



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER – September, 2011

New Generations Month

Do you have plans to work with kids this month?

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1. Greeting from DG Marilyn Bedell

I started my first draft of this newsletter prior to Hurricane/Tropical Storm Irene. I quickly realized that my opening message needed to be changed. I am amazed at the ability of Rotarians to respond to the needs of their communities and in particular the needs of their fellow Rotarians. I've been touched by the stories of "service above self" that have been shared with me. As a younger Rotarian said to me, "Rotarians rock!!"

I also know that we have not been shielded from deaths. As of today we have one confirmed death (Michael Garofano) and one person missing (Mike Garofano) and presumed dead. Michael and Mike are the brother in-law and nephew of Maureen Garofano, a Colchester-Milton Rotarian. As I have shared the news of the deaths with our fellow Rotarians, I have learned how Maureen has touched the lives of many in our district...and that many of us want to share the grief to lessen the burden of the grief for Maureen and her family.

As I have reminded many Rotarians who have asked me, Rotary has never been a disaster relief agency, but that our role is to be there when the first responders leave to continue to help our communities pick up the pieces and fix problems one at a time.

It is my hope that we will find ways to organize matching grants and district grants to address some of our communities needs. We will need to identify international partners who might be willing to share their District Designated funds with us to do projects with us. Will this be possible, I don't know, but I plan to explore our options.

I'm sure many of you will come up with many creative ways to meet community needs through "sweat equity" projects and other funding mechanisms. Please use the District *facebook* page to alert us to what you are doing. Your ideas may help all of us do more in our communities.

I am committed to working with District 7870 (Southern Vermont and Southern NH) to see if we can partner in other ways to meet the need of our communities, no matter what our boundaries are. I already know we have a Club working on a proposal to make this happen. So stay tuned for details.

Be safe if you are helping with recovery efforts.

I will now change gears and provide some other Rotary information.

2. **New Generations Month**

September is New Generations Month! I hope you are taking time to celebrate all you do to support children in our community. I've included a message from one of our Youth Exchange Students in this newsletter. Haley's words remind me why this program is helping us grow and develop our next generation of leaders. [\(See #19\)](#)

In October, I'm bringing together our Executive Committee and our youth committee and program chairs for a summit on our youth programs. If you have information you would like us to consider at this summit, let me know.

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



A reminder: The primary objective of Polio – Wake-Up the Continent is to bring to the forefront the fact that Polio still exists and we are leading the charge in eradicating this dreaded disease. The event will begin on World Polio Day, Monday October 24th 2011 and continue through the entire week.

The level of organization can differ from club to club. Some may just encourage their members to get out for a walk on their own and record the activity in number of kms or miles, another might organize a marathon or spin-a-thon...another might march from

their Club to City Hall for a peaceful demonstration. Maybe it's a "Purple Pinkie Project", Pennies for Polio or other Polio Awareness activity that a club already practices.

Each club is invited to participate in their own way and will be given a chance to brag about their activities on a set-up *facebook* go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/158711824183179/>

I hope you are planning to participate in this project.

4. **Rotary International United Nations (UN) Day**

You are cordially invited to attend Rotary Day at the UN on Saturday, 5 November 2011. 8:00 AM Registration, program begins at 9:30 AM and goes until 4:00 PM. Registration fee for Rotarians \$37.50; Rotaractors & Ambassadorial Scholars \$20.00; Interactors and Youth Exchange students \$17.50. For details go to www.RIUNDay.org

This is a unique opportunity to visit the United Nations Headquarters in New York City and participate in a panel discussion featuring leaders and officials from the UN, UN affiliated NGOs and Rotary International. Registrations must be received by 21 October, 2011. Because of Security at the UN, there can be no onsite registration.

In case you didn't already know, Rotary and the United Nations have a long history of working together and sharing similar visions for a more peaceful world.

In 1942, Rotary clubs from 21 nations organized a conference in London to develop a vision for advancing education, science, and culture after World War II. That event was a precursor to UNESCO. In 1945, 49 Rotarians went to San Francisco to help draft the UN Charter. Rotary and the UN have been close partners ever since, a relationship that's apparent through PolioPlus and work with UN agencies.

"The invitation to Rotary International to participate in the United Nations Conference as consultant to the United States delegation was not merely a gesture of good will and respect toward a great organization. It was a simple recognition of the practical part Rotary's members have played and will continue to play in the development of understanding among nations. The representatives of Rotary were needed at San Francisco and, as you well know, they made a considerable contribution to the Charter itself, and particularly to the framing of provisions for the Economic and Social Council."

Rotary currently holds the highest consultative status offered to a nongovernmental organization by the UN's Economic and Social Council, which oversees many specialized UN agencies. Rotary maintains and furthers its relationship with a number of UN bodies, programs, commissions, and agencies through its [representative network](#). This network consists of RI representatives to the United Nations and other organizations.

