



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2012

Rotary Awareness Month – From Rotary International

“Rotary Awareness Month provides the perfect opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a Rotarian. Rotary’s strength lies in the more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas. This is the time to make sure your community knows who we are and what we do.”

Greeting District 7850 Rotarians:

Mark your Calendars:

Did your club report 2012/2013 Club Officers to Rotary International by 31 December 2011? If not, please do it now!

January 31, 2011 – Semiannual Reports and dues payment should be sent to Rotary International. District 7850’s dues invoices will be sent in February.

February 11th, 2012: *District Team Training Seminar and Pre-PETS* at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH. Required Training for Assistant Governors, President-Elects, and the District Leadership Team.

March 8-10, 2012: *President Elects Training Seminar (PETS)* at Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center, Framingham, MA

April 21st, 2012: *District Assembly*. Location to be announced.

May 18, 19, 20, 2012: *District Conference* at The Mountain Club on Loon, Lincoln, New Hampshire. Registration will be starting soon. Meet us on the Mountain.

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1. **Greetings from DG Marilyn Bedell**

Happy New Year!

I’m writing this on a cold winter morning at Norwich University. I keep reminding myself that we are one day closer to spring...yet at the same time wishing for some snow for our ski, snow mobile and other winter sports industries.

It’s hard to believe but we are now halfway through the 2011/2012 Rotary Year. I’ve been having a great time being your governor, and look forward to new adventures in Rotary during the second half of the Rotary year. I’ve loved hearing about all the service projects that are happening in every part of our District. Please continue to think of ways to make your communities aware of what you are doing!

I know District Governor-elect Sonny Holt is working hard to prepare for the 2012/2013 year too. He had been meeting with our Presidents-elect and Assistant Governors. He is working to update our District’s Strategic Plan and working on a Membership Plan too. Stay tuned for details.

While in Northfield, we hope to identify a new Youth Exchange Inbound Coordinator today. The Inbound Coordinator will work with Nicole DiDomenico who will be our Youth Exchange Chair in 2012/2013, and the rest of the Youth Exchange team. My thanks to the many Rotarians who responded to my request for volunteers to help with Youth Exchange. Even if you were unable to volunteer at the present time, many of your notes helped remind me why so many love our Youth Exchange program and want to make sure it continues.

I hope you enjoy the Newsletter and learn something new about Rotary and our District as you read it.

2. **2012 District Conference - Embracing Humanity: Touching Lives, Moving Mountains, Inspiring New Generations**

By the end of the month, registration information for the District Conference at the Mountain Club on Loon will be available. I will alert our Presidents when it is posted on the District web page and send more information to all Rotarians in early February with the February Newsletter. I hope many of you will consider joining us for a celebration of service, new generations, and programs that make me proud to be a part of District 7850.

3. **Help Wanted: We are looking for a few Rotarians to help the District.... Can you help? If yes, contact 2012/2013 District Governor, Sonny Holt – debsonholt@myfairpoint.net**

Help Wanted for RYLA

What is RYLA? The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. In District 7850, we focus on students who are completing their sophomore year of high school (approximately 15-16 years of age). RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth while at the same time exposing them to Rotary's values of service, high ethical standards, and world peace;
- Encourage and assist young people in responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a valuable training experience;
- Foster continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth;
- Recognize and reward publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders.

The following positions are coming open as of July 1st 2012. If you have a passion for working with young energetic high school students who may, very well, be tomorrow's future Rotary leaders, please consider volunteering for one of these positions. You will be trained to fill them.

Committee Chair: Appointed by the District Governor; serves as the administrative head for the program. Tasks include managing the calendar, budgeting, creating program documents, implementing program elements by completing (or delegating) all tasks necessary for the successful completion of the program, recruiting new program volunteers and participating clubs, and maintaining the RYLA bible, which makes RYLA easy to replicate year-to-year, even by new teams. Also serves as the public speaker for RYLA by attending ALL District events, leading all RYLA meetings, and visiting clubs around the district as personal schedule allows.

Committee Co-Chair: The Chair-in-Waiting, on a timeline created and agreed upon by the RYLA Chair & Co-Chair, and the District Leadership Team. Serves as Club Coordinator as a means of becoming known around the district prior to taking over as Chair. Club Coordination involves all direct correspondence with club members to

provide RYLA information as available and to answer questions, as well as indirect contact via maintaining the RYLA website content. Also maintains the RYLA Club Contact List.

