



# Greene Rotary Newsletter

Old Mill Diner  
Wednesday @ 12:05 pm

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Members Present last week 08/13/2008: \_\_\_\_\_

**Jim Saroka, Bill Read, Fibber Magee, Paula Estabrook, Nancy Kemmeter, Cindy Ferguson, John Colburn,**

**Guests: Colby Decker—Big Brother - Big Sister, Carol Reid**

### Important Dates To Remember

Aug. 28, 2008 - Interact Conference Planning Meeting - Dryden NY (Tompkins-Cortland Community College) Board Room, room 201

Sept 1, 2008 - Labor Day Picnic

Sept 2, 2008 - 6 PM Board Meeting my home 145 Jackson Hill Rd

Sept 18, 2008 - Groton Rotary 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Sept 19, 2008 - Annual Golf Outing

October Vocational Service Month

Oct 18, 2008 Membership and Foundation Seminar

October 30, 2008 - Foundation Dinner

November Rotary Foundation Month

Nov. 8, 2008 - Rotary Day at the United Nations Headquarters

Dec 2008 Elect Club President and Secretary

Dec 31, 2008 - 2008 Deadline to report new slate to RI

### Last Week's Meeting:

Many thanks to Jim Saroka for calling the meeting to order, since I was unable to make the meeting on time. While the primary thrust of the meeting was making last minute adjustments to our plans for the pop corn stand at the Berean Bible Church Concert, we did have a guest speaker.

Colby Decker from Big Brothers - Big Sisters made a another presentation as well as a financial report. You may recall that Colby made a presentation a couple of months ago. At that time she indicated that the Big Brother - Sister Program in Greene was doing quite well. However she also indicated that they would need financial help again this year. With that request in mind we requested a report for the past year.

We now need to make a visit to

the Lions Club of Greene, to see if they will again split the cost of funding for the 2008 - 2009 Big Brother - Sister Program.

### Berean Bible Church Concert:

On Saturday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, We manned a booth at the Concert. Many thanks to Jim Saroka for putting together and gathering the list of items to successfully carry out this venture. I would be remiss if I did not thank Bob Sternbergh for helping in setting of the equipment. Many thanks to John Colburn, Nancy Kemmeter, Cindy Ferguson,



Jim & Nonie Saroka, Sally Magee for manning the booth

through out the day. When all was said in done the success of the day was limited by the small turn out of concert attendees and not by the lack of planning or support from the members of Greene Rotary.

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## Labor Day Picnic:

Now the Concert is behind us we need to get volunteers to back up the Interact Students at the Labor Day Picnic on September 1, 2008. Hopefully some other members can lend a hand.

## Annual Golf Outing

Jim Saroka is working on the paperwork for the upcoming golf outing. It should be ready to circulate through out the community shortly.

## Interact

There is no new information on Interact Club at this time. We should be hearing from them once school begins.

## Rotary and Easter Seals renew connections

By Brad Weber  
Rotary International News -- 15 August 2008

Easter Seals and Rotary share more than a devotion to improving the lives of the disabled and disadvantaged.



F. Timothy Muri, president and CEO of Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago, and District Governor Michael Slevnik, at the Therapeutic School and Center for Autism Research. *Photo courtesy Rotary District 6450.*

The heritages of the two organizations are intertwined: Easter Seals' founder, Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, was a Rotarian. Rotary founder Paul P. Harris was the charity's first chairman, and one of The Rotary Foundation's first grants, in 1930, went to the International Society for Crippled Children, Easter Seals' precursor.

Now, District 6450 (Illinois, USA), which covers part

of the Chicago area, is reuniting with an old friend by pledging US\$2.5 million over three to five years toward programs and materials for Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago's Therapeutic School and Center for Autism Research.

Part of the center's first phase, a research wing scheduled to be completed later this year, will be named in Rotary's honor. The \$32-million facility will be built in four phases over the next four to six years.

"I approached Rotary because we had lost connection," says F. Timothy Muri, president and CEO of Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago. "I said, 'Rotary's into big things. You are trying to eradicate polio, and we are trying to eradicate autism. Why don't we unite again to change the world?'"

## White Sox night

On 7 August, the district sponsored a night at U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox, where a portion of tickets bought by Rotarians went to Easter Seals. Irv Kaplan, past district governor, said 836 tickets were sold, netting \$10,000 for Easter Seals. Rotarians and their guests were paraded around the warning track prior to the game, and a Rotary public service announcement appeared on the big screen.

Rotary's ongoing support for Easter Seals has often come from individual clubs, but with the growing number of reported cases of autism-spectrum disorder – 1 in 150 eight-year-olds has it, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – the need for care is greater than ever.

"It just came to me that we could do something with this," says Past District Governor Art Davis. "With the history Rotary has, it would be fabulous to have a Rotary wheel on the wing of a hospital."

The center, which will tap expertise from the nearby University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center and Rush University Medical Center, will offer a research facility, classrooms, gymnasium, swimming pool, and independent living space for 30 people, with room to grow.

"For the first time, we will have the facility where we'll be able to observe patients year round," says Muri. "There's none other like it in the country."

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**No Birthdays or Anniversaries this week**

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