



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER, 2011

The Rotary Foundation Month

Has your Club planned a program or event for Foundation Month?

Greeting District 7850 Rotarians:

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1. **Greeting from DG Marilyn Bedell**

It is hard to believe, I have come to the end of my official Club visits. It's been a great journey and I thank all of you for your warm hospitality. But just because my visits are completed doesn't mean my "job" is done. I am still here to support your club and make return trips as needed. I'm met so many committed Rotarians.

At every Club I met Rotarians who want to make a difference in the lives of those in their communities. Many of you have completed major fund raisers to help you give back to those in need. For some Clubs, the fundraiser was used for flood relief rather than their original plans for the money. For that the citizens of Vermont are most grateful.

In particular, I am touched by the outpouring of pledges for our Rotary Foundation Matching Grant for Flood Relief in Vermont. To-date, 26 of 41 Clubs have made pledges to the grant for a

total of \$34,301.00. When matched by RI our funds will turn into \$51,451.50. (Club funds are matched \$0.50:\$1.00.

In addition, thanks to Past District Governor "T" Tall appeal to our Group Study Exchange Partner District in Taiwan, we now have a pledge for \$15,000 from them, and our current South Africa GSE Partner has pledged \$2,000. This money gets doubled, as does the \$5,000 from our District for a total of \$44,000.

District 7870 (Southern Vermont and Southern NH) has pledges that will put us over \$250,000!!

Jan's pledges include donations from Districts in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. We anticipate getting a little more money from Rhode Island. We may see a little more money from international Clubs and other Districts in the USA.

It isn't too late to pledge. If your Club still wants to contribute, please let me know by November 9, 2011.

DG Jan McElroy is working with the Community Action Agencies in Vermont to draft the grant. I am currently reviewing the first draft. We hope to have it completed prior to US Thanksgiving.

Here is a short excerpt from the grant,

"According to a survey of Vermont Community Action Agencies staff members with storm victims and other non-profits and public agencies, the primary problems facing storm victims, following the initial rescue efforts, appear to be: Loss of housing, food, clothing, furniture, and household goods; property damage, well and spring damage, wet insulation and mold; dislocation; and severe disruption of people's lives. The major obstacles to the ability to resolve those problems include: scarcity of resources; lack of transportation; inadequate or inaccurate knowledge of how to access assistance for which people are eligible; isolation; and distrust of government. Some of the worst affected communities have been in the most isolated rural towns of Vermont. Several of these communities, already in remote areas, have significantly reduced levels of road access and a high percentage of low-income households. These are also towns and villages that rely heavily upon seasonal tourism dollars for employment and small business income, and that will likely show dramatic losses this fall and winter due to damages and lack of access. To date, 6,316 households in Vermont have applied for FEMA assistance and intervention. Of particular concern are 13 mobile home parks and several low-income housing projects that were severely impacted with hundreds of tenants displaced.

Although we anticipate that there will be residual impacts resulting from this disaster for up to three years, for the purposes of this grant proposal, we expect the project to last two years, with most of the activity and resource distribution likely taking place in the first year, when we address the acute impact of Tropical Storm Irene on the homes and households of Vermont families and individuals whose lives have been profoundly disrupted by this event."

As you can tell, the needs are great. Our grant funding will help change lives of those dealing with the long term consequences of the storm.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Marilyn

2. **The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Month**

Hopefully my Governors message will remind you why we need to make annual donations to the Foundation. Every dollar we give this year will be kept by the Foundation for three year, and then it will become available to spend by Club and Districts in 2014/2015.

I do have some exciting news too. Each October, TRF selects the next group of our Rotary Peace Fellows – up to 60 for the two-year master’s, and up to 50 for the three-month certificate.

Trustee Bill Boyd wrote in his October newsletter, “The selection process is fascinating and resembles the draft system used by U.S. football teams to select their new players. All the applicants are scored and ranked by experienced Rotarians and the universities. Representatives from the universities come to the meeting with their “wish list” but take turns in choosing their actual scholars. Their choices may be influenced by a desire to have a wide geographical or subject spread, and sometimes they will “trade” choices. The result is that the best candidates become our fellows.”