Registrar: Must be able to utilize the RYLA website. Uses this to ensure all clubs have submitted all liability forms and payment, follows up as necessary to have completed by June 1. Communicates attendance information closely with the RYLA Chair in order to properly track the program income and create room assignments (and other program items).

Help Wanted for District Treasurer

A volunteer is needed for this position which becomes available on July 1st 2012. Responsibilities include accounting for the handling of funds, ensuring their safety and along with the District Governor, providing approval and disbursement of funds when required. In addition to that, making sure that the expenditure is according to the District budget. Experience with the Peachtree accounting application is a plus. However, you will be trained prior to filling the position.

Help Wanted for Web Master / Social Media Expert

A volunteer is needed for this position which becomes available on July 1st 2012. You must have a passion for managing the District Web Site and expanding the use of Social Media within the District.

Help Wanted for Awards Chair

This person will keep informed of all awards that Rotarians and Clubs may qualify for during the year and develop a process to inform the clubs/members of these awards and encourage them to apply.

Help Wanted for Member Retention

This person is on the membership committee and will be responsible for informing the clubs in our District of the best practices for retaining members.

4. Disaster Recovery Grant

The Grant was submitted to RI at the beginning of December. Rotary Foundation staff member, Laura Bradley wrote, "Thank you for submitting your Matching Grant application...to help provide and coordinate the provision of disaster relief and recovery assistance to individuals with critical needs due to loss, damage, disruption and displacement caused by Tropical Storm Irene and the resulting flood in the state of Vermont, USA. As your application is requesting over US\$25,000 from The Rotary

Foundation it will be reviewed by the Full Board of Trustees. I am very excited that such a worthy application will be available for their review.” She then identified some components of the grant that would require us to supply additional information prior to the Trustee’s review. DG Jan McElroy, with the help of SEVCA, me and other Rotarians, is working to respond to Laura’s questions and requests for information. In addition, we have been told to expect a pre-grant visit by one of the Foundation’s Cadre of Technical Advisors who is often required to review grants of this size. I have alerted the Rotary Club Presidents of Waterbury, Mad River and Northfield that we may need their help with this visit. I am delighted to say that they enthusiastically offered their help.

So the bottom line is that we are still in pursuit of these funds and are still feeling confident about our grant application.

5. Resolution – Acronyms

A resolution to limit the use of Acronyms by Rotary International that was proposed by the Rotary Club of Randolph was voted on by the Clubs in our District in December. The majority of our Clubs voted in favor of this resolution. It has been sent by District Governor, Marilyn Bedell to Rotary International for consideration by the Council of Legislation (Rotary’s legislative body) in 2012.

6. District Simplified Grants

Slightly more than half of the district simplified grant funds allotted to Rotary District 7850 remains available for local club projects. A total of \$6,000 has been awarded; \$5,000 remains to be distributed. The clubs that have received funding for their projects so far this year are Morrisville, St. Johnsbury, Plymouth, Lebanon-Riverside, Barre, Littleton and Northfield. Their projects range from establishing a Mother Goose pre-school program (increases the knowledge, school readiness, and self-esteem of children by building the knowledge, skills, and confidence of parents, librarians and educators) to constructing garden beds for elementary school students to grow their own vegetables and for families to have a community garden space while they recover from Tropical Storm Irene. The maximum amount awarded is usually \$1,000, and clubs may design projects looking for smaller amounts. A total of thirteen projects were funded last year.

Proposed projects should be able to be fully implemented by the end of March 2012, but extensions can be granted depending upon the nature of the project. Collaborative projects are encouraged, as are projects that work with international partners. District simplified grant funds are monies that are returned to the district from a portion of the donations that had been made by district clubs to the Rotary Foundation three years earlier.

Each project requires the direct involvement of Rotarians in the following manner:

- A. Assessment of community needs and development of a project plan;
- B. Establishment of a committee containing at least three Rotarians to oversee the expenditure of funds;
- C. Oversight of grant funds;
- D. Involvement in the implementation of projects;
- E. Provision of evidence of community involvement and ownership;

F. Organization of meetings with local service providers, local officials, and/or recipients; and
G. Promotion of projects in the local media.

