



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER – June 2012 – Fellowship Month**

**Greeting District 7850 Rotarians:**

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**June 30, 2012, 5:30 PM – Come Join Us!**



Dinner with the incoming President of Rotary International **Sakuji Tanaka**

Sponsored by Rotary District 7870 to celebrate the \$400,000 Vermont Recovery Grant from the Rotary Foundation and the changing of gavels of New England Rotary Clubs, Districts, and Rotary International, at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH.

To register and pay (\$50.00 per person) by **credit card** go to

<http://www.rotary7870.org/>

**Please come and help DG Marilyn and DG Jan McElroy thank Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation for the Vermont Flood Relief Grant!**

**July 5, 2012: District Change Over July 5<sup>th</sup> 2012, 6 PM (18h00)** at Grant Camp in Randolph Vermont  
From Randolph 2012/2013 President Mike Ross

**Governor Marilyn Bedell passes the gavel to Incoming Governor Sonny Holt**

The Randolph, VT Rotary Club is proud to host the change-over dinner for Sonny Holt by having a lobster (or steak) dinner with all the fixings at our summer meeting place at Grant Camp in Randolph, on Thursday night July 5<sup>th</sup>. We will begin at 6 PM for a social half hour followed by dinner at 6:30 and the induction program at 7:30. We will have special entertainment provided by Beth Telford who is an outstanding fiddle player. Also on the program is an upcoming vocal group that has garnered rave reviews and has agreed to perform without pay for the evening. Since this will be an outdoor picnic, the dress code is "picnic casual." Dress to be very comfortable and enjoy the night!

We would like to make this a very special night for Sonny by having as many representatives from our District Clubs attend this event as possible. The cost per person for this event is \$45 and reservations must be made no later than June 15th by email to me at [ross1951@live.com](mailto:ross1951@live.com), and follow up with a check made payable to the Randolph Rotary Club, P.O. Box 179, Randolph, VT 05060. Please specify how many are coming and whether you want lobster or steak.

*Grant Camp is very easy to find; just take Exit 4 on I-89, go down the hill for 0.7 of a mile, near the bottom of the hill take a right onto Hebard Hill Road and our Camp is 0.1 of a mile ahead on the right (just past the Green Mountain Gospel Church.)*

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**1. A Few Words From the District Governor**

I must admit that I am writing this message with a mixture of emotions. I've had an amazing year as your District Governor! I learned a lot about our District, our clubs and our members. I'm going to miss being at the hub of activities going on in the District; and at the same time, I believe I will enjoy getting some down time. I've traveled well over 6,000 miles.

I wish Sonny Holt the best as he takes the reins of the District on 1 July 2012. I hope he has as much fun as I have had.

So... how is the District. Here is part of the update I gave at the District Conference:

In a nutshell...I believe we are on the road to making our District stronger and better!

First let me take a moment to announce awards and recognitions given at the District Conference. I want to once again congratulate the following Clubs and individual Rotarians:

- Club of the Year – Rotary Club of Essex
- Governor's Crystal Citations
  - Rotary Club of the Boundary
  - Rotary Club of Central Vermont
  - Rotary Club of Essex
  - Rotary Club of Northfield
  - Rotary Club of Middlebury
  - Rotary Club of Sherbrooke
- Rotarian of the Year – Louisa Tripp – Rotary Club of Northfield
- Club President of the Year – Bob Spaulding – Rotary Club of Central Vermont
- Rotary Foundation Citation of Meritorious Service – Jan Draper – Rotary Club of the Boundary
- Service Above Self Award – Al Marin – Rotary Club of the Boundary
- Club Builder Award – John Miner – Rotary Club of the Mad River Valley
- Significant Achievement Award – Rotary Club of Morrisville
- Community Champion – Tami Eisberg – Rotary Club of Colchester-Milton
- Arch C. Klump Society Recognition – Harley Jordon – Rotary Club of Central Vermont

- And many clubs received a variety of Rotary Zone 32 awards for Literacy, Water and Sanitation, Leadership, New Generations, Public Image, Community Service and Health and Hunger.

Now on to key metrics:

- Membership – I am reaping the benefits of all the work PDG Bill Thompson did last year to promote membership. Though the new buzz words in Rotary are “we are to attract and engage new members”... I think these words describe what our mission should be.