I am delighted to announce that **Chelsea Keyser**, who was nominated for a two year Scholarship by the Colchester-Milton Club, was accepted into the Peace Fellows Program and will attend Bradford University in England. Exciting news for Chelsey, the Rotary Club of Colchester-Milton and District 7850. Over the next few years I hope many of us get to know Chelsey better. I also pray she will help make this planet a little more peaceful in her lifetime.

3. **Rotary Foundation Future Vision Updates**

If you want to learn more about the changes coming to the foundation, go to <http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/TheRotaryFoundation/FutureVision/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

4. **Polio Wake-Up Across the Continent 2011 – October 24, 2011**



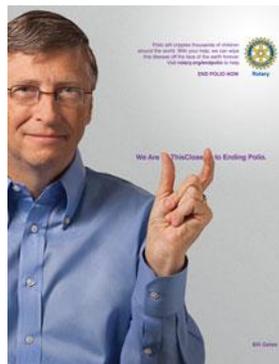
Governors Lynch and Shumlin of New Hampshire and Vermont declared October 24, 2011 World Polio Day! It is very excited to have raised awareness of Rotarian polio eradication efforts in New Hampshire and Vermont. The local recovery efforts of Rotary clubs in the wake of Irene justifiably overshadowed local Polio Awareness and Eradication news, but remember... “We are this close.”



This being the final year of our commitment to the Gates' \$200M Challenge, we are recognizing clubs as they complete their multi-year pledges! Please visit the PolioPlus link at www.rotary7850.org to see these and other efforts around our district. If you have news of your club's efforts, please send them to louisatrip@yahoo.com for posting on this District webpage.

A new version of Rotary's "This Close" video is available, featuring Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. With the help of Gates and other notable figures, including Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, conservationist Jane Goodall, and actor Jackie Chan, the campaign keeps getting stronger.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTLdXz3ezvY&feature=channel_video_title



5. District Simplified Grants

Rotary International has notified the district its request for district simplified grant funds has been approved. These monies consist of the return to local districts of a percentage of the donations made by district clubs to the Foundation three years ago. The district simplified grant funds are designed to support the service activities or humanitarian endeavors of individual districts around the world and are truly our local Foundation efforts being put to use locally. The total grant allocation to District 7850 is \$10,994. District guidelines for distribution recommend that an individual request totals no more than \$1,000.

Guidelines include the following:

Each project the grant supports must:

- A. Respect the wishes of the receiving community (including our own communities);
- B. Understand and appreciate another country's tradition and culture if grant activities will take place outside of the district's country.

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>.

6. Citation of Meritorious Service

The Rotary Foundation has just announced its awards for 2010-2011 (November Rotarian, page 75) and we are pleased to announce that **Dennis Bean** of the Wolfeboro NH club has been awarded the Citation for Meritorious Service. Dennis has a long history of service to his club and District, especially in his role as District PolioPlus Chair. He was nominated by 2010-2011 DG Bill Thompson. Congratulations, Dennis!

7. Clubs need to File 990s by 15 November

In case you Club Treasurer or Club President didn't get this message from Rotary International:

Our Club and District Support team would like to remind all US clubs that the deadline for filing IRS Form 990 is **15 November**.

While Rotary clubs and districts are exempt from paying *federal income tax*, **the law does require Rotary clubs and districts to file an annual information return (Form 990, 990-EZ) or submit an annual electronic notice (990-N)**. The version a club files is dependent upon its gross receipts for the year.

This report is required annually. Failure to meet the annual filing requirement for three consecutive years will result in **revocation of the tax-exempt status of the club or district** in question. To learn more about this requirement, visit the US Treasury website at: <http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=184445,00.html>, or call the toll-free number: (877) 829-5500.

If a club is unsure of their tax ID (EIN), please have them contact us. ("Susan Schmidt" susan.schmidt@rotary.org)

8. District Governor 2014/2015

I am delighted to announce that Bruce Pacht, Rotary Club of Lebanon, has been nominated to be the District Governor in 2014/2015. He will be voted into office at the District Conference in May 2012.

Bruce Pacht was inducted into the Rotary Club of Lebanon, NH in June, 1976; he began to become a Rotarian when he served as secretary in 1980-81. He was president in 1981-82, served on the Board several times over the years, and has chaired and served on many club committees, most notably as co-chair of the Club's recently concluded 10-year "String of Pearls" effort. The Club's Centennial Project – the High Street Memorial Fountain – will be completed this fall (just a tad behind schedule).

