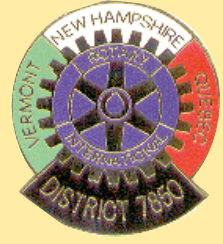


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THE NEWS OF ROTARY CLUBS IN DISTRICT 7850



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ROTARY CELEBRATES 110 YEARS ON FEBRUARY 23 WHAT CAN *YOU* DO TO *LIGHT UP ROTARY*!

Dear Rotarians,

On 23 February, our organization celebrated its 110th anniversary.

Ask yourself this question: *"How will I help the Rotary movement, which has brought so much peace, education, and health improvement to millions around the world, to continue to gain strength here in North America where the movement was born?"*

Remember that our district was BORN as an international district. The oldest club in our district is the Rotary Club of Sherbrooke, Quebec, celebrating its centennial in 2019. What an honor we have to be tasked with maintaining the internationality that models Rotary's dream of world peace right here in our own district!

As we enter Rotary's 111th year, ask what *YOU* can do to enrich your own life through service to your club, your community, to youth, to your vocation, and to people in need around the world.

How will you bend your definition of what it means to be a good Rotarian in order to attract the good works of others who may be less enthusiastic about a 2½ hour mid-day weekly meeting, or who find the tradition of forced fines or raffle-ticket purchasing or sarcastic insults to be onerous?

Will your club continue to favor what you learned as "tradition" over the flexibility it will take to experiment with a new path or two in order to welcome those whose primary social connections are through electronic devices,



or will you remain prejudiced against them and lose the opportunity to learn and grow into the future?

Will you reach out to those recently retired from fulltime work who now seek to make a meaningful contribution to those less fortunate now that their time is more their own and the constant worry over earnings has diminished? Yes, retirees and spouses can make excellent Rotarians, too.

As we face together the final months of our *Light Up Rotary!* year together, let's make a vow to not let Rotary's light fade. Bring in a new member. Mentor him/her through the first six months. Seek to involve him/her immediately in a meaningful service activity. Encourage him/her to meet new Rotarians by changing tables together at each meeting until everyone is known by first names. Dig down to understand his/her personal service motivation and discover how to connect with Rotary's pathway toward accomplishment in that service.

Let's sail together toward the district conference 28-31 May at Stowe/Flake with all flags flying, with membership on the rise, with service projects at all levels moving forward, and with peace and understanding for the world in our hearts. ***Sign up to attend before 1 April to become eligible for a grand prize!***

To read a blog about the 110th anniversary, please go to (<http://blog.rotary.org/2015/02/23/clubs-celebrate-rotarys-anniversary-30-years-of-polioplus/>).

– District Governor Bruce Pacht

Town of Lac-Mégantic Recovery Project

Since the disaster of exploding oil cars destroyed the entire downtown of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, on July 6, 2013, killing more than 50 persons, the Rotary Club of Sherbrooke, on behalf of District 7850, has worked to discover how best we might help.

Sherbrooke is the administrative center of the region in which Lac-Mégantic is located; many in Sherbrooke have friends and relatives in Lac-Mégantic.

Relief funds arrived quickly from Canada and around the world to provide emergency shelter, food and clothing. Assistance also came from D7790 in which Lac-Mégantic is located, though there is no longer a Rotary club in the town.



Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, before July 6, 2013, when an unattended 74-car freight train carrying Bakken formation crude oil ran away and derailed, resulting in a massive fire.

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Today, Sherbrooke has identified an appropriate project for the district: equipping the town's relocated and re-established Youth Center.



Lac-Mégantic, Quebec after the fires were put out. More than 30 buildings in the city's center were destroyed, representing roughly half of the downtown core.

The total project is envisioned as costing \$25,500 CN. District 7850 has appropriated \$5,000 US toward the cost and the Rotary Club of Sherbrooke is issuing a challenge of \$5,000 to clubs in the district. Additional information on the specific proposal is available through Philippe Leblond (philleblond@icloud.com).

The Rotary Club of Sherbrooke will provide \$1 for every \$2 donation received above \$500 from Rotary clubs in D7850, up to a maximum of \$300 per donation, and \$5,000 total.

Here's how it works:

Donation	Match	Total
< or = \$500	\$0	\$500
\$1,000	\$250 (1:2 on the \$500 over \$500)	\$1,250
\$1,100	\$300 (1:2 on the \$600 over \$500)	\$1,400
\$1,500 or more	\$300	\$1,800
\$2,000	\$300	\$2,300

District 7850 urges each individual club to donate toward the effort by sending a check to the club's treasurer, made out to "Rotary Club of Sherbrooke – Lac Mégantic Project":

Genevieve Soucy-Ouelette, 2557, rue Argenson, Sherbrooke, QC, J1J, 1P5, CANADA. Thank you very much.

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Register **Now** to Attend the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

District 7850 RLI coordinator Kiki Leech

(French-speakers please note: Classes at this RLI session will be conducted in English only.)

