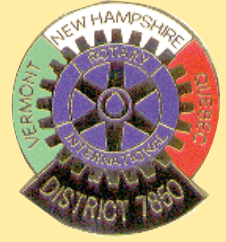


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Taking Time to Remember Elaine (Lanie) Dates

Rotarian and wife of Immediate Past District Governor Steve Dates

by PDG Marilyn Bedell

Note from DG Bruce Pacht on November 18:

It is with sadness that I pass along the news that Elaine Dates, wife of immediate past district governor Steve Dates, died early on the morning of November 17, 2014. She had been suffering from an aggressive cancer for the past few months. Elaine's career was as a teacher, and her avocation was flowers; she was a renowned judge at regional and national flower shows. Steve may be reached at 145 South Point Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403.

This quote from a District memorial service done by our PDG Reverend Frank Massa came to mind as I heard stories about Elaine at her memorial service on 1 December 2014. I've modified the quote to reflect on Elaine's life.

"We were here to look at the earthly life of Elaine, whom we honored. Yet we can no longer see her life, because it is in the past, not the present. You may say, 'But I did see her life in the past.' Yes, but even then, you didn't see all of it, as a complete, whole life; you only saw incomplete parts of it, one part at a time, a snapshot so to speak. That's all we ever see of another person's life: fragmentary, incomplete bits and pieces ... one segment at a time, one episode at a time, no more. Even if we are with someone continuously for a long period of time, at any given moment, we are so engrossed in the current episode, that we lose sight of everything else. And as long as a person is still living on this earth, there are future details of that life that we have no way of knowing. We are here today to look at the earthly life of Elaine whom we are honoring in her completeness, from beginning to end. What we can no longer see physically, we can now look at mentally from an entirely new perspective. Only after a person has departed from this earth to answer the call of God, can we begin to do this."

Hearing stories about Elaine helped me have a fuller picture of Elaine's life, and how she impacted so many lives ... what a gift she was to all of her friends, colleagues, and students.

There were at least six groups of people that reflected on different aspects of her life.

One friend who grew up with Elaine in Burlington talked about how she remembered Elaine's being a positive presence in the school, and how her smile could light up a room. She was a hard-working student who set high academic goals for herself. She was a good friend who was always willing to lend a hand.

Three of her former students shared what an innovative and inspiring teacher she was. One revealed that Elaine's love of Latin and Italian had inspired him to follow in her footsteps to pursue both a master's and doctorate in both languages, and that as a professor at UVM he works hard to emulate her teaching style. All reflected on the trips she and Steve led to Italy every other year. She was able to bring history, in particular art history to life. The trips



were life-altering experiences.

Members of her garden club shared that Elaine had begun her involvement in gardening and flower arranging in her retirement. She quickly learned the craft and became a leader, teacher, and judge of flower arranging and flower design. One gentleman told the story that when she was preparing the garden club show in conjunction with the 2014 District Conference, she challenged four husbands of garden club members to enter floral designs. None of the men had any experience arranging flowers. He said that Elaine said, "Not to worry. I will teach you." She then set up a clinic in her home and provided all the tools of the crafts to help them prepare their entries. He proudly stated that thanks to Elaine's instruction, he won first prize in the show!

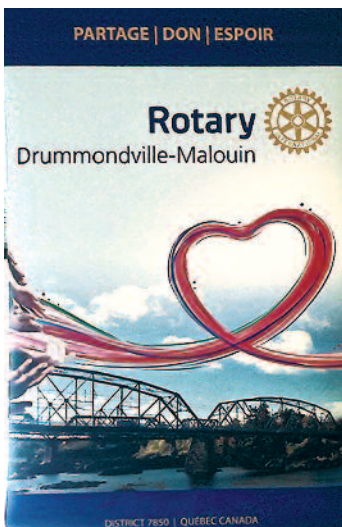
Her church family shared her ability to engage new members in the work of the church. She chaired the membership committee, and many of the ideas she introduced to make new members feel welcome and needed are still used today. I did think that maybe I missed an opportunity to learn some of the skills that might be applied to Rotary ... hummmm.

