



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER – May 2012

Greetings District 7850 Rotarians:

Mark Your Calendars:

**May 18, 19, 20, 2012: *District Conference at The Mountain Club on Loon*
*Embracing Humanity: Touching Lives, Moving Mountains, Engaging New Generations***

“Nobody trips over mountains.

It’s the small pebbles that cause you to stumble.

Pass all the pebbles in your path and you will find you will have crossed the mountain.”

Anonymous

Meet us on the Mountain.

Final Reminders about the Conference See #1 Below!

July 5, 2012: District Change Over at Grant Camp in Randolph Vermont – Stay tuned for details.

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1. **2012 District Conference, May 18, 19, 20, 2012 at the Mountain Club on Loon, Lincoln NH**

For those coming to the Conference...a few final reminders:

- a. Our theme is *Embracing Humanity: Touching Lives, Moving Mountains, Engaging New Generations*, building upon Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee’s theme, *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*.
- b. District Leadership and Past District Governors will meet beginning at 10 AM (10h00) and this meeting goes through lunch. For all others the Conference will officially begin at 1 PM (13h00) with the District Business meeting.

- c. If you are an elector, don't forget to bring your elector form. The form must be signed by the president or secretary of the Club.
- d. The First Plenary begins at 2:10 PM (14h10). Keynote speaker, Sara Jayne Steen, Plymouth State University
- e. Dinner, Friday evening will be on the Café Lafayette Dinner. We will leave the resort at 5:00 PM (17h00). The train will leave the station at 5:30 (17:30 PM). Remember, you need to pick up your ticket for the train at the hotel.
- f. The optional Moose Tour will begin Friday at 9 PM (21h00)
- g. Lorraine Gallagher will entertain those staying at the resort Friday evening from 9 PM to 11 PM (21h00-23h00)
- h. Our Silent Auction for Literacy and the Foundation will begin on Friday and end on Saturday evening.
- i. Session on Saturday will begin at 8:00 AM (08h00). We will hear from our Group Study Exchange Teams, an Ambassadorial Scholar, Youth Exchange students, a Interactor, a Rotaractor and a RYLarian; and have a session on water and sanitation, and on literacy.
- j. At lunch we will hear from our President's Representative, Satish Saluja.
- k. Saturday, following lunch, we will participate in a service project for the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council. The event is called, "March for Meals" to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of *Meals on Wheels*. Dress is casual. Wear comfortable shoes. The organizer of the event will assign us to various tasks to support the walkers, or if you choose, you can participate in the 5K Easy Walk-A-Thon.
- l. Saturday night is an evening of celebration and entertainment, "Rotary's Got Talent". **Dress for dinner is "Black Tie Optional"**. Marilyn wants this evening to feel like a party!
- m. Coffee and pastries will be available outside the Season's on Loon dining room on Sunday morning at 7:00 AM (07h00)
- n. The memorial service will begin at 8:00 AM (08h00) on Sunday.
- o. Brunch and the final plenary session on Flood Recovery Efforts will begin at 9:00 AM (09h00)
- p. The Conference will end by noon (12h00) on Sunday.

See you at Loon.

2. **A Few Words From the District Governor**

This Rotary year (2011-2012) will be completed in just a few weeks, and we will transition to the 2012/2013 year. For those of us in District and Club leadership positions, this transition will come with a mixture of emotions, happy and sad. We will be happy that we have accomplished a lot, and happy to be able to turn over some of our leadership responsibilities to others; yet sad that our roles will be changing just at a point where we have figured out what we are supposed to be doing. I hope all Club Presidents have enjoyed their leadership year.

The District Conference will provide us an opportunity to celebrate some of the amazing work done by Rotarians in our District during the 2011/2012 Rotary year. I know I can't wait to recognize the many accomplishments of our Clubs and our Club leaders.

As I begin to watch our landscape transition to spring, I realize that this is a time for renewal for all of us. Take time to think about ways you can renew commitment to Rotary International, our Rotary District and your Rotary Club. I hope you all will commit to making your Club even stronger in 2012/2013.

DG Marilyn

3. Disaster Recovery Grant

Keep the Matching Grant for Flood Recovery in your thoughts. The Rotary Foundation Trustees are meeting at the International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. The grant will be on the Trustee's agenda. I will let you know the outcome as soon as I hear back from our liaison at The Rotary Foundation. I'm hoping we will be celebrating the approval of the grant at the District Conference

4. District Governor Search 2015/2016

A call for nominations will begin at the beginning of the new Rotary year. Qualified Rotarians should consider applying for this position when the call for nominations is announced.