Why now?

1. You may reserve your spot now and pay later;
2. A lack of early registration sometimes forces classes to be cancelled;
3. We need to know the number of attendees in order to arrange sufficient volunteer facilitators;
4. Facilitators need to make hotel and travel arrangements.

As District 7850's Rotary Leadership Institute Coordinator, I personally invite you to consider advancing your Rotary knowledge by enrolling in RLI Part I, II, or III. We plan also to offer the graduate level course, which has a new curriculum for 2015.

RLI is the perfect opportunity for new Rotarians not only to gain greater understanding of Rotary, but also to network. From personal experience, I can say that the networking has given my club opportunities to learn about programs and activities from other clubs in the district.

Cost: \$75.00 – most clubs cover Rotarians' cost of attendance; D 7850 will reimburse clubs for up to two attendees – see details below.

When: Saturday, April 11, 2015

Where: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Hospital, Lebanon, NH

Registration: 7:30–8:00 a.m. (breakfast is 7:30-8:30 a.m.)

Introductions: 8:00–8:30 a.m.

Program: Begins 8:30 a.m.

Food: Breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks are provided.

Program details are available on the RLI website:

<http://rlinea.org/>

District 7850 will reimburse up to two (2) registration fees per club. Club presidents must indicate who from their club will be attending and ensure that the person pre-registers by 1 April. Clubs pay registration fees to RLI; clubs will receive reimbursement by the district after the person attends on April 11. An officer of the club must complete a district reimbursement form attaching proof of payment of the RLI fee for each participant. Late registrations will incur an additional \$10 late fee and are not guaranteed space in a class.

Why register early? Minimum and maximum class sizes drive the number of facilitators and the classroom space. Registering early helps us plan so that all who wish to partake of the training will receive it. We have had situations where folks waited to the last minute to register only to discover that their desired session had been cancelled due to low registration; or worse, they arrived as a "walk-in" to discover no space, no materials, or no class.

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Payment: Payments not made on line must be in the form of cash or check. Registrations received after April 1 will be subject to a \$10 late fee. Club checks must be received prior to start of class. Club checks mailed to RLI but not received by the start of class run the risk of student refusal. If in doubt, bring a personal check with you. Credit/Debit cards are not accepted at the training site on April 11.

As a courtesy, and in recognition of our busy calendars, I will gladly send folks who pre-register a friendly e-mail reminder one week before class to let them know if money is still due.

Register Now:

<http://www.rlinea.org/Registration.htm>

Any questions? Don't hesitate to contact me,
Kiki Leech, by calling (315) 783-5932
or via email at: cateringbykiki@yahoo.com.

Canadian National Flag Day Celebrated 15 February 2015



PM Stephen Harper announced the following awards:

"In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our national flag, our Government is giving this proud Canadian symbol to 50 Canadians and organizations who have contributed significantly to the well-being of our citizens. The flags are being given to:

"#40. The Rotary Clubs of Canada, in recognition of Canadian Rotarians' dedication to 'service above self' and their efforts to save mothers and children, provide clean water, support education and fight disease."

**Don't miss the Conference**

Eric Denu of the Middlebury Rotary Club, Conference Chair 2015, would love to see 100% of District 7850 Rotary Clubs send members to the Conference at Stowe in May. It is promised to be a valuable experience for all. **You are all invited!**

Montpelier Rotary Runs "Backpack" Program

Montpelier Vermont Rotary is helping to curb hunger in its own community. The club's "backpack" program provides food directly to elementary school children whom the club suspects will be hungry during weekends, when school-provided breakfasts and lunches are not available. Approximately one-third of the school's students fall into this group.

The club purchases healthy foods – canned tuna, oatmeal, canned corn, breakfast biscuits, peanut butter and other foods totaling 7-8 items. Once each month, a group of Rotarians meet at the local food pantry to fill the 140 bags needed for the next month and deliver the bags to the elementary school, where the school stores them until time for distribution. Each week, a school volunteer discreetly packs one bag of food into each child's backpack, so they are sure to have plenty of solid nourishment over the weekend.



Rotarians Dave Rubel (left) and John Maddox pack food.



L-R: Rob Lehmert, Eun-Young Denny, John Maddox, Bill Pinchbeck, Colin Tait, Dona Bate (green sweater), President Dawn Provost, David Kelley, and Dave Rubel. In front with blue shirt is Theresa Murray-Clasen of Just Basics, who is helping with food distribution.

Thirty-five children receive this assistance. The club budgets \$266 per week for the program; the club pays a small stipend to an onsite coordinator at the school.

"This program is relatively inexpensive for a small club if you do your research on food pricing," said Dawn Provost, Montpelier Rotary Club president. "But we think it's worth it and has a deep impact on our community," she said. She noted that the club works with the local food pantry to purchase the items and also shops at Costco. The club is using its own funds as well as a donation from the Community National Bank and the Vermont State Employees Credit Union to help support the project. The club will continue to do fundraising to support it, including through its newly-created Mud Season Raffle, set for May 1.

