

# The Toolb



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## APRIL GOVERNOR'S NOTES

April is Rotary Magazine Month. How are you sharing your Rotary magazine? You can bring it to your library, doctors office, any place that has a waiting area to share with people who may be interested in learning more about Rotary and our amazing projects.

Since I've been thinking about the District Conference so much, I Googled ideas and found this on the RI web site:

**Problem:** Member is unsure about attending district conference. You've asked a member to represent the club at this year's district conference. She is hesitant to accept. How do you convince her to attend?

### Responses from Rotarians:

Club leaders must "lead by example" in most Rotary matters, including this one. If club leaders are not attending, urging others to attend will not have the same credibility. Club leaders presumably have attended previous conferences and should take time to tell their club members what they enjoyed about it and why they continue to attend.

One of the most important events in any Rotarian's life should be the District Conference. This is the celebration of their club, district and Rotary's accomplishments that year, in addition to being a learning experience and renewal of friendships, along with making new friends. Make it a cultural practice that "you just gotta do it, it's so much fun" that makes it difficult for them to miss out. I have personally asked 100% of my club to be there for at least a portion of the conference. It's hard to turn down a direct request from a friend without an awfully good reason. Once there, they'll love you for it.

Attendance at district conference can be presented as a family (husband + spouse) activity. At a minimum members should be encourage to attend the district meeting (usually the 1st day). Club should assist with costs---problem for small clubs.

As a fairly new members we ( my fellow Rotarian spouse and I) have attended 2 district conferences. What got us going the first time? The enthusiasm of just a few members we had a connection with; it's contagious! Once we went we were hooked. The energy and the speakers, not to mention the hospitality suites, were amazing. There were so many like minded wonderful people attending.

You need to stress the fun they will have in making new friendships with other Rotarians in the District as well as being a great venue to learn about Rotary. During my year as Governor we provided a discount in the registration fee for new members and members attending their first conference which helped the attendance of new Rotarians. It is also important that existing members from their club join them in attending the conference. The conference committee should consider a breakout session for new Rotarians. Maybe the club can also help with some of the costs to attend the conference. Ask the member to make a presentation to the club about the conference.

What are your thoughts?

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## DISTRICT EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **April 6th – District Assembly**
- **May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – Multi-District Conference**
- **June 23<sup>rd</sup>-26th – RI Convention**

## CLUB EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- **April 7th – Pancake Breakfast** Sponsored by Schenectady East Rotary
- **April 14th – Chicken & Biscuit Dinner** Sponsored by Shenendehowa Rotary
- **April 19th – Albany Rotary's 100 Birthday!**
- **June 1<sup>st</sup> – Annual Wine & Beer Tour** Sponsored by Glenville Rotary
- **July 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> – Woodworking & Fine Arts Weekend** Sponsored by Northville Rotary
- **August 13<sup>th</sup> – Golf Tournament** Sponsored by Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary

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Schenectady East Rotary  
presents its *Annual*  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday April 7, 2013**  
**Adults \$6.00**  
**Children 5-12 \$4.00**  
**8:00 am - 12:30 pm**  
**ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIAN**  
1748 State Street, Schenectady  
To Benefit:  
Schenectady Inner City Ministry Food Pantry

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## SAVE THE DATE!

Glenville Rotary  
presents its *5<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
**Wine & Beer Tour**  
**Saturday June 1, 2013 \***  
Details to follow in the April Toolbox  
or contact Barb Wyllie at [bw4rotary@gmail.com](mailto:bw4rotary@gmail.com)  
or at 518/370-2214.

*\*This event is held every year on the first Saturday following Memorial Day Weekend. Many reservations are made a year in advance.*

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Shenendehowa Rotary  
presents its *6th Annual*  
**Chicken & Biscuit Dinner**  
**Sunday April 14th**  
**Adult dinners are \$10**  
**Seniors-\$8**  
**Children 10 & under-\$6**  
**4pm to 6pm**  
**Vischer Ferry Fire Station**  
360 Riverview Road, Rexford

Dinners are provided by Giffy's Bar-B-Q and include homemade chicken, vegetables and gravy over buttermilk biscuits served with mashed potatoes, tossed salad, dessert and beverage.

Proceeds will benefit the Mohawk Towpath Byway and will be used to tell the Byway's story and preserve local heritage. The Mohawk Towpath Byway is a series of local, county and state highways that follow the historic route of the Erie Canal.

Tickets may be purchased at Giffy's Bar-B-Q (373-9800) or Riverview Orchards (371-2174) or by emailing [shenendehowa.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:shenendehowa.rotary@gmail.com).

Shenendehowa Rotary is celebrating over fifty years as a service organization changing and saving lives in our community, through our professions, and throughout the world.

Shenendehowa Rotary meets every Thursday morning at 7:15m for breakfast at Coburg Village near the intersection of Grooms and Vischer Ferry Roads in Clifton Park.

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Northville Rotary  
presents its *5<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
**Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend**  
**Bradt Building, Northville**  
**Friday July 19th 5:30-8:30pm**  
**Saturday July 20th 9-5pm**  
**Sunday July 21st 10-3**  
**Admission is free**  
Any questions please contact Sue Owens at  
[sowens26@nycap.rr.com](mailto:sowens26@nycap.rr.com).