Her neighbors noted her welcoming spirit, and her love of gardening. One neighbor described the beauty of her landscaping and flowers, and how she had assisted him with aligning his flowers in a way to make them more appealing to the eye. He continues to call this part of his yard the "Elaine Garden."

And finally, Linda Gilbert from the Colchester-Milton Club, Elaine's club, shared that Elaine epitomized our motto of "Service Above Self." She was always there to lend a hand. No task was beneath her. Again, she was noted for asking, "How can I help? What do you need? This is going to be fun!" I know her Rotary club is going to miss her a lot.

In addition to stories, the music played at the service were a reflection of Elaine's personality too. We sang "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" and "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"; we listened to three pieces played on the cello; and, finally, a bagpiper serenaded us with "Amazing Grace."

Elaine, your family, friends, and especially your family of Rotary, will miss you. What an honor it was to get to know you ... I'm just sorry we didn't have more time together.



New Club! New Banner! WELCOME

Drummondville-Malouin,
one of the district's
newest clubs,
has designed
a brand-new banner.

Request for Financial Services Volunteers

Our District is looking for Estate Planning Attorneys, CPAs, and Financial Planners who would be willing to advise fellow Rotarians, and friends of Rotary, who want to explore options for making contributions to the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund (formerly the Permanent Fund). The Rotary Foundation invites professionals who are interested in learning more about gift-planning opportunities to sign up to receive a monthly newsletter, *Emphasis on Planned Giving*.

Our 'corps' will serve as a resource to accurately share information with Rotarians and others who may be interested in Rotary Foundation giving options such as charitable gift annuities and remainder trusts, estate gifts, or Donor Advised Fund accounts.

You can learn more about the Rotary Foundation Gift and Estate Planning Professional (GEPP) group at:

<http://www.gftpln.org/Article.do?orgId=6612&articleId=6385&featured=true>

If you would like to know more, contact
Rotary Foundation Chair Marilyn Bedell
at m.k.bedell@comcast.net or 603-653-5396.

Middlebury's Newest PH Fellow



On November 12, DG Bruce Pacht attended Rotary of Middlebury's annual Paul Harris dinner. Here he is with Middlebury's newest Paul Harris Fellow, Rotarian Ben Fuller and his wife Celina.

Cadre Audit of a Water Project in Mexico

by Lionel Emond,
PP Rotary Club of the Boundary

During the week of November 2, I travelled to Teziutlan, Pue., a one-and-a-half-hours' drive from Puebla, Mexico. Founded in 1552, the town was then called Teziuyotepetzintlan, which subsequently changed in 1847 to Teziutlan. The original Indian name literally translated indicated that it was a "place of hills where there are stones like hail."

The project was a Matching Grant Water Program sponsored by the local Rotary club jointly with an E-Club in India, and benefited the community of Atoluca, near Teziutlan, Pue., an area located in an impressive mountainous region, noted for its water-retentive powers with many mountain streams.

This project was interesting in its conception as it addressed the problem that the existing water reservoir serving the local community suffered an interrupted supply of potable water due to its water source, an inadequate and unreliable stream.

The Rotary project addressed this problem in a practical way:

a) The project installed 300 mts. of two-inch galvanized piping to capture water from a mountain stream.
b) This fresh-water source was then piped down into a newly constructed cement reservoir (75,000-litre capacity) provided by the Rotary grant.

c) This water was then re-directed back up hill, via 1,420 mts. of two-inch hydraulic piping, to the old existing upper water reservoir with the use of a 25-HP pump incorporated into the new reservoir.

The older reservoir then sent the water back down to the community by gravity flow, to the existing community cistern, from whence it was then distributed to sections of the community, the most important of which was the local children's school.

Through this intervention, Rotary was able to provide water every day to the community.

Previously, residents received water for only three or four days during the week. As a result, the children were obliged to bring water with them to school to provide for their drinking and sanitary needs. As for the adults, they were obliged to carry water from the distant streams to their homes, where it was then boiled in order to eliminate microbial contamination.

