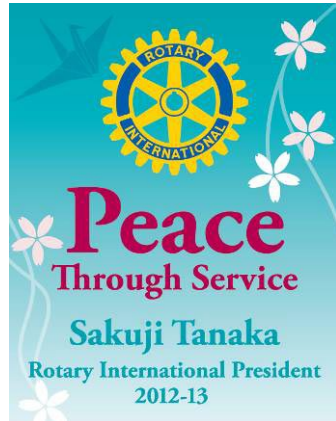


DISTRICT 7850, GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER – 1 October 2012



DISTRICT GOVERNOR, SONNY HOLT

“Rotary is a place where you meet new people and make new friends, you work with them, laugh with them and cry with them. You work on many projects that make a difference in so many lives.” Susan Wierzba



The Autumn foliage season has arrived and certain parts of the district are ablaze in color.

Governor's Club Visits:

Deb and I have traveled over 3,500 miles throughout the district visiting clubs in Quebec, New Hampshire and Vermont. We have about eight clubs left to visit. It has been a wonderful experience. The hospitality shown us by the various clubs has been a most memorable and



appreciative experience – one that we will long remember. Every club in the district has their own unique personality, but all share some common elements. There is certainly fun and fellowship and we also detected a strong bond among members. All appear so proud to be Rotarians. And we should be. We belong to the premier service organization in the world and we certainly do make life better for people.

Rotary and the United Nations: In 1945, 49 Rotarians went to San Francisco to help draft the UN Charter. Rotary and the UN have been close partners ever since.

This year Rotary UN Day will be held on Saturday, **November 3, 2012**. The program is designed to inspire and educate all participants as well as provide insight into the relationship between Rotary and the United Nations. In the past, the day has been very successful and has sold out.

At UN Day, you will hear great speakers from the United Nations and from Rotary Clubs around the world talk about topics relevant to our world and our times. The theme for this year's event will be "Peace through Service." If you would like to attend this event go to www.RIUNDay.org for more details and to register.

Rotary Day at the United Nations also includes a special program for youth interested in humanitarian service. Youth will have the opportunity to hear about a model UN program, the Shelter Box project, some projects that Interact Clubs are working on, and an overview of the UN and much more. The program begins at 9:30am and concludes at 12:30 followed by lunch. Participants are welcome to join the adult program after lunch.



Louisa Tripp becomes Governor for 2015-2016: The Nominating Committee could not have picked a better candidate. While working full time, Louisa donates upwards of 20 hours per week towards Rotary both at the club level and at the district level. She is the District's Polio-Plus Chair as well as the Chair for the Group Study Exchange program. When hurricane Irene swept through Vermont, causing extensive flooding and damage. Louisa personally raised funds to contribute to the District's matching grant application. Louisa's belief in helping those who cannot help themselves is also evident in her support of Veterans' Place in Northfield. Each year she organizes a dinner for the Veterans in the community so they can gather together, tell stories, and be honored. Constantly seeking out other ways to serve, she volunteered for Project Amigo, to distribute eye glasses in Colima, Mexico, and is a Board Member for the Battered Women's Shelter Project. In everything she does, she leads by example and people are willing to support her in her efforts to make life better for people. Louisa will be replacing Steve Dates as Club Service Chair on 1 July. Our congratulations to Rotarian Louisa.

\$1 million = \$3 million!

The Canadian government has agreed to match Canadian Rotarian and Canadian Rotary Club donations to Polio through the Rotary Foundation. The match from the Canadian government is 1:1 but the Gates Foundation will also match 1:1 to make it a 3:1 donation on behalf of Canadian Rotarians. The match is for donations made between 1 June 2012 and 31 March 2013. We have five Canadian clubs in our district that should be able to take advantage of this generous offer.

‘New Club’ Charter Celebration Night:

Gilles Gravel extends an invitation to all 41 Clubs in the district to participate at the Charter Celebration Night for the new Club Rotary Drummondville Malouin. Mark your calendars for FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH 2012 and let Gilles know if you plan to attend at ggravel@rotary-malouin.ca

New Section added to the Newsletter:

We’ve added a ‘Literary and Visual Arts Section’ after the ‘Club News’ section. Members are invited to contribute to this section to ‘show off’ their talents.

