

**The Lantern** 

THE NEWS OF ROTARY CLUBS IN DISTRICT 7850



### OCTOBER 2014

# What is the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)?

### A Leadership and Development Program

Strengthens Rotary Clubs Provides Education, Collaboration, and Ideas Exchange Develops Future and Current Leaders

### A Three-Class Curriculum

Facilitated by Experienced Faculty Members Engages Participants to Share Their Successes Open Discussion, Problem-Solving, Creative Role-Play

**Not an Official Program of Rotary International** Offered in more than 300 Rotary Districts

### How does RLI work?

Three Classes: Part 1, 2, 3 One Class per Day Saturday April 11, 2015 • DHMC in Lebanon, NH 7:30 am - 3:00 pm (approx.) 6 or 7 topics/class • 50 minutes/class

> **Discussion and Involvement** Structured Conversations No Lectures or PowerPoint

> > Skilled Facilitators Experienced Knowledgeable

Who Should Attend? Future Club Leaders New Members Active Rotarians

Graduate Course (Pre-requisite completion of Parts 1, 2 & 3) 2015 Topics: Ethics / Morality in Rotary Council on Legislation

### RLI • Saturday, April 11, 2015

in Lebanon, NH, at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. *Be the best Rotarian you can be!* Learn about the mutual synergy that exists between you and Rotary! Block your calendar for this opportunity to learn, share, and network. <u>Check it out or pre-register at www.rlinea.org.</u> For questions contact Kiki Leech, District 7850 RLI Coordinator, at cateringbykiki@yahoo.com.

# IMPORTANT REMINDER:

WWW.ROTARY7850.ORG

Pre-PETS and Foundation Training November 8 • Lyndon State College

### Presidents-Elect and Club Foundation members take note! The training that usually happens in January/February is being held on November 8, 2014, this year!

This training is open to all Rotarians and is important for presidents elect and club Foundation members. During the morning you will learn about the processes and deadlines of RYLA, Youth Exchange, Rotaract and Interact, Speech Contest, and RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute).

Additionall, you will hear about the resources available to help with membership, club visioning, and public relations. Rotarians interested in any of these programs are welcome to attend! Lunch will be provided. There is no charge.

> To allow us to plan for seating and food, please register at www.rotary7850.org or e-mail us at rotary7850reg@gmail.com.

### **RE: FOUNDATION TRAINING • PLEASE READ**

There will be two Foundation certification/trainings held on November 8. One is the certification of new Foundation stewards and the other is recertification for Rotarians who have already participated in the full training. Certification is required for all clubs participating in the district grants and global grants program.

Contact Marilyn Bedell, Rotary District 7850 Foundation chairperson at m.k.bedell@comcast.net or Larry Vars, district grants chairperson at lvars@pjnoyes.com if you have questions.

### **RE: PUBLIC RELATIONS ROUND TABLE**

Encourage your club's public relations people to attend and participate in the district PR discussion scheduled at 11:00. Marc Pratico will be leading the discussion.

1) We agreed in unison that it is imperative that we continue to advertise to promote Rotary in order to draw new members;

2) We agreed to create a committee made up of six members throughout our district and the district governor elect and district governor nominee;

3) This committee would act as the PR chair for the district and create the co-operative advertising plan each year;

4) The committee would create the advertising budget each year and more importantly how the money will be raised;

5) The committee would seek approval from the current district governor each year and report back results.

For more information on this discussion, visit www.rotary7850.org or contact Marc Pratico at mpratico@theupsstore.com.

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# Foundation Giving Year-to-Date

### By PDG Marilyn Bedell District Foundation chairperson

If we want to have \$30,000 available for district grants in 2017/2018, we need to achieve our district goal of \$120,000 by 30 June 2015. Of the money we raise this year, 50% will be returned to the district to be used for district and global grants. Of the 50% that is returned, we can use 50% for district grants and 50% for global grants. I hope you will reach deep and help us achieve our goal.