Attract and engage feels more action oriented than recruit and retain. My sense is that many clubs are doing both. We have grown from 1579 member to 1608 members (a net gain of 29 members). I hope this holds up through the filing of the 1 July semiannual reports. Currently we are 71% male, and 29% female members. So girls and boys we need to try and get this a little more balanced. Although I have only successfully recruited one member to my own Club, I did meet my goal of recruiting at least two members to Rotary. A few of you have benefited from my desire to get you members.

I will continue to pledge to keep this a priority. At the moment Littleton has the highest net gain in membership, and Central Vermont has increased their membership by 29%, going from 14 members to 18 members... congratulations and thanks for spreading the magic of Rotary to others in your community.

We are very close to having a new club join our Rotary Family. The Club Rotary du Drummondville-Malouin, QC has just reached 29 members. This Club is now ready to be chartered. Congratulations to Gilles Gravel for all the work he has done to get us to this milestone. I hope many of you will make an effort to go to the Charter Ceremony when it is announced, and support them with a “welcome to Rotary gift”.

I know that Sonny Holt will keep us all focused on membership next year too. He had developed a robust membership plan for his year. We all just need to read it and then follow it.

- Foundation\Future Vision – We are moving toward our Annual Programs Fund goal of \$118, 287 for 2011/2012. See #10 for where we are today in meeting our goals.
- Matching Grant for Flood Recovery – As I hope you are all aware, the Rotary Foundation has approved our matching grant for over \$400,000. How cool is that? I’m working hard to get our pledges in so the grant can be implemented in July.

I want to thank Rotary District 7300 (Pittsburgh Area) my Dad’s district for the donation of \$25, 000; District 3490, Taiwan (“T” Tall’s GSE partner) contributed \$15,000; and our current South Africa GSE Partner, District 9320 has committed \$2,000 towards this grant... when doubled by the foundation this equals about 20% of the grant funding we will receive.... To me this is the magic of Rotary! Rotarians are helping communities around the globe. I do hope you will all remember to share this story with your fellow Rotarians, especially when you hear the Foundation never does anything in the USA. This time they have... and in big way.

- Membership Pilot Clubs – In a few weeks four of our clubs will be coming to the end of the first year as pilot program Clubs. We have four Clubs in the center of pilots
  - Lancaster is developing a model for corporate membership... We have waived District dues for at least the first year of the pilot for corporate membership. .
  - Both Lebanon and Littleton are “Flexibility and Innovation” pilots. It is my hope that during the next Rotary year we will hear more about what they have planned.
  - Finally, No. Conway has the Satellite Club Pilot. They are partnering with folks in Ossipee to re-establish a Rotary Club there.

I congratulate these clubs on doing some risk taking.

- Rotary International Kalyan Banerjee’s Presidential Citations – In order to receive a Presidential Citation this year, Clubs not only needed to have net gain in membership and an 80% retention rate... they also needed to have every member contribute something to the Rotary Foundation and then average \$100 per member. I am delighted to report that I believe 4 of our Clubs have met this target. Drum roll please – Colchester-Milton, Central Vermont, Middlebury and Cambridge. Kudos to all of you.
- Finally, I hope you have all found the monthly newsletters helpful and informative, and my thanks to all of you who have followed me on Facebook.
- I want you all to know that I’m not going away; I’ve agreed to be our District Rotary Foundation Chair for the next three years. I will be helping us prepare to move to the Future Vision Model for the Foundation. We all will have a lot to learn, and will need to be educated about our responsibilities under this new model for the Foundation.

Again I am grateful for your support during the 2011/2012 Rotary Year. You all make me proud to be a Rotarian.

## 2. June is Fellowship Month

A few words from Keven M. Pedersen, a member of the *Rotary Club of Salinas Alisal, District 5230* (This District goes from the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the cool ocean breeze of the Monterey Peninsula on the beautiful Pacific Ocean.)

“June is Rotary Fellowship Month, and in my opinion, Fellowship, is the glue that holds everything in Rotary together. If you look up Fellowship in the dictionary it has about five or six different definitions, but the first four that were listed when I looked it up pretty much sum up Rotary.

fel•low•ship

- The condition of sharing similar interests, ideals, or experiences
- There companionship of individuals in a congenial atmosphere and on equal terms.
- A close association of friends or equals sharing similar interests.
- Friendship; comradeship.

