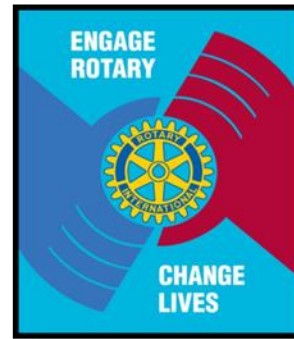


# ***DISTRICT 7850 – NEWSLETTER***



*District Governor, Stephen Dates*

## **Newsletter #2 – August, 2013**

### **GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE**

**SAVE THE DATE** – Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 PM there will be a benefit Concert for Lac Megantic, Quebec at the Saint Michael's College McCarthy Performing Arts Center featuring clarinetist Pietro Tagliaferri and pianist Francesco Attesti performing works by Saint-Saens, Verdi, Rossini, Poulenc, and others.

Our Canadian Rotarians were very generous in their support of the victims of Hurricane Irene, so let's get out in force and show our support. Further details about this benefit will be forthcoming.



**Pietro Tagliaferri and Francesco Attesti**

## **Lac-Mégantic:**

A month ago, on July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, a major tragedy caught the attention of the world when 72 oil tankers derailed in the city of Lac-Mégantic leaving dozens dead and the central portion of the downtown area in total destruction. The fire raged on for days while the intense heat limited firefighter's efforts in this town of about 6,000 people. Lac-Mégantic, in District 7790, is a mere 60 miles (100 km) away from Sherbrooke, QC, the home of two of our District's Rotary Clubs.

The following video on YouTube illustrates the horror that took place that evening: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jX1ERFEkGF0>. I have been in contact my counterpart, District Governor Stephen Johnson of District 7790, and we have now received information on the nature of the help they need. He has appointed Past District Governor **Jean-Hugues Laflamme** as District 7790 Task Force chairman.

Their needs are a mix of financial and physical support and I am pleased to announce that **Philippe LeBlond** of the Sherbrooke Rotary Club has agreed to coordinate District 7850's effort in this regard. Supporting Philippe in this effort are: **Faruk Seyrek** and **Isabelle Cloutier**, both of the Sherbrooke Rotary Club, and **David Wood** of the Littleton Rotary Club. You will be hearing more from Philippe and his team in the very near future.

## **Nominations for District Governor:**

Clubs are reminded that if you intend to nominate one of your members for District Governor, the DG Nominee Data form must be filled out and submitted to Sonny Holt, the Chair of the Nominating Committee no later than 15 September 2013. Use **Rotary Form H - District Governor Nomination Form** that was sent to all Club Presidents on July 5, 2013 or contact me at [sdates@comcast.net](mailto:sdates@comcast.net).

## **Club Presidents:**

In response to a suggestion I recently received from one of our Presidents, I am making a request to all Club Presidents: Please send me an email of your top 2 or 3 Membership Recruitment or Membership Retention ideas. Please send me your ideas by August 25th and I will consolidate them in time for the September newsletter. My email address is: [sdates@comcast.net](mailto:sdates@comcast.net).

## **Governor's Club Visits:**

As of this writing, Elaine and I have completed 20 club visits. Prior to beginning these trips, I was told by many Past District Governors (PDGs) that this was their favorite part of being Governor. These last 20 visits have proven those PDGs to be correct. Every club (big or small, rural or urban) has been most welcoming to us. Each club is so different in what they do and how they do it, but, their dedication to providing service for their community is strong and consistent. It makes me so proud to be a Rotarian!

In addition to the 20 club visits, we had the opportunity to attend the Boundary Club's Golf Tournament Dinner where in addition to the fine meal and the opportunity to meet so many Rotarians, they put on a special raffle and raised over \$1,000 for Lac-Mégantic.