### Donations 1 July 2014 to 30 September 2014 Goal = US \$120,000.00 Year-to-Date = \$15,452.11 (13% of Goal).



POLIOPLUS Club Donations July 1, 2014 to September 30, 2014 = \$8,611.77

### November will be Rotary Foundation Month

During November, it is good time to reflect on the Rotary Foundation programs we support and on how each of us can contribute to make sure these programs continue. Our Rotary Foundation sponsors a broad range of educational and humanitarian programs that save and change lives here at home and abroad. I hope our clubs will consider doing a program about the good work our Foundation does during the month of November.

## We hope you enjoy this issue of *"The Lantern"*.

We encourage every club in District 7850 to share items of interest and photos.

Please send your news in text formatting (attached in Word or in the body of the email, not PDF), and photos untouched in jpeg formats.

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### ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS by Past District Governor, Marilyn Bedell FOUNDATION CHAIR



### District Team Training Seminar 8 November 2014

Final Reminder: If you want to use Rotary Foundation grant money in 2015/2016, your club must send at least one member to the Grants Management Seminar on November 8th at Lyndon State College and complete the Club Memorandum of Understanding(s).

Even if a member of your club attended the seminar in 2013 or 2014, a club member MUST attend this seminar to be re-qualified for the 2015-2016 Rotary year. (Reminder: Presidents elect will be in sessions with District Governor-elect Louisa Tripp and will not be attending the Foundation seminar. Therefore, a second member of the club must accompany your president elect to get this task accomplished. It is my bet that your president elect would be happy to have folks to be part of a carpool. A car ride is a good time for fun and fellowship!

### Marilyn Bedell is happy to answer questions if you have them. Contact her at m.k.bedell@comcast.net.

### AGENDA:

- Applying for and implementing a district or global grant;
- Rules for district and global grants (Memorandums of Understanding for district and global grants);
- Concepts of sustainability, stewardship, and evaluation/outcomes;
- Financial management of grants;
- Conflicts of interest;
- What it means to be qualified.

### **Consider Leaving a Legacy of Service**

When you plan a gift to Rotary through your longterm estate or financial plans, you will continue a 100-year tradition of uniting leaders from all continents, cultures, and industries for the common good. It's easier than you might think; go to www.rotary.org/plannedgiving.

Thoughtful estate planning puts you in control of how your property is ultimately distributed. It allows you to preserve assets you have accumulated over a lifetime for the benefit of loved ones or charitable causes you care about most.

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### By Past District Governor Sonny Holt Membership Chair

### **Successful Membership Seminar:**

Thirty-two Rotarians gathered in Sherbrooke for this bilingual seminar. We had an excellent turnout from our Canadian clubs, as well as representatives from eight US clubs and our International club—the Boundary.



Many thanks to Rotarians Simon Holsgrove, who did the instantaneous translations, and Andre Lemire, who coordinated the event.

Attendees learned about: Tools for increasing membership; How to increase and sustain member engagement; How to evaluate and improve your club's "Value Quotient"; Best and worst methods for recruiting members; Three easy steps for building satellite clubs for rapid growth; Best ways to tell "Your Club's Story"; How one club gained eighteen members in four months; How to create exciting and engaging club meetings; and Special tools for building strength and membership for small clubs. The last part of the seminar was dedicated to building an "action plan" for dynamic membership growth.

All attendees were unanimous in asking that the seminar be held again next year.

The district plans to host two additional membership seminars in January and February – one in the Burlington area and the other in the Lebanon area.

### Some Funny Stories

2014 Edition by DMC Sonny Holt

Club presidents who attend the next two membership meetings will be handed the 2014 edition of this book containing 83 tales of mirth to keep club members rolling in the aisles with laughter.