5. **Rotary International President 2013/2014**

RI announced that Ron D. Burton, a member of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2013-14. Burton will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007. He is a member of the American Bar Association, as well as the bar associations of Cleveland County and the state of Oklahoma. He is admitted to practice in Oklahoma and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Read more at:

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/110808_news_presnominee.aspx

6. **District Dues – For Club Secretaries and Treasures**

District dues invoices have gone out to Clubs. Please get them processed as soon as you can.

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

The Membership Minute is an e-mail newsletter that provides membership development ideas, resources, and tools. It features

- The latest research on Rotary membership
- Suggestions about where to find and how to recruit qualified, committed Rotary club members
- Ideas for creating or enhancing new member orientation programs
- Tips and trends for keeping and retaining members

Learn more at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/members/generalinformation/membershipresources/pages/membershipminute.aspx>

Other membership information can be found at:

http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningAClub/Announcements/Pages/110803_announce_membershipmonth.aspx

See membership message from Kalyan Banerjee for Club Presidents at:

<http://www.vimeo.com/27308100>

8. 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:

- November 5, 2011 Rutland, VT, at the Stafford Technical Center - Part I, II & III
- 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:

- October 1, 2011 Mont Tremblant, QC Part I
- October 22, 2011 Laval Rive-Nord Part I
- October 29, 2011 Quebec City Part I and Part II
- 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.

9. 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. I know you wanted to announce it to your clubs at your DA, so I am attaching the brochure that can help you explain about the LRS and the PH Memorial Garden. And 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.”

I know that two Clubs have already sent donations for their pavers. 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.

10. Group Study Exchange (GSE) From GSE Chair Louisa Tripp

Our team has headed to South Africa and Lesotho on September 1, 2011! Follow them on *facebook!*

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/137391029679405/>

11. 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 – and do all this for \$100 and a very few hours of your team's effort.

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, 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.

Yours in Rotary,

Ed

Ed Saulnier
Chair, District 7850 Rotary Speech Contest
District 7850, Past Assistant Governor
Colchester-Milton Rotary Club

12. International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace is September 21st of each year. Consider taking a moment to observe this day (You can always observe it before or after the 21st at your Club meetings.) Every Club can each choose how to recognize the International Day of Peace. Simple ways to observe this day are to have a moment of silence, sing a song of

peace, or have a special speaker; for more ideas you can go to www.internationaldayofpeace.org to see just a few examples of what is being done around the world. There is no expense to the club to observe the International Day of Peace. I am hoping you will consider this suggestion to recognize and publicize the International Day of Peace. It has been celebrated and is increasingly celebrated all over the world and may possibly help reduce violence and even to avoid another catastrophic war.

13. Public Relations Grant

Our Multidistrict PR grant (over 50 pages) has been sent to RI. We have joined forces with two other districts that have clubs in Quebec. The focus of this grant is on membership in Quebec, and we will experiment with *facebook* ads targeted to our postal codes in NH, VT and Quebec. Here's hoping the grant is approved. My thanks to Earl Wertheim and Marc Pratico for all they did to get this grant written and completed. The District has committed \$2,000 to this grant; in exchange we will have \$9000 to spend if approved.

14. RI Strategic Plan and Public Image and Awareness

This communication came to RI Leaders on August 23, 2011

To the 2011-12 Officers of Rotary International:

I am writing to let you know, in accordance with RI bylaws, that the RI Board has taken the initiative to increase budgetary support of the RI Strategic Plan, specifically the goal of enhancing the public image and public awareness of Rotary. Accordingly, the Board designated the use of US\$9.9 million from the General Surplus Fund over a three-year period to support additional district public relations grants, significant branding research and initiatives, social networking initiatives, and communications campaigns.

The current progress of the global polio eradication initiative has played a major role in this decision. After 26 years of steady work, and with the support of our government and nongovernmental partners, we are now anticipating that polio will be eradicated within the next few years. This projection is shared by the World Health Organization, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and UNICEF.

When polio eradication is achieved, the role that Rotary International has played will receive significant media coverage. It is vital that we be ready for this opportunity, decades in the making, to showcase our organization to the world.

In reviewing the proposed 2011-12 RI budget, the Board noted the importance of public image and public awareness for Rotary's future, as well as the current status of the General Surplus Fund, which is at its highest level to date. In light of these considerations, the Board authorized the 2011-12 expenditure of up to US\$3,500,000 of the \$9.9 designated from the General Surplus Funds for additional district public

relations grants and major branding, communication, and social networking initiatives. This decision, approved by a three-quarters vote of all directors, was taken in accordance with RI bylaws section 17.050.6, recognizing that the General Surplus Fund exceeded the funding goal of 85% of the highest level of annual expenses plus any Board designated funds.