## **New Hampshire Fisher Cat Polio Benefit Game:**

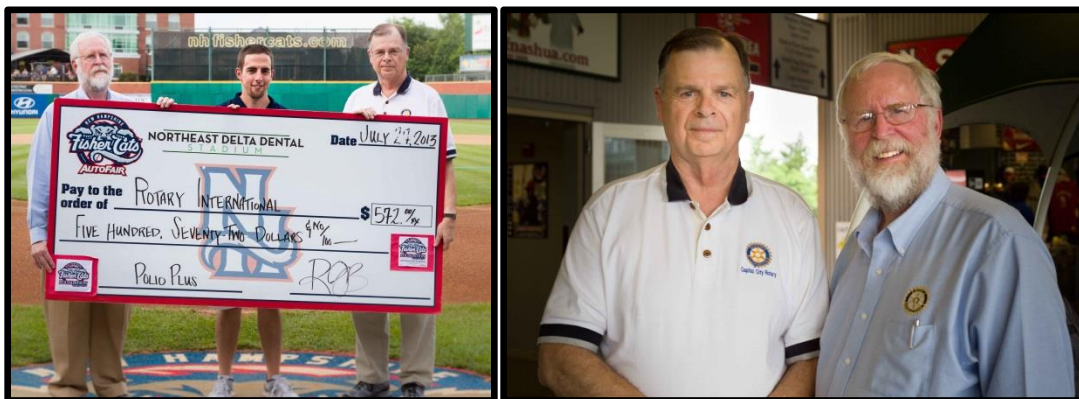
Rotary International, the premier humanitarian service organization with nearly 34,000 clubs in more than 200 countries, made polio eradication its top priority in 1985. Since launching the landmark Polio Plus Program, Rotary volunteer service organization already has contributed more than one billion \$US to the cause, not to mention countless volunteer hours logged by Rotary members. Although the polio epidemic may be a distant memory to many and actual cases have been slashed by 99 percent worldwide -- it still threatens children in parts of Africa and South Asia. With a recent outbreak in Mogadishu, Somalia, it is a stark reminder that we are not out of the woods yet. Certainly, it is not the time to let up.

Indeed, for as little as 60 cents worth of oral polio vaccine, a child can be protected for life. However, a major funding gap still faces the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, of which Rotary is the spearheading partner (along with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF).

A bold new chapter in the partnership between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation aimed at eradicating polio was announced at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, in June 2013.

*“The Gates Foundation will match two-to-one, up to US\$35 million per year, every dollar that Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication through 2018.” **This pledge will make every dollar contributed to polio eradication work three times as hard.***

In response to the Rotary Districts 7870 & 7850 drive to raise funds for Polio Eradication Initiative, the Manchester NH based Fisher Cats Double A League team together with North East Delta Dental **have contributed \$572.00**. Immediate Past District Governor Tony Gilmore and Rotary District 7850 current District Governor Steve Dates were on hand to receive the check.





**CLUB SERVICE CHAIR**  
District Governor Nominee, Louisa Tripp

The District Finance Committee approved a request by District Governor Steve Dates to upgrade our District Website. This upgrade will be led by our District Webmaster, Steve Lambert of the North Conway Rotary Club, and will include multiple improvements to content, visual appeal and user efficiency as well as an archive section to house the current and historical documents, newsletters and photo galleries.



**MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**  
Past District Governor, Sonny Holt

We've held two membership seminars thus far. One in Hannover, NH and the other in St. Johnsbury VT. Another will be held on 7 September in Sherbrooke, QC for French speaking Rotarians and on 11 September we will hold an evening meeting in Montpelier, VT.

The seminars concentrate on:

- 1.) How to better engage club members,
- 2.) The ingredients that should go into a weekly club meeting to make it interesting, educational and inspirational for members so that they'll keep coming back week after week.
- 3.) Easy methods to evaluate how your club is doing
- 4.) Why members leave Rotary and what clubs can do about it.





- 5.) Why "Service Oriented" clubs have a better track record for engaging and retaining their members.
- 6.) How to get new members (especially young professionals) engaged.
- 7.) The advantages of joint club meetings and service projects
- 8.) The quick easy way to establish satellite clubs and how they will increase your club's total membership.
- 9.) The many categories of membership plans and how to use the best ones to suit your club's needs.
- 10.) The advantages of the "Family Member" plan and the "Young Leaders" plan and the monetary advantages for members and well as clubs with these two plans.
- 11.) The action steps to take to prepare clubs for 'Dynamic Growth.'