Bruce has served District 7850 as co-chair of two district conferences, once as a member of the ambassadorial scholarship committee, and as chair of Youth Exchange for about 5 years in the 1980s. He was a discussion leader in the early days of the Rotary Leadership Institute, and has served in that same capacity for several years at NEPETS. He is currently in his third year as Assistant Governor.

Bruce lives in Lebanon, NH, with his life partner Lori Fortini and Lori's daughter Haley (At 16, Haley's a Paul Harris Fellow, RYLA alumna and currently on a full year Youth Exchange in Brazil). Everyone in Bruce's family is a Paul Harris Fellow; Bruce himself is a multiple PHF. For the past 5 years, Bruce has been CEO of Twin Pines Housing Trust, a not-for-profit community housing development organization serving 33 towns on both sides of the Connecticut River in the Upper Valley, creating affordable rental and ownership housing for households living at or below the area median income.

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

In May our GSE Team traveled to Turkey led by Kiki Leech of the Colchester-Milton Club and this month we welcomed home our team from South Africa led by David Clark from the Middlebury Club.

You can see great pictures of the South African trip at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/137391029679405/>. For a team traveling from Vermont, visiting South Africa, a country is struggling valiantly during the post-apartheid era, was a life changing event. Our team enjoyed meeting fellow Rotarians while traveling from Johannesburg to Port Elizabeth during the month of September – visiting wildlife preserves, hospitals, viewing Africa's rich and amazing wildlife, visiting veterinary clinics, speaking with people in the medical, legal and business communities and spending time in elementary schools. While similarities can be drawn between America's struggles between the races, South Africa's efforts are aggravated by the pre-apartheid policies on a larger percentage of the population, by the current AIDs epidemic and being surrounded by other countries dealing with war, famine, and human population migration. Our team came away with a greater appreciation of Rotary and the efforts of Rotarians in South Africa working towards peace in their country through projects of

education, health, and fellowship. Because of the examples of our fellow Rotarians in South Africa, we have at least one prospective new Rotarian!

Both teams are enthusiastic to speak to our clubs about Turkey and South Africa and GSE! Please contact Kiki Leech (cateringbykiki@yahoo.com), David Clark (david2108@myfairpoint.net) or Louisa Tripp (louisatripp@yahoo.com) to schedule their visit to your club!

Also, pencil in your calendars that we will be hosting the team from South Africa during May 2012. It is never too early to begin looking for host families and considering vocational visit opportunities. District 9320 is selecting their team now, so we will know more about the makeup of the team soon.

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

Is your club family friendly? Check out the video at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/multimedia/rotaryminute/pages/ridefault.aspx>

11. Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) 2011/2012 Dates

Have you attended any of the Rotary Leadership Institute Sessions?

The mission of The Rotary Leadership Institute is to provide an educational opportunity for Rotarians, especially those members who will assume leadership position in their Clubs. It is hoped that these courses will also motivate the participants to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians. Those attending the three course days for their full duration will receive recognition of completion. Course methods will reflect the most innovative and participatory methods possible. Methods will include discussion groups, role-playing, problem solving workshops, group planning exercises, etc. Lectures are limited.

In addition to our courses which have been held only in English, thanks to PDG Rene Laporte, there is a French Quebec RLI, *Institut Rotary sur le Leadership, Division Saint-Laurent*. Rene has partnered with our other Quebec Districts (D-7040 and D-7790) to make this happen. The dates for the courses are listed below. Please contact Rene Laporte or Gilles Gravel for more information. ["Rene LaPorte" nicole@besnerlaporte.com; "Gilles Gravel" ggravel7850@rotary-drummondville.ca]

For all courses, registration begins at 07h30 (7:00 AM). Breakfast begins at 08h00 (8:00 AM) and the course ends at 15h30 (3:30 PM)

English Courses will be held:

- March 3, 2012 Wells, ME, York County Comm. College, - Part I, II, III, & Graduate

- March 31, 2012 Lebanon, NH on Saturday, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center - [Part I, II & III](#)

For more information on English RLI courses, and other venues for courses, go to www.rlinea.com

French Course (l'Institut Rotary sur le Leadership Division St-Laurent) will be held:

- November 5, 2011 Montreal Rive-Sud Part I
- November 12, 2011 Drummondville Part I
- November 19, 2011 St- Jerome Part I and Part II

Again for more information on French Courses contact: "Rene LaPorte"

nicole@besnerlaporte.com; "Gilles Gravel" ggravel7850@rotary-drummondville.ca

Please consider this as an opportunity to learn more about Rotary International.