As a result, the Board adopted the 2011-12 RI budget that reflects revenues of US\$92,498,000, general surplus funds of US\$3,500,000 and expenses of US\$95,496,000, resulting in an excess in revenues and general surplus funds of \$502,000 over expenditures.

I strongly believe that this move is both farsighted and fiscally sound, and will do much to improve the long-term health of our organization. When we finally say, “Polio is gone forever,” the eyes of the world will turn to Rotary—and we must be ready for them.

Sincerely,
Kalyan Banerjee
President, Rotary International

15. **2012 District Conference**

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. As we finalize our plans, we will share the agenda with you. We have picked a great venue in the heart of the White Mountains.

On Friday evening, 18 June 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 Saturday evening, 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.

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. For more information go to the Rotary website

<http://www.rotary.org>

&

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

This will be a once in a lifetime experience for all who decide to go. The last day for early-bird registration is 1 December 2011.



18. **Club Builder Award – From Rotary International:**

Rotary International has a new award this year. It is the Club Builder Award. This award recognizes Rotarians who have made a significant impact in supporting and strengthening their Rotary club. DG Marilyn may nominate one candidate from our district for this award.

Award criteria

- Be an active Rotarian in good standing, with at least 10 years of membership
- Have served as a club president
- Is a member of a Rotary club with at least 30 members in the three years immediately preceding nomination.

Rotarians ineligible for this award

- Current club presidents
- Current, incoming, and past district governors
- Current, incoming, and past RI directors

Candidates must have the following achievements

- Personally recruited at least five members who are active Rotarians at the time of nomination
- Participated in Rotary training in their club
- Participated in at least one meaningful club-level vocational service project
- Attended at least two district meetings in the three years immediately preceding nomination

Eligible candidates must be recommended by three past club presidents of their own club (or a past club if they have belonged to their current club for less than three years).

I'm looking for a District 7850 Rotarian who meets these criteria. It would be fun to recognize an individual with this award for excellence in Rotary Service to their Club.

To find the nomination form, Google: "Rotary Club Builder Award" and this should bring you to the link for the PDF Form. If you can't find it, let me know and I'll send you a copy.

**Current Club Presidents should send nomination to me at: m.k.bedell@comcast.net
Deadline: September 30, 2011**

19. Farewell to Guinea Worm

Although Rotary is not mentioned, see the enclosed article, we still need to celebrate that our Rotary District helped make this possible.

http://www.cartercenter.org/news/publications/health/guinea_worm_publications/farewell-to-guinea-worm.html

We did a District-wide Matching Grant in Ghana to improve the water supply to help make Guinea Worm disappear! This grant was spearheaded by the Rotary Clubs of Lebanon and Sherbrook. You will hear more about this at the District Conference.

20. Youth Exchange First Hand Report

I thought you all might enjoy reading first hand report from one of our Youth Exchange Student

From: Haley Karr, Youth Exchange Student from Lebanon

Subject: August Report

Hey Everybody!

Wow...it is so weird to think that I have officially been in Brazil for over a month now!! There is so much to say that I am not sure how I will ever be able to put it all into words...but I will give it a shot.

I guess the first thing to talk about will starting school. It is SO different from the United States!! I wear a uniform, red pants and a white shirt with the school logo, and sit in the same classroom with the same people for the entire day. I am required to take math, physical science, chemistry, biology, history, philosophy, sociology, religious education, geography, spanish, english, portuguese, literature, art, and physical education! But we only have 6 classes a day with a snack break after the first three. I have been doing a little better than I first anticipated because even though I cannot understand the teacher very well, it is all material that I have learned last year, so it is easier to figure out what they are saying. I only have one teacher who assigns me homework, and he lets me choose either english or portuguese, but I prefer the portuguese. Even though it takes a very long time to translate and then copy, it gives me more practice with the language. The kids are all very nice, but now it is a little hard to talk because of the language barrier. But I feel like I have met some good people from my class, and I enjoy spending time with them outside of school.

I am seriously a celebrity here...it is crazy. I am the only person in my whole school with (natural) blonde hair and blue eyes!!! I have started to finally get used to the people staring at me, but sometimes it just gets ridiculous. For example: I was eating at a restaurant with my friends, and one women literally almost fell over in her chair because she was trying to turn around to look at me. I try to tell them that it is really nothing special from where I come from to have blonde hair and blue eyes, but they continue to be amazed by it.

One thing that I am sad about is that I had to move families already :(! My first mother found work in another city and they did not want me home alone. But my second family is extremely nice as well, and I will be able to move back into their house at the end of the year. In my new family, both my mother and sister speak english. I like this because I can actually talk with them when we need to discuss important things, but it is also because it tempts me not to practice portuguese in the home. I have started language lessons though....they make me so exhausted. I think that they will make a difference though.