For a population of 3,793 persons served by the re-vamped water system, this project represented a much-appreciated gift of life indeed!

While a Rotary-conceived and financed project, it nevertheless had input from the community, who assisted in the laying of the piping and other construction tasks.

The water system was placed under the control of a four-man water committee, which is responsible for the custody, maintenance, and operation of the system. Thus, it has become a "Community Project" from a continuity and responsibility aspect.

Local villagers are charged according to usage, averaging approximately 150 pesos. This money is directed towards maintenance and operation costs.

The local Rotarians are to be commended upon the execution of the project, thanks to the management committee comprised of Rotarians with architectural, engineering, construction and financial classifications, together with the support of the other club members. While a small club, the Rotarians of Teziutlan nevertheless displayed bountiful energies in addressing this water problem!

The writer was pleased to have acted in the capacity of Cadre Consultant in reviewing this matching Grant Project.



Newport Rotary Hosts Veterans Day Memorial

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2014, the Rotary Club of Newport, Vermont, celebrated the work and sacrifice of all our service men and women. Club members had been encouraged to invite a veteran to lunch as a guest; seventeen veterans (club members and guests) were present, and a number brought their spouse, as well.

Each veteran was introduced and given time to share his experiences in serving our country. Veterans who served in all branches of our military from World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War were present. A shout out of thanks was given to the spouses of the veterans, as families of veterans also experience their own struggles and give up a great deal, as well.

It was an emotional get-together for club members and veterans alike, particularly as the veterans re-told stories from their time of service. The meeting ended with the recitation of "In Flanders Fields" by J. McCrae, and a moment of silence for all those who gave their lives while protecting our country's freedom.

Newport Rotary Recognizes Local Farmers



High school students Stephanie Tarryk (left) and Kate Patenaude (middle) prepare to address the Newport, Vermont, Club about their work, schooling, and future in farming, while President Frank Knoll (right) makes the introductions.

The Rotary Club of Newport recently recognized and celebrated our local farmers and remembered the importance of agriculture in our region and throughout the state.

On Tuesday, November 25, President Frank Knoll opened the club meeting with a few facts about agriculture in Vermont, noting that in terms of revenue generated, Vermont's top three agricultural products are dairy, maple, and greenhouse/nursery products. It was no surprise to anyone present that Vermont leads the nation in cheese making, and also the number of farmers' markets located throughout the State.

Newport Rotarians had been encouraged to bring a farmer as a guest, and twelve local farming families joined us for lunch. One person from each farm family described

for club members what he or she does for work in our agricultural industry.

The Club's speakers for the day were two high school students, Kate Patenaude and Stephanie Tarryk (daughter of Newport Rotarian Michelle Tarryk), who are both members of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) Club.

Rotarians truly were "wowed" by the knowledge, vision, and work ethic of these two young women. Kate and Stephanie have each received awards for dairy handling. They are working on a local farm while going to school and are planning to attend college for dairy management. Both Kate and Stephanie plan to own their own farm at some point in the not-too-distant future ... about which members of the Newport Rotary Club have no doubt!

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ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

FOUNDATION CHAIR

**Past District Governor,
Marilyn Bedell**



This month I'm providing two articles that I thought might be of interest to Rotarians in District 7850.

Funding OUR Foundation Programs Now and in the Future

(From Rotary International Director, Julia Phelps, from the Rotary Club of Malden, MA, USA)

Now that we are into the second year of the new grants model, it's time to ensure that the Rotary Foundation will continue to support Rotarians, clubs, and districts in Doing Good in the World.

To that end, the Trustees have approved a new funding model that will take effect on 1 July 2015. We all know that Rotary's strength lies in the talents and dedication of its members and clubs. Much of the new funding model presents no significant change from previous practices, and perhaps the most important point to stress with district and clubs leaders is that there is no change to District Designated Funds.