To obtain an application, contact Bill Secord at wrsecord@comcast.net, or submit an application by filling out the form located at:
<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?accountid=50051&pid=26750&sid=37766>.

7. Group Study Exchange (GSE) teams from Turkey and South Africa are excited to speak to your club!

GSE - Teams from South Africa and France Visiting our District in 2012

We are pleased to be hosting the incoming team from South Africa this spring from May 4 to June 4. The team chosen is:

Team Leader: Anne Botha - Orkney -Property developer

Team Members: Lorraine Badenhorst - East London - Attorney

Richard Fyvie - Port Elizabeth South - Geologist

David Wright - Grahamstown Sunset - Deputy Headmaster

Brendon Connellan - East London Sunset - Commerce & Financing

Reserve: Tammy Buchanan - Port Elizabeth East - Occupational Therapist

Area coordinators will be arranging the schedule, looking for hosts and organizing club visits. The team will also be with us at our District Conference in May. Please visit the District 7850 website for more information on the team's schedule.

Also visiting our district this fall is the GSE team from District 1680 in Alsace/Strasbourg France. The actual dates will be determined by the middle of January, but will be in September/October 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.

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.

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

From the RI Web page, "It's every Rotarian's responsibility to boost club membership and ensure the future of Rotary. No member takes this duty more seriously than RI President Kalyan Banerjee.

"The more members we have, the more that Rotary can do," Banerjee says. "Rotarians must refer new members. Our current annual growth is 5 percent, but if every two years each Rotarian brought in a new member; our membership would grow by 50 percent."

Despite a busy schedule, Banerjee continues to find potential members during his travels as RI president. "Today you can recruit anybody, anywhere," he says. "I might meet someone on a

flight to Los Angeles or Bangkok who would make a good member, and if I do, I refer that person.”

Follow Banerjee’s example today by referring a family member, friend, or business associate.”

9. **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) 2011/2012 Dates**

Have you attended any of the Rotary Leadership Institute Sessions?

Hello District 7850 Rotarians,

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education. Rotarians in NH, VT and Quebec's eastern townships have TWO opportunities in March, 2012 to participate in this wonderful knowledge-enhancing program built for every Rotarian, new and experienced, whether or not you have specifically embarked on a "leadership track" within your club or the district.

Wells, ME, Saturday, March 3, 2012

York County Community College

Parts I, II, III, Graduate -- Tuition = \$65

Lebanon, NH, Saturday, March 31, 2012

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

Parts I, II, III -- Tuition = \$65

Because RLI is aimed at adult learners using discussion and creative problem-solving, you may find yourself having more fun than you had at any level of school. You will be surrounded by Rotarians facing the same challenges you face, just as eager as you are to find solutions and make connections.

Each course day begins with registration at 7:30 AM. Classes run from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM with breakfast, lunch and coffee break included in the tuition. Most participants' tuition is paid by their home Rotary club as an investment in the club's future leadership.

RLI sessions present you with the opportunity to deepen your understanding of how Rotary works, of our organization's capacity to improve lives around the world, and about how to enhance the satisfaction of service accomplishment among local Rotary club members.

Here are some examples of courses you will find at RLI:

- A Look Outside the Club
- Membership Orientation and Activation
- Introduction to Leadership
- Creating Service Projects
- Problem Solving Workshops
- Vocational Service
- Effective Committees
- Membership Development
- The Rotary Foundation
- Analyzing a Rotary Club
- The Object of Rotary
- The District
- International Service
- Problems of Leadership
- Creative Service
- Written Communications
- Motivating Rotarians and Effecting Change

Registration is simple at this web site: <http://www.rlinea.com/Registration>

If you come to RLI-Lebanon, please stop by and introduce yourself to me. I hope to make YOUR acquaintance.