To be eligible for the position of district governor, a Rotarian must

- Be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district
- Have served as president of a club for a full term, or as president of a charter club from the date of the charter to 30 June, for a period of at least six months
- Demonstrate knowledge of and the ability to fulfill the duties outlined in the RI Bylaws, section 15.090
- Have completed seven years of membership at the time of taking office

For more information, please refer to the RI Bylaws, section 15.070.

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/bylaws_ri.pdf#page=52

5. Polio Update – RI president presents polio medal to Afghanistan president in Kabul



4 April 2012

RI President Kalyan Banerjee presents Afghan President Hamid Karzai with a medal in recognition of Karzai's support for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee presented a medal to Afghan President Hamid Karzai on 2 April in Kabul, in recognition of Karzai's support for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, in which Rotary is a spearheading partner.

Banerjee is the first RI president to visit Afghanistan. His visit was made possible through the work of Rotary Foundation Trustee Stephen R. Brown and Fary Moini, both members of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, California, USA, which has carried out numerous successful educational projects in Jalalabad.

During their 45-minute meeting, Karzai and Banerjee discussed how lessons learned from India's success might be applied in Afghanistan. Banerjee's home country of India was removed from the polio-endemic list in February.

"I encouraged the president to keep up the intensity of the immunization program because, by doing so, they can stop polio as we did in India," Banerjee said. "Once it stops, it stops. You don't know when it will happen, or where the last polio case will be; but one day it will happen if you remain ever vigilant."

**6. Rotary Night at the Fisher Cats Baseball Game – Manchester, NH
A Polio Fundraiser!**

Friday, July 20, 2012 7:05 PM (19h05)
New Hampshire Fisher Cats vs. Portland Sea Dogs (AA-Boston Red Sox)

Ticket \$10 with \$4/per ticket will support Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio around the world.

For details and copies of the flyer for the game, contact DG Marilyn Bedell at m.k.bedell@comcast.net

Orders for tickets will be due by 1 June 2012, the flyer has information about how to do this.

- Before the game, the North Country Chordsmen Barbershop Chorus will sing the National Anthem. (Our 2014/2015 District Governor Bruce Pacht is a member of this group)
- After the game, stick around for an explosive Atlas Fireworks Show!

7. Group Study Exchange (GSE) Group Study Exchange

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Welcoming Teams from South Africa and France**



We are very pleased to welcome the GSE Team from South Africa. They arrived safely on Friday, May 4 and are now being hosted by the Champlain Valley organized by Eric Hanson. On May 11 they will transfer

**Groupe d'étude de change (GSE) équipes EGE
de bienvenue de l'Afrique du Sud et la
France**

Nous sommes très heureux d'accueillir l'équipe GSE de l'Afrique du Sud. Ils sont arrivés en toute sécurité, le vendredi 4 mai et sont actuellement hébergé par la vallée du Champlain organisé par Eric Hanson. Le 11 mai, ils seront transférés à la région de Québec coordonné par Faruk Seyrek.

L'équipe est très excitée d'être ici et de nous rendre visite très heureux de rencontrer tout le monde le long de leur voyage. Ils ont trouvé notre manque de murs autour de chaque foyer une expérience très nouvelle. Et ils aiment vraiment notre "Moose passage à niveau» des signes.

L'équipe se rendra dans notre district

to the Quebec area coordinated by Faruk Seyrek.

The team is very excited to be here visiting us and excited to meet everyone along their journey. They found our lack of walls around each home a very new experience. And they really love our "Moose Crossing" signs.

The team will be travelling around our district and will be at the district conference. You will find them an easy team to talk with and welcome into your area. Their schedule is posted on the District website under GSE at www.rotary7850.org .

May 4 – 6 – Arrival in Burlington, VT - rest day

May 6 – 11 – Champlain Valley – Coordinator: Eric Hanson

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May 11 – May 15 - Quebec and Boundary – Coordinator: Faruk Seyrek

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May 15 – May 18 – Middlebury, VT – Coordinator: David Clark

(david2108@myfairpoint.net)

May 18 – May 20 – District Conference - NH

May 20 - 23 – White Mountain Valley – Coordinator: Cecile Chase

(Cecile.chase@td.com)

May 23 – May 29 – Connecticut River Valley – Coordinator: Judith Esmay

(judithesmay@gmail.com)

May 29 – June 2 – Central Vermont – Coordinator: Louisa Tripp

(louisatripp@yahoo.com)

June 2 - 4 – Free Day – Departure from Burlington VT

This fall we will be hosting the GSE team from District 1680 in Alsace/Strasbourg France. They are scheduled for September 15 through October 15, 2012. Because the team is not with us during our district conference, we are organizing an evening "district-wide" event during their stay with us. We are looking for people to help conceive and organize this event.

