon at the podium read each Rotarian’s name one at a time, while Rotarian Grace Soong lit a candle and Pittsford Rotary president Bruce Spector rang the Rotary bell.

At left - The “Celebration of Life” choir performed for a very well attended service.

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You Moose Come to Burlington, Vermont
May 2nd - May 4th, 2014
Burlington Sheraton

The mood was super fun. At left is “Moosey” promoting the 2014 Rotary District 7120 Conference in Burlington, Vermont. Mr. Moose, DGE Ellen Hughes and her team want to make the next conference as fun as ever.

You must purchase a ticket to win - and win she did.

The winner of “free attendance” to the 2014 Rotary District 7120 Conference is Kathie Bride. DG Gavin was pleased his spouse was so lucky.

At right - conference attendees are watching a video about why you Moose come to Burlington, Vermont for next year’s District Conference. There is much to see and do.

At the closing breakfast of the May 3-5, 2013 Rotary District 7120 Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Golf Club in Lake Placid, New York, over 400 attendees swayed, warmly held hands and raised their best voices singing, “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” (Panoramic photo by Rotarian David Boyer.)
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Lake Placid, NY

Reflections of a First-time Attendee
by Bruce Amey

I attended the District Conference in Lake Placid for a first time not really knowing what to expect; however, I found there so many new people and many experiences I will never forget. Around every corner there were people smiling and glad to know you came to the conference. The Pittsford club did a marvelous job trying to anticipate every need; they even arranged for magnificent weather when it had snowed in Lake Placid the week before. (I wonder what their connection is with the weather creator guy …)

The Rotary 4-Way test was recited but was also visible all around the conference, especially “will it build goodwill and better friendships? and “will it be beneficial to all concerned”. I learned a lot about the Rotary Foundation and how critical it is to the mission of Rotary; in fact, I learned that everything that Rotary does nationally and internationally is technically done through the foundation. Everywhere you turned there were fundraising opportunities to support the Foundation, and the more you saw these opportunities and learned about the Rotary Foundation, the more important the fund raising efforts became. When Jim Tompsett talks about the value and importance of the Foundation, I now have a much better appreciation for it.

Thanks to the leadership and efforts of our President Laurie, our Board of Directors and our members, Avon Rotary received club awards from District Governor Gaven Hurley for our club newsletter (3rd place), New Generation Service (2nd place for our Pirate Toy Fund activity), our Rotary web page (1st place), and a Vocational Service Achievement Award for the Technology seminars we held recently. We also received a $3,750 grant to assist us with the Avon Downs playground project, presented by DG-elect Ellen Hughes; that grant was part of the District Designation Fund coming back to the communities through the Foundation. I was proud to be a part of Avon Rotary.

Julie Carney did a tremendous job with the Interact kids from around the Rotary District. Seeing our current exchange student from Germany Marius Gappa there was a joy, but, as school superintendent, I was extremely proud to be there when Ashley Stappenbeck received her blazer as a District 7120 representative to the world as she prepares to be an “out-going” exchange student next year. All the student ambassadors presented themselves as responsible young adults who strive to represent the Rotary ideals.

The most moving, emotional portion of the weekend was the “Celebration of Life” where Rotarians who had died in the past year were honored. To hear of the Service way above and before Self of so many was incredible for me. I really miss Tom and Ben and Bert. Someone said, “When you serve yourself, it dies when you die. When you serve others, your service lives on through others long after you die.” Tom and Ben and Bert are living on because of their service to and for others.

We had some time to enjoy hospitality, thanks to President Laurie and Tom’s generosity. Their suite lost some of its privacy and we were able to convene there for conversation and camaraderie and even some “horsing around” … after all, it was Derby weekend.

I cannot imagine the amount of planning it takes for a local club to put on a district convention, but Pittsford did a great job. If you have never attended, I would strongly encourage you to think about it; next year’s conference will be held in Burlington, VT May 2-4.

In our club, I have always felt a closeness of purpose and true friendship that makes me glad to be a part of the Avon community. Attending the conference reinforced the Rotary sense of family and community even more for me. Thanks to all who were able to attend and the support of the entire club in all that we are able to accomplish together in our community and the world. It was said by one of the speakers, “For Rotarians, nothing is impossible!” Together, I believe that, too. It was great to attend the conference; but it’s the best to say I belong to Avon Rotary!