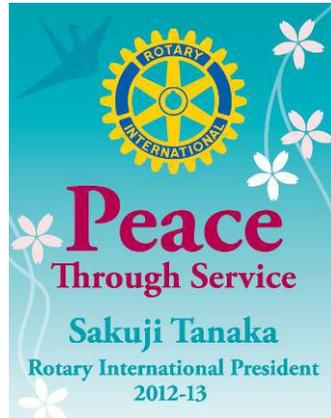


## DISTRICT 7850, GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER – 2 January 2013



### DISTRICT GOVERNOR, SONNY HOLT

*“Rotary ignited a passion within me for making life better for people - and by joining 1.2 million other Rotarians I can, through my service, help achieve peace throughout the world.” S.H.*

Deb and I would like to wish everyone a belated “Happy New Year.” 2012 was a challenging year for many, including natural disasters. I know we are looking forward to a year of less drama and trauma. As Deb and I dined out on New Year’s Eve we got talking about what we hoped to accomplish this coming year. Maybe you did the same. It might be a personal goal, or a goal within your Rotary club. Some of you may want to commit to a service project or trip involving service to others. Whatever your goal might be, make it happen in 2013, don’t put it off. One thing I don’t want to put off is helping clubs, as much as I can, to build membership.

I feel a passion for membership growth, which may be perceived as somewhat overbearing by some clubs and Assistant Governors. I hope not. Anyhow, I’m dedicated to offering my help to clubs that would like to embark on a membership growth plan that will produce results. There are tools available that have proven successful. Just call me.

#### **Translation Services Chair Appointed:**



Elena Salova of the Drummondville Malouin Rotary club has been selected to Chair the Translation Services Committee. Elena has already filled her committee with a number of outstanding bilingual French/English Rotarians from throughout the district. Along with document translations this committee will also be responsible for instantaneous interpretations of talks and briefings at conferences and seminars. Equipment has been purchased for this capability.

#### **District Rotary Clubs Help with “Sandy” Relief Efforts:**

Many clubs in our district have donated money and/or goods for Hurricane Sandy relief. The Burlington Rotary club alone donated \$5,000.00. Many needed supplies and goods were

collected by Carl Richard, President of the Sherbrooke Metro Rotary Club, and Jon Blodgett, President of the Lebanon Rotary Club. These donations were deposited at Jon's store. When there was enough for a van load, Lebanon Rotary Club member



Steve Usle, with his son Justin, drove the donations to Belle Harbor, NY, an area that experienced significant storm-related loss.

Items were received by Nancy Hanson, a member of the Rockaway Rotary Club, District 7250, who is helping to coordinate volunteer efforts within the area. Steve said that until you see the destruction in person, you have no idea of the scope of the damage done. It is overwhelming.

### ***District Conference 2013:***

Hundreds of members of District 7850 & 7870, which include clubs in all of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Quebec, will be on board the Norwegian Dawn for seven days. You will meet members from an area as far north as Drummondville, QC and as far south as Bennington, VT across to Nashua, NH. Great speakers, including sessions in French and English, joint service projects with four Bermuda Rotary clubs, and fun and fellowship for all.

Save the date: **May 24 – 31, 2013**





**For Information or Reservations Call AAA: In VT 802-878-8233; In NH 603-889-0165**

After making reservation with AAA, then go to the [District 7850 Website](#) to register. Click on ‘Attending’ – you will not be double billed. For further assistance or information, contact: Roy Somaini, Conference Chairman, 802-371-8642 [roylizz@charter.net](mailto:roylizz@charter.net)

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***CLUB SERVICE CHAIR***  
***District Governor Elect, Steve Dates***

**New Club Services Tower Chair:**

District Governor 2015-2016, Louisa Tripp, will be taking over as the chair of the Club Services Tower. Please join me in welcoming Louisa to this position.

**Service Projects Database (Linda Gilbert, chair)**

As we prepare for the launch of Future Vision in July of 2013, clubs will need to work more collaboratively with other clubs in the coming years. One tool that we have been building these past six months is an inventory of the Local Service Projects, International Service Projects and Fundraising Projects. To date we have a total of 105 projects from 12 clubs...56 are local projects, 11 are international projects and 38 are fundraising projects.

**Club Visioning (Andy Milligan, PDG)**

You may still have time to enroll your club in Club Visioning for this year. Clubs who have completed this program have shown membership growth and “re-invigorization”. You will find more information on the District Website...at the top ‘click’ on Club Services and select Club Visioning.