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

The District 7870 Foundation (Southern NH and Southern VT) has finalized plans for a Paul Harris Memorial Garden on the schoolhouse grounds. A large bronze Rotary wheel will be the centerpiece with concrete pavers on the circumference with bricks between the spokes and center. The sale of bricks and pavers items will enable the Foundation to build up an endowment fund that will help ensure the self sufficiency of this historic building. The Foundation would like to commence construction by late spring or early summer and is urging the clubs and members of District 7850 to participate by purchasing a brick for the garden. Go to the District 7870 Web page for more details. <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=7870> Scroll down to Document which is on the left hand bar. Click on Little Red School House Brochure for more details.

As a reminder to Club Presidents, Jan McElroy wrote:

“If you look at this diagram of the Rotary Wheel in the memorial garden, you will see on its outer periphery the gear teeth and then an outer and an inner circle of pavers. There are 60 pavers in the outer circle which we are offering to our 7870 clubs to have engraved with their club names, charter dates, and district number for a reduced price of \$200 rather than the regular paver's price of \$300. I have just gotten permission to offer the clubs in your district that second circle of pavers at the reduced \$200 rate. They will also be engraved with the club name, charter date and your district number, unless you would want something else. Please let them know that we would be very proud to have your district's clubs all represented in this special location in the Memorial Garden alongside our bricks since your district also includes Vermont where the LRS is located.”

Now **twelve (12)** of our forty-one Clubs have already sent donations for their pavers, up 5 from last month!). It would be great if every Club in our District could be represented. I'd like to know we helped preserve this piece of Rotary history.

13. **Speech Contest**

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

Fall is here and it is time for your Club to get on board for the 2011-2012 District 7850 Rotary Speech Contest! It offers your Club a chance to meet a fine group of young people competing to win a \$1,000 prize, to have Club pictures in your area newspapers, Club activities on school Bulletin Boards and in local homes.

How does all this magic come about with such a great return on your investment? Appoint a Chairperson to run this year's District 7850 Speech Contest! The latest documents for all the procedures, dates, locations, costs, prizes, and posters for local schools, judging forms, and everything your committee needs to run the contest - are on the DISTRICT 7850 web site. Just have your Speech Contest Chair go to the www.rotary7850.org home page and click on the Site Page "Speech Contest"!

Your committee just needs to contact your local high school's Speech Club, English (or French) teachers, Guidance Counselors - whoever it may be in each school - and provide the materials. Tell them that this year's topic is "The Rotary Four Way Test" The speech can be up to 5 minutes long and may be read. It does not have to be memorized. The Four-Way Test is provided on this year's Speech Contest Poster which is attached and on the website.

Have your team pick a day between now and January 31 to meet after school, or at a Rotary Club Meeting, or at a neutral site if your Club has more than one high school - and have the students make their presentations. Your Club pays the winner from your Club \$100. That's it! Bring on the photographers!

During February your Assistant Governor will run Round #2 of the contest to select the winner from the 3 to 5 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. **2012 District Conference - Embracing Humanity: Touching Lives, Moving Mountains, Inspiring New Generations**

Plan now to attend the 2012 District Conference which will be held from **May 18 to May 20, 2012** at the Mountain Club on Loon in Lincoln, NH. Go to <http://www.mtnclub.com/> to learn more about the resort.

The theme for the conference will be “Embracing Humanity - Touching Lives, Moving Mountains, Inspiring New Generations”. I am delighted to be working with members of the Hanover, Lebanon, Lincoln/Woodstock, Littleton, North Conway and my home Club of Lebanon-Riverside to plan the conference.

On Friday evening, 18 May 2012, we will head out on the Lafayette Dinner Train for a gourmet meal. For information on this go to: <http://www.nhdinnertrain.com/>.