These seminars are primarily for Club Presidents and Membership Chairs but all Rotarians in the district are welcome to attend.

We welcome to the District Membership committee two new members: **Stuart Anderson**, Past President of the Lincoln/North Woodstock Rotary club will become the District Membership Secretary, responsible for collecting membership data to help the clubs see how they are doing throughout the year.

**Stan Bradeen**, Past President of the South Burlington Rotary club will become the District E-clubs chair, responsible for determining how the district can set up one or more E-clubs.

One of the most common questions about E-clubs is how to maintain fellowship. In that context it is useful to consider if the E-club is to be "pure", i.e. meeting strictly on-line, or a "hybrid" club who meets mostly on line and also physically once a month for dinner for example. It is not hard to see how the "hybrid" club might be a useful adjunct to the District or even a co-operating group of closely located clubs as a way of gaining and keeping members connected. It may also help make Rotary more friendly to families with children and hectic schedules. Please feel free to share your thoughts on E-clubs, especially how you imagine they could be practically implemented with Stan at [sbradeen@bradeen.net](mailto:sbradeen@bradeen.net).

Assistant Governor, **Gilles Gravel**, founder of the newly chartered Drummondville-Malouin Rotary club will also assist **Bill Thompson** for Club Extensions. His goal this year is to charter a new club in Granby, QC.

For Rotarians looking to move up to assume a role at the district level, we still have an opening on the membership committee as the Chair for Satellite Clubs.

**Engage Young Rotarians in Service Projects early on and you'll retain them for life.**



**FOUNDATION CHAIR**

Past District Governor, Marilyn Bedell

***The Rotary Foundation News***



## **Our Club's Rotary Foundation 2012-13 Goal**

Again a big thank you for the Clubs that met or exceeded their Rotary Foundation goals for 2012-13! Here is an update on how we ended the Rotary year.

The year-end report is in. As of 30 June 2013 our District Rotarians donated \$ **117,735.38** of our total pledged amount of \$124,387.00 to the Annual Programs Fund. We donated **95.14%** of our pledged amount. We will have \$58,867.69 for District and Global Grants in 2015-16. Of this total, we will have just under \$30,000 to support District grants as only 50% of our District Designated Fund (DDF) can be used for District Grants. The remainder is to be used for Global Grants.

Club Presidents...I noticed that many clubs have not entered their Foundation goal for 2013-14 into Rotary Club Central. Since I know the Rotary Central web page hasn't been "user friendly", I would be happy to do this for you if you send me your Foundation Goals. [m.k.bedell@comcast.net](mailto:m.k.bedell@comcast.net)

It is my hope that we can reach at least \$120,000 in donations in 2013-14.

## **The Foundation Future Vision is here! District Grants 2013-14**

**District Grant's Chair – Larry Vars (Rotary Club of Lancaster)**

Due to the new Rotary Foundation Funding model, we have been able to increase our project funding by nearly 100% for the 2012-14 Rotary year. We had some extraordinary projects proposed for District Grant Funding tripling the normal grant requests.

To summarize the Grants approved for 2013- 2014:

- **The Boundary Club** has \$900 to support a local summer camp water program. The Boundary Club has been very involved with this camp for many years.
- A Bike Helmet fitting clinics scheduled for next spring by the **Cambridge Club**. They will supply helmets to low income children with a \$1,000 grant.
- **Colchester-Milton** is supporting the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association with a \$1000 grant to expand their musical master class and instrument intensive training day to the North East Kingdom.
- **Lebanon-Riverside's** project is to fund Drug Court Training for the individuals who are involved with determining where to send offenders. The Drug Court option is an alternative to prison for arrested drug abusers. Two other clubs are involved in this project, Lebanon and Hanover. They will be able to send three Grafton County municipal police officers to this program, between the grant of \$3000 and the clubs matching funds.
- **Morrisville** has a literacy program that will be implemented at the local Library as well as at local community events. The focus is educating children from ages 3 – 12 about the local food system and an appreciation of the historic, cultural, economic, environmental, and scientific importance of agriculture to the quality of life in Vermont. The \$1000 will go for Learning Barn Bins and supplies.
- **Newport** is working with their local library to assist the Head Start program with traditional and e-book literature to supplement their program. This will include adding kindle fires to modernize the program using the \$2000 grant money along with \$2000 from the club.
- **North Conway** is going to fund a water filtration project. The total cost is \$2500 and will need to match the \$1250 grant monies to make this happen. They are partnering with Geomed Haiti to provide safe, clean water to a local kindergarten school.

- **Plymouth** is serving as the lead organization for converting some public land, along the Pemigewasset River into a recreation area. The total cost for this project is just shy of \$25,000. The grant was approved for \$4000 with the club matching, and exceeding this amount. They have the participation of local community partners, including the Fish and Game Department and Plymouth University, to help with the clean-up activities and making this a sustainable adventure.
- **St Johnsbury** has a similar project with the St Johnsbury Club partnering with a local landowner, local schools and the Fairbanks Museum. The approved grant is for \$1000, matched by the club, to help open this 200 acre farmland for recreation and studies in forest management, botany, and climate change impacts in northern Vermont.
- **Vergennes** is focusing on helping the local Boys and Girls Club, after losing federal funding due to cutbacks. They want to be sure that the kids receive nutritious food, which many do not receive at home. The estimated total cost, for the school year is \$4000. This \$2000 grant is being matched by the Vergennes Club to meet this local need.
- Last, but not least, The *Alonzo Malouin Memorial Scholarship* to further the education of a teacher will go to Heather Krill, an English teacher in the LinWood School District. She was nominated by the Rotary Club of Lincoln-Woodstock. She will be studying at Plymouth State University. In her nomination **Stuart Anderson**, President of the Lincoln-Woodstock Club wrote, “Heather Krill has not only been an inspirational English Teacher at LinWood High School, but she has been an invaluable support to the Lincoln-Woodstock Rotary Club as well. Our Club contacted Heather seven or eight years ago to assist us with our annual speech contest which had been operating on life support. Heather immediately incorporated public speaking in the High School Curriculum, ultimately bringing her students into the contest...This year we had to hold a preliminary round at the school and a final round to accommodate the 30+ students who chose to participate.” In addition to Heather’s principal and colleague’s recommendation for Heather, three of her current students wrote recommendation too. During the interview process she impressed the interview committee with her creativity and engagement with students, her community and her local Rotary Club. She has committed to making presentations at several Rotary Clubs over the next year.

**Reminder:** It’s not too early to think about you applications for District Grants for 2014-15. Our goal will be to have forms ready for the next cycle of funding by the late fall. The deadline for applications will be the date of the District Training Assembly in April.

## Polio End Game News

From the Rotary International web page: [An announcement at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, set the stage for a bold new chapter in the partnership between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the campaign for polio eradication.

“Going forward, the Gates Foundation will match two-to-one, up to US\$35 million per year, every dollar Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication through 2018,” said Jeff Raikes, the foundation’s chief executive officer, in a prerecorded video address shown during the convention’s plenary session on 25 June. “If fully realized, the value of this new partnership with Rotary is more than \$500 million. In this way, your contributions to polio will work twice as hard.”

The joint effort, called End Polio Now – Make History Today, comes during a critical phase for the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). The estimated cost of the initiative’s [2013-18 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan](#) is \$5.5 billion. [Funding commitments](#), announced at the Global Vaccine Summit in April, total \$4 billion. Unless the \$1.5 billion funding gap is met, immunization levels in polio-affected countries will decrease. And if polio is allowed to rebound, within a decade, more than 200,000 children worldwide could be paralyzed every year.