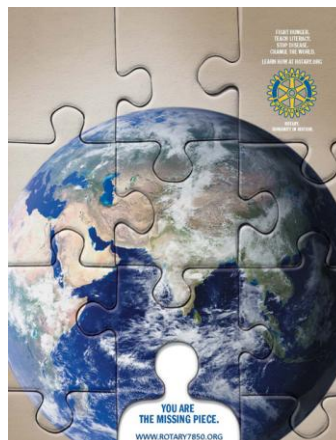
Bruce Pacht

RLI District 7850 Chair 2011-12

10. Public Relations Multidistrict Grant – Update from PR Chair Earl Wertheim

District 7850 has again obtained a Public Relations Grant from RI. Our district's participation in the Multi-district Grant application was in the amount of \$2,000US. The approved grant brings a 3 for 1 match (\$6,000) and adds \$1,000 bonus for participation in the Multi-district request. The total with our district's contribution then totals \$9,000 for our PR campaign as outlined in the approved application. The funds will be sent to our district on a reimbursement basis by R.I. after our documented expenses are submitted.

1. District 7850 will be using a combination of *facebook* and *LinkedIn* banner ads for our 2011-12 campaign. We are choosing an internet campaign with *facebook* and *LinkedIn* because we can pinpoint our target audience based on specific geographic locations and age groups. Also unlike other media types, we will only be paying for our ad if someone clicks on the banner online.
2. Our campaign will focus on membership. We will be using the online materials from RI and Humanities in Motion.



- a. The banner ad will link directly to www.rotary7850.org
- b. We will also be running a similar campaign in French to target the Canadian areas in our district.
3. Our target audience is men and women ages 35+ who live within a 50 mile radius of every club in our district.
 - a. The number of people that our campaign will reach, based on the above demographics, are:
 - i. *facebook* (VT & NH) – 381,520 people
 - ii. *LinkedIn* (VT & NH) – 2,104,099 people
 - iii. *facebook* (Quebec province) – 1,595,460 people
 - iv. *LinkedIn* (Quebec province) – 137,505 people
 - b. Our campaign will run continuously 7 days a week for 45 days
 - i. Based on spending a maximum of \$50 per day per items i – iv above
 - ii. The target date to begin will be January 1, 2012
 - c. The estimated number of daily impressions for our campaign is 1,000,000

- d. Our campaign involves all 41 clubs in our district (and targets a mile radius around each club)
4. Our advertising campaign will target people that live within 50 miles of the 40 locations of clubs in our district. We will launch a campaign that will target potential members in both English and French using the banner ads from RI and Humanities in Motion. Our advertising budgets are weighed equally between Vermont/New Hampshire and the Quebec province. While there are more clubs in Vermont and New Hampshire, there are more areas of growth in the Quebec province. All banner ads will direct people to the District 7850 website.
5. District 7850 will be contributing \$2,000 towards the advertising campaign. The budget for our campaign is \$9,000 based on the \$2,000 District 7850 contribution plus the requested \$6,000 matching amount plus the \$1,000 unmatched bonus for a multi-district PR campaign.
6. Our budget per vendors is as follows:
 - a. *facebook* (VT & NH) - \$2,250.00
 - b. *facebook* (Quebec province) - \$2,250.00
 - c. *LinkedIn* (VT & NH) - \$2,250.00
 - d. *LinkedIn* (Quebec province) - \$2,250.00

11. **Stowe – Matching Grant**

The Rotary Club of Stowe, VT has applied for a Matching Grant to help provide computer equipment and school furniture to elementary schools located in rural sector of Curiti, Santander, Colombia. It is under review at the Rotary Foundation. We hope to hear that it has been accepted for funding soon.

12. **Wallingford Vermont – Little Red School House – Paul Harris Memorial**

Now **fourteen** (14) of our forty-one (41) Clubs (34%) have already sent donations for their pavers, up 1 from last month. It would be great if every Club in our District could be represented. In particular, it would be nice if all Vermont Clubs would help preserve this piece of Vermont History. Again between now and 31 March, paver for Clubs will only cost \$200. After 31 March they go up to \$300.

Here is the message from District 7870

From: District Governor Janice McElroy, Rotary Club of Henniker
Hello Fellow Rotarians,

MARCH 31, 2012 DEADLINE

We have begun construction of the Paul Harris Memorial Garden at The Little Red Schoolhouse in Wallingford, VT!!!

The initial phase deadline for purchases of Club Pavers and PDG Plaques and other recognition bricks is March 31, 2012. That is the date when we will be ordering the pavers, bricks and plaques that have been purchased. We will continue to add bricks, pavers, and gear teeth each year with a cutoff for orders as of June 30 of each year.

Any purchase made for the Paul Harris Memorial Garden will be added to the endowment of this building to support the continued maintenance that is needed.

