

Rotary District 7780

Carolyn Johnson, District Governor

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Global Grant Will Build Life-Giving Dam in India

Introducing ... our District’s newest Rotary Foundation Global Grant — just approved this week!

At its core, a Global Grant is a partnering opportunity between two or more Rotary clubs, located in different countries, and working together on a project \$30,000 or larger in scope. It starts with one club (read: one or two Rotarians in a club) forming an idea to fill a need within one of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus and requesting some level of club resources to support the concept. Other clubs are frequently asked to contribute financial support. The District then adds additional support (in RotarySpeak, District Designated Funds, or DDF) . Projects then secure additional matching funds from The Rotary Foundation and the plan is in place.



In this case, Sanford-Springdale Rotarians took the lead, Dover and Ogunquit Rotary helped out, the District released DDF, and a village in India will soon enjoy the benefits of a permanent dam. And it makes a world of difference. This is not just flood control. This is not a new space for jet skis. To the people of the village the dam is life itself. No more endless hikes, day after day, over several kilometers to refill water jugs. This project means creating a permanent lake and permanent source of water.

Sanford has done this type of project before. One of the previous dams stretched 235 feet and another topped out at 40 feet high. Both were created with concrete mixed by hand, stirred by broad hoes, bound with pebbles gathered basked by basket for the aggregate. Nearly 6,000 people live in the most recent village to receive a live-giving dam.

Think about that: 6,000 people were the recipients of a consistent, year-round water source that cost about \$30,000. That amount of money wouldn’t even cover the engineering study for a new storm sewer in one of our towns! By next spring, another community will have water to grow crops and replenish wells, because Rotarians in Sanford and Dover and Ogunquit cared to get involved and because financial support through our Rotary Foundation was available to help make the project happen.

Yet another reason why I support our Rotary Foundation. Another reason I am proud to be a Rotarian.

—Peter Johnson, District Foundation Chair

Could You Be a Member of the Paul Harris Society?

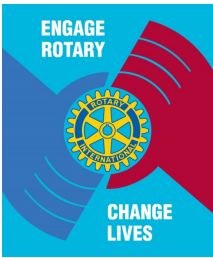


Rotary asks each of us to pay our fair share toward The Rotary Foundation, the 501(c)(3) funding mechanism which allows us to do humanitarian good in the world. Like the widow’s mite, “fair share” is different for each of us. Some Rotarians have the means to contribute \$1000 annually — either to the Annual Programs Fund, Polio Plus, or to an approved Global Grant — and those that do become members of the Paul Harris Society, an official program of The Rotary Foundation. You’ve seen Paul Harris Society donors around the District — they are the ones that wear the “PHS flag” below their membership or Paul Harris Fellow pin (see photo).

An easy way to make this contribution — or an ongoing contribution of any size, large or small — is to enroll in Rotary Direct, an automatic deduction program. Or contact me at fbutterw@gmail.com. I’ll be happy to answer your questions and walk you through the process.

Rotary has the power to make a difference in the world, and we are the power of Rotary.

—Frank Butterworth, District Paul Harris Society Coordinator



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Rotary Responds to Destruction in the Philippines

The need is unprecedented, and so is the response.

Rotary International President Ron Burton has made a personal donation to Shelter Box, and he is asking all clubs and Districts to do likewise. District Governor Carolyn didn't wait for President Ron, however; not only have she and Peter written a personal check, but she has set up a District collection point for clubs and individuals who wish to donate a ShelterBox (or a portion of a Box) to help a family made homeless by Typhoon Haiyan.

ShelterBox, a Rotary project that has responded to disasters around the world since the Southeast Asia tsunami, is uniquely suited for this emergency: The Box contains a tent, water purifier, cook stove and equipment, mosquito netting and more — all the basics that a family in the Philippines will need to survive in the weeks and months ahead. ShelterBoxes cost \$1000 apiece, and clubs throughout our District are responding. The York club has purchased five, and through a challenge to its members, so has the Boothbay Harbor club. Portsmouth also issued a challenge to its members, and the current number it is purchasing is three ... or maybe more. Bridgton-Lake Region has a similar challenge ongoing, and Wells has purchased two. But whether the gift is large or small — a full Box or part of one — it all goes immediately via Rotary to where it is needed most, and each Box means the world of difference to a family in distress.

Go to www.shelterboxUSA.org for more. Donate online or make out your tax-deductible check for any amount to the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club Foundation, and mail to PDG Marty Helman, 88 Appalachee Road, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538. If you donate online, please let Gov. Carolyn know, so she will be able to count how many Boxes came from your club and this District.



Clubs on the Move

Sebago Lake Rotary has changed its meetings back to Thursday noon, and will continue to meet at Rustlers Restaurant, 754 Roosevelt Trail/Rte. 302, Windham, ME.

Starting December 19, **Boothbay Harbor Rotary** will move to The Gallery, 102 Ocean Point Road, Boothbay Harbor, ME. Their meeting time is the same: Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm for social hour; 6:30 pm meeting begins.

Kittery Afterhours (provisional club) is meeting at 5:00 pm on Thursday evenings at Warren's Lobster House, 11 Water Street/US Route 1, Kittery, ME.

Upcoming Club Events



Kennebunk's Presidential 5K Road Race, Sat. Nov. 30, proceeds to benefit the club's scholarship fund. FMI: Lisa Lassey, lisa@kctoffice.org

Bethel's Sunday Santa at Sunday River, Sunday, Dec. 8 — proceeds benefit the Christmas for Children program. FMI: Irene McGrew, irene-mcgrew@gmail.com

Exeter Rotary Holiday Party, Monday Dec. 9, 6:00 pm at the Boulders, advance tickets: \$35. Wonderful objects and experiences to bid for... A fabulous way to begin the holidays with friends you know or friends you haven't met yet. FMI: Ann Scheiber, 603-770-2744

Sebago Lake 30th Anniversary, Saturday, Dec. 28, 5:00-7:00 at Rustler's Restaurant, Windham. The club is hosting a social with light refreshments and cash bar, and hopes to see old friends while celebrating a milestone moment. Rsvp: Cyndy Bell, cbell@keepmecurrent.com or 207-577-6654.



Mark Your Calendar

District Road trip to Lac Megantic December 13-15 — Deliver gifts and provide Christmas cheer to a community in need.

Mid Year Leadership Dinner: Monday, Jan. 27, 5:00 pm, Fireside Inn in Westbrook. Current club presidents, incoming presidents and 2015-16 vice presidents kick off plans for new Rotary year. Cost: \$32.

World Understanding and Peace Day: Saturday, Feb. 22 — Clubs are invited to "stuff the bus" for their local food pantries, then come out and celebrate at a "Frugal Feast" that evening.

District Assembly: Saturday, April 12 — Training and prep for club officers and directors at the Westbrook Middle School.

District Conference 2013: May 15-17 — Westin Portland Harborview (formerly the Eastland), Portland, ME. Come out to hear great speakers and celebrate all the success of the year!