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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER – April 2012

Greeting District 7850 Rotarians:

April is Rotary Magazine Month

Share *The Rotarian* with your community during Magazine Month, and help promote Rotary's work around the world. Provide others an opportunity to read *The Rotarian* before it goes to a recycle bin.

Mark Your Calendars:

April 21st, 2012: District Assembly. Hanover High School, Hanover NH, 41 Lebanon Street, Hanover, NH. Calories and beverages starting at 8:00 AM (08h00); Assembly begins at 9:00 AM (09h00). Sessions for Presidents, Presidents-elect, Secretaries, Treasurers, Foundation Chairs, Public Relations Chairs, RLYA Committee and Club Chairs, and others interested in learning more about the District

May 18, 19, 20, 2012: District Conference at The Mountain Club on Loon, Lincoln, New Hampshire. Meet us on the Mountain. Registration info can be found at: <http://www.rotary7850.org/> **Program information below in #1.**

July 5, 2012: District Change Over at Grant Camp in Randolph Vermont

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1. Message from DG Marilyn Bedell – 2012 District Conference, May 18, 19, 20 2012 at the Mountain Club on Loon, Lincoln NH

It's not too late to register for the District Conference. You can register all month. Registration information can be found at www.rotary7850.org

Our theme, *Embracing Humanity: Touching Lives, Moving Mountains, Engaging New Generations*, builds upon Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee's theme, *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*.

The conference will begin at 1 PM (13h00) with the District Business meeting. The First Plenary begins at 2:10 PM (14h10). The last session on Sunday will end by noon. Dinner, Friday evening will be on the Café Lafayette Dinner, with a Moose Tour to follow. We will leave the resort at 5:15 PM (17h15). The train will leave the station at 5:30 (17:30 PM).

Our keynote speaker, Sara Jayne Steen, President of Plymouth State University, will focus on engaging new generations in the work of Rotary. In particular I have asked her to address how technology is impacting socialization and service; and how we can inspire younger persons to join Rotary.

Our Group Study Exchange this year was with South Africa. We will hear about the experiences of both the inbound and outbound teams. We will have representatives of our Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotaract and RYLA Programs engage us in discussions about the importance of these programs. We will also name the 2012 winner of our speech contest.

Literacy will be covered by storyteller Duncan McDougall from the Children's Literacy Foundation (CLIF). He will share the art of storytelling with information about CLIF'S work in New Hampshire and Vermont.

In 2004/2005, the centennial year in Rotary, our District became engaged in the work of the Carter Foundation to eradicate Guinea Worm in Ghana. Walter Hughes, from the Rotary Club of Front Royal, Virginia, will share the results of a matching grant that every club in the district participated in. This is a true Rotary success story.

We will also spend time talking about the impact of flooding on the State of Vermont, and the response of Rotarians to this devastating event. I must admit, this has been the defining event of my Governor year. I have been touched by the generosity of Rotarians here at home and around the globe to the needs of our flood victims

See you at Loon.

2. **Disaster Recovery Grant**

Here is the latest news from The Rotary Foundation on our Matching Grant application for Flood Recovery projects in Vermont.

On March 12, 13 and 14, 2012 District 7870 Governor Jan McElroy and I hosted Laura Bradley, the Technical Advisor from the Rotary Foundation. She was here to better understand the intent of our proposed matching grant.

We toured many communities that experience flood damage from Tropical Storm Irene. We also spent a lot of time meeting with Vermont's Community Action Agency representative. I was touched by the many stories I heard about Vermonters still working to recover from the flooding. Many were willing let us into their homes to help us see the impact of the storm. In

addition the ongoing work of many Rotarians to help in the recovery efforts is amazing and inspirational.

Our matching grant and a copy of Laura’s report will be reviewed by the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation this month. Hopefully we will know the outcome of the grant by the end of April.

Again, Jan and I are still feeling optimistic about our chances of having the grant approved.

3. Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors

The Rotary Foundation is still looking Rotarians to serve as members of their Cadre of Technical Advisors. To learn more go to:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/fundaproject/humanitariangrants/pages/grantscadre.aspx>

Rotarians are needed to help in the areas of:

Technical Sector	Professions
Peace and conflict prevention/resolution	Lawyers, diplomats, teachers, social workers, mediators, arbitrators
Maternal and child health, and disease prevention and treatment	Obstetricians, doctors, nurses, midwives, public health professionals, epidemiologists
Water and sanitation	Engineers (civil, environmental, mechanical, biological), city planners
Basic education and literacy	Teachers, community educators, education advocates, administrators
Economic and Community Development	Small-business owners, bankers, city planners, community organizers, real estate professionals, revitalization specialists, agronomists
Auditing	(applies to all technical sectors) Accountants, financial advisers

4. District Governor Search 2015/2016

A call for nominations will begin at the beginning of the new Rotary year. Qualified Rotarians should consider applying for this position when the call for nominations is announced.

To be eligible for the position of district governor, a Rotarian must

- Be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district
- Have served as president of a club for a full term, or as president of a charter club from the date of the charter to 30 June, for a period of at least six months
- Demonstrate knowledge of and the ability to fulfill the duties outlined in the RI Bylaws, section 15.090
- Have completed seven years of membership at the time of taking office

For more information, please refer to the RI Bylaws, section 15.070.
http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/bylaws_ri.pdf#page=52

5. Polio Update

E-mail from 30 March 2012:

Subject: India Remains Polio Free After Testing

Dear Rotary leaders,

I am glad to inform you that Dr. Dipankar Mukherjee RTL [East] WHO-NPSP confirmed at the SLPM today that 18 month old SUMI NASKAR of Indrabala village, near Baruipur in South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, admitted to hospital on 12 March 2012 with AFP has tested NEGATIVE for POLIO VIRUS. [Remember this was the case which generated adverse publicity in Hindustan Times and shook the confidence of the Rotarians].

We can all start SMILING again and continue FIGHTING POLIO!

April 15, National Immunization Day for Pulse Polio Immunization should be our focus now. Let us put all our efforts and make it 100% success.
Regards,

Dr.P.Narayana.
Vice-Chairman, India National Polio plus Committee
PP Ron Ron Nethercutt D 3790 Rotary Information Chair Past ROTI
Chair TRF Major Donor RC Mabalacat D 3790 Angeles City,
Philippines"

6. Rotary Night at the Fisher Cats Baseball Game

Friday, July 20, 2012 7:05 PM (19h05)
New Hampshire Fisher Cats vs. Portland Sea Dogs (AA-Boston Red Sox)

Ticket \$10 with \$4/per ticket will support Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio around the world.

For details and copies of the flyer for the game, contact DG Marilyn Bedell at
m.k.bedell@comcast.net

Orders for tickets will be due by 1 June 2012, the flyer has information about how to do this.

- Before the game, the North Country Chordsmen Barbershop Chorus will sing the National Anthem. (Our 2014/2015 District Governor Bruce Pacht is a member of this group)
- After the game, stick around for an explosive Atlas Fireworks Show!