The model first and foremost lays out a clear order of priority to ensure that programs, operating expenses, and an operating reserve are funded. The recent recession demonstrated to us that maintaining a strong financial base that includes operating reserves is necessary in order to weather increased volatility in financial markets. These measures will safeguard the Foundation's ability to fulfill its mission far into the future.

The funding model simply strengthens our future by building on a stellar record of efficient use and stewardship of the financial resources entrusted to us. The Foundation's sound financial management and its commitment to accountability and transparency are also recognized as exceptional, year after year, by independent evaluators of not-for-profits. This funding model will provide a more predictable level of financial support for programs and the operating expenses it takes to make them successful.

Contributions to the Annual Fund will continue to be divided, with 50 percent allotted to District Designated Funds (DDF) and 50 percent to the World Fund. DDF allocations will not be changed in any way. The 5 percent that is being earmarked to potentially pay for the Foundation's operating expenses will come from the World Fund. It will be used only if it is needed to pay expenses when net investment returns are not sufficient, or to fully fund the operating reserve (up to three times annual operating expenses). If funds are not needed for these purposes, they will remain in the World Fund until the World Fund is measured to ensure sufficient funds for programs.

In the final step, the World Fund will be measured to ensure that it contains 50 percent of the three prior years' worth of contributions, plus \$5 million, a growth factor. Then and only then, any surplus funds will be transferred to the Endowment Fund.

This funding model builds our financial strength by ensuring that resources are available to meet current needs, programs and operating expenses. It establishes a reserve to provide for unusual financial events (a rainy-day fund), the operating reserve. Finally, this model ensures an increase in future programs through increased returns on the Endowment Fund.

Like anything that is new to us, it will take time to learn the ins and outs of this new funding model. As leaders in our districts and zones, we need to be knowledgeable about this new model.

Please take time to study all of the resources available on rotary.org, our website.

And if you have questions, please send them, along with any comments, to fundingmodel@rotary.org.

In the meantime, continue *To Do Good in the World and Light Up Rotary*.

(this is a web page headline):

It Turns Out That Fighting Polio Is Good Training to Fight Ebola

(From National Public Radio (NPR))

Nigeria has been a stubborn hot spot of polio—and that turned out to be a good thing when it came time to fight Ebola.

In late July, a patient with the deadly Ebola virus arrived from Liberia. Health workers knew what to do. The country has created a massive public health effort to wipe out polio; institutions and strategies were repurposed to fight Ebola.

On the other hand, anti-polio efforts in the countries hit hardest by Ebola are on hold – and that could lead to disaster.

First, the good news, from Nigeria.

One of the country's polio institutions is an emergency operations center run by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. At the request of the government, senior officials from the center were sent to Lagos to help set up an emergency operations center for Ebola.

Because of the anti-polio efforts, health workers in Nigeria were ready for Ebola. They had already been trained in contact tracing. And hospitals had procedures in place for reporting polio cases, says Jay Wenger, head of polio efforts at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which provides financial support to NPR as well as the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

You can read more about this topic at:
<http://www.npr.org/blogs/goatsandsoda/2014/11/03/361162520/it-turns-out-that-fighting-polio-is-good-training-to-fight-ebola>

Foundation Donations 1 July 2014 to 20 November 2014

by Marilyn Bedell, PDG

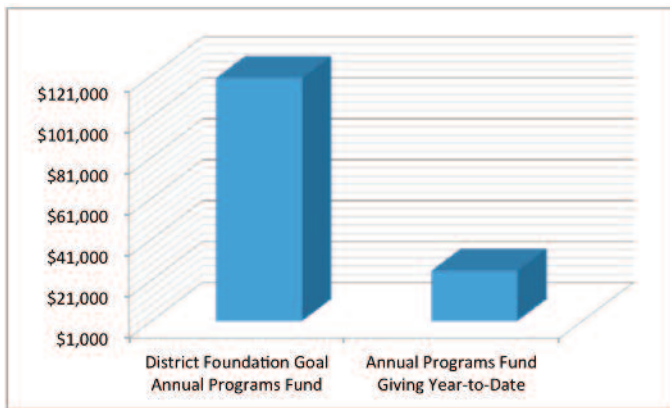
I write this message on November 20:

Rotary Foundation Month will not come to a close for another 10 days. I'm anticipating that our end-of-month donation totals will be higher than what I am reporting here in this newsletter. But still wanted to give you an snapshot of where we stand today.