Rotary and the Gates Foundation are determined not to let polio make a comeback.]

Please keep donations to polio as one of your Club's or personal Rotary Foundation priorities for 2013-14.

### **Our Rotary Peace Scholar – Chelsea Keyser (Rotary Club of South Burlington)**

I was delighted to be able to attend the Rotary Club of South Burlington's meeting on 18 July 2013. Our Rotary International Peace Scholar, Chelsea Keyser spoke at their Club meeting.

Chelsea is enrolled in the Peace, Conflict and Development Master's Program, which combines courses from the Division of Peace Studies and the Bradford Center for International Development in England. The goal of the program is to teach students about the important and mutually reinforcing interrelationship between development, conflict and security in developing and transitional societies.

She is just completing an internship at the Carter Foundation. She has had the opportunity to meet and speak to Past US President Jimmy Carter on several occasions. She commented that he is committed to investing time and energy into finding ways to make our planet a more peaceful place. Chelsea will be heading to New York City in August to do a two month internship at the United Nations.

Chelsea shared in her second report to the Rotary Foundation, "After a year of academic study I feel empowered from the knowledge I have gained, the experiences I have lived and the connections I have made. Most importantly, I have a clearer idea of how I want to use my knowledge, experiences and networks for social good. I discovered that I am most interested in working with governments and communities to develop and implement policies to manage their natural resources in a way that is environmentally sustainable, profitable to the country, and equitably distributed among the citizens. Most of my work has focused on Africa as a geographical region, and I am planning on continuing this focus as I begin to work on my dissertation next semester."

### **Report from our Representative to the United Nations**

A Letter of Interest from our Rotary United Nations Representative:  
07/10/13

Hi Rotarians and friends:

As many of you know, Rotary is currently in a state of transition from a large NGO of service clubs to a bigger organization on the world stage. This is mainly due to our work on Polio eradication with the assistance of other United Nations affiliates, health NGOs and the Gates Foundation.

Part of this evolution includes our current Rotary Foundation future vision programs that will move us toward more focus on District and multi-District programs/projects on a larger scale. Even though Rotarians may not have the appetite to do another big "Polio type" project for some time in the future, it was suggested that we need to strive toward "Thinking Bigger" on major global project initiatives.

What can Rotary offer to the United Nations? At the start of our Polio discussions with RI, the Director of WHO (World Health Organization) knew a little bit about Rotary since her father had been a Rotarian. She knew something of what Rotary could do but until then she and WHO had only dealt with health professionals on world health issues and not service clubs.

Rotary was vague to WHO officials and they wondered "Who are they?" and "What can they possibly do to help?" A big part of the world out there does not know about Rotary, unless they have a particular

interest or need that we help them with. So panelists suggested that in our branding efforts, we might target our resources to specific governments and areas in the world, spreading awareness and promoting just in targeted regions.

Sustainability of projects is important and a byword of the United Nations. Likewise for our recently revised Rotary Foundation programs/projects. Rotary's overall sustainability is important as well, which comes from Rotary Clubs and Members, not Rotary International.

There are many Rotary Foundation Alumni working at WHO, the World Bank and United Nations which gives us a good Rotary presence. They are doing a great job and want to be associated with a group like Rotary that can make a difference in our troubled world. The RF Ambassadorial and Peace Fellow Scholar graduates are working at quietly at high levels with many acting as senior political advisors and speechwriters for world leaders. So our TRF Alumni are very important.

Because of the significant partnership Rotary has with the United Nations, efforts are being made to make Rotarians more aware and interactive with our UN involvement. A website, plus Facebook and twitter accounts are being planned to make the UN activities more available to members as well as providing speaker contacts to clubs nearby New York. We are also working with contacts in Canada through my membership in UNAC.