On Friday evening, when we get back from the train, I’ll encourage you to join us for some storytelling by Duncan McDougall, the Director of CLiF (Children’s Literacy Foundation). Duncan is a master storyteller.

Following our evening programming... if enough of you are interested... we will head out on a Moose Tour. We are still working on plans for this adventure in the North Woods of NH.

Topics to be covered at the conference:

- Inspiring New Generations – Plymouth State University President Sara Jayne Steen
- Updates from Rotary International - Our President’s Representative.
- Our role in the eradication of Guinea Worm in Ghana – Walter Hughes
- Our Connections to South Africa and Lesotho
 - Our inbound and outbound GSE Teams
 - Rachel Jolley – Ambassadorial Scholar to South Africa
 - Grassroots Soccer (Tentative – needs to be confirmed)
- Our Youth Programs
 - Youth Exchange – meet our students
 - Interact
 - Rotaract
- Maternal Child Health Issues (Embrace - <http://embraceglobal.org/>)
- Giving back to our host community, join us in a service project.
- Flood Recovery – Rotary’s role

Saturday will be a celebration of Rotary excellence and we will be entertained by talented youth in our District...***Rotary’s Got Talent***

Promotional material will be distributed early in 2012.

15. Literacy

The Rotary Foundation's restrictive interpretation of its literacy and education policy has been revised. This policy had restricted literacy and education funding only up to Grade 6, omitting funding for projects targeting students between grade 7 and 12. The Trustees of TRF have now revised the definition enabling clubs implementing literacy and education projects targeting students between grades 1 and 12 (or equivalent) to be eligible for global/matching grant funds, so long as all other criteria are met.

16. 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.

17. Rotary International Convention, Bangkok Convention



Rotary's International Convention will be in Bangkok, Thailand from May 6 - 9, 2012. Several Rotarians have told me that they plan to go. The last day for early-bird registration is 1 December 2011. For more information go to the Rotary website

<http://www.rotary.org> and

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead>

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

18. Youth Exchange First Hand Report

Here's another first hand report from one of our Youth Exchange Student

Hi! So now I have been in Chile for a month and two weeks I think. My first report wasn't really about a month, more about one or two weeks. So this is my first real monthly report. My month has been up and down; I go from being really happy to really sad, to just really confused. Right now I can basically understand what everybody is saying and I can express myself pretty well, but I still hesitate with verbs and some

vocabulary and grammar. But really language is no longer an obstacle now, it's more shyness, but that's improving too. I feel like I'm adapting well. I have friends in school, though still no close friends, I'm in the swim team, and I'm starting to understand physics and math here, which is more advanced than what I'm used to, though I still have no idea about what's going on in chemistry. I get along really well with my cousins, who are kind of like my brothers, and the other day I went rock climbing with them, and it was awesome. Well actually I walked around at the base of the mountain, which is considered a hill here, but I would love to start rock climbing. Here it is very possible because there are so many mountains and 'hills'. I'm also getting along better with my host sister, because at first it was very difficult getting along with her. The problem is my host parents are in the process of getting a divorce and my host dad lives in Santiago, so it's difficult for my host sister and mother, but it's not horrible or anything.

I find that the less I communicate with my family and friends back home, or other exchange students, the more I can adapt. I hope they'll forgive me, but I really need to focus on being in Chile. I've only spoken to one other exchange student here from Germany, and she communicates a lot with friends and family back home, and she is having a difficult time adapting. And the problem is when I'm with her I remember that things are difficult for me too, so I really try to spend time with my Chilean friends and family and not worry about what's different and about what annoys me, and I think I am doing to right thing, for me, even if it seems like a harsh decision right now.

Basically I'm starting to feel at home here. It's so beautiful, and I learn something new every day. I'm really thankful for this experience, which is the best that I have lived in my entire life, and the most difficult too, of course, but it's worth it.

Joanne

19. Update from our Ambassadorial Scholar, Emily Dubie

Please greet the Rotary Club of Essex for me this week. My host club has been very welcoming. I have enjoyed attending one of their meetings, in which I had the opportunity to share about Vermont. They were particularly intrigued about maple syrup. In fact, several of those in attendance had visited Vermont; several Rotarians are expatriates-- either business people or employed by the U.S. Embassy. It is a very energetic and active club; they recently partnered with the five other clubs in the city and put on a big marathon to benefit a children's cancer ward in town.