During the next few months we will be starting to form the team visiting France D1680 in the spring of 2013. Please begin considering who in your club would make a good team leader and what young professional in your area would be a good candidate for team member! Information about this team selection will

et sera à la conférence de district. Vous les trouverez une équipe facile de parler avec et bienvenue dans votre région. Leur horaire est affiché sur le site Web de district en vertu GSE à www.rotary7850.org.

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Cet automne, nous tiendrons l'équipe GSE du district 1680 à l'Alsace / Strasbourg, France. Ils sont prévus pour Septembre 15 à Octobre 15, 2012. Parce que l'équipe n'est pas avec nous lors de notre conférence de district, nous organisons une soirée "l'échelle du district" événement au cours leur séjour avec nous. Nous recherchons des personnes pour aider à concevoir et organiser cet événement.

Au cours des prochains mois, nous allons commencer à former l'équipe en visite en France D1680 au printemps de 2013. S'il vous plaît commencer à examiner qui, dans votre club ferait un bon chef d'équipe et de ce jeune professionnel dans votre région serait un bon candidat pour membre de l'équipe! Informations sur cette sélection de l'équipe sera également sur le site web du

also be on the District 7850 website. Please contact Louisa Tripp at louisatripp@yahoo.com or (802)371-9819 if you have any questions and/or are interested in being more involved with GSE in your area.

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8. Membership Minute – Have you asked someone to join your Rotary Club this week?

As of 1 May 2012, our membership in the District stands at 1607 (There has been no change since 5 April 2012). We started this Rotary year with 1579 on 1 July 2012. Again, congratulations to those clubs and members that have made this increase possible. Have you asked someone to join your Club?



**EACH ROTARIAN:
REACH ONE, KEEP ONE**

Do your friends and co-workers know that you're a Rotarian? Do you tell acquaintances about your club's good works in the community or internationally?

Did you know that talking about your involvement in Rotary could significantly enhance the organization's image and boost public awareness? It's up to every Rotarian to tell the world what Rotary is and does.

According to a public image survey commissioned by Rotary International in 2010, people are much more likely to know about Rotary and perceive it positively as a charitable organization if they personally know a Rotarian. The finding is just one of many that could shape how clubs and districts promote Rotary in their communities.

9. Youth Exchange First Hand Report - April

Subject: Monthly Report from Joanne

Hey!

I am writing this monthly report feeling truly really good! I woke up this morning feeling happy, and so thankful to be here. Because I honestly love my host family now. I feel I have a really good relationship with my host mom and a good relationship with my host dad (and host dog! Even though he drives me insane sometimes, I still love him). I am the only child here because the two other children are in university, Belen is on an exchange in Spain, studying psychology, and Javier is in Santiago studying tourism. But, Javier is here for the weekend, and he arrived at about noon today. I get along really well with him as well... basically I only have good things to say about my host family.

In school I'm doing better, because I understand much more the language, and I think I will keep improving my marks as I go along... as for the relationship with my schoolmates, it's getting better and better as well. Chileans are so friendly, and I, who usually finds it hard to approach people, am finding it much, much easier here.

In May I'm going to Valdivia, with Rotary, for a conference with all the other exchange students from this district. I've heard Valdivia is beautiful!

Apart from that I'm starting to learn how to play guitar... and I might join the choir at school, but I'll wait and see about that...

Tonight I'm going to a birthday party of a friend and with my host mom we will go choose a gift after we finish making bread...

So all is well, and I'm enjoying myself. In my next report I'll tell you how my trip to Valdivia went.

(By the way, I need to prepare a five minute presentation! But I think it will go well)

So that's all!

Chao!

10. Our 2012/2013 Ambassadorial Scholar – Emily Dubie

From Emily's Blog 28 April 2012 - [To The Land of a Thousand Hills](#)

Last weekend, I made a quick trip to Rwanda, the land of a thousand hills. It was fabulous. Compared with Dar es Salaam, Kigali is remarkably clean, modern, and safe. The city is perched on several rolling, green hills, and the roads gracefully wind between them.