Once again I am grateful for all the contributions we are making to the Rotary Foundation. I appreciate your support of OUR Rotary Foundation.

Goal = US\$120,000.00

Year to Date = US\$25752.36 (21% of our goal)



PolioPlus

Club donations

1 July 2014 to 30 September 2014 = US\$14,586.70

Permanent Fund: US\$13,982.22

NEW!!! Monthly Newsletter Review

A number of clubs throughout the district use ClubRunner's eBulletin 3.0 application to create and distribute their weekly newsletters. In order to share these newsletters with other clubs, *The Lantern* will be posting links to one or more of these newsletters each month in addition to attaching full copies of club newsletters that use the PDF format.

Our first posting of such a link will be for the Waterbury Rotary Club Weekly Bulletin. Click the link underneath the picture below, and then click on the newsletter's internal links to see the creative use of online communications.



<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/1419/bulletin/ViewSent/12a8967b-1227-4085-a344-8a2411ed2215/43cbe688-89f8-4a46-a168-75a4387c9c04?mid=>

Note from District Governor 2014-15 Bruce Pacht

Dear fellow Rotarians,

We are approaching the midpoint in our 2014-15 "Light Up Rotary!" year. Sooner than we think, all presidents-elect in our district and all 540+ districts in the world will travel to their presidents-elect trainings to hear RI President-elect Ravi Ravindran's theme for the 2015-16 Rotary year, and receive the intense training which will help our Rotary clubs continue in their efforts to become vibrant, meaningful purveyors of service to our communities and to the world.

I trust that you all have been supporting your club president and committee chairpersons in their efforts to organize service projects and fundraisers. I hope that you are using your social media and public relations skills to tell Rotary's story to everyone who will listen. I hope you all wear your Rotary pin daily with pride, happily informing those who ask about what a great experience you are enjoying as a member of the world's greatest service organization.

As we enter the frozen time of year, the shortest days and longest nights, together with the odd mixes of precipitation which have become commonplace during the last several years, we find ourselves turning inward as well, seeking more time with families and needing more time to rest and recover from whatever consumes most of our daily lives.

During this time, let us remember and honor with our own Polio Plus donations and efforts, the memory of those men and women volunteers in Pakistan who have given their lives while trying to vaccinate refugees from the ongoing war in order to save all the world's children from this horrible disease. Make a pledge to yourself that your donation to the Rotary Foundation this year will be continued at least at the same level, in every coming year. Whether your own sustaining level is US \$2.00 per week (US \$100.00 per year) or more, make it an annual habit so that your personal Rotary spirit will spread beyond your home community for the benefit of the world.

Thank you, and please accept my best wishes for good health and personal satisfaction for you and your family in the year to come.

Bruce

This month we bring you newsletters of Williston-Richmond and St. Johnsbury:

Thu Dec 04, 2014

Home

Board Meeting Tuesday, July 22nd at 5:15

Welcome to our club!

Williston-Richmond Service Above Self

We meet Thursdays at 7:15 AM
Williston Federated Church
44 North Williston Road
Williston, VT 05495
United States

 Venue Map

 Duty Roster

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Speakers

Dec 04, 2014
Rob Williams, M.D.
Funder, researcher and spokesperson - Protecting Heads at All Times

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Dec 11, 2014

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Andy's office
Dec 16, 2014 05:15 PM - 06:15 PM

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To the timbre of ten bass trombones and with Mike Coates leading the procession, we oversaw the marching of the saints as they rolled in (wherever they were going).