When looking at those definitions it is easy to see why I consider fellowship the glue that holds Rotary together. When considering all of the aspects of Rotary, Community Service, Business Networking etc., none of those would be sustained for a very long time if you were not doing it with friends or people that have similar interests. The great part of this fellowship is that it

could solely be the fact that you are Rotarians or other similarities such as profession or Interests.”

**3. Disaster Recovery Grant**

District 7870 Governor Jan McElroy and I received word on 8 May 2012 that our Matching Grant for Flood Recovery was approved by the Rotary Foundation Trustee at the International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

Our Rotary International Director, Ken Grabeau wrote:

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“I am most pleased to advise you that your long awaited grant request has been approved by the Rotary Foundation Trustees!

This is all the more significant in that the approx. \$200K of TRF funding for this US hosted grant is fully half of the remaining funds available in TRF in this Rotary year.

Congratulations to all who have worked so hard and waited so long for this most rewarding result.

Regards to all...

Ken Grabeau

Rotary International Director 2010-2012”

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I want to thank the Clubs that have already sent me their checks to cover their pledges for the grant. Just a few are left to come in. DG Jan and I have a meeting with the Vermont Community Action Agencies on 7 June 2012, to discuss the implementation plan for the grant. We will not be able to implement the grant till all pledges have been received at the Foundation. Please get remaining donations in as quickly as possible. I'll be calling if they are not in my mailbox soon.

**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](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/bylaws_ri.pdf#page=52)

**5. Rotary Night at the Fisher Cats Baseball Game – Manchester, NH**

**A Polio Fundraiser!**

Friday, July 20, 2012 7:05 PM (19h05)

New Hampshire Fisher Cats vs. Portland Sea Dogs (AA-Boston Red Sox)

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

The deadline for ticket orders has been extended to June 25<sup>th</sup>, if you are still interested in attending the game, let me know and I will send you the revised flyer for the game. [m.k.bedell@comcast.net](mailto:m.k.bedell@comcast.net). As of 5 June 2012, 130 Rotarians will be at the game.

**6. Group Study Exchange (GSE) Group Study Exchange Bids Farewell to the Team from South Africa and Begins Preparing for the team from France**



What a great team we had visiting from South Africa! Their presentation at the District Conference was fun and exciting – making many of us want to visit the country soon!

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](mailto: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.

ROTY - Many Thanks to Many People!

"I am a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down." Abraham Lincoln

"I am a success today because I have many friends who believe in me and have the hearts to never let me down." Louisa Tripp

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

As of 1 May 2012, our membership in the District stands at 1608 (An Increase of one member since May). We started this Rotary year with 1579 on 1 July 2012. Again, congratulations to those clubs and members that have made this increase possible. Have you asked someone to join your Club?



**EACH ROTARIAN:**  
**REACH ONE, KEEP ONE**

### **Suggestions for Approaching Prospective Members**

- Think about what kind of event would be most effective for introducing the prospective member to your club and to Rotary. Some people would be more comfortable attending a weekly meeting or club social event, whereas others might want to learn about Rotary by working on a service project.
- Review your club's meeting agenda for the coming weeks, and invite the prospective member to attend a meeting focused on topics of potential interest.
- Don't be discouraged if someone doesn't show an immediate interest. It's good to be persistent, but give prospective members some space to make a decision on their own time.
- Exchange business cards, and make a note to yourself about your conversations with prospective members on the back of their cards.
- Give a copy of *What's Rotary?* to anyone you speak to about Rotary. Carry several of the cards in your wallet.
- Follow up every conversation about Rotary club membership by mailing a personal note and invitation to a club event.
- Include references to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and your club or district Web site in any correspondence.

Once you attract a new member, come up with a plan to engage them in the work of your club.

### **8. Youth Exchange: Request and a First Hand Report – May Request From Peter Huffman...do you know someone who speaks Slovak?**

Dear. Mrs. Bedell,

I enjoyed meeting you today, and I appreciate your offer to put a short "blurb" written by me in the Rotary Newsletter.