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## Hello District 7190 Rotarians:

### IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR THE LISBON CONVENTION

#### Register

Registration for the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, is open to Rotarians and the Family of Rotary.

Online registration is available through 15 June. After that date, you can only register on-site.

#### Registration fees

Register early and save! Get details on [convention fees and deadlines](#).

#### How to register

Find out [how to register for the convention](#). Online registration is fast, convenient and secure. You may also email, fax, or mail your registration.

### I have some very exciting news to share...and this is HOT OFF THE PRESS!

We have three speakers confirmed for Wednesday that we can now share and they are all ROCK STARS:

#### Dame Jane Goodall:

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

#### Celine Cousteau:

<http://celinecousteau.com/#main> or

<http://www.cleantuptheworld.org/en/Membership/celine-cousteau-.html>

#### Craig Kielbarger:

[http://www.freethechildren.com/about-us/our-story/?gclid=CM3S-JXSibYCFYSK4Aod\\_2wAXg](http://www.freethechildren.com/about-us/our-story/?gclid=CM3S-JXSibYCFYSK4Aod_2wAXg)

Also, here is more information about Carminho Fado, who will perform during the HOC's fado Night.

<https://www.facebook.com/CarminhoMusic>

<http://www.emimusic.de/carminho> -

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLEEC015C5FB581E94>

There is a group of us already signed up. YOU can be part of the FUN.

If you need help, contact me at 374-8891 or [bankr736@nycap.rr.com](mailto:bankr736@nycap.rr.com)

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Susan Austin, DGE

District 7190

District Governor 2013-14

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## SAVE THE DATE!

Rotterdam Sunrise Rotary  
presents its *Annual*  
**Tuesday August 13, 2013**  
**at Briar Creek Golf Club**  
in Princetown

Details of the day, Sponsor info and Registration information will be available soon.

The Chairperson for this year's event is Bill Mather. He can be reached at 518-690-0360.

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**PEACE THROUGH SERVICE**

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**A Sunny Reminder from your Editor:**

**Spring is Here!!!!**

*Spring has sprung  
The grass has ris'  
I wonder where the flowers is?*

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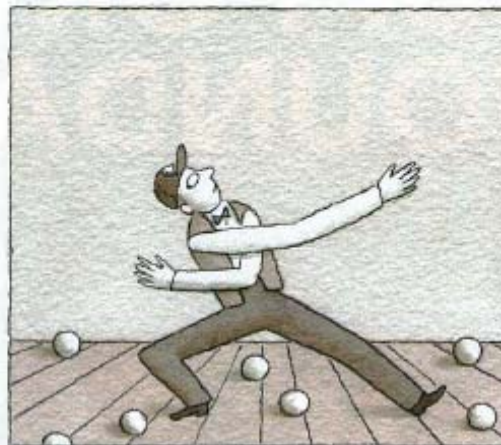
*Spring has sprung  
The boid is on the wing  
But that's absoid...  
The wing is on the boid!*

# REASONS TO LOVE ROTARY'S NEW GRANTS

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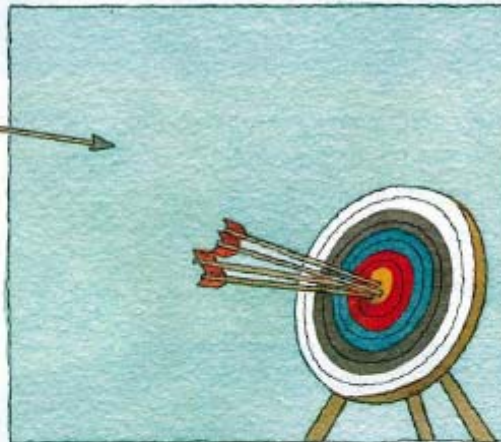
Grants funded all kinds of projects and activities...



...but without global coordination, many fell short.



Under Future Vision, global grants fund projects in six areas of focus...



...so the collective impact is far more powerful.

The Rotary Foundation's new grants  
will be available to clubs everywhere 1 July 2013.

[www.rotary.org/futurevision](http://www.rotary.org/futurevision)

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Ballston Spa, NY 12020



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 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club: \_\_\_\_\_

District:  7170  7190 Number of Attendees: Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

The conference opens Friday with an optional Golf outing from 11am to 4 pm at Turning Stone's premier golf course for \$115. Golf Registrations \_\_\_\_\_ (# of people) x \$115

**Single registrations:** \$200 until May 1st and \$225 thereafter  
**Buy 2 and SAVE:** \$375 until May 1st and \$425 thereafter

Conference fee includes Friday diner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast, plus all plenary sessions, breakouts and House of Friendship.

Teens and Children are welcome at the rate of \$140 (children under 5 are free)

Contact Turning Stone to make your room reservations: 800-771-7711 ask for Rotary Conference Rates.

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (make checks payable to your district)

**Mail To District Conference Registrar**

**Rotary District 7170**  
Cindy Burger, District Secretary  
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Binghamton, NY 13903  
c.burger@medsocieties.org  
Phone: 607-772-8493

**Rotary District 7190**  
Sandy McAlonie  
PO Box 523  
Clifton Park, NY 12065  
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518-339-9904 (w) 518-373-7047

You can also register online at [www.7190events.com](http://www.7190events.com) - program details will be added soon

