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"For last year's words belong to last year's language  
And next year's words await another voice.  
And to make an end is to make a beginning."

—T.S. Eliot

A new beginning, a new year and a new adventure..... and as we begin this journey together I want to wish you all a truly wonderful Rotary year ahead. I want to thank all of you who have worked hard to energize and grow Rotary in Zones 24 and 32. Congratulations to all the District Governors who now join the Past District Governor Club – you have been a stellar team to work with. A special thanks to all the Coordinators who supported the Districts and Clubs and spent many hours being a friend, a trainer and a strong resource. Thanks to PDG Marty Helman and Hans Granholm who have so diligently worked in putting together this Newsletter and getting my messages out to all of you.

Our Zones have faced challenges this past year with the Re-Zoning where we have gained new Districts and new friends; the further loss of members in many of our Districts; the challenge to adjust to the needs of the younger members we are adding to our clubs, and how to change our way of doing Rotary in this fast-paced world of today. We have also celebrated great successes. Our continued generosity to the Rotary Foundation in all its aspects – including PolioPlus– keeps us at the top of donor lists; the induction of 14 Canadian AKS members, the many Million Dollar Dinners and the continued work done by the Districts as they enter into Global and District Grants.

It was wonderful to catch up with so many of you at the International Convention in Atlanta. The Beyond Borders Dinner at the Aquarium was a fabulous success with 650 of us I (almost) swimming with the fishes!! Wasn't that an amazing Plenary session with the Polio pledges – \$1.2 billion counted! As Americans and Canadians we can be so proud of the way our governments have continued their support for this initiative. I hope you all had as much fun as I did.... Now onwards to Toronto in 2018!

In the coming year I am going to be asking everyone to continue the focus on growing our membership in innovative and flexible clubs, engaging our membership to do projects internationally and locally, and to continue to be generous to our Rotary Foundation. In addition – I will be asking the Districts to look at their carryover of DDF. In both Zones 24 and 32 there are Districts with large amounts of stored DDF that could be used for the good work of Rotary. When funds were donated to the Annual Fund – they were not donated to a savings account. They were donated to be spent on Rotary work.

hope to visit many of you through the year and look forward to sharing many of your special events with you.

*Dean*

## Clubs Chartered

Huge congratulations to Districts 7070 and 7430, both of which chartered two new clubs in 2016-17!

District 7430 had a District-wide goal to start two clubs, and its hardworking membership chair, Herb Klotz, credits success on three factors:

- ◆ Hard work with interested people in the respective communities who had a heart for service and were well connected.
- ◆ Taking full advantage of the flexibility options offered through the recent Council on Legislation.
- ◆ Using social media extensively to get the word out to interested parties.

It is also of note that no new e-clubs were formed this year. This continues what appears to be a marked decline in interest in e-clubs over the past few years.

The new clubs in our Zone 24-32 family are:

**Juneau 58 degree Innovators**, AK, D-5010; [www.juneau58rotary.org/](http://www.juneau58rotary.org/)

**Vancouver Mountainview**, BC, D-5040; <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/4225>

**Sun Peaks**, BC, D-5060; <http://rotaryclubofsunpeaks.org/>

**D7040 Passport Club**, ON, D-7040; <http://www.d7040passport.org/>

**Toronto Bay-Bloor**, ON, D-7070, <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/13760>

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## Rotary Leadership

### Looking Back, Moving Forward

*By Bryn Styles, Past RI Director, Past TRF Trustee*

It is so hard to believe that we are at the start of another Rotary year. Our Rotary leadership changes every year at this time from the Club President up to and including the President of RI. This change of leadership is seen as both a strength and a weakness of Rotary. New ideas and concepts versus continuity. I prefer to think of it as a strength. It allows Rotarians to enhance their leadership skills as they go through the different offices of Rotary. With proper planning and teamwork the continuity from year to year can continue in every club and district.

Zones 24 and 32 had a tremendous year in 2016-17.

Although I do not have the final numbers for Foundation support at the time of writing this article, the numbers year to date are outstanding. Zone 24 continues to be one of the lead Districts worldwide in PolioPlus with total contributions of cash and DDF exceeding US\$2.25 million. Zone 32 is also a strong supporter with over US\$1 million. When the Gates match is added, this is a contribution of almost US\$10 million toward polio eradication. Congratulations and THANK YOU! I would urge all Rotarians, clubs and Districts to continue to support our eradication effort. Full funding is required for three years after the last case of polio is identified. We cannot fail the children of the world. Imagine the celebration when the world is declared polio free!