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**District Training (Dan Affeldt)**

The district training cycle is about to begin. Below is the schedule:

1. District Team Training – January 26<sup>th</sup> at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. This year will have a focus on Future Vision training for current club presidents, presidents-elect and Foundation chairs as well as the opportunity to meet your district committee chairs, support the Round 3 Speech Contestants and more.
2. PETS (President-elect Training Seminar) – March 7-9, 2013 at the Sheraton Hotel in Framingham, MA. Let’s support our presidents-elect and wish them well.
3. District Assembly – tentatively planned for April 27, 2013. This will focus on the training of the incoming club officers with programs for the presidents-elect, Foundation Chairs, Secretaries and Treasurers, the final round of the Speech Contest and much more.

**Awards Database (Peter Pelletier, Chair)**

This new database contains a listing of 19 Rotary International, District, Foundation and Zone Awards available to all clubs in the District. Now is the time to take a look at this list and begin gathering the information for your application. Again, go to the District’s Home Page, click on the Club Services drop-down tab at the top and select Awards. The following deadline is approaching: January, 31, 2013 – Rotary International Significant Achievement Award

**Public Relations (Earl Wertheim)** Earl and the Public Relations committee have been working to implement the various Public Relations projects both in Canada and the US. They have installed a sign in the Burlington Airport promoting Rotary, placed Rotary signs on buses in Burlington and St. Hyacinthe, and have begun a Facebook campaign to target professionals in key areas throughout Vermont, New Hampshire, and Quebec.

**Website (Steve Lambert)** Steve with a great deal of help from Stan Bradeen created a new [RotarySmiles.org](http://RotarySmiles.org) web domain that will lead potential members to information in both English and French,





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

***MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:***

**District Policy for Family Plan Members**

District Governor and Membership Chair Sonny has proposed a method of encouraging family members of Rotarians to join Rotary, by offering reduced District dues. Participating clubs will be asked to also offer a reduction in club dues. A draft of the plan was sent to the clubs for their review.

**Membership Seminar Make up Dates:** For those who missed the membership seminars in December, there are two make up seminars that will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>. One in Montpelier at 9 AM and another in Lincoln-Woodstock at 1 PM. Assistant Governor Gilles Gravel will also be holding a seminar for the Quebec clubs on 2 February.

***CLUB EXTENSION (Past District Governor Bill Thompson, Chair)***

The Ossipee club, currently operating as a satellite of the North Conway club, now is about to reach the requirement of 25 members to charter. We hope and expect that this will happen soon, certainly within this Rotary year.

Work continues to form a Young Generations club in Addison County, Vermont. This effort is spearheaded by Middlebury President Jason Schnoor.

We have identified contact information for the Chambers of Commerce in Granby, Cowansville, Magog, and Knowlton, Quebec. We will soon contact each of them to try to set up meetings where we can promote the formation of Rotary clubs in their communities.

**E-Club Formation:** Each District is authorized to form 2 E-Clubs. If anyone in the District would like to volunteer to investigate how to set up an E-Club, please let Bill Thompson know. We don't need to reinvent the wheel. We can learn from contacting other E-Clubs to see how they did it.

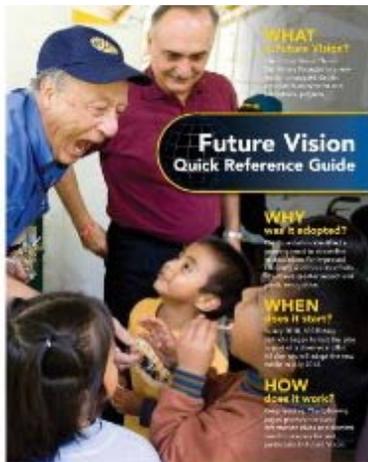




**FOUNDATION CHAIR**  
*Past District Governor, Marilyn Bedell*

### ***Future Vision Planning***

**DON'T FORGET:** We will begin training clubs about the Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan at the District Team Training Seminar on January 26, 2012. It is our hope that **ALL current club presidents and your Clubs' Foundation chairs will come to this training session with your Club's presidents-elect.**



To participate in Foundation Programs next year, you club must attend this seminar and be willing to sign the new *Memorandum of Understanding*. The Memorandum outlines the rules you must follow in order to receive Foundation funds. In particular, we want every Club to be able to apply for District Managed Grants... these are the grants you can use for projects here at home. Next year we will have \$20,000 for our clubs to use for projects. Don't miss an opportunity to learn how you can apply

for these grants.