Our guest speakers were Wanda Audette and Amy Cronin from the Lund Family Center. Originally founded as a maternity home in 1890, Lund has evolved over the years to meet the changing needs of society, yet never straying from its mission of helping children to thrive. Today, Lund is a comprehensive treatment center and family support agency, offering an array of integrated services in response to the needs of pregnant or parenting teens and women, adoptive families, and children.

Wanda had to leave early as November is National Adoption Month and she was overseeing 29 adoptions TODAY! How cool is that. Also, the best employee at the LFC is Theresa's sister.

The Holiday Senior Luncheon is still on for December 11.

SAA Mke elicited the following fines:

- Himself for the Lund Center;
- Howard for the 29 adoptions – same birthday as Mike Isham – of to TX for a steak dinner (and other fun stuff);
- Barb for a happy Thanksgiving;
- Sally and Dave E have Scorpio birthdays;
- Phil and Sonja on their way to RI for Thanksgiving;
- Marion for the Lund Center
- Reg for the generosity of donors for Thanksgiving – was in CT and saw a black bear being chased through yard after yard by animal control officers though they never caught the elusive ursine;
- Bill R for opening act at LL Bean in BTV where the owl attacked the hawk (apparently it was quite a hoot);
- Dave E is back from the Big Apple, a bit more experienced but with less spending cash in his pocket – visit had many highlights (reunion with friends; Rockettes; museum; etc.);
- Rick M's first grandchild was born last week;
- George for the possible Sox acquisition;
- Charlie is back from NJ where he worked on Irene stuff for a week, including his

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first tiling job (upon information, his co-workers were floored with his work);

- Andrew for the Lund Center;
- Gary for the upcoming Santa season and for the Lund Home
- Chris for the Lund Home and the good work they do
- Sally got a free breakfast (raffle winner)!

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By Kristin Brown, Rotary staff

It's been three months since I was appointed captain of the Rotary staff Miles to End Polio bike team and it's been a great ride! Over the past 12 weeks, we've ridden hundreds of miles together, including weekly group rides of between 40 and 100 miles. More importantly, we've raised thousands of dollars for PolioPlus: as of this week, we met and passed the team goal of \$15,000 well on our way to \$20,000.

Our longest training rides have coincidentally fallen on the coldest and windiest weekend days. In September, several of us rode the North Shore Century with temperatures in the 40s and winds gusting over 20 mph. Two weeks later, we headed to northern Wisconsin for a team retreat and hill training. We woke up to an inch of snow on the ground! Fortunately, it melted a few hours later and we took off for 60 steep miles with cold temperatures but spectacular fall color.

Finally, a week ago, a few of us headed for the Wisconsin border – just over 80 miles round-trip. Temperatures were in the low 30s when we began but had risen to the mid-40s by the end of our ride. The 15 mph winds that challenged us on the ride north, gave a welcome push for the return ride to Evanston.

Before joining the Miles to End Polio team, I never would have considered riding under these cold and windy conditions. I prefer temperatures comfortably over 60 degrees, with the sun shining and the wind at my back. But this project isn't about comfort: it's about challenging ourselves and pushing the limits, suffering just a little bit and raising money so that we can End Polio Now and make sure future generations no longer suffer the consequences of this devastating disease.

In a little under two weeks, we fly to Tucson to join Rotarians from D5500 in El Tour de Tucson who report having raised over \$4.3 million for PolioPlus, counting the match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. I understand that last year, the ride took place during a "once in a century November downpour." I'm looking forward to a warm, sunny ride, but know our team is prepared to meet the challenge even if there's a "twice in a century" weather anomaly.

Kristin Brown is manager of Rotary Service Connections at RI World Headquarters and a member of the Rotary Club of Evanston Lighthouse. She is leading a team of six Rotary staff members who will be riding in El Tour de Tucson along with General Secretary John Hewko to raise money for polio eradication. Read [posts from other team members](#), and learn how you can support the team.



St. Johnsbury Rotary Club

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St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

Service Above Self

November 17, 2014

Pres. Back from France Jane was at the helm. The bell was rung and we sang America the Beautiful and it took a second attempt at O'Canada. This meeting was without a piano player or song leader.