Some reasons you might consider supporting and purchasing a brick etc. toward this project:

- Honor outgoing Club President
- Honor a family member living or deceased
- Recognize a business or person in your community or your own business
- Honor your beloved pet
- An Exchange Student you hosted
- Just because you want to support the Little Red Schoolhouse, Boyhood home of Paul Harris, Founder of Rotary
- Great gift idea for Christmas, Hanukkah, birthdays, or anniversaries for that special person in your life that has everything

Your support to be a part of this great historical building in our district and that no other place in the world will ever have is greatly appreciated. Remember that your donation is tax deductible.

Club Paver \$200

In Club Circle

Rotary Club of _____

Date Chartered _____

Submitted by: _____

Street or PO Box _____

City, State, Zip _____

Send to:

Alan Kanegsberg, Treasurer

9 Old Coach Road

Bow, NH 03304

Make check payable to: Rotary District 7870 Foundation

13. **Speech Contest**

Subject: Your District 7850 Rotary Speech Contest is ready to Roll!

Round One should be coming to a close. I hope you have been able to hold contest in your Club.

During February your Assistant Governor will run Round #2 of the contest to select the winner from the 3 to 4 Clubs in his/her area. Essentially, the same speech is presented by the contestants. The winners of Round #2, the Area Quarter Finals, get a \$150 check from the District. When the winners participate at the Semi Finals at the District Assembly in April, two winners of Round #3 win an additional \$250 check. (The specific date and location are not yet firm.) When they appear for the Finals on May 19 at the District Conference at the Mountain Club on Loon in Lincoln, NH, the District Winner gets an additional \$500 for a total prize of \$1,000! Four opportunities for your Club's contestant to win and, potentially, four opportunities to tell your town about your Club, your contest and your winners!

That's all there is to it. The details are all on the website. Questions can be addressed to me at edsaul@alum.wpi.edu or 802-863-7928. Ed Saulnier, Chair, District 7850 Rotary Speech Contest.

14. Rotary International Weekly Updates

Consider signing up for the RI *Weekly Update*. You will receive from four to five RI news stories every week. You can use these articles in any of your Rotary or Rotary-related publications, including your website and newsletter. Sign up at: <http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/news/emailalerts/pages/ridefault.aspx>

If you would like to see a copy of the Update prior to signing up, let me know and I will e-mail you a copy.

15. Rotary International Convention, Bangkok Convention



Rotary's International Convention will be in Bangkok, Thailand from May 6 - 9, 2012. If you plan to go to Thailand, and want information from RI about the convention, or would like to be connected to others planning to attend the convention contact DG Marilyn Bedell – m.k.bedell@comcast.net

16. Youth Exchange First Hand Report

Here's another first hand report from one of our Youth Exchange Students.
November 2011

"I'm sorry my report is so late this month. A lot of stuff happened this month with Rotary and with my own personal break throughs. To start off, on the first of the month I went with a friend of mine to a futsal field. Basically this place is a roof that stretches over these two netted-in turf fields each one roughly the size of a basket ball court. We were there playing 5 on 5

games for about 3 hours which was a blast. All the guys there were Indonesian too which made the communication on my team a little interesting. The next night my host mother came up stairs to my roof at about 7 pm to tell me that a pair of guys were at the house to install an air conditioner in my room. I have slept so much better every night since that bad boy went in (interestingly enough the default setting on the machine is 16 C which is less than 61 F. Needless to say, I haven't changed the temperature setting yet). Three days later my host parents took me Tabanan (a town about an hour's drive North West of Denpasar) to pray at the family kampong (family villa). Now Hinduism is a fairly interesting religion in and of itself, but Balinese Hinduism is very different from the "normal" version of Hinduism. This religion follows none of the stereotypes I have grown up hearing about/being exposed to through Judaism, Islam, Christianity and the Catholic Church so I don't really know how to treat it. This religion accepts people's individual beliefs and doesn't try to actively recruit or damn people (like the aforementioned religions), but it has a tremendous amount of protocol that the practitioners must follow (for example there are very specific offerings that are made everyday but because the Balinese version of Hinduism is passed on one generation to another via following traditions rather than following a holy book) the "why" of many of the pieces of protocol has simply become "because this is how we were taught to do it").

