

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER – 4 September 2012

"Rotary takes ordinary men and women, and gives them extra-ordinary opportunities to do more with their lives than they had ever dreamed possible."

### Greetings, District 7850 Rotarians:

**TELLING OUR ROTARY STORY:** Wearing my "Rotary at Work" T shirt, I joined my fellow Rotarians for Randolph's Annual Labor Day Chicken Barbeque. A woman from out of town wanted to know "What is Rotary?" Our past president explained about all of the good things our fund raising does for our community and did it quite well. The woman was taking it all in, but I sensed that she needed a simpler explanation, so I chimed in with "Rotary is dedicated to making life better for people." She said, "That's a wonderful cause, Thank you." Perhaps she'll tell her friends about Rotary. Let's continue to tell our Rotary story every chance we get. Wear your Rotary pin with pride and if asked, be prepared to say **"Rotary is dedicated to making life better for people."** And then if they need more, don't hesitate to **brag** about all the good things your club does for people.



**A BUSY SEPTEMBER:** The following events are happening on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September: We welcome the **Group Study Exchange Team from Alsace, France** who will be in our district for one month. Applications for our **outgoing Group Study Exchange** trip to France, including team members and team leaders are due no later than September 14<sup>th</sup>. Thirteen incoming **Youth Exchange Students** will be hosted by Rotarian Anne Silloway, on the 14<sup>th</sup> prior to their next day series of indoctrination briefings by our Youth Exchange committee.

**WELCOME LETTER TO NEW MEMBERS:** Keep sending me the names and postal addresses of new members and I'll mail them a personal letter of welcome to Rotary.

**POLITICS and ROTARY:** Rotary prides itself on being a non-political organization, so please guard against discussing politics within our clubs. Otherwise, we risk losing valuable members.

**NEVER CRITICIZE – ALWAYS PRAISE:** I've always found this a good rule to live by, whether with business associates, friends, or family. With Rotarians it does wonders. We should listen to each other with an open mind. As volunteers we look for that "Thank you, for a job well done." That is our pay check. That makes us feel good inside and willing to do more the next time around.

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

**Sign up early and you may still win as much as \$600.**

Rolf Zuk from the Woodsville-Wells River Club won the August 15<sup>th</sup> drawing for \$400. There are still three drawings to go. If you register by:

- September 15<sup>th</sup> - you will be eligible to win \$300
- October 15<sup>th</sup> - you will be eligible to win \$200
- November 15<sup>th</sup> - you will be eligible to win \$100



**For Information or Reservations Call AAA: In VT 802-878-8233; In NH 603-889-0165**  
After making reservation with AAA, then go to the [District 7850 Website](#) to register for the monthly drawings. Click on "Attending" – you will not be double billed. For further assistance or information, contact: Roy Somaini, Conference Chairman, 802-371-8642 [royliza@charter.net](mailto:royliza@charter.net)

*George "Sonny" Holt*





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

***MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:***

I have made many changes to the District's Membership Development Plan to have it more in line with the just released, "North America Member Strategy" from Rotary International. The revised plan, if followed, should make member retention, recruitment, and club extension even more productive. Any member may have a copy of the plan, once it's released on 10 September. Just ask your club president or membership chair for a copy.

I am honored to have been asked to be on a membership panel at the Zone Institute in Vancouver, CANADA this fall. I'll be sharing ideas for membership with other District Governors and District Governor-elects from five countries, including Bermuda, Canada, France, Russia and the United States.

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

## ***The Rotary Foundation News***

### **Check presented for Hurricane Irene recovery**



District 7850 PDG Marilyn Bedell and 7870 PDG Jan McElroy present a check to Southeastern Vermont Community Action, with representatives from our International partner the Rotary club of Sherbrooke, Quebec, CANADA.

## ***Future Vision Planning***

Beginning 1 July 2013, all Rotary Districts will be implementing The Rotary Foundation's *Future Vision* plan. The plan reflects the desires and interests of Rotarians worldwide to give the Foundation a more sustainable and visible impact in the world.

The *Future Vision* Plan is intended to:

- Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission
- Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians



- Offer funding options to help achieve both global and local goals
- Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts and their member clubs
- Advance understanding of the Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image.

**ACTION ITEM:** We will begin training at the District Team Training Seminar on January 26, 2012. It is our hope that **ALL** current club presidents and your Club's Foundation chairs will come to this training session with the presidents-elect.

Additional training will be held for this group at the District Assembly in April. The current president and president-elect of each club will be required to sign a memorandum of understanding to verify that they understand the grant process and the reporting requirements. It is a legal agreement between clubs and districts and the Rotary Foundation that lists terms of qualification and the requirements to ensure proper oversight of grant funds.