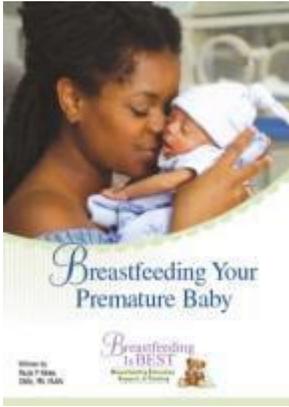
### ***Other Rotary Foundation News***



2011/2012.

The Rotary Clubs of Burlington (International Partner), Middlebury, St-Hyacinthe and Lebanon Riverside have already made contributions to do a literacy grant in South Africa. The Rotary Club of Burlington is still accepting donations to help assure our Clubs can contribute US\$5,000 to this grant. We are partnering with District 9320. This is the Group Study Exchange Team's District from

The aim of this project is to teach reading in the mother tongue plus at least one additional provincial language by making use of *Literacy For All*, a reading program built around progressive sets of readers for each grade. The advantage of the program is that it was developed by South Africans for South African circumstances. The sponsor provides material in the official languages (Setswana, Afrikaans and English) of the province and teachers are trained to teach reading in all three. 61% of South African children cannot read at the end of Grade 3



### **Maternal Child Health Matching Grant:**

The Rotary Club of Sherbrooke is investigating pursuing a Maternal Child Health Matching Grant with Turkey for the promotion of breastfeeding and the use of breast milk for sick and preterm infants. We would be partnering with the Group Study Exchange Team's District from Turkey that was here in 2010/2011. If you are interested learning more about this grant and contributing to it, e-mail Faruke Seyrek at [farukseyrek@gmail.com](mailto:farukseyrek@gmail.com)

**District Simplified Grants :** There is still approximately US\$2,000 available for District Simplified Grants. Please consider sending us a proposal for a project. Info about District Grants can be found on the left bar of the District home page. Click on The Rotary Foundation then click on Simplified Grants Program. <http://www.rotary7850.org/>



### **Help Wanted – Two *Future Vision* Foundation Sub-Committee Positions**

In preparation for our transition to the *Future Vision* plan, we are recruiting for two positions. Although the official start for the role is 1 July 2013, training will be held in January at the District Team Training

Seminar.

**Global Grants Chair:** Global grants will offer a minimum World Fund award of \$15,000 or a project budget of \$30,000.

The Rotarian assuming this position must be willing to:

- Be comfortable dealing with change and new processes
- Become a district expert and resource for Foundation global grants.
- Follow and enforce the terms and conditions of grant awards; disseminate and conduct club education on the terms and conditions.
- Help the District Foundation Chair create and implement a district policy that outlines the distribution of grant funds for clubs.
- Work with the district Foundation chair and stewardship chair to:
  - Ensure implementation for proper stewardship and grant management practices including reporting to the Rotary Foundation on all grants.
  - Establish accurate recordkeeping systems.
  - Attend various district training meetings.

If you want to learn more about this position, contact Foundation Chair, Marilyn Bedell at [m.k.bedell@comcast.net](mailto:m.k.bedell@comcast.net)

**Stewardship Chair:** The stewardship chair is responsible for ensuring the careful management of Rotary Foundation grant funds and for educating Rotarians on proper and effective grant management. The Rotarian assuming this position must be willing to:

- Assist with the implementation of the clubs memorandum of understanding, including the development of the financial management plan.
- Help qualify clubs, including assisting with grant management seminars.

- Ensure implementation of proper stewardship and grant management practices for all grants (Global and District Managed), including reports to The Rotary Foundation on the various grants.
- Monitor and evaluate stewardship and grant management practices, including reports to The Rotary Foundation.
- Ensure that everyone involved in a grant avoids any actual or perceived conflict of interest.

Create systems to resolve any misuse or irregularities in grant related activities, report any misuse or irregularities to The Rotary Foundation, and conduct initial local investigation into report of misuse.