My name is Peter Huffman and I am a senior at South Burlington High School in Vermont. Next year, I am going to be participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange program and I will be living in Bratislava, Slovakia. While I am extremely excited for the opportunity, I know nothing about Slovak, the language spoken in Slovakia. I would appreciate any advice, information or recommendations on how to improve my Slovak before I leave. I can be reached at [huff2ski@aol.com](mailto:huff2ski@aol.com) or (802) 881-3920. Thank you! - Peter L. Huffman, 18

### **Subject: Monthly Report from Haley**

Hello Everyone!

I have to say that May has been one of my best months here.

To begin, I went to the AMAZON! I really can't even express how amazing this trip was. I traveled with 55 other exchange students, and it was probably the most fun that I have had here in Brazil. The whole concept of the trip was to show us the contrast in the life styles of Brazil, so we began our trip in a five star hotel the city of Manaus, which is then the State of the Amazon. It was fun, but the trip really began to get great once we got onto the boats. We stayed living on the Rio Negro and the Amazon Rivers, with the group divided into two boats for sleeping and

with one boat to eat our meals. The boats were like "double-deckers" and we kept all of our bags on the bottom part with the bathrooms, and then on the top deck we had a lounge with lots of sofas and cushions on the ground. We were given hammocks to hang up every night, and at the end of the trip we were allowed to keep our hammock as a "lembrança". We did so many amazing things during those 9 days...we went fishing for piranhas and alligators, played a soccer match with a native village, trekked through and slept in the Amazon Forest, visited a real Indian tribe who gave us tattoos and painted our faces, got stuck in the rain, saw monkeys and sloths, swam in the river and under a waterfall, learned so many Indian folk tales, swam with pink dolphins, planted and climbed açai trees, saw beautiful sunrises, had amazing food, and most of all made incredible friendships with people from all over the world. Since this trip, I really feel like I have been given a sense of closure to my exchange. Up to this point, the only thing that I had felt like I was missing was the bonding experience with other exchanger, and this trip to the Amazon finally gave me that experience.

When I came back, I went directly to my fourth family. I actually had already spent on week with them my very first week in Brazil, but because my mother had to work in a different city for a while, I changed my house early and moved them to the last family I would stay with. I think that it is very different for them having a girl in the house because they have three sons, one of which is doing exchange in Mexico and will be coming back on the 23rd! I really like staying with this family, and it is amazing to really see how far I have come with the language since I stayed with them that first week. Before, I had to use gestures to communicate and had a very hard time understanding what they were saying to me. Now, it is like a whole new world has opened up with my ability to speak Portuguese! I understand everything and love talking to new people, one thing that I was so scared to do before. I even have started to dream in Portuguese! I just feel like I am in such a good place right now. It is actually funny, because now I even have to use Google translate to write in English!

One Rotary event that we had this month was the Festival do Chopp. It was a beer festival with a lot of people and a lot of Brazilian bbq, so it was a lot of fun. Next weekend will also be the big Rotary conference for my district in Brasília. I actually have already arrived here a week earlier to get to know the city better. I am staying in a house with a girl who will go to Canada to do her exchange in August, so it is turning out to be a great experience for the both of us! Yesterday we went with my exchange friend from Estonia to a big Sertanejo show in the city which was a lot of fun. I think that she will be living in Ontario next year with the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange, so hopefully we would be able to meet up sometime next year again!

It is so crazy to think that I will be coming home in only about 30 days..!

Abraços  
Haley

**9. Our 2012/2013 Ambassadorial Scholar – Emily Dubie**

**Emily is home:**

This past year, I had the privilege of representing District 7850 as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. With the goal of promoting international understanding and goodwill, I made numerous presentations during my study year about Rotary District 7850, sharing aspects of the culture and history of Quebec, Vermont, and New Hampshire with Rotary and Rotaract Clubs. I also participated in a variety of Rotary service projects, including a citywide blood drive and a medical camp, and volunteered weekly at a home for handicapped individuals. In addition, I was enrolled in graduate courses at the University of Dar es Salaam. During my studies, I had the opportunity to interact with students and professors from throughout Tanzania and East Africa. I gained invaluable insight from my classmates' perspectives on African development, international relations, poverty alleviation, and conflict resolution.