Both Zones also strongly supported the other Foundation funds including the important Annual Fund which allows Districts to use DDF both locally and globally. Between both Zones over US\$6.6 million has been raised. The really good news is that June is the month when a large portion of the donations are sent to TRF, so that number should even more. Again, congratulations and THANK YOU!

I am very proud of "my" two Zones. Although Trustees do not specifically represent any one area of the Rotary world, I have a special affiliation to Zones 24/32. My term as Trustee ended on the 30 June 2017. Over the past three years I have enjoyed working with the Rotarians in both Zones as we strive toward a world of peace and understanding. Specifically, I want to thank the Foundation teams in both Zones headed by RRFs Ron Smith, Betty Screpnek and Duncan Conrad. These individuals plus their teams have done tremendous work in furthering the education of Rotarians about Our Foundation.



Thanks to all of you for your support of Our Foundation. Not only the financial support, but also the use of the programs of the Foundation. Every project that you do, no matter what size, makes the world better for someone. Like ripples on a pond, you never know how far your touch has gone.

THANK YOU!

## Rotarians Recognized

Rotarians across our two Zones were honored during the 2016-17 Rotary year with awards that represent their ongoing humanitarian service and achievements through Rotary. They are named here, along with the Rotary club and District. We honor their work and congratulate them on this recognition.

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### The Rotary International Service Above Self Award

Recipient must demonstrate exemplary humanitarian service with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement

**John Judson:** Harrisburg, PA, D-7390

**Mukund Nori:** North Branford, CT,  
D- 7980

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### The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service

**Dennis Dinsmore:** Clio, MI, D-6330

**Margaret Sennett:** Hanover, PA,  
D-7390

**Paul Muczynski:** Plains, PA, D-7410

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### Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World

Recipient must demonstrate outstanding contributions and board service in the final effort to eliminate polio.

**Stella Roy:** Halifax Harbourside,  
D-7820



## Jeffry's Journey

### Rotary Scrabble

For all of those for whom it is relevant, have a happy and safe July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Congratulations to all of the Governors who have now added a "P" in front of their DG. Oh, my. What an accomplishment. We hope that you are well satisfied with your year of service as a District Governor. And to those of you who have subtracted the "E" from behind your DG, our very best wishes for an incredible year ahead. It may not always be smooth sailing. (It's always something.) Rely on your training. Rely on your team at the district level. Most definitely stay mindful of all of the resources you have at the Zone level and at RI. Use them. Use us. That's what we're here for. Ready....GO.

Have fun with this year ahead. If you're not having fun, you can be sure those around you won't be. We accomplish more when we can have fun doing the serious work at hand that we do.

As we continue our Rotary Wheel of Fortune, our current Director, Dean Rohrs, has traded in two consonants and a vowel (RID) for two new consonants (VP). We're all proud of you, Dean! Each of us supports you in your year ahead of leadership on the RI Board of Directors. Enjoy this new part of YOUR journey.

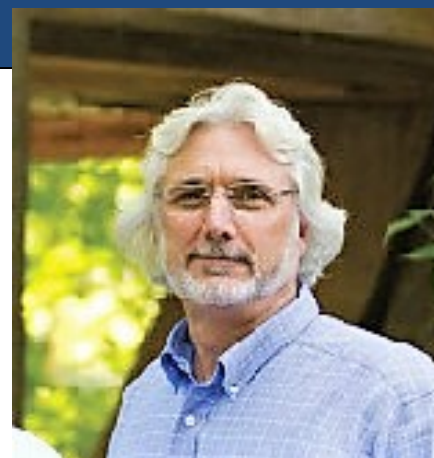
On my own journey, I bought a vowel. I have now replaced the "N" at the end of my RID with an "E". That means that, like you, I'm getting ready to be in Hartford this fall as Dean convenes her second Institute. If you have already registered, I can't wait to see you there with all of your new vowels and consonants. For those of you who have had the "P" in front of your DG for a fair amount of time now, we need you to be in Hartford. We need your experience, your insights and your fellowship to add value to all of us. If you haven't yet registered, what's up?? Don't be in the position of hearing how good Hartford was and regretting you did not overcome the inertia to get there. Once you have finished memorizing this newsletter....register! :-)

Something we hear often from Past officers is, "I never get asked to do something at Zone Institute." General Chair Michelle O'Brien, Vice Chair Nabil Oudeh and I are currently assembling the team that will plan and execute the Institute following Hartford in Montreal in September of 2018. If you want an assignment, let us know! We've already heard from some of you. The leadership team and division chairs will do their best to find a spot for you. We pledge to provide speakers and programs that will be worthy of your time. We get ahead of ourselves though. Register for Hartford! That team has the same goal.