Sonny, conversing with a friend

### **Rotary Pavilion Opens**

The official opening of the Rotary Pavilion at the Camp Richelieu in Quebec took place on August 24, 2014. The Rotary Club of Saint-Hyacinthe contributed \$10,000 towards the creation of the new pavilion at Camp Richelieu, a summer camp which has operated for fifty years offering respite vacations for people with mental disabilities and their caregivers. The new pavilion will focus on persons with autism. The camp director states that this is the first effort to see if the populations can be served in the same location and could lead to a major expansion of services at the camp.

## 2016 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION (COL)

Every three years, Rotarians meet at the Council on Legislation to review and vote on proposed legislation. The council gives us a voice in how our organization is governed. The next council convenes in April 2016.

Legislation must be received at RI headquarters by 31 December 2014. There are no exceptions to this deadline. Club legislation must be endorsed by the district.

### What does the council do?

Each Rotary district sends a representative to the council. Representatives deliberate and act upon all proposed enactments and resolutions. Enactments seek to change Rotary's constitutional documents, and resolutions express an opinion or make a recommendation to the RI Board.

The RI Board of Directors reviews and acts on resolutions adopted by the council and items referred to the board.

#### **District 7850 Process**

At our April 2014 district conference, PDG Bill Thompson was elected to be COL Representative for District 7850.

If your club has determined that it would like to submit legislation to the 2016 council, please visit https://www.rotary.org/en/document/629 and review the information below to help you create a proposed enactment or resolution.

Deadline for clubs to submit legislation to the district for review is November 1, 2014. All submissions must be received by PDG Bill (wibbit@aol.com) no later than midnight of November 1, 2014.

All legislation submissions will be reviewed by the district's executive committee on November 8, 2014. Legislation approved by the executive committee will be sent to all clubs on November 9, 2014 with a club response deadline of December 15, 2014. Absence of a response will constitute a vote in agreement.

Any questions, thoughts or concerns may be addressed to Bill Thompson (wibbit@aol.com) or DG Bruce Pacht (brucepacht67@gmail.com).

### Morrisville Dictionary Project Set to Run Again

Morrisville Rotary is setting up for its sixth consecutive year of presenting dictionaries from the South Carolina-based Dictionary Project to third graders at up to nine local elementary schools. On the presentation day at each school, Rotarians give a short talk and share the many sections of these multi-use books with the students.

The shared goal of the Dictionary Project and Rotarians is "to assist all students to become good writers, active readers, and creative thinkers by providing students a gift of their own personal dictionary." Free dictionaries are one of the several annual literacy projects that Morrisville Rotary fosters within its community.

### MILLION DOLLAR DINNER 2015 Saturday, November 7, 2015 Woodstock Inn, North Woodstock, NH

Plans for a Million Dollar Dinner in Rotary District 7850 are well underway. The Million Dollar Dinner will be the crowning event for those Rotarians that make a US \$10,000 contribution either outright to the Rotary Foundation or leave a verifiable bequest in that amount to the Rotary Foundation. This will be our opportunity to thank those donors who make that contribution between 1 July 2014 and 31 October 2015. To date, we believe we have identified just over \$300,000 in new bequests to the Rotary Foundation that will count towards our US \$1,000,000.

This dinner will be held on November 7, 2015, at the Woodstock Inn's newly constructed function room in the heart of scenic North Woodstock, New Hampshire. A high level Rotary International representative has been invited to be our guest speaker and will personally present Major Donor and Bequest Society recognitions to our dinner guests.

Please consider supporting the Rotary Foundation as your charity of choice with either an outright gift or in your estate planning. Remember, you don't have to write a check to become a member of the Bequest Society. A codicil to a will or a life insurance policy naming the Rotary Foundation as the beneficiary are two simple ways to support those same Rotary Foundation programs after you are gone that make you proud to be a Rotarian now.

Some of you may already have made these additions to your will, but may not have notified the Rotary Foundation of that fact. Now is the time to do so as these codicils will count towards our million dollar goal. The actions, dedication, and financial support of Rotarians and friends of Rotary to the programs and projects of the Rotary Foundation are the legacy we leave that will make the world a little better for us having been here.