We’ve started out by initiating the literary section with a poem. Yes! I’ve been exposed. I write poetry as a hobby!

Next we’ll show how mural artists in Sherbrooke, QC have done some fantastic art work on the sides of buildings in that city.

District Conference 2013:

Service Projects in Bermuda: Conference Chair Roy Somaini has been working with Bermuda Rotary clubs to develop a joint service project(s) during our stay in Bermuda.



Sign up early and you may still win as much as \$200. Wendy Franklin from the Newport Club won the September 15th drawing for \$300. There are still two drawings to go. If you register by:

- October 15th - you will be eligible to win \$200
- November 15th - you will be eligible to win \$100

For Information or Reservations Call AAA: In VT 802-878-8233; In NH 603-889-0165
After making reservation with AAA, then go to the [District 7850 Website](#) to register for the monthly drawings. Click on 'Attending' – you will not be double billed. For further assistance or information, contact: Roy Somaini, Conference Chairman, 802-371-8642 royliza@charter.net

George "Sonny" Holt



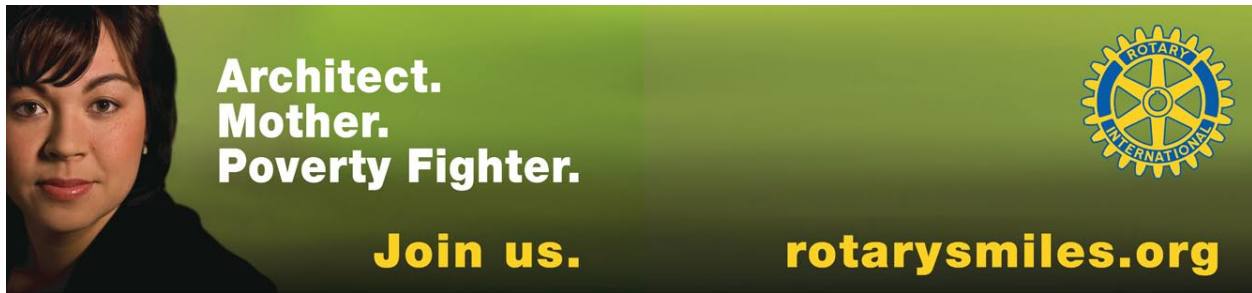
CLUB SERVICE CHAIR
District Governor Elect, Steve Dates

The Club Services primary objective is to provide the tools to assist District 7850's clubs on their quest to have an outstanding year. It consists of six focus areas: (1) Service Project Database, (2) District Training, (3) Club Visioning, (4) Public Relations, (5) an Awards Database, (6) District Website & Social Media Services, and (7) Translation Services. See updates below.

Service Projects Database (Linda Gilbert, Chair) This database can be found on the District webpage under the Club Services tab. There you will find three files: one for Service Projects, one for International Projects and one for Fundraisers. To date there is input posted from seven clubs (Charlotte-Shelburne, Burlington Sunrise, Essex, So. Burlington, Williston-Richmond, Vergennes and Lincoln-Woodstock). As we prepare for our next update on the website we already have Bristol's input in hand and confirmation from several other clubs to provide us their input within a few weeks. If you are looking for ideas for your club, keep an eye on this database as it will be growing in October as well as the months that follow.

Club Visioning (Andy Milligan, PDG, Chair) Club Visioning is a process to assist clubs to better define where they currently are vs where they would like to be and to build the roadmap to make that transition. Since July 1st, two clubs have completed this process (St. Johnsbury and Charlotte-Shelburne) with Cambridge Area scheduled for October 16th. Stowe is currently considering this process and the District has authorized several more slots for this year. If your club is considering participation in Club Visioning, please go to the District Website to find more information about the process and to get scheduled. In addition, the District has authorized additional funding this year to create a French version of this program, train the trainers and begin implementation...hopefully, by this spring.