Some describe Rotary as a winter sport. This whole changeover and restart in July each year catches many in the midst of summer vacations and other diversions. Each of us needs that time to recharge, disconnect, and revitalize. Don't be one of those, though that believes the Rotary year actually starts in September.

It's July. Ready....GO.

—Jeffry Cadorette, Zone 24-32 Director-elect  
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## International Convention

### Almost an Octopus' Garden

### At the Beyond Borders Dinner in Atlanta



A record crowd came (swam?) to the annual Zone 24-32 Beyond Borders dinner in Atlanta, held this year in the Oceans Ballroom of the Georgia Aquarium. Under the watching eyes of monster sharks and sting rays, we ate southern style — and enjoyed brief remarks from Director (now Vice President) Dean Rohrs and president-elect (now President) Ian Riseley. The annual toasts were offered by Director nominee (now elect) Jeffry Cadorette and past Directors Bryn Styles and Julia Phelps. Many, many thanks to the organizers, PDGs Irving Tolliver (D-7260) and Kevin Crosby (D-7090).





### It's Not Too Soon!

Heads up! The glow from Atlanta is still with us and already, RI has booked 10,000 pre-registrations for next year's convention in Toronto.

That's right: many of the choice hotels are no longer available! So act now: Call your favorite Toronto digs, check out AirB&B, or go to the official convention site: [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org) — but don't delay!



### Pack Your Jersey

One of the "can't miss" highlights of Toronto is the Hockey Hall of Fame — and that where next year's Beyond Borders Dinner will be held!

The Hall of Fame features an elaborate collection of hockey memorabilia and gear from across the globe, as well as interactive games, multimedia stations and exhibits on hockey's greatest players. You can take a selfie with Stanley — that's the Stanley Cup trophy, one of the most coveted prizes in professional sports!

What to wear? Organizer Ian Ferguson says to pack your jersey and show your hockey colors! Meanwhile, save the date:

**When: Sunday June 24, 2018**

**Where: Hockey Hall of Fame**

To register: <http://tinyurl.com/beyondborders2018>

See you in Toronto next year!

## International Convention

### Thirty Years in the Making:

### First Annual 'Women in Rotary' Celebration

*By Tory Paxson, Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor, District 7780*

On Tuesday, June 13, we sat down in a cool auditorium in the Carter Presidential Center in Atlanta, Ga, for the very first Women in Rotary event. The four of us sitting together — all women, all members of the Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor, Maine, all at our very first Rotary International Convention — were unaware of the impact this new event was about to have on us. But then, the lights began to dim.

It has only been a short 30 years since the landmark decision to allow women to join the ranks as Rotarians. Being only 27 years of age myself, this reality seems a bit absurd — all of these incredible, passionate and driven women I have met since joining Rotary have only had the space of my lifetime to catch up in leadership roles, in Rotary pride and projects? Really? And yet as lights shone down on our presenters, we felt that 30 years, while short, has been plenty of time for these women to shine.

Among the presenters was Nick Krayacich, a distinguished Rotarian himself from Ontario, who spoke from the male perspective of what it is like having two Rotarians in the family, and how he and 2016-17 Rotary vice president Jennifer Jones support each other. Charlotte Ahlberg, the Charter President of the first E-club in Sweden, has been perfecting the art of balance in life between family, work, personal time and Rotary, and opened new doors for those of us in the audience with the concept of Rotary online. Director (and 2017-18 vice president) Dean Rohrs, with her own stories of bucking the system and finding her Rotary family, was inspirational in her success of founding a new club when she found the old didn't feel like including a woman. Jennifer Scott of the Blue Mountains west of Sydney had us in fits of laughter with tales of tongue-in-cheek revenge that was also somehow kind and welcoming.



