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Rotary District 6440 2013 District Conference

April 18-21, 2013

Marriott Oakbrook Hills Resort

Speaker & Presenter Bios



Rotary International President's Representative PDG Don Reese

Don's strongest belief: Rotary makes things possible, but Rotarians make things happen!

Don Reese is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Utica, New York. He served as Governor of District 7150, Central New York in 2002-2003. Prior to becoming DG, he served the district for four years as Chair of the Group Study Exchange program. Since his year as DG, he has been a member of the District Finance Committee, various internal district committees, a District Trainer, Chair of the District Vocational Avenue and currently convener of the PDG Council for D7150. For 2012-2013, he is the Rotary Foundation Grants Sub-Chair for D7150.

Don has been active on the Zone level as well. He served as Assistant Training Leader and Training Leader at Zone Institutes. Don also served on the Zone Rotary Foundation Committee and Major Gifts Chair. He continued as Assistant Rotary Foundation Coordinator. A strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation, he is a Paul Harris Fellow, a Foundation Benefactor and a member of the Bequest Society, Level Two.

In 2004 Don became Vice-President at USC...The Business College, located in Utica, N.Y. He is responsible for the Division of Corporate and Workforce Development. He has conducted numerous seminars while training thousands of staff, management and business employees. A licensed NYS Insurance Broker and a General Property and Casualty Consultant, he is also certified as an instructor by the NYS Department of Financial Services. Don has authored over 50 insurance courses and trained nearly 2,000 men and women to become insurance agents, brokers and adjusters.

Prior to USC, he was a professor and administrator for 26 years at Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, N.Y. He has written a number of economic development grants to assist business firms in the Mohawk Valley region to export products overseas. Don has traveled extensively to China, Japan, Taiwan, Singapore, Canada and many European nations.

Since 2005, as a Rotary volunteer, he has traveled to the country of Chile eight times to work on Rotary Foundation and humanitarian projects. In 2011-2012 Don wrote a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant to construct playgrounds for autistic, blind, deaf and retarded children in the city of La Serena, Chile. His latest project is focused on the development of an early warning system in the event of a tsunami. Again, thanks to a Foundation Matching Grant, he is working with Rotary Clubs and the Municipality of La Serena, Chile on a Tsunami Warning Education project. In addition he has developed a project to collect firefighter clothing and equipment, and have it transported to Chile.

In addition to his college vocational work, Don was the Head Wrestling Coach and Assistant Track and Field Coach at Colgate University, Hamilton, New York. A native of Kingston, Pennsylvania, he has a Bachelor's Degree from Wilkes University and a Master's Degree from Drexel University. He has earned additional graduate hours from a number of universities.

A 24 year member of the Rotary Club of Utica, NY, he is a resident of Waterville, N.Y. Don and his wife Ann are parents of their very special son, Don Jr.



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Foundation Luncheon
Friday, April 19, 2013
Mary Berge, PhD

Zone 29 Rotary Coordinator, Mary Berge

Mary Berge is a graduate of the California State University Long Beach and has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles. A native of California, Mary relocated to Western Pennsylvania in 1995 to complete her one-year doctoral residency. She currently works as a Licensed Psychologist, maintaining a Private Practice in her home town. In her spare time, Mary enjoys traveling, cooking and photography. But most of all, Mary's greatest passion in life is serving others through Rotary.

Mary was first introduced to Rotary International when she was selected to participate in the Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) as a team member to Sweden in 2002. Upon her return, she immediately joined the Rotary Club of Johnstown and served as Club President in 2005. In her district (7330) Mary has served in numerous capacities including GSE Committee Chair, Membership Chair, District Trainer and District Governor (2008).

Mary and her husband Ivar have truly made Rotary the strongest aspect of their life, as it was Rotary that brought them together. In 2006 their work together earned them District 7330's "Rotarian of the Year" award. In 2005 Mary received Rotary's Four Avenues of Service Award and in 2011 she was honored with The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

Together, she and her husband have hosted 8 Youth Exchange Students and numerous GSE teams, attended several International Conventions and participated in hands-on grant projects in Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic and India. Mary and her husband are members of the Bequest Society, Paul Harris Society and they are Major Donors to our foundation.



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Saturday, April 20, 2013
New Generations Conference
Saturday Luncheon
Michael Angelo Caruso

Michael Angelo Caruso teaches people how to be better speakers. He is a valued communication consultant to companies and organizations all over the world.