Public Relations: (Earl Wertheim, Chair) The 2012-2013 Rotary PR has been received and there are PR programs in process in both St. Hyacinth and Chittenden County, Vermont. St. Hyacinth will be focusing on bus signs (these signs are currently in production, so, the campaign can begin shortly) and Chittenden County is on a parallel path with bus signs in addition to a sign to be placed at the Burlington Airport. Following is an example of the signs we'll be using. Please note the new slogan "rotarysmiles.org" which will be a new "landing page" for these campaigns supported by a Facebook campaign. This new landing page will lead potential members to either French or English pages.



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Awards Database (Peter Pelletier, Chair)

This is the debut of the Awards Database that Peter has been working on for several months. It contains a Word Document similar to the Service Projects Database where a club can see the various Rotary International, Zone and District Awards available to them. Separate folders will contain the application forms & procedures to follow. This database can also be found under the Club Services Tab on the District’s website.

Website / Social Media (Steve Lambert, Chair)

Steve has been implementing several “user friendly” improvements to the website and assisting the other District Chairs in their website and social media needs. In addition, Steve is working on a training module on Social Media for next April’s District Assembly.

Translation Services (To be appointed)

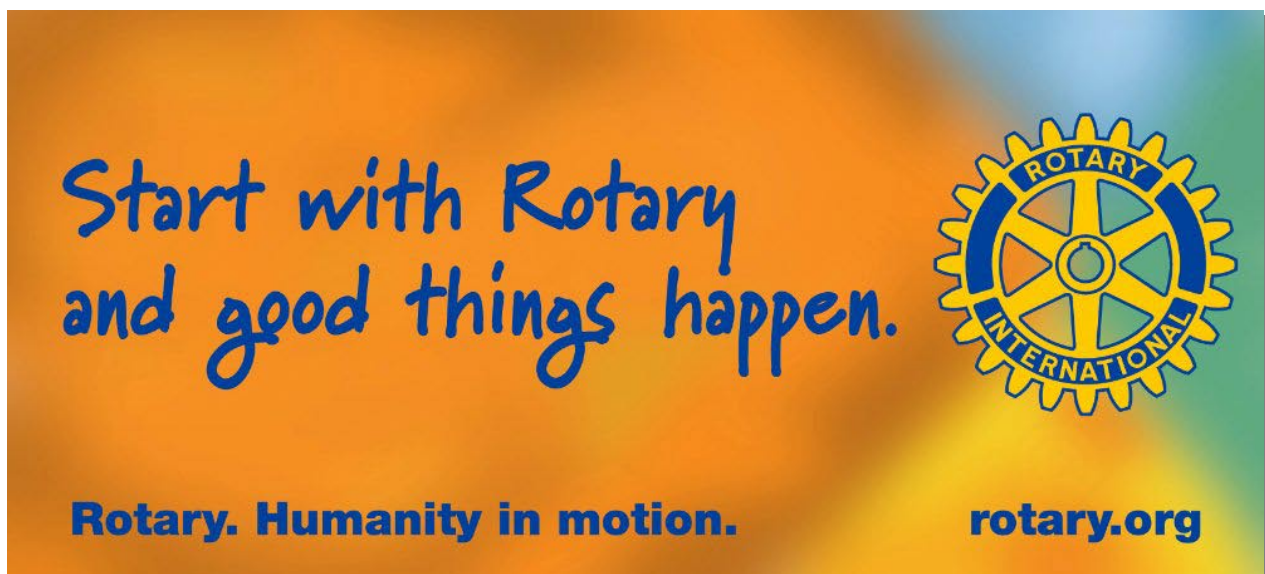
This committee, which is now being developed, will provide the district with the necessary translators and equipment to fully integrate our Quebec clubs into all district activities by providing translation services.



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
District Governor, Sonny Holt

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

Membership in Rotary should provide value for the time and energy freely donated by its members. Each club should strive to meet the needs of its members by providing opportunities to serve on worthwhile service activities, in an atmosphere of friendship, fellowship and camaraderie. Additional benefits accrue through business networking and the opportunity to develop leadership skills. We also take pride in our programs for youth - the future of Rotary.