This coming summer I hope to further international understanding through sharing about my experiences with the Clubs of District 7850. If your Club would be interested in learning more about my year as an Ambassadorial Scholar, please contact me at [emilyzdubie@gmail.com](mailto:emilyzdubie@gmail.com). Thank you for your generous support which gave me the opportunity to study in Tanzania.

**10. Rotaract Report**

We helped support Estaban Castaño to attend the Rotary International Convention in Thailand. If his school schedule permits, he is willing to come and speak at our Rotary Clubs. If you are interested in inviting him to speak below is information on how to contact him. (If your Club is able, it might be nice to support him by giving him a gas card, and/or an offering to have him stay at a Rotarian home, if you have a breakfast or dinner meeting at a distance from Hanover.)

Dear Rotary clubs of District 7850,

My name is Esteban Castaño.

From 2008-2009, I lived in northern Thailand as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. Now, I am a student and Rotaractor at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

This May, I attended the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand with the support of the Hanover Rotary Club and District 7850. I learned a lot about Rotary and its new, fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations Service.

I would be happy to visit your club this summer to speak on the role of Rotaract and Youth Exchange in New Generations Service and to share some videos from my year in Thailand.

If you are interested, please contact me directly at [esteban.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:esteban.rotary@gmail.com)

Warm wishes,  
Esteban Castaño

## 11. Rotary Foundation

Every Club in the District made a commitment to have members and/or their club 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 \$118,287.00. Currently, our Rotarians have given 73.6% of our goal or \$87,055.34.** Five Clubs have informed me that 100% of their membership has contributed to the Foundation this year. There are 8 Clubs who have averaged at least \$100/ member...good news!

To those who have reached their goal, thank you. Remember, we only have a few days left to meet our goal. I need everyone to help us achieve our goal. Last year we gave over \$120,000...I am still confident that we can make this year's goal a reality.

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.

## 12. Club News:

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

In May/Early June there are posts about

- RYLA Students
- District Conference Service Project
- District Conference Celebrations
- Youth Exchange
- PolioPlus
- Various Club posts too.

**Yours in Rotary Service, it's be a pleasure being your District Governor,  
DG Marilyn Bedell**

**See next page for information about the 2012 District Conference – Sail to Bermuda**





**Rotary**  
**"Bermuda Family Cruise and Conference"**  
**District 7850 & 7870**  
 May 24-31, 2013  
 Aboard NCL's *Norwegian Dawn*



Friday, May 24	Boston Embarkation Welcome Cocktail Party"
Saturday, May 25	At Sea 9am-12noon: Plenary Session-Stardust Theater"
Sunday, May 26	11am Arrive King's Wharf Bermuda
Monday, May 27	King's Wharf, Bermuda
Tuesday, May 28	5:30pm Depart King's Wharf, Bermuda
Wednesday, May 29	At Sea 9am-12pm: Plenary Session-Spinnaker Lounge" 12 noon Governor Lunch-Aqua Main Dining Room"
Thursday, May 30	At Sea 7:30am-8:30am: Memorial Services-Stardust Theater" 9am-12pm: Plenary Session-Stardust Theater" Farewell Cocktail Party"
Friday, May 31	Boston Disembarkation

\*Dates and times are subject to change based on the ship's schedule.

Rates	
Category	Price
MA-Mini Suite w/balcony	<b>\$1,444</b>
BA - Balcony (Mid ship)	<b>\$1,394</b>
BB - Balcony	<b>\$1,384</b>
OA - Ocean View	<b>\$1,054</b>
OF - Ocean View	<b>\$1,014</b>
IE - Inside (Mid ship)	<b>\$889</b>
IF - Inside	<b>\$884</b>

Fares are per person, cruise only based on double occupancy and do not include alcoholic beverages, soda and some other non-alcoholic beverages, shore excursions and items of a personal nature. Price does not include prepaid gratuities of \$84 per person which will be billed at time of final payment. Subject to change. NCL reserves the right to impose a fuel supplement of up to \$10 per guest per day for all guests should the price of light sweet crude oil according to the NYMEX (New York Mercantile Exchange Index) exceed \$65 per barrel.

**Inclusions:**

- 7 day Cruise
- All Taxes
- Meals
- Cocktail Parties
- Meetings