Michael has delivered over 2,000 presentations and keynote speeches on the subjects of leadership, selling, and Internet marketing.

He has spoken in Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean, and 49 of the 50 states.

Mr. Caruso is founder and President of Edison House, an international consulting firm specializing in corporate, and personal improvement.

Edison House clients include Bank of America, Citgo, Rayovac, Hallmark, The National Institutes of Health, Verizon Wireless, the United States Navy, and Nissan.

Michael also blogs for DBusiness magazine, recently voted the best business magazine in America.

Michael has educated and entertained audiences all over the world, drawing on a previous career in the telecommunications industry and a decade as a professional musician.

Michael is author of the 5 Cool Ideas books, an audio book on legacy titled, the FastLearnerAudio series, and the Present Like a Pro DVD.

Mr. Caruso gives back to the community through his membership in Rotary. This year he is President of his club in Troy, Michigan.

He has graciously agreed to stay after the program to answer questions and speak with those of you who are searching for a speaker for a future event.



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Saturday, April 20, 2013 New Generations Conference Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge

Peter B. "Bo" Rutledge's is a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. His teaching and research interests include international dispute resolution, arbitration, international business transactions and the Supreme Court.

He is the author of the forthcoming book *Arbitration and the Constitution* and co-author with Gary Born of the book *International Civil Litigation in the United States*. His works have been published by Yale University Press, Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press, and his articles have appeared in a diverse array of journals such as the *University of Chicago Law Review*, the

Vanderbilt Law Review and the *Journal of International Arbitration*. He also regularly advises parties on matters of international dispute resolution (litigation and arbitration).

In 2008, the Supreme Court appointed Rutledge to brief and argue the case of *Irizarry v. United States* as *amicus curiae* in defense of the judgment below. He subsequently won the case, joining the ranks of a select few advocates who have successfully defended a judgment below when the government refused to do so. A former law clerk at the U.S. Supreme Court for Justice Clarence Thomas and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit for Chief Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III, Rutledge regularly files briefs and advises lawyers in matters before the Supreme Court and lower courts.

Given his interest in international dispute resolution, Rutledge has taught and spoken at numerous foreign universities.

In addition to his academic and legal work, Rutledge remains active in professional circles. He regularly advises parties on matters of international dispute resolution and has served as an expert in both litigation and arbitration. He is a listed arbitrator with the London Court of International Arbitration, the International Chamber of Commerce and the Vienna International Arbitral Center. He has testified on several occasions before Congress on pending arbitration legislation, has regularly spoken to broadcast and print media, and has given speeches to a range of professional audiences on matters such as international dispute resolution, arbitration and the Supreme Court. He currently serves as part of the American Arbitration Association's delegation to the UNCITRAL Working Group on Arbitration and is a member of the Academic Council of the Institute for Transnational Arbitration.

Before entering the teaching academy, Rutledge practiced at Wilmer Cutler & Pickering (now Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr), where his practice included international dispute resolution and Supreme Court matters, and at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, where his practice concentrated on international arbitration.

He holds a B.A. *magna cum laude* from Harvard University, an M.Litt. in Applied Ethics from the University of Aberdeen (Scotland) and a J.D. with high honors from the University of Chicago, where he served as executive editor of *The University of Chicago Law Review* and was inducted into the Order of the Coif.



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Saturday, April 20, 2013
Governor's Dinner
Danae Cooney

At 19 years of age, Danae Cooney is already experienced in humanitarian outreach and encourages others to put their hand up for opportunities to serve.

At 16, she paid her way to Fiji to work on a Rotary project, refurbishing a preschool in a remote island village, Saqani. As charter president of the Hillcrest High School Interact club, Danae returned from Fiji and inspired the Interactors to raise funds for the same preschool to fund children's education and to help train another teacher.

After a busy year as Head Girl in 2011 (Student President of the school), Danae raised sponsorship so she could travel to Cambodia with Habitat for Humanity, and assisted with the build of a village of houses to resite families living on a landfill in Phnom Penh.

Inspired by the Rotary cause, and her personal goal to work with less fortunate people, Danae's achievements and voluntary service has led to being offered a Rotary Georgia Scholarship in the United States. She will be presenting about these experiences and how Rotary has changed her life.