Strong, vibrant clubs with excellent programs and public relations will act as magnets for attracting potential members from the local community.

I recently sent a 39 page Membership Development Plan to all club presidents. The plan contains four parts to an effective membership development program and provides the best practices for each part. The plan also contains numerous examples of successful membership development programs. I've asked each club to build their own, short, action oriented plan by taking from the district's plan and other sources, whatever they think will work best for their club.



One of the keys to successful membership development lies in the hands of each member who is willing to share his or her passion for Rotary with others in the community. Sharing with those who may be looking for an opportunity to serve - an opportunity to make life better for people.

There will also be a number of incentive awards for those clubs achieving strong membership retention and growth, as well as a Top Honor Award to that Rotarian in the District who has shown that through dedication and perseverance he/she has recruited and retained the largest number of new members.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT: Gilles Gravel has one recommendation this month. It is just, “Ask.”

CLUB EXTENSION: Extension Chair, Past District Governor Bill Thompson

Middlebury President Jason Schnoor reports that they have held two meetings of prospective members of the proposed New Generations club in Addison County, Vermont. They have selected a President and President-Elect. We will soon apply for provisional status for the new club. Thank you, Jason, for your efforts, and thanks to the Middlebury Rotarians who are supporting you.

At the suggestion of DG Sonny, we are developing a spreadsheet of potential locations for new clubs. A second section of the sheet will explore the possibility of New Generations clubs where we already have traditional clubs. Good examples would be Hanover, NH and Burlington, VT.

We cannot succeed in forming new clubs unless Rotarians from nearby clubs are willing to travel to the location of the new club and support them. To that end, District Governor Sonny and the Finance Committee have increased the budget for Club Extension so that the expenses involved will be at least partially reimbursed.



FOUNDATION CHAIR
Past District Governor, Marilyn Bedell

The Rotary Foundation News



Foundation Program: Would your Club like to learn more about The Rotary Foundation? I have prepared a program that outlines how money comes into the Foundation and how it is then distributed. I've done this presentation at the Rotary Clubs of the Mad River Valley and at the Rotary Club of Lincoln-Woodstock. Feel free to contact Douglas Stoehr (Mad River) douglas_stoehr@yahoo.com or Stuart Anderson (Lincoln-Woodstock) stuartjanderson@hotmail.com to see if they

would recommend my program. I'm sure they will honestly tell you if it met the needs of their clubs. If you are interested in having me come to your Club, contact me at m.k.bedell@comcast.net

PolioPlus – October 24 World Polio Day!

Ride to end polio: Rotary has made great strides in the effort to eradicate polio, but it's vital to complete the job. On 17 November, General Secretary John Hewko and a team of Rotarians will be taking part in a bicycle ride to raise money for polio eradication.



Vaccine Heroes - Read about 14 year old Sikha Patra's efforts in the slums of Calcutta to help find children so that they can receive life-saving vaccines. Sikha works with a group of kids called the Daredevils who find children throughout Calcutta.

(<http://www.impatientoptimists.org/en/Posts/2012/09/Vaccine-Hero-Sikha-Patra>)



NEW GENERATIONS CHAIR
District Governor Nominee, Bruce Pacht

Group Study Exchange – Deadline Extended for GSE Team Member Applications!

We are looking for four team members for Group Study Exchange to Alsace, France. The Group Study Exchange (GSE) to Alsace will travel April 30 through May 30, 2013. Team members must be between the ages of 25 and 40 and not be Rotarians or related to a Rotarian. Team members will stay in the homes of local Rotarians and will learn about their corresponding occupation through a minimum of five customized vocational days. The month will be fully booked with cultural and sightseeing activities.

Completed applications must be endorsed by a District 7850 Club and are due to Louisa Tripp by October 31st. Interviews will be held in early November. Applicants must be willing to learn French prior to the travel date to France. Applications are available at www.rotary7850.org and clicking on the GSE link on the right hand side. Please contact Louisa Tripp (louisatripp@yahoo.com) or (802)371-9819 with any questions.