The club began the packing of bags on December 29 for the pilot distribution of the bags on January 9 and plans to continue the program through the end of the school year. The last Monday of every month Rotarians meet to pack the bags; so far the club has had two packing sessions and completed the task in 30-45 minutes.

"This is truly a community and team effort between Rotarians, the local food pantry, and the local elementary school," Provost said.



Montpelier Rotarian Eun-Young Denny.

Plymouth Rotarians Update Club on Friends of the Pemi

Harsh winter weather conditions have cancelled many community activities, but the weather hasn't stopped the forward motion of the Friends of the Pemi in Plymouth, NH, as the group continues its efforts to improve Livermore Falls and the areas along the Pemigewasset River corridor.

Plymouth Rotarians Ken Evans and Walter Johnson, co-chairs of the Friends, have continued to meet with



Ken Evans (l) and Walter Johnson.

state officials from the department of resources and economic development (DRED), along with other concerned citizens. The co-chairs gave the Plymouth Rotary Club an update on recent progress on the project.

First, Evans and Johnson summarized the Friends' successes during the summer of 2014. After holding several beach cleanup days, the Rotarians used Rotary district grant funds and various matching gifts to purchase and install grills and picnic tables. Following the installation, the Plymouth Rotarians and the Friends held a celebratory barbecue on the beach. The town of Holderness provided a full-time attendant throughout the summer, and Friends members occasionally greeted visitors and spoke with them about their plans for the area. The Friends observed a noticeable positive change in the type of visitors coming to the site and counted well over 5,000 people on the Holderness side of Livermore Falls during the summer months.

Members also established a governance structure for the Friends, including committees to explore the historical, recreational, and environmental aspects of the project, along with an executive and communications committee

to convey the group's activities to the greater community-at-large. Now that the organizational structure is set, the Friends are planning further improvements in 2015 and are looking for continued community involvement.

The Friends are pleased to have received excellent support from Phil Bryce, the director of parks and recreation for DRED, and from state representatives. Director Bryce has recommended that any funds that might come to the division of parks as a result of the settlement from the Grotton Wind Farm should be designated for Livermore Falls. DRED plans to provide staffing on the property next summer. The state agencies have almost completed a design for construction of a parking lot on the Holderness side of the river. Also, a state consultant is in the process of completing a resource study by the end of February, and an engineering study is underway for the Campton side of the river, which saw extensive erosion this past spring.

Evans and Johnson offered detailed plans for the work ahead including: further development of a website and a presence on social media, additional fundraising for interpretive signage and new kiosks, and development of a volunteer calendar to provide a docent-like presence at the site. Plans are in the works for a monthly event at Livermore Falls beginning next May. After receiving the reports from the state consultants on resources and engineering possibilities, the Friends hope to make informed strategic decisions about possible improvements for the Campton side of the Pemi. As the state works on a memorandum of understanding for Friends' activities and on the final designs for the parking lot, the Friends of the Pemi plan to hold another celebration event for the entire community at the end of the 2015 summer season.

For more information, contact the Friends through their website, www.livermorefalls.org, or like them on Facebook at "Friends of the Pemi – Livermore Chapter."

Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) with Australia

Dick Podolec and Sue Donnelly are chairing the district's Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) committee. A group from District 7850 visited New Orleans this year, and the New Orleans hosts will be returning to visit our district during fall, 2015.

Dick is now coordinating and planning a 14-day RFE trip to Australia for early March of 2016 and is looking for 10-12 people from the District to take the trip.

He has received the following information from District 9640 near Brisbane, Australia:

Rotary District 9640 is a very beautiful part of Australia straddling two states – Queensland and New South Wales. It is 250km from north to south and 400km east to west, covering a total area of 80,000 sq km.

Our district includes a diversity of landscapes, climate, industries, and, of course, Rotary clubs. On the east, it is bounded by the South Pacific coastal strip of some of the best surf beaches in Australia, from the famous Gold Coast in the north to Grafton in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales. The adjacent hinterland contains subtropical rainforests in UNESCO World Heritage-listed National Parks. Our district includes the table-

lands of the Great Dividing Range, New England tablelands, and the Granite Belt from Glen Innes to Warwick, containing peaks to 1200 meters. Western slopes extend to Goondiwindi and contain the headwaters of the giant Murray-Darling River system.

These local tourism Web pages give an idea of the area:

<http://www.visitgoldcoast.com/>

<http://destinationtweed.com.au/>

www.gleninnestourism.com

Side trips to Cairns and the Great Barrier Reef, Sydney, other Australian cities, or even New Zealand will be easy to add, either before or after the two week RFE, during which we will be staying in the homes of our Rotary hosts.

Anyone in District 7850 who is interested in receiving more information may contact Dick Podolec at (603) 643-2449 or at dickpodolec@comcast.net. He will provide additional information at the District Training Assembly on 28 March and at the District Conference 28-31 May at Stoweflake Resort & Spa, Stowe, VT.