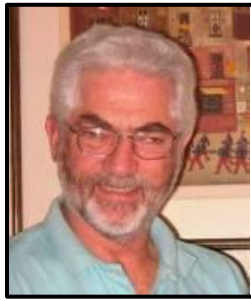
So what can we all do as Rotary members around the world? A World Bank panelist suggested that Rotary needs to "up its game" to a higher level of interaction and international development. RI level representatives need to be involved at government levels and within senior levels of NGOs and the UN. For Zones and Districts, they can focus on national or regional offices in the field.

Rotarians in Zone/District leadership should be encouraged to go introduce themselves to these regional NGO offices and invite collaboration on joint projects of value. We should not try to just focus at a high level, but rather work at lower local levels with those offices that have needs and funding to work together with.

Recently I participated in another United Nations session on the "Millennium Goals, post 2015". Watch for some interested reading to come soon from that event.

Yours in Rotary service,  
Doug V

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## **YOUTH SERVICE (NEW GENERATIONS) CHAIR**

District Governor Elect, Bruce Pacht

This month's column focuses on the district's Youth Exchange program with important general information, updated changes in district committee personnel, and specific facts about this year's inbound program and next year's outbound application process.

Rotary International provides a host of publications delving into every aspect of its programs; youth exchange is one of the most comprehensive. It is a huge and delicate responsibility to accept foreign citizens into the United States, especially for year-long stays as under-age students. It is also the adventure of a lifetime for a United States citizen to live abroad in the bosom of foreign families to learn the language and culture of another land. The confidence participants have in Rotary's Youth Exchange program is because the youthful participants are surrounded by Rotarians who put the children's protection and best interests first at all times.

Here are links to a few representative Rotary International publications explaining the comprehensive sweep of these youth programs:

- [Youth Exchange Handbook \(PDF\)](#)
- [Long-term Youth Exchange Brochure \(PDF\)](#)
- [Short-Term Youth Exchange Brochure \(PDF\)](#)

The District 7850 Youth Exchange Committee is happy to announce some changes in responsibilities for the next phase of its operations:

Nicole DiDomenico – (Northfield ) Nicole has stepped down as committee chair, as she will begin full-time graduate studies while maintaining full-time employment. The District is very grateful to Nicole for stepping in to support and carry out the overall youth exchange program as she has for nearly two years. She has indicated an interest in supporting special activities organized for long-term inbound students over the course of their stay.

**Tom Badowski** – (Waterbury - [d7850yeout@gmail.com](mailto:d7850yeout@gmail.com)) Our long-time short- and long-term outbound coordinator, Tom has assumed overall responsibility for our youth exchange programs as the District's youth exchange committee chair.

**Ron Gulyas** – (Waterbury - [buzzerman12@aol.com](mailto:buzzerman12@aol.com)) Ron has agreed to work together with Tom to learn and carry out the responsibilities of coordinating the short- and long-term outbound portion of our program.

**Dave Koepele** and **Doug Stoehr** (The Valley - [d.koepele@gmail.com](mailto:d.koepele@gmail.com); [douglas\\_stoehr@yahoo.com](mailto:douglas_stoehr@yahoo.com)) – Dave and Doug are in the midst of their first year as co-coordinators of the inbound portion of the youth exchange program; they've agreed to continue in this regard.

**Louise Cullen** (Hanover - [Louise.A.Cullen@dartmouth.edu](mailto:Louise.A.Cullen@dartmouth.edu)) – Louise is serving as host family liaison, our first line for orientation and support of families hosting inbound students. Louise and her family have hosted many students; she recently became a member of the Rotary Club of Hanover.

**John Szewczyk** (Northfield - [jsez444@gmail.com](mailto:jsez444@gmail.com)) – John (currently serving as his club's president) will continue to serve as compliance officer for the district, a crucial administrative post satisfying regulations of the U.S. Department of State, and also the rules of the Eastern States Student Exchange (ESSEX), a multi-district cooperative, volunteer-operated, not-for-profit organization in which D7850 participates. ESSEX provides invaluable expertise with regard to individual country contacts, as well as other administrative support and communication beyond the capacity of individual districts.