For more information about our district's first Million \$ Dinner, please contact: Committee Chair Jay Polimeno at jay@polimenorealty.com (603) 745-8289 or PDG Marilyn Bedell at m.k.bedell@comcast.net or (603) 653-5396.

Mark your calendar now; we hope to see you there!

### Peace, coffee, and sustainability

#### By Pamela Broussard

2007 Rotary Peace Fellow at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

It has been more than 10 years since Rotary started training Rotary Peace Fellows around the globe. Today there are over 800 alumni working in a range of careers such as: international development, relief work, refugee services, military, government, education, and local grassroots organizations. If you have seen a crisis in the news, or on the front page of the newspaper, there is a good chance that a peace fellow is there working to make a difference.

Read more at: http://blog.rotary.org/2014/07/23/broussard/#more-4348

### Here is language clubs may use for a poster to publicize locally the Rotary District 7850 Speech Contest.

#### **Speech Contest**

Rotary's "Four-Way Test" is the theme for the Rotary District 7850 Annual Speech Contest for July, 2014–June, 2015, Rotary's 110th year!

The District Winner receives \$1,000 and up to forty others win \$100 or more!

The Four-Way Test asks the following questions:

of the things we THINK, SAY or DO:

1. Is it the TRUTH?

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER

FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

#### **Background:**

The Rotary Four-Way Test is an important Rotary tradition. It emphasizes using high ethical personal and business behavior while helping to make the world a better place.

#### An alternate theme this year is the Motto of Rotary, "Service Above Self."

#### **Background for the alternate theme:**

Providing service to mankind, even when it may be inconvenient for you, is another important Rotary tradition.

Rules: Prepare and deliver a speech of five minutes or less on either of the above themes. All participants MUST be available to participate on the dates set for Rounds #3 and #4.

**Details:** High School students only. Children of Rotarians are not eligible. Memorization not required.

**Round #1:** Compete against other contestants at a competition sponsored by your local Rotary Club before January 31, 2015—Prize \$100.00.

(Local contact information should be provided here.)

**Round #2:** Compete against up to four other Round #1 winners from nearby Rotary Clubs before February 28, 2015—Prize \$150.00.

Date will be determined locally in each Assistant Governor's area.

**Round #3:** Compete against up to four other Round #2 winners at the District 7850 Assembly around noon on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH—Prize \$250.00.

**Round #4:** Compete against one other Round #3 winner around noon on Saturday, May 30, 2015, at the District 7850 Conference at the Stoweflake Resort & Spa, Stowe, VT—Grand Prize \$500.00.

The Grand Prize Winner of last year's contest was Tom Nowlan of Montpelier, VT, and Montpelier High School. Tom was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Montpelier.

Additional details are available at www.Rotary7850.org; Youth Services: Speech Contest.

For more information, applications, and LOCAL contest schedules please contact:

Name: Phone: Email:

# Each issue of The Lantern will highlight a District club's newsletter. This month we bring you Greater Vergennes:





It is not often that we, as Rotarians, celebrate one of our own. Usually we hesitate to draw attention to ourselves or toot our own horns. But the Vergennes club felt it was time to honor someone who has joined our ranks every summer for years, gives us a tremendous hand in our Rubber Duckie Race every year, and has become someone we rely upon. I am, of course, talking about George Koplinka. George arrives around Memorial Day and stays until Columbus Day. He is a regular and we have all come to

He is thoughtful, and wise; a regular elder statesman. Without George's help, we would not have sold so many advance tickets for the Rubber Duckie Race over the years, we would not have collected so much money in bottle redemptions, we would not be making preparations for our new sign, and we would not have met so many of George's children

and grandchildren.

He has made a huge impact on our club in so many ways. George, we want you to know how much you are loved here in the Vergennes Rotary. Thank you so very much for all you do for us to make us a better club.

#### Membership Rob

Tell a potential new member why you joined Rotary. First ask them to breakfast.