The first day we visited the somber Genocide Memorial, which included a museum and a series of peaceful gardens around mass graves. It was sobering to actually be in the place that I had read about so often in textbooks. We even stayed nearby the hotel that the film *Hotel Rwanda* was inspired by.

The next day we travelled to the western edge of Rwanda to Volcano National Park to go gorilla trekking. After a several hour hike into the mountains, our guides located a gorilla family that we were able to watch from a distance. It was remarkable. That evening we stayed in Gisenyi on the lovely Lake Kivu.

The final leg of our journey brought us to Virunga National Park, just over the border in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Entering into Goma provided a stark contrast from Gisenyi: bad roads and UN convoys. We arrived by land cruiser at the bottom of the 10,000 foot Nyiragongo, Africa's most active volcano. It is also one of the few volcanos in the world that boast a lava lake on top. (Some of you may recall it was featured several years back in a National Geographic article.) After a five hour hike, we were on top, and we spent the night camping around the crater. It was truly unlike anything I have ever done before!

11. Our 2012/2013 Ambassadorial Scholar – Stevie Lewis

Our Ambassadorial Scholar, Stevie is still hiking the Appalachian Trail... Follow her journey at: <http://www.trailjournals.com/ericandstevie> She and her Dad are now in Virginia In the fall Stevie will begin her studies in Edinburgh, Scotland.

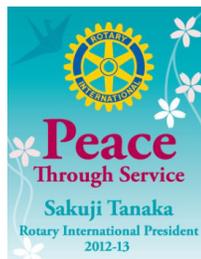
12. Rotary Foundation

Every Club in the District made a commitment to have members and clubs donate to the Rotary Foundation in 2011/2012. I just received an update on our giving as of April 1, 2012. **This**

Month we again moved closer to achieving our District goal of \$118,287.00. Currently, our Rotarians have given 60.33% of our goal or \$71,365.88. My thanks to all who have already contributed, and I look forward to hearing that our pledge targets have been achieved. Four Clubs have informed me that 100% of their membership has contributed to the Foundation this year. There are 8 Clubs who have averaged at least \$100/ member...good news!

Please remember, the dollars we give this year will be available for us to spend on Foundation projects and programs in 3 years. Help us have the money to “do good in the world”... and here at home too.

13. A Gala for RI President- Elect Sakugi Tanaka



Saturday, June 30, 2012 is a big day for the northern New England Rotary Districts. Rotary President-Elect Sa-kugi Tanaka will be coming to our area and a gala celebration is being planned in Concord, NH for him. This is a very special opportunity to meet the incoming President of Rotary International. **Don't miss it!** Register at:
<http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/Events/EVPEventDetails.aspx?accountid=50052&eid=7b5f5d76-054e-401d-84b6-0dda70ab4de4&tid=2>

Date: Jun 30, 2012 at 06:00 PM - 09:00 PM

Fee: \$50

Location: Grappone Center, Marriott Courtyard, 70 Constitution Avenue, Concord, NH 03301

14. ShelterBox

what is SHELTER BOX...and SHELTERBOX USA...

We respond instantly following natural and other disasters by delivering boxes of aid to those who need it most.

Each ShelterBox supplies an extended family with a tent and essential equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless. We are now firmly established at the forefront of disaster relief and our work constantly earns the respect of outside agencies. **Our goal is to help 50,000 families who lose everything in a disaster every year and we can achieve this goal with your help. The ShelterBox solution in disaster response is as simple as it is effective.** We deliver the essentials a family needs to survive in the immediate aftermath of a disaster. Each green ShelterBox is tailored to a disaster but typically contains a disaster relief tent for an extended family, blankets, water storage and purification equipment, cooking utensils, a stove, a basic tool kit, a children's activity pack and other vital items. For more information go to:
<http://www.shelterboxusa.org/>

15. Club News:

I'm continuing to post Club News on our District's Facebook page. Go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/RotaryDistrict7850>

In April there are posts about

- District Conference Planning
- Our District Assembly
- Lyndonville's RYLarians
- There are posts from:
 - North Conway
 - Burlington Sunrise
 - Charlotte Shelburne
 - Waterbury
 - International Convention Host Committee

Please send me information and pictures you want posted on the District's *facebook* page.

**Yours in Rotary Service,
DG Marilyn Bedell**