Newport Puts the "Fun" in Fundraising

To mix fun and fellowship with fundraising, the Rotary Club of Newport, Vermont, hosted its second fundraiser of the year to raise money for the Rotary Foundation. The club's formula to put the "fun" in fundraising is as follows. At the home of a Rotarian who hosts the evening and provides the entrée, other members are invited to join in with a designated theme or activity. Members of the Foundation committee provide hors d'oeuvres and salads, and members of the membership committee provide desserts. All club members are asked to think about what they might otherwise spend on an evening out and consider making that donation to the Rotary Foundation.

So on 11 February, President Frank Knoll and his wife, Alicia, hosted members of the Newport Club at their home with a Valentine's Day theme, including handmade corsages and boutonnieres for everyone.

But imagine the puzzlement of members, as they moved between rooms drinking wine or beer and munching on yummy hors d'oeuvres, to find bizarre photos of semi-recognizable people displayed around the house. What the Rotarians didn't know was that their fellow Rotarian, computer-savvy Paul Monette, had collected photographs of every club member on his computer and then had Photoshopped each one in order to take one Rotarian's hair, blend it with another's eyes, and a third Rotarian's mouth. The result was some truly interesting-looking people! These oh-so-attractive photos were printed in an 8x10 format and hung on the walls in President Frank's home. As one unsuspecting Rotarian quipped before he understood what these photos were about, "Wow, Frank and Alicia really have some ugly family members!"

After dinner, Rotarians were divided into teams of three to wander among the eight composite photos to see which team could identify the Rotarians featured in each one. It's difficult to remember when there was an evening more replete with joking and laughter!

To top it off, the Newport Club has raised nearly \$4,500 for the Foundation with just two Rotary Foundation dinner parties, truly putting the "fun" in fundraising. And who said there's no such thing as a free lunch? The prize for the winning team was a free Rotary lunch!



Successful Pie-for-Breakfast Fundraiser



Members of Cambridge Area Rotary (CAR) raised more than \$1,200 at their Pie-for-Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday, January 24. The funds support CAR's service outreach within and beyond its community, including activities such as dictionary and thesaurus distribution to students at Cambridge Elementary School (CES) and Waterville; the Winter Wellness Program for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders at CES; and the Cambridge food shelf.

President of Drummondville-Malouin Rotary Organizes Event and Raises CN \$ 27,000 for Canadian Cancer Society



On February 11, President Martin Poissant (left above) organized the fourth edition of "Boys Night Out" to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society. Martin gathered 300 men in a Drummondville sports bar for a conference on the prevention of cancers particular to men. He says, "We had fun, and our silent auction helped raise CN \$27,000 net."



**Come to the District 7850 Annual Conference
May 28-31 in beautiful Stowe, Vermont,
and enjoy Rotary Fellowship and Fun!**

Excellent Turnout at Membership Seminar

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
Past District Governor,
Sonny Holt



District Governor Bruce welcomed 37 Rotarians representing 20 clubs at the district's second membership development seminar held in Burlington on February 7. Only 14 clubs in the district have NOT yet participated in a membership seminar. Thanks to Governor-elect Louisa for arranging the program at the Sheraton. The working lunch was one of the best we've had.



The theme of the seminar was "Value" – how to determine the "value quotient" of your club, and how to take corrective measures to increase that quotient. A number of handouts were distributed including the following:

1. Club member survey
2. SPOKES Program for new members
3. Attraction/Recruitment of Young Professionals and Family Members
4. Bring a Guest to a Meeting (a recruitment method)
5. Building a Satellite Club in 3 Easy Steps
6. Be a Vibrant Club
7. PDG Sonny's book of funny stories.

A number of attendees also requested copies of "Rotary Minutes" and "Inspirational Readings" for use at their clubs.

Club Membership Standings

Membership Status: From May to February, many clubs continued to lose members. Only eight clubs in the district have shown a net gain, with St. Albans leading the pack with a net gain of 10 members.

Many clubs show substantial losses. If any of those clubs would like to receive additional help on membership matters, the district leadership team would be glad to visit with you and your members to discuss possible solutions.

There will be one more membership seminar presented at the District Training Assembly at Lyndon State College 28 March 2015.

Congratulations to the top three clubs achieving the highest percentage net gain in membership: St. Albans, Burlington Sunrise, and Colchester-Milton.

Please see the chart at the right . . .