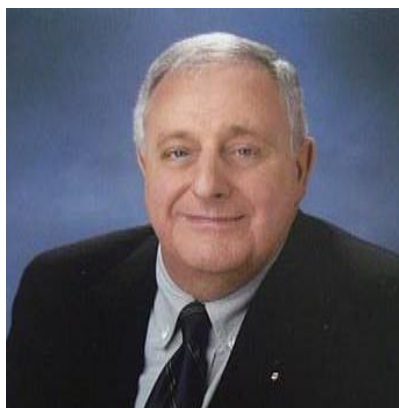
The team from France has arrived and is traveling around our district! Their first meal in our district was at Al's French Fries in Burlington at almost midnight! They are currently in Quebec and traveling to NH next week. Their schedule is available via the GSE link at www.rotary7850.org.

District GSE Dinner in Stowe, October 11 – 6PM at the “Town and Country Resort” on the Mountain Road. This is a joint meeting of the Stowe, Waterbury, Montpelier and Morrisville

clubs with an invitation to the entire district. Cash bar from 6-7, meeting to start at 7PM. RSVP by October 1 to Terry Smith, President – stowelady@gmail.com

CLUB NEWS

Rotary Club of the Boundary Honors Lloyd Scheib:



On September 14 the Rotary Club of the Boundary recognized local business man, Lloyd Scheib by granting him an honorary membership to the club. Lloyd is from a well-known Sherbrooke family and husband of Past District Governor Lyse Emond.

The club hosted a dinner to which fifty-seven people attended including dignitaries and their wives as well as Rotarians and their spouses from the Boundary, Sherbrooke, and Newport Clubs.

Lloyd has worked mostly in communications. He owned Sherbrooke's newspaper, *Le Journal*, began *Le Journal* in Drummondville and worked at *The Record*, Sherbrooke's English newspaper. In radio he has worked in many cities around Quebec province and began several cable networks when the technology was very new.

Lloyd became a true friend of Rotary when his wife, Lyse, was asked to be our District Governor. Health issues would have prevented her from fulfilling all of the requirements of this position. Lloyd stepped in and said that he would do whatever he needed to make it possible for her to be our Governor.

Lyndonville Rotary Club Celebrates at Powers Park:

The Lyndonville Rotary Club celebrated the end of summer by holding its meeting on Sept. 19 at Power Park, where the The Village Improvement Society also officially recognized the efforts of Rotary by placing a plaque on the Rotary Pavilion. The Pavilion was recently refurbished with the help of many area youth and other volunteers. An anonymous donor gave \$4,000 toward the effort and the Lyndonville Rotary Club donated another \$3,000 plus a commitment to sponsor scholarships for campers in need of assistance for the summer program.



Literary and Visual Arts Section

This section is reserved for members who wish to display some of their art or writings. Please keep it limited to no more than a page.

Memories on Snowflakes

*There's a season of the year
When the days grow short
And the wind blows crisp and clear.
It's when the geese have gone
And the harvesting's done
When thoughts from the past appear.*

*Memories on snowflakes
Drift down from the sky.
Bringing laughter and heartaches
From years gone by.*

*But this season of the year
When the gray turns white
Is when the mind becomes crisp and clear
Watching the golden sun shine
On snow topped pines
Is when happiness replaces all fear.*

*It's the time of year
When crystal clear
Moonbeams,
Brighten the night,
Uplifting the heart,
Clearing the sight.*

*This season of the year
When the days are short
And nights could be long and unkind.
Is the best time of all
To catch snowflakes that fall
- with pleasant memories
On moonbeams to the mind.*

Sonny Holt

Sherbrooke Mural Art on Buildings

If you're ever visiting Sherbrooke, Quebec be sure to look for the buildings that have provided space for mural artists. Below is a sampling of what their art looks like. Andre Lemire from the Sherbrooke Rotary Club took the photos.