Youth Exchange Officers (YEO) - We consider each Rotary Club's youth exchange officer to be a member of the district's youth exchange committee; each club participating in the program MUST identify an individual who will serve in this position. The YEO is responsible for obtaining and submitting complete outbound student applications; for coordinating details of inbound students such as locating, vetting, and supporting host families, and ensuring that each student has an independent counselor; and for ensuring that the Club complies with all D7850 and ESSEX requirements of the youth exchange program

Youth Protection Officer – The committee seeks an individual to replace me as the District's youth protection officer because my responsibilities as district governor elect are increasing. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me or Tom at our e-mail addresses above.

## **YEX PROGRAM NEWS AND FAQs:**

Inbound: 2013-14

- We are planning to receive six (6) inbound students this Rotary year
- Orientation will take place September 6-7; tentative location Waterbury, Vermont
- Looking for a Club to host Halloween party in late October
- Rotary Club of The Valley Club to host a Dec 5-6 movie night
- Rotary Club of Waterbury to host a Feb 7-8 movie night (along with the District Outbound "Reveal" event on February 8)
- Rotary Club of The Valley to organize a March "ski weekend"
- Inbound students will attend part of the 2014 District Conference April 24-26; we are seeking overnight host families in the Burlington area

- Rotary Club of Waterbury to host camping weekend Jun 6-8 concurrent with the Outbound Student Orientation
- District Clubs will be asked to sponsor their inbound students' attendance at D7850's RYLA program in June, 2014.
- The Inbound "Activity Fee" is \$250, paid by the student's family

#### Out Bound: 2014-15

- District 7850 will accept up to ten (10) applications
- November 15, 2013: Applications must be received by the District Outbound chair
- The district prioritization process promulgated in 2013-14 will be applied giving additional points for candidates from Rotary families, who will attend high school fulltime upon returning, whose family has hosted a long-term exchange student in the past, and who submits ALL completed host family forms with the application.
- December 1, 2013: Deadline for filing with district committee; any remaining slots will be filled on first-come basis by Dec 1.
- December 15, 2013: District deadline to submit outbound applications to ESSEX
- February 8, 2014: District Reveal.
- June 6-8, 2014: Rotary Club of Waterbury hosts camping weekend combined with outbound student orientation
- Fees to be submitted with outbound applications: \$500 outbound student's family, \$500 sponsoring Rotary Club.

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **Old Man On The Mountain**

To all NH Clubs in District 7850

Hello to Rotarians throughout New Hampshire,

For some time I have been trying to generate interest in Rotary paying for an engraved paving stone in the name of Rotary to be placed at the Old Man of the Mountain Memorial site located at the base of Cannon Mountain.

The Memorial is a fitting tribute to the memory of the Old Man. It will stand for generations and as Rotarians we can be proud that we provided support for what in effect is a museum. There is a plaza paved with granite stones and inscribed with names of people or organizations who have made contributions.

The best way to understand what is being done is to visit the site. They have a web site [www.oldmanofthemountainlegacyfund.org](http://www.oldmanofthemountainlegacyfund.org) which provides a good explanation of the Memorial.

I am contacting clubs in District 7850 and members of the Alton club are contacting 7870 clubs. We are asking clubs to contribute \$100.00 and I am sure the Legacy Fund will accept larger or smaller contributions. We need at least \$1000.00 to pay for the 12"x24" stone which will be inscribed with the Rotary Wheel and the phrase "Rotary Clubs of NH". If more than \$1000.00 is raised, so be it, the funds will be used by the Legacy Fund who will establish a maintenance account.

Checks should be drawn to Old Man of the Mountain Legacy Fund and can be sent directly to P.O. Box 6, Franconia, NH 03580. I would prefer they be sent to me and I will pass them along with the application for the stone.

Timing is getting critical since the stones can only be inscribed during the summer weather. In view of this, I ask that you give this request early attention. As a suggestion, there may be members in your club who will want to contribute personally to the Rotary stone or for that matter, buy a stone in their own name.

Thank you for considering this request.

Dick Hamilton – Wolfeboro Rotaria