I can't say enough how nice the people are here...it is amazing. Everyone is welcomed, the family stays close, and the people are just more willing to help each other with nothing in return. I have never once felt excluded or alone here, because the people want to spend time with you and want to help you learn. It really makes me think twice about how people treat each other back in the United States. I think Douglas (my old host bro who is now on his exchange in Mexico) is really feeling this difference. He describes the people as being so "cold" to each other compared to what he is used to in Brazil, and I think that is a pretty accurate description.

The food is sooooo good here! And I can definitely see how easy it is for exchange students to gain weight now...especially because here in Brazil, their diet is meat, bread, rice, and beans. A "salad" here is just one piece of Iceberg lettuce with some olive oil and salt...haha. OH! and the food here is either really fresh or REALLY processed. All of their dairy products are awful, because even though I live in one of the largest cattle farming areas of Brazil, it is all for the meat not the milk.my sister didn't know what real butter was, and I think that the milk doesn't even really need to be refrigerated.....very different coming from Vermont and New Hampshire.

So far the "social" differences have not been that bad to adjust to...Brazilians are just very picky about their food and their clothes. But the one thing that drives me CRAZY is that they are always, ALWAYS, late. If you plan on meeting at three....they don't come until 4. This is something that I have a hard time just "letting go" of because I am a very punctual person. But "letting go" has kind of been my motto here....you learn very fast that you just can not get upset at the same things that you would have at home, because if you did, you would be holding yourself back from enjoying the new and different culture and experience.

I am so excited because I get to go to Rio de Janiero in about a week!! I am going with my sister, her boyfriend, his parents, and his grandparents. It will be SOOO amazing! I have actually been talking to Igor, the Brazilian boy who came to our district last year, and I think that he is going to come meet me there!! I am so excited, it will be great to see some one who I actually knew before coming to Brazil!! And I got up the courage to buy a Brazilian bikini for the trip....but even the "larger" ones are soooo small!! I just need to tell myself that I will be with thousands of other people on the beach who will be wearing the same thing haha. When in Brazil, do as the Brazilian's do!!!!!!

I have one other Rotart exchange student in my city. His name is Jaime, and he is from Mexico. It is amazing how all the exchange students are "instant best friends" haha...it is just so nice knowing that someone else is going through the same thing as you. I am extremely jealous though because since he speaks Spanish, he can already basically talk in Portuguese and understand everything that people say to him....when I have been here for 3 weeks longer than he has and I still struggle so much. But oh well...

Oh, and one more thing, I totally back up the "no driving" rule here...the roads are crazy here!!!! Motorcycles weave in and out between cars, and the highway is one road, with no lines, that cars from both directions travel on.....it is so dangerous. I can remember 3 motorcyclists being killed just from the time I have been here! But I do have to say that it is veryyyy hard from being able to drive in the States to having to call your mom for a

ride againbut here the driving age is 18 anyways, so a lot of my friends are in the same boat.

I can't wait to tell you what I did next month :)

Abraços!!

Haley

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. Again this would be a great way to share what you are doing for disaster relief.

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





District Speech Contest

Rotary's "Four-Way Test" is the primary theme for the Rotary District 7850 Annual Speech Contest for July, 2011- June, 2012, Rotary's 107th year!

Background: Emphasizing high ethical standards and The Four-Way Test are Rotary traditions.

The Four-Way Test asks the following questions:

→Of the things we think, say or do,

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

An alternate theme this year is the Motto of Rotary, "Service Above Self."

Background: Providing service to mankind, or, making the world a better place, even when it may be inconvenient for you, is another important Rotary tradition.

Eligibility: High School students. Children of Rotarians are not eligible.

Rules: Prepare and deliver a speech of five minutes or less on one of the above themes.

Round #1 – Compete against other contestants at a competition sponsored by your local Rotary Club before January 31, 2012 - **Prize \$100.00**

Round #2 – Compete against up to four other Round #1 winners from other nearby Rotary Clubs before February 28, 2012 – **Prize \$150.00**

Round #3 – Compete against up to four other Round #2 winners at a contest held near Lebanon, NH, on a Saturday in April, 2012 – **Prize \$250.00**

Round #4 – Compete against one other Round #3 winner at the District 7850 Conference to be held at the Mountain Club on Loon in Lincoln, NH on Saturday, May 19, 2012 for the **Grand Prize - \$500.00**

Official Poster Can Be Found AT: <http://www.rotary7850.org/>
Go TO SITE PAGE Click on Speech Contest

Additional details are available at www.Rotary7850.org Site Page: Speech Contest