Steve Dates will be talking to our Presidents-elect about this initiative, and strongly encouraging our Clubs to participate in this process. We want every Club to be able to apply for District Managed Grants... the Grants you can use for projects here at home.

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



In preparation for our transition to the *Future Vision* plan, we are recruiting for two positions. Although the official start for the role is 1 July 2013, training will begin as soon as the individuals are identified.

### Global Grants Chair

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

The Rotarian assuming this position must be willing to:

- Be comfortable dealing with change and new processes
- Become a district expert and resource for Foundation global grants.
- Follow and enforce the terms and conditions of grant awards; disseminate and conduct club education on the terms and conditions.
- Help the District Foundation Chair create and implement a district policy that outlines the distribution of grant funds for clubs.
- Work with the district Foundation chair and stewardship chair to:

- Ensure implementation for proper stewardship and grant management practices including reporting to the Rotary Foundation on all grants.
- Establish accurate recordkeeping systems.
- Attend various district training meetings.

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

### **Stewardship Chair**

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

- Assist with the implementation of the clubs memorandum of understanding, including the development of the financial management plan.
- Help qualify clubs, including assisting with grant management seminars.
- Ensure implementation of proper stewardship and grant management practices for all grants (Global and District Managed), including reports to The Rotary Foundation on the various grants.
- Monitor and evaluate stewardship and grant management practices, including reports to The Rotary Foundation.
- Ensure that everyone involved in a grant avoids any actual or perceived conflict of interest.
- Create systems to resolve any misuse or irregularities in grant related activities, report any misuse or irregularities to The Rotary Foundation, and conduct initial local investigation into report of misuse.
- Approve the annual financial assessment of the financial management plan and ensure that it is properly distributed to clubs in the district.
- Keep a list of clubs qualified to receive grants and their club stewardship chairs.
- Attend various district training meetings.

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

### **Polio Plus**



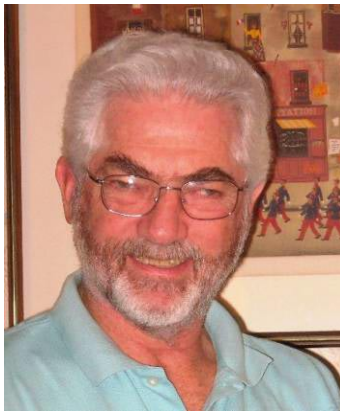
Rotary has created a new website – <http://endpolionow.org> – where people can rally together to finish the fight against polio. “To achieve a polio-free world, Rotary and its partners in the



[Global Polio Eradication Initiative](http://endpolionow.org) need your support to spread the word,” says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee.. You are encouraged to visit [endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org) to interact with its features, and share it with others

through your own websites, blogs, and social media channels. “We are [‘this close’](#) to making history by eradicating the crippling disease polio once and for all,” says Scott. “Case counts have never been lower, the number of countries affected has never been fewer – the time to beat polio is now.”([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) ) Please address any questions, thoughts or concerns to Louisa Tripp at [louisatripp@yahoo.com](mailto:louisatripp@yahoo.com) or (802)371-9819.

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

***NEW GENERATIONS AVENUE OF SERVICE:***

We welcome comments from all Rotarians and new generations service participants. Contact Bruce at [brucepacht67@gmail.com](mailto:brucepacht67@gmail.com)

***Group Study Exchange***

We are welcoming District 1680 from Alsace, France September 14, 2012! Starting in the Champlain Valley, Isabelle Gehin (team leader), Baptiste Hanrye, Tiffanie Astruc, Somane Kumana and Remy Pokorny will spend a month visiting our district on this vocational, cultural and educational exchange. Please visit the GSE link on [www.district7850.org](http://www.district7850.org) to see the entire schedule and to read more about this team.

On **Thursday, October 11, 2012** the Stowe Rotary Club will be hosting an International Evening for our District at the Town and Country Resort in Stowe. There will be a cash bar from 6 to 7 and then a joint club meeting from 7 until 9 where the GSE Team from France will give their presentation. Please plan to join us in an evening of celebration of GSE and visit with Rotarians from across our own district.

**We are looking for a few good people!!!** District 7850 is now accepting applications for team leaders and team members for the GSE trip to District 1680, Alsace, France!!! Team leaders must be Rotarians and team members must be young professionals (non-Rotarians) between the ages of 25 and 40. The team leader should be fluent in French. All applications must first be vetted by a Rotary Club. Applications for leaders and members are available on the GSE link at [www.rotary7850.org](http://www.rotary7850.org) and at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) .