Last, but certainly not least, was Dr. Sylvia Whitlock. I won't deny my ignorance of the leadership of Rotary — before the convention in Atlanta, I probably could not have told you the Rotary International President's name! However, Sylvia I had heard about, and knew her incredible story. Dr. Whitlock came from the history-making "Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte," and was the first woman in the world to become a Rotary club president. We felt like we were at a moment in history when the award named after her was announced, an award for distinguished women in Rotary. The first recipient of the award — after Sylvia herself, of course — is Carolyn Jones, the first woman Trustee of Rotary, who hails from District 5010. I look forward to seeing this award grow in both distinction and prominence over the years.

After the program itself, I was lucky enough to bump into Dr. Whitlock during the dinner reception — she was warm, genuine, and more than a bit of a firecracker, and she posed with me for a selfie that I will cherish. In a giant convention filled with incredible moments, this one moment will always stand out for me: sitting with Sylvia, and hearing her advice to this new Rotarian, one who aims to be just as much of a firecracker.



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## International Convention

### \$1.2 Billion In Pledges To Reach the End-Game in Polio



Polio is on the brink of eradication, and at the International Convention in Atlanta, nations from around the world and key donors pledged more than \$1 billion to energize the global fight to end the paralyzing disease (see list of pledges, this page).

The historic pledges of new funds will go toward drastically shrinking the \$1.5 billion gap in the funding that the partners of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative say is needed to reduce polio cases to zero worldwide. Just five cases have been reported this year, the lowest number in history.

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said ending polio would be one of the world's greatest achievements.

"Polio is the thing I spend the most time on. Every day I look at my email to see if we have a new case," Gates said. "I'm very inspired to be part of this. I'm also very humbled."

Rotary International President John F. Germ announced that Rotary would increase its commitment and raise \$50 million per year over the next three years. Rotary has raised more than \$1.7 billion to fight the disease since 1985.

"Right now, every time a new case is identified, it really could be the last one the world ever sees," Germ said.

Gates told the crowd that, starting 1 July, his foundation will extend its 2-to-1 match to cover up to \$50 million in donations to Rotary for each of the next three years. The match and donations to Rotary would add up to \$150 million per year over the next three years, which with the match will mean \$450 million going to the fight.

The new funding will be spent on polio eradication efforts including disease surveillance, responses to any outbreaks, and the vaccination of more than 400 million children annually.

### Donor Class: Taking the Fight to the Finish!

\$450 million: <i>Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation</i>	\$2 million: <i>Korea Foundation for International Healthcare/Community Chest of Korea</i>
\$154.7 million: <i>Pakistan</i>	\$1.7 million: <i>United Nations Foundation/Shot@Life</i>
\$150 million: <i>Rotary International</i>	\$1.03 million: <i>Switzerland</i>
\$134.6 million: <i>Nigeria</i>	\$500,000: <i>Luxembourg</i>
\$75 million: <i>Canada</i>	\$514,000: <i>UNICEF USA</i>
\$61.4 million: <i>European Commission</i>	\$330,000: <i>Monaco</i>
\$55 million: <i>Japan</i>	\$130,000: <i>New Era Educational and Charitable Foundation</i>
\$30 million: <i>United Arab Emirates</i>	\$60,000: <i>Turkey</i>
\$30 million: <i>Dalio Foundation</i>	\$30,000: <i>Malta</i>
\$25 million: <i>Bloomberg Philanthropies</i>	\$20,000: <i>Spain</i>
\$15 million: <i>Anonymous donor</i>	\$20,000: <i>Accenture Interactive, USA</i>
\$11.2 million: <i>Germany</i>	
\$5 million: <i>easyJet</i>	
\$5 million: <i>Italy</i>	
\$4 million: <i>Korea</i>	

## Making “Fingerprints” in the Fight Against Polio

By Stella Roy, Zone 24 East Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator.

Last year, In celebration of World Polio Day, Rotary Clubs in six communities in northern Maine came together for the fifth straight year to host Purple Pinkie Project stations around the region. Volunteers were on hand to color the pinkies of anyone willing to donate \$1 toward Rotary International’s “End Polio Now” campaign.

“The Purple Pinkie Project was well received by the students and staff at Mars Hill’s schools,” Edward Wright, project lead for the Rotary Club of Mars Hill, said. “It was important that we explained what polio is, and how they could each help another child to be protected from this dreadful disease. We gave them an opportunity to help, and that is what Rotary is all about.”

This year, the clubs hoped to raise more than \$4,400 for that global effort—the most ever raised in this area during the celebration.