A few days later, the first of the major Rotary stuff happened. The Turkish exchange student, "Ujang" and I went to the Denpasar Rotoract club's 7th anniversary Silver which was pretty much this big party with a bunch of people between the age of 20 and 30 and me and Ujang eating good food and drinking fanta until about 11 pm. Immediately the next morning we helped the Kuta Interact club clean up a section of Kuta beach. The next week I ended up being stuck at my friend Aldy's house for three days because Renon (the district I live in) flooded. This is not a big deal because all of the buildings here are concrete and most of them are raised up a few feet off of ground level (I would assume this is because Denpasar floods four or five times a year). The next weekend, the Bali inbound/outbound coordinator took Anna (the German exchange student here), Ujang and I to Candi Dasa (pronounced "chandy da-suh") a beach on the Eastern side of the island. We all got wicked tans (by that I mean I got a wicked tan, and Anna and Ujang got pretty good sun burns). I am actually darker now than some of classmates which was a pretty interesting discovery for me to make.

Three days after the Candi Dasa trip the two exchange students staying in Medan (about as far North in Indonesia as you can get) went to the Monkey temple with Anna, Ujang and I during their holiday and let me tell you, you have not lived until you have seen a large Brazilian guy freeze because a monkey is sitting on his head and dropping bits of banana on him while the monkey eats. While we were at the temple we saw the Balinese Kacek Ramayana Fire Dance which is basically this one hour performance that tells the story of a princess and a monkey. A few days after that, Anna Ujang and I went to the Sanur Festival (which is like the Tunbridge Fair only they don't have rides here). At the Sanur festival we met up with some Rotoracters, some of the kids from my school, some of the kids from Anna's school and Anna's Rotary councilor.

Thanksgiving was very difficult for me. Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays for a multitude of reasons and this year I made an effort to celebrate the holiday even

if I knew it would be nothing like home. I had Anna and Ujang come over for thanksgiving dinner and we stuffed ourself on nasi goreng (fried rice). Just a little side note, there are three words for rice in bahasa because rice has three different forms. That weekend is when things started getting really crazy with Rotary; really it was just for two events though; the Bali Rotary Institute and a fashion show for some Rotarians participating in the Rotary Institute. Now the Rotary Institute is basically a huge seminar for Rotarians around the world. This year there was something like 1000 participants, my job was as a flag carrier during the opening ceremony. We prepared for this event quite a lot and on the day of the event practiced a bit more. We all got into our costumes (traditional outfits from different regions of Indonesia) and that is when things started to go sideways. There was suppose to be 2 people for every flag (one guy and one girl) and that was how we practiced it. The organizer of the ceremony told everyone to be ready to start the ceremony at 3:45. You can imagine the bewilderment of every guy when we got to the entry way where the ceremony was suppose to start about 30 seconds before the procession began and found that none of the girls were there. We ended up doing the ceremony with out them and a few people botched what they were suppose to do with their flags once things got going too. As an actor, I was both annoyed but able to just roll with things so I did everything like I was suppose to and after the fact I was able to identify what the organizer should have done to prevent the situation that we ran into, but it ultimately didn't matter because the audience had no idea how it was suppose to look anyway (which is the beauty of theater and events like this).

The fashion show went a little more smoothly. I was one of the models and what was really cool was the fact that all of the models had something to do with Rotary (the president of one Rotary club was there too). So that was pretty fun. The weekend that this was going on I went into a convenience store in Nusa Dua (which, by the way, the convenience stores here are almost exactly the same as ours except the shelves are shorter because Indonesians are short) and they were playing the song White Christmas through out the store's speaker system. The interesting thing was the song was played using gamlon (a traditional Balinese musical instrument that looks kind of like a xylophone and has a sound unlike anything I've ever heard before). Normally when the gamlon is played each note is struck so rapidly that it sounds more like a chaotic cacophony of music rather than individual notes, so it was incredibly interesting to hear such a familiar song played on this unique instrument.

I know I went to a Rotary meeting at some point this month but I can't remember when, I'm still with my first host family, I should be switching sometime In January I think.

By the way, to the Forest Gump fans of the world, the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. restaurant is in Kuta.

So that's pretty much everything that happened in a nutshell

Jake”

17. Rotary Foundation Annual Report

Dear fellow Rotarian: I am pleased to share the 2010-11 Rotary International and Rotary Foundation Annual Report:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/annualreport/2010-11/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

For the first time ever, we have developed a website for the report that incorporates video and other rich media not available in the print version.