Invocation Ann provided the invocation.

Songs We were without song this week.

Guests: We had a number of guests for our Speech Contest.

- Val Kim
- Stephanie Beltran
- Nikita Stepura
- Daniel Byford

In addition, their teacher, Janet Warner Ashley.

The food: Shepard's pie AND spare ribs, mixed veggies and garlic bread. A pudding, yogurt whipped cream dessert PLUS brownies and cookies.

Attendance: 28 members – 48%. Membership listed at 58 Rotarians.

Raffle: Pres. Elect Tom had the winning ticket, 639-673 but fell short with the 7 of hearts.

Happy/Sad \$ and Fines:

Martha was collecting H\$ and fines.

Martha - \$ Martha was one of the pre-judges of the speech contest. Martha was impressed with the talent and the work that goes into Janet's class.

Cara \$ - for being away and now she is back.

Liz \$ - Her daughter is bringing a friend from Iran for Christmas.

Frank \$ - Happy/Sad – Jody had additional surgery on his kidney and hopes to recover soon. Jody sends greetings to the club.

Jerry \$ - Jerry spent the last three days in Burlington at the VT Humanities Council – amazing how pivotal the Civil War was to our country.

<http://www.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/vermont-humanities-conference-examines-civil-war-legacy/Content?oid=2472121>

Suzanne - \$ for the speech contest and a \$ for the irony of seeing the 5 turkey's while driving to our meeting today – if they only knew!

Tom W \$ - Tom also had a driving experience that included "headed for a ditch" -- all ended well and no turkeys were involved.

Sue C. \$ - Sue has been away. She just had her second grandchild in a month, congratulations.

Vern - \$ Vern's grandson was hunting with camera and gun. He got a great picture of a spike horn – then sees in the lens a 8 point buck, swap camera for gun – and the rest as they say is history.

Jim K \$ - Jim, also a pre-judge for the speech contest, enjoyed the experience and the talent. Jim also commented on the 7 deer in his St. Johnsbury back yard -- he hopes they are all safe.

Pres. Jane \$ - Apparently Jane was away for a few weeks????? She is happy to be back. She (and

Patricia) had an amazing time, lots of eats involving duck. She found it interesting to see how other parts of the world see the rest of the world.

Pres. Jane thanked Charlie and Tom for filling in and ended her HS for the wisdom the students were about to share with us.

Announcements and Rotary Business

Board meeting next week, Nov. 24th at 11 am. All are invited to attend.

Don't forget to bring guests to our meeting on November 24th when our speaker will be:



Patricia Moulton, Vermont Secretary of the Agency of Commerce & Community Development.

Speakers



Jim J. headed up our speech contest (thanks Jim!). Jim, Martha and Jim K. attended the preliminary round on Wed. and selected the four students who were at today's meeting. The winner of today's round receives \$100. The next step is for the Ass't Gov. to arrange a "speech off" with the clubs other clubs (Lancaster and Wells River/Woodsville). Then the

winner of that heads to the District meeting to be held at Dartmouth Hitchcock (April) and the two finalists perform at our district conference in Stowe (May).

Our judges today are Jim McFaul, Hank, Sue P. and Ann. Suzanne was the tallier of scores.



Nikita was went first with a speech wishing for a perfect political system.



Daniel was next, discussing the need for organized baseball in the three central American countries; Niagara, El Salvador and Panama.



Next up, Val discussed the need for clean water around the world and last,



Stephanie discussed the importance of bettering education in developing countries.

Suzanne could be seen tallying the scores – all four presentations were great, but in the end Stephanie had the edge. Great job to all.

Each participant was presented with a gift certificate to Box Car & Caboose.



The Book

Jim J. suggested that our book donation to the Athenaeum honor Janet Warner Ashley for all the good work she puts into her speech class.

Next Meeting–

Our speaker for November 24th – Patricia Moulton. And don't forget the 11 am board meeting.