Because the classes at my university were somewhat delayed, I was able to enroll in a three week intensive Swahili class. This week, I began some of my classes and moved into a room near campus. I will be taking Development Theory, Political Thought for Development, Governance for Development, Poverty Analysis, and hopefully one more elective from the political science department (their timetable is still not out yet).

Today the presidents of Tanzania and Uganda spoke on campus for the 50th anniversary ceremony of the University of Dar es Salaam (both are alumni). I was unable to see/hear them, but it was exciting nonetheless.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement.

Emily

20. World Affairs Summit

This program is highly recommended by Dick Fetcher of the Boundary Club.

From Thomas M. Plantenberg, Executive Director, World Affairs Seminar
10600 W. Mitchell Street, West Allis, WI 53214, tplanten@worldaffairsseminar.org,
Office: 414-453-4984, Mobile: 414-379-8020, FAX: 414-431-0588

"I am writing to request your district's help to make the 2012 World Affairs Seminar a success. Our theme is "Global Communication 2.0: Technologies Impact on Understanding." I hope you will share this information with the clubs in your district, and encourage them to sponsor students to attend.

Nearly 300 high school students from 19 countries attended the 2011 World Affairs Seminar (WAS) at Carroll University, Waukesha, Wisconsin last June.

Please encourage the clubs in your district to explore our website:
www.worldaffairsseminar.org (and please review it yourself as well

Our fees will increase a small percent from last year however those who take full advantage of all the discounts we offer will still get a great bargain. The cost of one student to attend for six days, including room, meals, all study materials and recreation is only \$650 (\$580 with a 10% early bird discount). To send an international student (someone who may already be here as part of an exchange program or a child from overseas) the cost is only \$550 (\$495 with early bird discount).

I hope your clubs will consider sponsoring one or more students in addition to those funded by your clubs.

21. Club News:

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

Please send me information and pictures you want posted on the page.

22. Simplified Grant Eligibility:

GUIDELINES FOR ELIGIBILITY OF DSG EXPENDITURES

ELIGIBLE	INELIGIBLE
Revolving loans/microcredit	Establishment of a foundation, permanent trust, or long-term interest-bearing account
Short-term rent or lease of buildings	Purchase of land or buildings
Construction of infrastructure such as service roads, wells, reservoirs, dams, bridges, latrines, toilet blocks, water supplies, and other similar structures	Construction or renovation of any structure in which individuals live, work, or engage in any gainful activity. This includes buildings, containers, mobile homes, or structures where individuals carry out any type of activity such as manufacturing, processing, maintenance, or storage, including provision of new services or upgrade of facilities
Purchase of equipment or appliances	Provision of plumbing or electrification inside buildings
Short-term and/or contracted labor for project implementation	Salaries for individuals working for another organization
Administrative expenses for project activities	Operating or administrative expenses of another organization
Primary and secondary education, tuition, transportation	Postsecondary education activities, research, or personal or professional development
Domestic travel	International travel
Detailed, itemized expenses	Contingencies, miscellaneous expenses
Assistance to land mine victims	Land mine removal
Publicity expenses such as newspaper fees, or printing of posters, brochures, or fliers to inform the community of an available service	Rotary signage
Vaccines and immunizations, if the project is consistent with the criteria, procedures, and policies of the PolioPlus program and World Health Organization	Transportation of vaccines or immunizations by hand over national borders
New Rotary-sponsored projects not already in progress or completed	Projects already undertaken and in progress, existing projects, activities primarily sponsored by a non-Rotary organization, or projects already completed
Maternal and prenatal health and education	Purchase and distribution of birth control devices and ultrasound equipment for use in gender determination
Budgeted and itemized humanitarian goods	Unspecified or cash donations to beneficiaries or cooperating organizations
Humanitarian or service activities benefiting a community in need	Fundraising activities, expenses related to Rotary events such as district conferences or anniversary celebrations or entertainment activities that do not include a humanitarian aspect
Secular, nonreligious activities that benefit a community in need	Projects that support purely religious functions at churches and other places of worship
Community beautification activities	Beautification activities in areas that are not readily accessible to the general public

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