### **POLIOPLUS – Pakistan Fights Against Fear and Mis-information**

It is with heavy hearts that we learned just before Christmas that attacks against health workers in Pakistan that left nine people, mostly young women, dead in and around Karachi. Amidst the sadness of the losses, there is hope. Many of Pakistan’s leaders speak out in support of the polio eradication campaign and these young health care workers motivated to help children avoid the tragedies of polio. Reuters reported that an alliance of Pakistani clerics would hold demonstrations across the country against the killings of polio eradication campaign workers.<sup>1</sup> “The attacks prompted the Government of Pakistan to temporarily suspend the vaccination campaign due to the concerns over the safety of health workers. Rotary is deeply concerned that such attacks deprive at-risk children of basic life-saving health care services, including polio vaccinations. I know that Pakistani Rotarians, supported by Rotary members worldwide, will continue to do their utmost to create a safe environment so that these dedicated health workers can reach the nation’s most vulnerable children with vaccinations and other vital health interventions.”<sup>2</sup>

Here in Canada and the United States, let us continue to support the efforts of brave and selfless volunteers and health care workers around the world whose efforts help us cover the “the final inch”.

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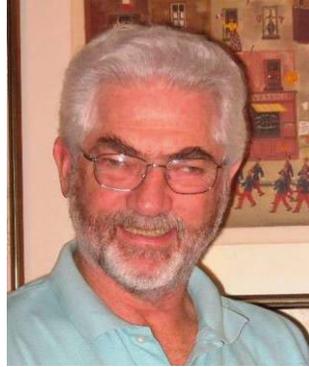
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[http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/Announcements/Pages/12dec18\\_annc\\_polioworkers.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/Announcements/Pages/12dec18_annc_polioworkers.aspx)

<http://www.foxnews.com/world/2012/12/22/pakistan-partly-suspends-polio-vaccination-program-after-terrorists-kill-health/?test=latestnews>

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***NEW GENERATIONS CHAIR***  
***District Governor Nominee, Bruce Pacht***

SAVE THE DATE: April 20, 2013  
“DISTRICT 7850 NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE SUMMIT”

Please reserve Saturday, April 20, 2013, for the District 7850 New Generations Service Summit, to take place at the Jay Peak Resort Area in Jay, Vermont. Rooms will be available to those arriving the night before or staying over the night after.

This will be an opportunity for every District 7850 Rotarian interested in supporting New Generations Services in his/her club, to spend a day immersed in conversations with New Generations participants and experienced Rotarian supporters of New Generations programs. This invitation is extended also to ALL current District 7850 New Generations program participants and alumni: current incoming Youth Exchange students, former outgoing Youth Exchange students, former RYLarians, active members of Interact and Rotaract clubs, speech contest participants (whether or not a prize-winner), and scholars.

The Summit committee is working to keep the cost of the conference itself to a minimum. Overnight accommodations will constitute an additional cost – youth program chairs throughout the district should begin setting aside funds for this program TODAY.

On April 20, we can be fairly certain that Jay Peak Resort still will have plenty of snow for skiing and boarding; their indoor skating rink also will be available. Jay’s premiere attraction, “The Pumphouse”, is a 50,000 square foot, multi-featured, glass-enclosed indoor water park, the use of which will be available to attendees at the conclusion of formal Summit activities.

Here’s a 4-minute video from a Canadian TV interview highlighting the Pumphouse and filmed just one year ago this month: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hm7YmL3RUzc>.

Watch future district newsletters for registration and reservation details to come, but for now, **HOLD THAT DATE!!**

Bruce Pacht

District New Generations Chair 2012-13

District Governor 2014-15

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## CLUB NEWS

### Rotary Club of Lebanon inducts newest member:



*(Editor's note: This is an example of a press release to a local paper to promote Rotary in the community. Unfortunately, they didn't print it, but it represents a good effort in the part of the Lebanon club).*

Rotary Club of Lebanon Inducts  
New Member

Shawn Barlow, Manager of the  
Lebanon Branch of Citizen's

Bank, was inducted as a new member of the Rotary Club of Lebanon on Thursday, December 6.

President Jon Blodgett presided over the ceremony, while Don MacMeekin of State Farm Insurance Agency, Shawn's sponsor, presented her with a Rotary pin.

Rotary International is an international service club which brings together business and professional leaders to work together to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are 34,282 clubs and over 1.2 million members worldwide. Members of Rotary Clubs are known as Rotarians, and they usually meet weekly for breakfast, lunch or dinner, which is a social event as well as an opportunity to organize work on their service goals.

The Lebanon club meets every Thursday for lunch from about noon until 1:30 at the Dwinell Room of Harvest Hill behind Alice Peck Day Hospital.

We welcome all those interested in seeing what Rotary is all about to contact Membership Chair Rich Wallace at 603-727-3245. The Club presently has 43 active members.

You can visit the following websites to learn more about Rotary:

The Lebanon Club at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?cid=1423>  
and [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to learn more about Rotary International.