Clubs	May 26, 2014	Feb 14, 2015	net gain / loss	% gain / loss
Barre	29	25	4	-13.8%
Boundary	21	15	6	-28.6%
Bristol	15	16	1	6.7%
Burlington	59	56	3	-5.1%
Burlington Sunrise	18	21	3	16.7%
Cambridge Area	36	36	0	0.0%
Central VT	14	8	6	-42.9%
Charlotte-Shelburne	54	54	0	0.0%
Colchester-Milton	45	48	3	6.7%
Drummondville	30	27	3	-10.0%
Drummondville Malouin	25	23	2	-8.0%
Essex	57	53	4	-7.0%
Greater Sherbrooke	9	9	0	0.0%
Hanover	99	90	9	-9.1%
Lancaster	35	32	3	-8.6%
Lebanon	43	42	1	-2.3%
Lebanon/Riverside	28	23	5	-17.9%
Lincoln-Woodstock	38	36	2	-5.3%
Littleton	59	55	4	-6.8%
Lyndonville	26	25	1	-3.8%
Middlebury	41	43	2	4.9%
Montpelier	60	50	10	-16.7%
Morrisville	16	13	3	-18.8%
Newport	47	43	4	-8.5%
North Conway	55	54	1	-1.8%
Northfield	21	21	0	0.0%
Ossipee	26	23	3	-11.5%
Plymouth	36	30	6	-16.7%
Randolph Noon	34	33	1	-2.9%
Randolph Sunrise	18	17	1	-5.6%
Saint-Hyacinth	12	12	0	0.0%
Sherbrooke	44	47	3	6.8%
South Burlington	50	42	8	-16.0%
St. Albans	41	51	10	24.4%
St. Johnsbury	59	60	1	1.7%
Stowe	68	65	3	-4.4%
Valley - Mad River	57	57	0	0.0%
Vergennes	19	19	0	0.0%
Waterbury	43	42	1	-2.3%
White Mt.	12	9	3	-25.0%
Williston-Richmond	37	32	5	-13.5%
Wolfeboro	40	42	2	5.0%
Woodsville-Wells River	9	9	0	0.0%
Totals =	1585	1508	77	-5.7%

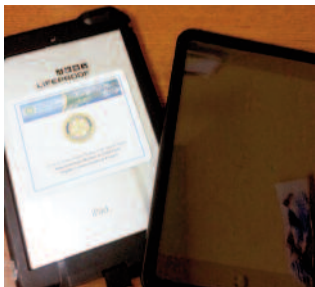


It is now time to submit your club's Grant Requests for 2015-16. If your club has not sent someone to the mandatory Grant Seminar, we will offer grant seminars at the [District Training Assembly on 28 March](#), which is also the due date for new District Grant requests.

Here are progress notes on our 2014-15 Grants:

Burlington Rotary: \$1,500 District Grant matched with \$1,500 from the club to support the employment of New Americans in the delivery of child care in its community. Many may not have a written language in their own culture. The project will train new English speakers through recorded education and training materials on iPads, support software, and associated children's books. The grant will fund an iPod, iPod Speaker and case, and materials including children's books which will be translated in both English and Maay Maay for the first eight participants in this new, innovative program.

At right is a photo of project assistant Sophia Senning and referral specialist Kathy Fleury doing voice recordings of stories that will be put on the iPads. Many Child Care Resource staff voices were used to do the reading of the many books purchased through the grant. The grant funding was maximized by going to the Scholastic warehouse sale, where many more books were able to be purchased.



As Child Care Resource continues to work through the project, they are finding iPad apps that will be beneficial and adding them to the iPads. Some examples are those that work on sight words, healthy recipes for children that use photos and translation apps. Photo (left) shows an actual iPad with the [Burlington Rotary District Grant](#) acknowledgement sticker attached.

For more information regarding this project, please contact Jack Lindley of the Burlington Rotary Club at lindley3@comcast.net.

Lancaster Rotary reports that animals have been purchased for Tanzanian families and wood has been delivered to the orphanage. The animals will produce a sustainable food source for local families and the orphanage. Local folks are building book shelves and assembling a workshop for educating the children.

Lebanon Rotary used the grant to expand a school dental health program to two schools having a high percentage of low income families. Over two days, club members met with families on their way to teacher meetings to emphasize the importance of dental care and self-esteem, and to hand out children's

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



bags with dental health information, a toothbrush and toothpaste. **Lincoln-Woodstock Rotary** is preparing for their Belize trip to perform building beautification with their Interact Club.

Middlebury Rotary has been providing rides to a dental clinic while providing matching payments for low income families. At last count, they had assisted more than twenty families.

Morrisville Rotary has completed its project, partnering with the library to develop early literacy skills and create a connection to the library through music for youth from 2-5 years old. Attendance at their twice-monthly events averaged 38 children and 30 adults.

Northfield Rotary ran into problems with liability insurance on their initial project, so they submitted an addendum to their grant. The approved project is now focused on the town pool, for which the club will purchase safety vests and lane buoys. **GOOD LESSON:** Always remember to contact the district foundation committee BEFORE changing or adjusting your grant so the committee can obtain approval from the Rotary Foundation.

Randolph Rotary Sunrise Satellite plans to continue its senior center porch project. They've performed interior work while temperatures were not conducive to the outside work. They plan to finish up by May 1.