Rotary's annual report offers a firsthand look at how Rotarians are responding to a range of needs, with support from RI and its Foundation. The report also highlights the generosity of Rotarians to The Rotary Foundation and to Rotary's top priority of global polio eradication. For those who want a more detailed look at Rotary finances, the audited financial statements are available for download.

Please share this link with others who may be interested in Rotary. You can also order print copies of the annual report at shop.rotary.org.

Having just completed six months as your new general secretary, I appreciate all that Rotary accomplished last year. Our organization is poised to strategically meet the challenges of the future with strength, boldness, and vision. I encourage you to review this report carefully, and I welcome your comments.

Sincerely,

John Hewko

General Secretary, Rotary International

18. Rotary Peace Scholar Program

In December I proudly announced that the Rotary Foundation Trustees named Chelsea Keyser as a peace scholar. I misstated two facts. First Chelsea was proposed by the South Burlington Club. South Burlington Rotarian Jeff Morin helped her with her application. In addition, I learned that Chelsea isn't our first peace scholar. Our first peace scholar was Carrie Nedzipovik who studied in Bradford England. She was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Charlotte-Shelburne. I've learned that PDG Clinton Reichard helped the Club navigate the application process. Terrill Titus and Bob Sanders were her Rotarian mentors. According to Rotary International Carrie now serves as a newcomer advocate for the Chelsea, MA Police Department. She works as a liaison between the police department and newcomers (refugees and immigrants) to the city. This includes training the police force on cultural awareness, connecting newcomers to resources in the city, and being involved in informal dispute mediations between newcomers and community members. Terrill tells me that she comes to VT periodically as her family is from Hinesburg. With Terrill's and Rotary International's help, I have contacted her and hope to learn more about her adventures since completing the peace

scholars program. I have sent Chelsea contact information about Carrie in the hopes that Carrie can provide Chelsea information about her experiences in Bradford England. I've also added this information to our District's history. As I learn more about Carrie, I'll share what I learn via this newsletter.

19. Update from our Ambassadorial Scholar, Emily Dubie

Emily has set up a blog so you can read about her year as our Ambassadorial Scholar in Tanzania. Follow her at: <http://rotaryscholarindar.posterous.com/>

Flooding has followed Emil to Dar es Salaam

December 21, 2011 Post

Over the last three days, the eastern coast of Tanzania has been slammed with unusual rains. Although the rainy season doesn't begin until March, torrential downpours have resulted in flash flooding and several deaths here in Dar es Salaam and the surrounding region. Whole slum communities located in flood zones have been washed away. Many of the bridges into the downtown area have washed out. Daily life has largely come to a halt as the city waits for the rain and water to subside.

The university is located on a hill overlooking the city; other than the inconveniences of muddy roads and persistent power outages, most students are unaffected. However, classes today were cancelled as many professors are unable to reach campus from outlying suburbs.

Disasters are terrible wherever they happen. But in the developing world where cash-strapped governments are already unable to provide basic goods and services for their people, emergency situations are particularly sobering. And yet, the creativity and resourcefulness of even the poorest to meet these challenges has been evident in the last several days. While watching the news last night with friends, we all smiled to see an elderly gentleman seated on the roof of his flooded house, pouring himself a glass of chai. In stiff defiance of the surrounding flood waters, human resiliency offers an alternative narrative of hopeful endurance.

Emily

December 27, 2011 Update

Dear Marilyn,

Thanks for your email. The good news is seems that the recovery is going well; later this week, through my church here, we will be bringing food and clothes to some victims. Also I am sure that Rotary has been involved; I will go to my club meeting this week for an update and see if there is a way for me to help out.

And thanks for the Christmas wishes; I did have a nice low-key Christmas. I celebrated with some international students.

Thanks again,
Emily

20. Club News:

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

In December I posted about:

- Attending my Club's holiday party, and the Rotary Club of Newport's holiday party and naming of their Rotarian of the year, Secretary Janet Cartee (Congratulations, Janet)
- Ring bells for the Rotary Club of Hanover's project to raise money for our local community service organization (Listen)
- Morrisville's Dictionary Project & Coat project
- Emily Dubie's adventures in Tanzania

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

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