At one of the schools visited on Oct. 24, Rotarians received a very special gift—a check for \$250 from Mason Allen and his family. Mason’s grandfather, Kenny Allen, had polio as a child. The family explained that people don’t seem to be as familiar as they used to be with the disease, so when they heard about the



Purple Pinkie Project, they wanted to help make an impact. They said their donation was their way of supporting the cause and helping to put an end to a disease that affected Mason’s “pappy.”

The first annual World Polio Day and Purple Pinkie Project event in the District, held back in 2012, saw an estimated 1,000 people in the community participate and initially raised \$1,250. An anonymous donation of \$1,000, however, pushed the fundraising total to well above \$2,000. Last year’s event raised more than \$2,500 and saw an even greater number of community members participate.

“As Sergeant-at-Arms of the Rotary Club of Limestone and Instructor at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, I am particularly proud of our student collaboration in promoting our fundraiser,” Larry Berz said. “Both students from MSSM as well as the Limestone Community School showed ample energy and ongoing effort in soliciting contributions towards the eradication of polio globally.”

And so the fight continues: “The Caribou Rotary Club will continue with our drive year-round instead of one hard push,” Steve Mazerolle, who oversees polio eradication efforts for the Caribou club, said. “We will keep the eradication of Polio on our minds, and the children in our hearts.”

*To learn more about the event, please visit [www.umpi.edu/worldpolioday](http://www.umpi.edu/worldpolioday).*



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## Young Professionals

### Exchange Students Bring Us Together

*By Dino Marzano, Assistant PolioPlus Coordinator, Zone 24 East*

Did you ever visit a country other than your own?

A country where the water is not water you can drink? Where you are not able to speak with people because you do not know their language? Where the temperature is uncomfortably hot or cold? Where you are not able to understand the signs you see on the street?

During your trip: Did you connect to your family by e-mail? Did you visit schools which did not have books or benches or even classrooms? Did you visit hospitals to see if they had the medicines and equipment the doctors needed? Did you notice the quality of the water in rivers or lakes?

During your trip, you may also have seen the impact of Rotary's six areas of focus: Promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies. And when you returned from your journey — as happens to me when I travel to Africa on a polio immunization trip — you probably had fresh eyes to realize the importance of the humanitarian work you do.

But what you probably haven't considered is that, during your trip outside your own country and outside your comfort zone, for a short time you have a chance to imagine what it is like to be a boy or girl participating in Rotary's youth exchange program!

For one year, our high school youth exchange students leave their countries and their families and everything they know and travel to an unknown destination. Like you during your trip, these boys and girls discover a new community, learn a new language and customs, and make new friends.

Depending upon where they grew up and their new destination, some will discover the liberty to speak out freely or wear clothes of their own selection. And in any case, they will make friends who will be different from anyone they have ever previously known.

And then they will return to their home country, with new experiences, new ways of looking at the world, and maybe, new aspirations.

The rest of us need to say, "congratulation and thank you!" to these students who choose to go to an unknown place to learn and share.

Because a visit to your country may decide their future. And in the future, your country will become part of their own.



Dino Marzano makes a new friend during an NID to Mali.



### Good Enough Isn't Good Enough Any More

By Michelle O'Brien, Zone 24 West Assistant Public Image Coordinator

Good enough just isn't good enough on the web these days. Google now processes over 40,000 search queries every second on average, which translates to over **3.5 billion** searches per day and **1.2 trillion** searches per year worldwide.

In District 5010, we quickly realized that we were receiving an average of three membership inquiries per week via the RI website. How did these people find us? They Googled us, and they Googled clubs in their area of interest.

Very quickly after realizing the power of this "free" membership opportunity, we decided that we should allocate dollars to revamping our website to be "outward facing." What this means is that we changed our entire design to be attractive to those who might be Googling "Rotary in Alaska" and not just a site that simply served as a tool for our own members. After all, our own members are ALREADY Rotarians. While our members still need information and tools to be engaged in Rotary, we also needed to actively tell our story to the public as an organization that portrays Rotary in Alaska as a change maker, a fun organization, and one that encompasses many different types of people—not just the stereotypical Rotarian.

We are a successful social impact organization, so everyone needs an engaging website that doesn't just get people to look at it, but it also gets people involved. With the right features, your District's website can be a portal through which people learn about, interact with, and support Rotary.

So, think about it. For a nominal investment of around \$1500 or by using a volunteer, you could actually create change in membership. For us, this has translated into District 5010 (according to RI staff) being one of the top Districts for turning inquiries into members, and District 5010 has led the way in membership growth year to date in Zones 24 and 32.