South Burlington Rotary's grant to support a school in Duchity, Haiti, is almost complete. They have purchased a welder/generator for students ages 16-65. The school is focused on English language, computers, construction techniques (welding & masonry), agronomy and tile-laying. Students use the welding machine to make furniture and perform construction projects. Their activities pay the teachers' salaries and make this a very sustainable project.

Williston-Richmond Rotary has purchased portable dental equipment, which will carry Rotary's emblem. Their first trip to Peru will be 13-24 May, 2015 (returning just in time to attend the District Conference 28-31 May at Stowe!). They will hold a 4-day clinic in the villages outside of Cusco. They wish to thank District 7850 clubs that have helped make the project possible.

The Teacher's Grant was awarded to a teacher in Burke, VT, to achieve her teachers' certification.

We heard recently from Walter Hughes, now in Ghana checking the progress of existing and new boreholes associated with **Global Grant 1422307**. This Grant partners with the local Parent-Teachers' Association and has so far funded 31 boreholes; the PTA is paying for water tanks, stands, and plumbing. Payment gives them, as Walter said, "Skin in the game," securing their investment in their own future. Walter hopes we realize that D7850 has had "a part in transforming the lives of people in Ghana" through this clean water project.

We hope you find these projects to be interesting and thought-provoking. Remember to support the Foundation both individually and as a club, in order to continue making a difference in our own communities and around the world.

ROTARY SPEECH CONTESTS ROUND ONE AND TWO

Round One of Rotary's Speech Contest

The Charlotte-Shelburne Rotary Club held Round One of its speech contest on February 4, 2015. Judy Christensen introduced the three speakers who each spoke for five minutes, focusing on Rotary's Four-Way Test and the Rotary Motto: Service Above Self.

Olivia Machanic of Shelburne, a junior at Champlain Valley Union High School (CVU), spoke of her love for the game of lacrosse and the opportunities it gives her to share her love of the sport with young children by volunteering as a coach.

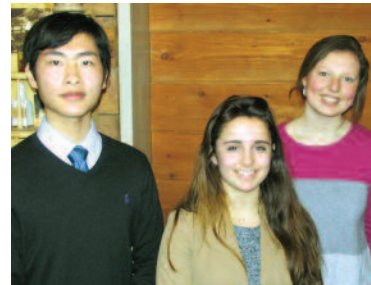
Noah Kiernan of Charlotte, a senior at CVU, talked about how volunteering with the Unified Games project at CVU has been so rewarding to him personally. Unified Games opens up sports activities to many students who would not otherwise be able to play sports due to physical or mental challenges.

Isabelle Sharp of Shelburne, a senior at CVU, applied the Four-Way Test to the work she does as a volunteer for "Outreach for Earth Stewardship".

The winner, Noah Kiernan, proceeded to the area level of the competition, hosted by Vergennes Rotary.

Round Two of Area Speech Contest

Round Two of the Rotary District 7850 Speech Contest for high school students in Randolph, Hanover and Lebanon, was held at Jesse's Steakhouse in Lebanon at noon on Thursday, February 12. Three students competed for the \$150 prize and a chance to go on to the semi-finals in March. Phil Rentz, representing the Rotary of Lebanon's Youth Service Committee, moderated the contest. The students tossed coins to determine the order of presentation.



(from left) Zhengqi (Jack) Zhang, Elyse Lindahl, and Marya Merriam

Zhengqi (Jack) Zhang, a Kimball Union Academy junior, spoke first. Jack was born in the Southern Chinese tourist city of Guilin and attended junior high school in Nanning. He entered Kimball Union Academy as a ninth grader. Jack spoke about how the Four-Way Test applied to the lives of his grandmother, father, and mother and how that aspect of their lives had influenced him.

Elyse Lindahl, a senior at Thetford Academy, connected the idea of Service Above Self with her concerns about sustainability and responsibility for the environment. As a junior, she attended a one-semester program at The Mountain School in Vershire, VT, a program that inspired her to become a vocal advocate for environmental awareness and activism.

Marya Merriam of East Brookfield, VT, a senior at Randolph Union High School, explained how she used the Four-Way Test to shape her approach to creating a town energy committee in Brookfield. She was a reporter for The Herald of Randolph the summer following her junior year, and continues to write news about Randolph Union High School for the *Herald*. Her favorite science is biology, and she hopes to become an environmental lawyer.

After deliberating over a very close contest, the three judges designated Marya Merriam as the winner. She will go on to compete at the semi-finals on March 28 during the District Training Assembly at Lyndon State College, where the winner will be awarded a check for \$250.

The speech contest finals will take place at the District Conference, 28-31 May, in Stowe. The grand prize winner will take home a check for \$500 in addition to prizes received at lower levels.



Lebanon Rotary President Garlan Hoskin (l) and Moderator Phil Rentz present contest winner Marya Merriam a check for \$150.