Why join Rotary? We have great breakfasts. We have lots of laughs. We do lots of good for the community and the world.

Talk about the good that Rotary does: charity, community service (roof over bandstand,) Meals on Wheels volunteers, Scholarships for local students, Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus program, Green Up Day, Dances, Casino Night, Memorial day float, Food shelf, Youth speech contest, Life straws for pure drinking water.

We try to make the world a better place to live.





**Public Relations** Jim

We are still moving in the right direction. Our public relations group tackled the following:

We are waiting to hear all about Rob's canoe trip. Hopefully, soon we can get him to tell us all about his adventures with Michael & Stewart.

You can also just go to www.paddletoendpolio.com to see what was updated.

Our Rubber Duckie King, George, will be heading home for the winter. Make sure you all say farewell 'til next summer.

Cookie and Lee, as well as young Mr. Gaines have spoken about Peace One Day. Discussion has been brought up on how to be involved. Sue's Rotary Minute would be a good start.

#### The Greater Vergennes Rotary Financial Report as of September 16, 2014

Mary

Through September 11, 2014, we are in a favorable position. On the Charities side, our gross income is \$9,238 versus the budget of \$10,100. The Rubber Ducky Race came in under budget by \$1,587 although we are still receiving money for the Corporate ducks. Our expenses are \$1,698 versus the budget of \$1,595. This reflects a net income of \$7,540 versus the budget of \$8,505. The main reason for this decrease from budget is the underrun in Rubber Ducky Sales and the Polio Plus banner expense.

On the GVR - Operations side, our income is 4,475 versus the budget of 4,260. Our expenses are 2,956 versus the budget of 2,885 giving us a net income of 1,519 versus the budget of 1,375 down 144. Bank balances are: Charities 330,968; Operations 4,228 and our Scholarship CD 330,858.

Tom

<u>2014 - 2015 Officers</u> President - <u>Patty Paul</u> President Elect - <u>CJ Hebert</u> Vice president - <u>Kalvin Jay</u> Secretary - <u>Walt Kuehn</u> Treasurer - <u>Mary McKinnon</u> Sgt at arms - <u>Susan Burdick</u>

2014 - 2015 Directors Membership - <u>Rob McNamara</u> Public Relations - <u>Jim Weening</u> Rotary Foundation - <u>Scott Gaines</u>

To send an email to any of the officers or directors, click on their names

#### Notes from the Editor

The format that we are using for this year's newsletter was decided upon in the hopes that it would keep the members of the club up to date on our major happenings as well as some entertaining info.

It was decided to make it a monthly newsletter as opposed to a simple weekly recap of the meeting. The old format offered nothing of interest to those who attended the meeting, and so it was seldom read.

This newsletter gives our president the opportunity to offer her thoughts about the club and its progress as the year advances. It offers current information on the finances of the club. It lets us know what is happening with our two major committees – Public Relations and Membership. It gives us a full month's schedule of the assignments for meetings. It lets us know which members are having a birthday during the month. It reminds us to check our website to see what is happening there.

It provides us with interactive links to several things of interest as well as the email addresses of our board of directors. Adding a little humor is also a new twist.

We would like to add more items of interest as the year progresses. We invite you to write a guest article. It could be about Rotary or a story that you feel would be of interest to the rest of the club.

I would appreciate any feedback about this format. Feel free to make suggestions that you think would improve the newsletter.

Date	Program	Songs	Invocation	Minute	Guest
Oct 7	Yvon	Bruce	Tony	Lee	Tony
Oct 14	Kalvin	CJ	Rob	Tom	Yvon
Oct 21	Lynn	Tim	Yvon	Rob	Kalvin
Oct 28	Scott	George G.	Kalvin	Walt	Lynn

#### October Assignments

#### Notes of Interest

Upcoming birthdays: Tim - October 1



Full moon in October is the Hunter's Moon on October 8th at 6:51 am. Columbus Day is the 13th.



### Humor

I love being married. It's so great to find the one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.

- Rita Rudner

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