7. Group Study Exchange (GSE) Group Study Exchange Welcoming Teams from South Africa and France

<p>Group Study Exchange (GSE) Group Study Exchange Welcoming Teams from South Africa and France</p> <p>Our district is pleased to be hosting the incoming team from South Africa this spring from May 4 to June 4, 2012. Below are the area coordinators. The teams are visiting for both vocational and cultural exchange, so all clubs are encouraged to be involved in welcoming, entertaining and hosting GSE Teams.</p> <p>The coordinators are working to arrange host families, vocational visits, club visits, transportation, and generally schedule a wonderful visit to our district. Any and all support is welcome and encouraged.</p> <p>The schedule around our district is: May 4 – 6 – Arrival in Burlington, VT - rest day May 6 – 11 – <u>Champlain Valley</u> – Coordinator: Eric Hanson (EHanson@hansondoremus.com) Clubs: Burlington, Burlington Sunrise, Cambridge, Colchester-Milton, Middlebury, Charlotte-Shelburne, Essex, St. Albans, Vergennes, Williston-Richmond. May 11 – May 15 - <u>Quebec and Boundary</u> – Coordinator: Faruk Seyrek (farukseyrek@gmail.com) Clubs: Boundary, Drummondville, Greater Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Saint-Hyacinthe, Newport May 15 – May 18 – <u>Middlebury, VT</u> – Coordinator: David Clark (david2108@myfairpoint.net) May 18 – May 20 – District Conference - NH May 20 - 23 – <u>White Mountain Valley</u> – Coordinator: Cecile Chase (Cecile.chase@td.com) Clubs: Bristol, Lincoln-Woodstock, Wolfeboro, White Mountains, Plymouth, North Conway May 23 – May 29 – <u>Connecticut River Valley</u> – Coordinator: Judith Esmay (judithesmay@gmail.com) Clubs: Lyndonville, Hanover, Lancaster,</p>	<p>Groupe d'étude de change (GSE) équipes EGE de bienvenue de l'Afrique du Sud et la France</p> <p>Notre quartier est heureux d'accueillir la nouvelle équipe d'Afrique du Sud ce printemps du 4 mai au 4 Juin 2012. Voici les coordonnateurs de zone. Les équipes sont en visite d'échange à la fois professionnelle et culturelle, de sorte que tous les clubs sont encouragés à participer à accueillir, divertir et d'hébergement des équipes de GSE.</p> <p>Les coordonnateurs s'efforcent d'organiser des familles d'accueil, des visites professionnelles, des visites de clubs, le transport, et plus généralement de planifier une visite merveilleuse à notre district. Soutien toute est bienvenue et encouragée.</p> <p>Le calendrier autour de notre quartier est : May 4 – 6 – Arrival in Burlington, VT - rest day May 6 – 11 – <u>Champlain Valley</u> – Coordinator: Eric Hanson (EHanson@hansondoremus.com) Clubs: Burlington, Burlington Sunrise, Cambridge, Colchester-Milton, Middlebury, Charlotte-Shelburne, Essex, St. Albans, Vergennes, Williston-Richmond. May 11 – May 15 - <u>Quebec and Boundary</u> – Coordinator: Faruk Seyrek (farukseyrek@gmail.com) Clubs: Boundary, Drummondville, Greater Sherbrooke, Sherbrooke, Saint-Hyacinthe, Newport May 15 – May 18 – <u>Middlebury, VT</u> – Coordinator: David Clark (david2108@myfairpoint.net) May 18 – May 20 – District Conference - NH May 20 - 23 – <u>White Mountain Valley</u> – Coordinator: Cecile Chase (Cecile.chase@td.com) Clubs: Bristol, Lincoln-Woodstock, Wolfeboro, White Mountains, Plymouth, North Conway May 23 – May 29 – <u>Connecticut River Valley</u> – Coordinator: Judith Esmay (judithesmay@gmail.com) Clubs: Lyndonville, Hanover, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lebanon-Riverside,</p>
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Clubs: Randolph, Northfield, Montpelier,
Barre, Central Vermont, Mad River Valley,
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The visiting team will be presenting at our District
Conference in May with Rachel Jolly, a former
Ambassadorial Scholar to South Africa, and our
GSE South African team (Rotarian David Clark,
Cassandra Gekas, Kristen Brownlow, Justa Malone,
Jennifer Molineau). Visit the Group Study
Exchange (GSE) link on the District 7850 website
(www.rotary7850.org) for more information.

This fall we will be hosting the GSE team from
District 1680 in Alsace/Strasbourg France. They are
scheduled for September 15 through October 15,
2012. Because the team is not with us during our
district conference, we are organizing an evening
"district-wide" event during
their stay with us. We are looking for people to
help conceive and organize this event.