Polar Splash raises almost \$25,000 for charity

The Seventh Annual Lake Elmore Polar Splash run by the Morrisville Rotary Club was a great success. This year the club partnered with Lamoille Restorative Center and split the proceeds from the event with the non-profit center. The event raised close to \$25,000 and included 86 very brave jumpers.

The day started out as quite a challenge – 19 inches of ice to cut through and a temperature of 5 degrees below zero. With great community support, the event came off without a hitch – no life support and a lot of laughs. Since the event was held on Valentine's Day, many teams took the opportunity to use some very creative names and costumes.

Check out the video on "YouTube: 2015 Polarsplash."



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ROTOGRAM

It was a beautiful morning at the Kennett High School convening of our Club for a scrumptious Breakfast!

President Steve opened the meeting at 7:30 AM. Frank McCarthy led us in the pledge, Arnie and Lorraine led us in song, and Frank Hubbell led us in prayer. There were 23 members present and someone won the \$24 in 50/50. We had five guests: Mandy McDonald, Patty Poulin, Phil Ogren, ADG Jayne Britton and Ethan Young

Announcements:

- **Nancy reminded us that our Valentine's Dinner at Stonehurst is coming up and would like you to sign up with her! 2/11/15; evening time. Bring your lover and have a blast with your fellow Rotarians as well!**
- **Kelly Drew seeks YOUR participation in our Ravenous Raffle which is coming around the corner. President Steve volunteered to help and her phone or email is open for you to also.**
- **We have signed up for North Conway Happy Video and you are invited to look it up on Facebook for more details...we will be taping our singing to the song for a compilation video celebrating North Conway's 250th Anniversary as well! I have spoken with Dick Pollock. It is a 30 second or less spot! Will be unveiled on the big screen during the fireworks at Schouler Park July 4th...we just need to pick a date.**
- **Board of Director recap from President Steve Lambert, and This Week's Word is 'hungry'**
- **DISTRICT 7850 IS SEEKING USA VOLUNTEERS WITH SPECIAL SKILLS (rules are different in Canada)**
- **We want to teach Rotarians about the joy and simplicity of contributing to Rotary's international charitable pursuits. We seek estate planning attorneys, certified accountants, and financial planners to form a small group willing to advise fellow Rotarians and friends**

of Rotary wishing to explore contributions to the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund (formerly known as "The Permanent Fund").

Our relevant NoCo Club Professionals interested in learning about Rotary's gift planning opportunities may receive the monthly newsletter, *Emphasis on Planned Giving*. The advisory group will be a resource of accurate information for Rotarians and others on charitable gift annuities and remainder trusts, estate gifts, or Donor Advised Fund accounts. Please contact Past District Governor Marilyn Bedell: m.k.bedell@comcast.net. Thank you for volunteering your time and talent!

- If you wish to attend a great membership seminar, either 31 January in the Upper Valley, or 7 February at South Burlington High School! You may sign up at www.rotary7850.org.
- The Board had agreed to participate with the Community Celebrations Caretaker program celebrating North Conway's Anniversary and providing recognition to the club.
- The Board agreed to buy an ad in the Valley Women Magazine for \$50.00.
- The Board agreed to donate \$500 to BAN for their efforts in eradicating neglect on youth.
- The Board agreed to have 2 kids participate in next year's Student Leadership program, travel paid for.
- The Board agreed to donate \$220 to the North Conway Skating Club.
- The Board agreed to provide \$399 for White Mountain Waldorf school request for a multi media projector and \$1945 for a Rinnai heater to replace an old unit and be more efficient.
- We are invited to work the snack shifts for the Kennett High School basketball games. Kiwanis are also. You may email Mandy McDonald at a_Mcdonald@sau9.org for your volunteering, please send me photos for publication when you do work it and root for our team and my daughter Cheerleading Captaining....(making sure this is well read!)
- WHEN THERE is a school cancellation or delay of 2 hours, we will meet the FRIDAY morning after so plan accordingly. If it is in doubt then contact President Steve or Nancy.
- We have some auction items to sell to club members after all identifiable bidders were contacted. The Gold necklace will be used for the Ravenous Raffle Door prize!
- Mark Poyant Spoke about the delicious Chili Cookoff and our upcoming participation in the scrumptious creation of that delicious meal that we deserve a BLUE RIBBON for. Come on Amigos – attend it and put your vote in our paperbag so that elusive First Prize comes home to our hard working club! It is 2/25/2015, cooking the night before at Mark's

place! Reach out to Mark and sign up to help including the fun artifacts you want to lend the club for our best booth design!

- **SPEAKER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Bob Therrian 3/19 Mark Poyant 3/26 Clancy Asselin 4/9 Arnie 4/16 Lorraine 4/23

Shauna Cameron 4/30 Catelyn Lundblade 5/14 Robert Young 5/21 Maddie 5/28
John Edgerton 6/11 Steve Jones 6/18 **CHANGEOVER!**

A big Thank You card came from Jess our Rotary Family Member who participated in Miss Mount Washington Valley Pageant---She is in the photo wearing a crown and smiling!