Clubs will submit applications for team leaders and team members to Louisa Tripp no later than **September 14, 2012 (42 Silver Circle, Barre, VT, 05641-9046)**. Interviews for Team Leaders will be held on October 1, 2012. Interviews for Team Members will be held on October 15, 2012. 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.



**Rotary's first all-wheelchair GSE teams:** Representing districts 9680 (New South Wales, Australia) and 5490 (Arizona, USA)



### ***SPEECH CONTEST***



This year's District Speech Contest topic will be the Rotary International President's theme, "Peace through Service." The District Website has been updated with the new theme and the new dates. Go to [www.rotary7850.org](http://www.rotary7850.org) and then Site Page: Speech Contest. Because of the District Conference being a Cruise to Bermuda, the Speech Contest Finals have been moved up to the District Assembly and the Club Contest deadlines have been set as December 15, six weeks earlier than last year.

Everyone is heading back to school now so go to the website and download the Speech Poster to let your schools know it is time to plan for this year's event!

Shown here is last year's winner of the \$1,000 Speech Contest, Katherine Chen of Hanover High School in Hanover, NH.

For more information, contact Speech Contest Chair Ed

Saulnier at [edsaul@alum.wpi.edu](mailto:edsaul@alum.wpi.edu)

### ***FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE:***

Friendship Exchange to East London, South Africa: Friendship Exchange Chair , Bill Sahlman is trying to determine if there is interest in the District to organize a Friendship Exchange (visitor exchange) to East London, South Africa in March 2013. This is in the same District as our Group Study Exchange to South Africa visited earlier. Participants would be housed in homes of Rotarians.

As a Friendship Exchange, we would be asking Rotarians to host visitors from South Africa here in our District. As District Chair Bill will work with all participants to make sure we are adequately prepared for the exchange. Each participant will be a Rotary ambassador while on the Friendship Exchange.

In addition to airfare (approx \$1500), you will have out of pocket expenses for sightseeing and meals. You may spend another \$2,000-3,000 (USD) on this trip if you extend the trip on either side.

The length of the trip and dates would be determined once we know who is interested in going on this adventure. If you have interest going to South Africa, please contact: [bsahlman@c21energyshield.com](mailto:bsahlman@c21energyshield.com) or phone: (603)643-0127

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### ***CLUB NEWS***

#### **Northfield Rotary – Bathtub Races**



Being pummeled by water balloons these contestants and the crowd had fun on the labor day weekend.



#### **Rotary of Ossipee Valley - Fill The Truck Food Drive**

We held a very successful food drive on 8/10/12. Items were collected with the help of Hannaford's in Ossipee for distribution to our local food pantries. Food pantry volunteers worked with us on this event along with the employees of Hannaford.

*Rotarians, Hannaford employees, and other community volunteers fill the truck*

## **Plymouth Rotary - Community Family Fun Fair and Duck Stampede**

The Plymouth Bridge House Shelter and the Plymouth Rotary joined forces in a major volunteer fundraising effort to benefit the community-at-large. Each organization combined their individual events and talents to collaborate on the joint **Bridge House Community Family Fun Fair** and **Rotary Duck Stampede**. The recently constructed Rotary amphitheater at Riverside Park, in Plymouth, along the Pemigewasset River, was crowded with families, friends, and neighbors who enjoyed 20 or more special family-oriented activities including food, pony rides, games, music, and amusements from Frank Jones' Unique Entertainment. Local DJ, Tim Keith, officiated as master of ceremonies.

This was the 7<sup>th</sup> year of the Bridge House Community Family Fun Fair, and Cathy Bentwood, Bridge House Director, was thrilled to join her efforts with the energies of the Plymouth Rotarian's. This collaborative event was a huge success with the proceeds from the Rotary's annual Duck Stampede dedicated toward benefiting the Bridge House mission and its initiatives to end homelessness and support local veterans.



That same afternoon, Plymouth Rotary's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Duck Stampede featured some 2,000 rubber duckies or more being dropped off from a bucket loader into the Pemigewasset River. Each rubber duck was marked with a number linked to a numbered raffle ticket and every individual who had "adopted a duck" -- by purchasing a ticket -- hoped that his or her duck would be the first to cross the finish line at the Amphitheater. Proceeds from the Duck Stampede were turned over to the Bridge House when the Plymouth Rotarians voted unanimously to help fund the Bridge house mission to help many local homeless veterans who are in need of our immediate support.