When you start thinking of your website as a potential generator of membership, PR, and partnerships, the importance of keeping your site updated and user-friendly becomes apparent. If you



District 5010's homepage: It ain't your father's Clubrunner any more.

have a mediocre website with mediocre content, you will get a mediocre response from visitors. But if you have a website that illuminates our cause, conveys our impact, and touches visitors, you will have a powerful recruiting and fundraising tool available 24 hours a day.

The average web searcher spends three seconds before deciding to move on or stay, so your photos should be attractive and fun. The available tabs should highlight what people would want to know. Ours are: Lead, Youth, Our Causes, Join. The secondary tabs offer tools for current Rotarians to gain information that they might want, yet non-members may not understand, such as RYLA and Leadership Academy.

Reach out to us at [mobrien@kpunet.net](mailto:mobrien@kpunet.net), and we'd be happy to share the name of our designer. In the meantime, go and check out our page: <http://rotarydistrict5010.org/>

## Calendar of Events

**October 16-22, 2017** — Zone Institute, Hartford, CT. <http://bit.ly/2017zone>.

**November 11, 2017:** Rotary UN Day.  
*Please note that activities that normally take place on this day in New York City will take place in Geneva this year.*

**January 14-20, 2018** — International Assembly, San Diego, CA.

**February 9-11, 2018** — Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Environmental Sustainability, Vancouver, BC. <https://environmentandpeace.com/>

**February 17** — Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Beirut, Lebanon. <http://rotaryd2452.org/waterconf/>

**Feb 22-24** — Mid-Atlantic PETS, Valley Forge Casino Resorts, King of Prussia, PA.

**Saturday, February 24**—Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Disease Prevention and Treatment, Coventry, England. [www.rotarygbi.org/peacebuilding-conference-2018/](http://www.rotarygbi.org/peacebuilding-conference-2018/)

**Feb 23-25**— Pacific Northwest PETS, DoubleTree Hotel, Seattle, WA.

**Mar 8-10** — Northeast PETS, Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center, Framingham, MA. [www.nepets.org](http://www.nepets.org)

**Saturday, March 17**—Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Economic and Community Development, Sydney, AU. <http://rippc2018.com.au/>

**March 23-24** — Mid-Northeast PETS, Hanover Marriott, Whippany, NJ.

**Saturday, April 28**—Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Maternal and Child Health, Taranto, Italy. [www.rotaryitalia.it/presidentialconference/](http://www.rotaryitalia.it/presidentialconference/)

**Saturday, June 2** — Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Basic Education and Literacy, Chicago, IL. [www.rotaryliteracy.org/](http://www.rotaryliteracy.org/)

**Sunday, June 24** — Beyond Borders Dinner, the Hockey Hall of Fame, <http://tinyurl.com/beyondborders2018>

## Zone Institute

### Calling all Young Professionals:

### Rotary Now!

#### Encourage Young Professionals to Enhance Their Rotary Experience at the 2017 Zones 24 & 32 Institute

This year, the Rotary Zones 24 & 32 Institute will once again offer an ideal opportunity for young professionals in your District or Rotary Club to enhance their leadership skills, to make a difference and change the world, as well as to meet fellow young professionals. PDG Drew Kessler (D-7210) is again offering **Rotary Now**, a Forum for Young Professionals, October 19-21 during the Zone Institute in Hartford, CT.

Young Professionals from across Canada and the northeastern United States are invited to attend Rotary Now to help shape the future of our organization. Highlights include:

- ◆ Learning about Rotary Means Business – how to start a chapter in your District.
- ◆ Getting your hands dirty with a local service project.
- ◆ Networking with fellow Young Professionals.
- ◆ Meeting RI President Ian Riseley.
- ◆ Participating in keynote presentations at the Zone Institute with senior Rotary Leaders.
- ◆ Identifying steps to take action following the Forum.
- ◆ Having FUN!

The cost of the forum is US\$250, which includes the two inspiring days of Forum sessions and speakers, meals and materials. The session opens on Thursday, October 19 with 6:30 pm registration followed by dinner. The forum will continue on Friday, October

20 from 8:00 am through 10 pm and Saturday, October 21 from 8:00 am to 12 pm. Lodging is at the Hartford Marriot Downtown adjacent to the Conference Center (\$185/night for two nights shared accommodation) or at the nearby Hampton Inns and Suites, a half-mile from the venue (\$131/night for two nights shared accommodation).

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