Happy/Sad Dollars: (Don't be saddened if your's isn't here – it was realized no one volunteered to take minutes so I began midstream and boy these are darn good!

Stephen Jones, jumped in for Sargeant At Arms...self fined himself as a reminder **NOT TO USE LAST NAMES** during meetings, as in our Club everyone joins in the efforts equally.

A hard habit to break believe me, it's a hotel guys habit as well but we will endeavor to stop using Mr. Lastname and Ms. Lastname it will be hard not to use Doctor though ☺!

- **Peter Magg had sad dollars in recognition of Frank Glazer's passing. A class act who always had time for the community and remarkable talent as well! He also had appreciative dollars for Frank Hubbell who helped his wife with a finger cut really quick and without any Obamacare qualification forms! SD for Lorraine's Dad to get better and Deb Karmozyn's father's condition.**
- **Bob Therrien spun for his birthday and chose to pay a fine instead of telling a story, we cannot wait for his 40th Birthday to get some jokes or stories in ☺**
- **Roy Lundquist had a scooter buck**
- **Carolyn Brown had HD for her daughter in Dominican Republic making pillow case dresses. Also a sad dollar for Chip Kennett. A HD for a new puppy in the house!**
- **Nancy Hayes had a late dollar, SD for both Lorraine and Debs father's conditions and for Chip Kennett's loss**
- **Arnie had \$5! Chip Kennett SD, Lorraine's Dad health and Deb's on our mind. He did praise Memorial Hospital as being a world class hospital and outstanding professionals, especially the nurses!**
- **Jim Umberger had SD for the tough start of the year with our member's family health worries and for the loss of Chip Kennett**
- **Randy had SD in recognizing our concerns for Lorraine and Deb's fathers**
- **Frank McCarthy had SD in the fact that duty in the State House calls for him to spend Thursdays in Concord and will miss us.**
- **Peter Pelletier had HD for noting that his dad's 82nd Birthday is on the same day as his 11 year old Grand Son. He did note some disparity in length and location of travels he and his beautiful wife's own trips are taking them!**
- **Kelly had a SD for Chip Kennett and a HD for Jess receiving her Paul Harris Award!**
- **Bill Kennedy had a HD for the club's sending a donation to BAN and their great efforts for youth!**
- **Phil Ogren had a HD for having Peter Pelletier visit his club on his trip to Melrose!**
- **ADG Jayne Britton had HD for recognizing the importance of student's school speech contests (I think I mangled this point, sorry Jane ☺)**

- Charles Taylor had SD for the loss of Frank Glazer's passing.
- Mark Poyant had a Happy Dollar in his daughter's improving health post-birth of his awesome Grandchild! A SD for loss of Chip Kennett and for Deb and Lorraine's health being on his mind.

(Caveat, as I mentioned, I had to start writing these down midstream so DO NOT feel left out if I 1) screwed up your SD/HD mentions OR 2) did not record it.)

President Steve Lambert then introduced our Guest Speakers -

Patty Poulin and Mandy McDonald spoke about Ending 68 Hours of Hunger campaign. We can help with funding and food donations as well! Let's provide our donation, the last Thursday of every month for the next few to them!! Yes that's our next meeting, bring in canned goods of high protein....*End 68 Hours of Hunger* * is a private, not-for-profit, effort to confront the approximately 68 hours of hunger that some school children experience between the free lunch they receive in school on Friday afternoon and the free breakfast they receive in school on Monday morning. It started in Dover and now serves over 100 kids in our community. They spend about \$700 a week in food for these children's well being. This program, established in New Hampshire in 2011, puts nourishing food in the hands of elementary school children to carry them through the weekend. Volunteers purchase the food, pack the bags and deliver them to the offices of the selected elementary schools. From there, a school employee delivers the food to the classrooms of the individual participating students. The students take the food home on Friday afternoon. The cycle starts again, every week.

Each bag of food costs \$10 each week per child and provides two breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners for the kids.

Please visit their website www.end68hoursofhunger.org so that you can see their list of items they could use. They also are on facebook End 68 Hours of Hunger/Conway is their page..please visit, post your encouragement and let's be a big help in their efforts.

Program Coordinators: Mandy McDonald, Patty Poulin and Gail Jones

Email at: Conway@end68hoursofhunger.org

Drop off locations:

Conway Elementary School, Main St., Conway
 John Fuller School, Pine St, No. Conway
 Pine Tree School, Mill St., Ctr. Conway
 Journey Church, East Main St. Conway
 Saco River Medical Group, 4 corners, Conway
 United Methodist Church, Ctr. Conway (next to Town Hall)

Memorial Hospital, White Mt Highway, No. Conway
UPS Store, White Mt Highway (in Willow Place)

This exciting and well led meeting ended at 8:30 am!



Watch our Wheel Of Fortune Episode:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAMGqE2oGLc>

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