During the next few months we will be starting to
form the team visiting France D1680 in the spring
of 2013. Please begin considering who in your club
would make a good team leader and what young
professional in your area would be a good
candidate for team member! Information about
this team selection will also be on the District 7850
website. Please contact Louisa Tripp at
louisatripp@yahoo.com or (802)371-9819 if you
have any questions and/or are interested in being
more involved with GSE in your area.

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L'équipe visiteuse sera présentée lors de notre
conférence de district en mai avec Rachel Jolly, un
ancien Scholar ambassadeurs en Afrique du Sud, et
notre GSE équipe sud-africaine (Rotarien David
Clark, Gekas Cassandra, Kristen Brownlow, Justa
Malone, Jennifer Molineau). Visitez le Groupe
d'étude Exchange (GSE) lien sur le site web du
district 7850 (www.rotary7850.org) pour plus
d'informations.

Cet automne, nous tiendrons l'équipe GSE du
district 1680 à l'Alsace / Strasbourg, France. Ils
sont prévus pour Septembre 15 à Octobre 15,
2012. Parce que l'équipe n'est pas avec nous lors
de notre conférence de district, nous organisons
une soirée "l'échelle du district" événement au
cours leur séjour avec nous. Nous recherchons des
personnes pour aider à concevoir et organiser cet
événement.

Au cours des prochains mois, nous allons
commencer à former l'équipe en visite en France
D1680 au printemps de 2013. S'il vous plaît
commencer à examiner qui, dans votre club ferait
un bon chef d'équipe et de ce jeune professionnel
dans votre région serait un bon candidat pour
membre de l'équipe! Informations sur cette
sélection de l'équipe sera également sur le site
web du district 7850. S'il vous plaît contactez
Louisa Tripp, au louisatripp@yahoo.com ou (802)
371-9819 si vous avez des questions et / ou êtes
intéressé à être plus impliqué avec GSE dans votre
région.

8. Membership Minute – Have you asked someone to join your Rotary Club this week?

As of 1 April, our membership in the District stands at 1607 (No change since 5 March 2012). We started this Rotary year with 1579 on 1 July 2012. Congratulations to those clubs and members that have made this increase possible. Have you asked someone to join your Club?



“Rotary is not ours until we share it, and we need to share the personal and professional benefits of joining this organization – not because we have to but because we want to...”

Not one of us in business is in the business of losing customers. We work to keep them, and we must do so in Rotary. Every Rotarian needs friends, an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution, ongoing Rotary education, recognition, and a sense that belonging brings benefits and value.” (Monte Audenart, Chair, Rotary International Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee)

9. Youth Exchange First Hand Report

Hi!!

So much has changed for me since the time I sent my last monthly report. First of all, I am in my new host family. I have a host dad, a host mom, and a dog... that is very hyperactive AND lives inside the house (a boxer) which is extremely rare in Chile... anyways, I think I have the best host family in Coyhaique. My host dad is a painter, and he also works in tourism and forestry, and my host mom is a really loving, caring person... I feel good here. I also have two host siblings, but they are in university.

School finally started on the 19th of March, a little later because there were a lot of protests here... but they didn't really bother me. Going to school is really great for me! I love going to school, because I see Chilean kids my age, and I'm busy focusing on learning. It's really funny because today there was a new teacher and she just asked me to read as if I was another Chilean student... I read! But it's amazing how people don't realize I'm not from Chile! Because my appearance could be Chilean, because many Chileans are from European decent, and also I have brown hair and black eyebrows, etc... I actually don't stick out at all! Except that I have an accent, but I'm really proud of my Spanish! I hope that I will leave here with the same level of Spanish as my French, or English! I know it sound exaggerated, but I think it's possible... I understand close to 100 percent, and when I don't know a word, I ask. I also read a lot in Spanish, and I also think in Spanish... it's so cool :) I also had a dream in Spanish the other day! (but I can't remember it!)

My host dad works in tourism, and he does tours to see the condors... I'm going to go to see them next time he goes, and the view is amazing!!

I find its kind of sad how little time there is left... it's like I finally feel really good and I only have 3 and something months left! But I feel I've learned so much from my bad times here!!

Because now I feel like I'm myself, I'm finally being myself, and it's amazing, I feel so free and happy, because I've realized I don't need to define myself, put myself in some category, I'm just me!

In the end, this was the goal of my exchange, to find myself, and I've learned to just let myself be the way I am, to feel the way I feel.

So thank you so much for this experience! I learn something new every day, and maybe I'm not like everybody else, but now I'm ok with that... and understanding this is worth everything for me.

Chao!!

Joanne

10. Our 2012/2013 Ambassadorial Scholar – Emily Dubie
From Emily's Blog

Last weekend, I volunteered at the Rotary Medical Camp in Bagamoyo, an hour north of Dar es Salaam. Seven hundred and twenty-two patients were treated free of charge in this underserved area. They were screened for malaria, HIV, and risk factors for chronic diseases, such as diabetes. Six hundred mosquito nets were also distributed, along with education regarding their effective use. This comprehensive treatment and prevention effort corresponded with the long rains, associated with a spike in malaria cases.

My responsibilities at the event were registering elderly patients in the morning and performing eye exams in the afternoon. I used an eye chart that could be used with illiterate people; the letter E facing in different directions. They simply point which direction the E is facing-- a very clever design. After their eye test, they were able to see an eye doctor and receive eye glasses if needed.

The event was hosted on the school grounds of a local orphanage also support by Rotary in Dar es Salaam. Teams of doctors, nurses, lab technicians, and nutritionists assembled in various classrooms to meet with patients.

The Rotary Club of Essex (my sponsor club back home) generously supported this event, contributing to its success in meeting the needs of the local community. Thank you!

Follow Emily at: <http://rotaryscholarindar.posterous.com/>

11. Our 2012/2013 Ambassadorial Scholar – Stevie Lewis

Dear Rotary Friends,

I would like to invite you to follow my adventure this summer hiking the Appalachian Trail with my father. We are so excited to begin this journey together as we have been anticipating and planning for it several years. We will be starting in just two days now, and we anticipate that we will finish sometime between August 15th-22nd. Shortly thereafter, I will be off to Scotland for

my scholarship year! Thank you for all your support. Hope to hear from you on the trail this summer!

A link to our blog can be found here: <http://www.trailjournals.com/ericandstevie>

Sincerely,
Stevie Lewis

12. **Rotary Foundation**

Every Club in the District made a commitment to have members and clubs donate to the Rotary Foundation in 2011/2012. I just received an update on our giving as of April 1, 2012. **This Month we again moved closer to achieving our District goal of \$118,000. Currently, our Rotarians have given 53.4% of our goal or \$63,106.38.** My thanks to all who have already contributed, and I look forward to hearing that our pledge targets have been achieved. Three Clubs have informed me that 100% of their membership has contributed to the Foundation this year. Way cool!

Please remember, the dollars we give this year will be available for us to spend on Foundation projects and programs in 3 years. Help us have the money to “do good in the world”... and here at home too.

13. **ShelterBox**

Rich Rodriguez is a member of the Rotary Club of St. Albans, Vermont and a representative for Shelter Box USA. If you would like him to do a presentation for your club, you can contact him at: "rich rodriguez" rrodriguez1738@gmail.com. Read more about ShelterBox at <http://www.shelterboxusa.org/>

14. **Club News:**

I'm continuing to post Club News on our District's Facebook page. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/RotaryDistrict7850>

In February I posted:

- Charlotte-Shelburne's Hands to Honduras project
- Lincoln-Woodstock Rotarian, Chief Doug Moorehouse's work for special Olympics
- Additional Photos from Morrisville's Polar Splash.... Again... burrrrrr
- Pictures from Emily's Dubie's Medical Camp in Tanzania
- The link to the newspaper that reported on the suspected case of polio that was not polio

Please send me information and pictures you want posted on the District's *facebook* page.

**Yours in Rotary Service,
DG Marilyn Bedell**