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Pommerin, Tanzania, District Grant



Left to right: Hank Dreyer, past president, Lancaster Rotary; Abigail Joyal and Kendall Manning, representing the Norwich University Rotaract Club in Northfield, VT; and Larry Vars, Rotary district grant committee chair. Rotarian Nicole DiDomenico took the photograph.

The Norwich University Rotaract Club received a grant totaling \$4,550 in a combination of funds from the Lancaster Rotary Club, a matching district grant, and a donation from a sister club. Hank Dreyer, past president of the Lancaster Rotary Club, and Larry Vars, district grant committee chairperson, presented a check to the Norwich University Rotaract Club (sponsored by the Northfield Rotary Club of VT) to help furnish an orphanage in Pommerin, Tanzania. The funds will also supply local families with five chickens and either a breed female goat or pig. The families will then learn to care for their animals and return one of the offspring to the orphanage to continue this program for other families. The orphanage will house sixteen youth, who will be trained in farming and trade skills, literacy and transferable skills.

Rotaract members Abigail and Kendall, along with other Rotaractors, recently returned from a three-week trip to the village. The trip included flights from Boston to Istanbul to Dar Es Salam, Tanzania, before multiple bus rides to the village of Pommerin. During their stay, they helped get sand, stones, and cement to make concrete, to bend and secure rebar, and to fill the footings for the new orphanage. They were also able to shadow a family, working with the mother of three children, grinding corn meal to make a local staple food, ugali. Another staple is beans, which they had to beat with a stick to dehusk. Many of the meals the girls had were made up of "rice, beans, and greens." One of the side achievements the Rotaract students had was doing their own laundry. They had to go to a nearby drilled well, rinse the clothes, wash them, and rinse again. They were told that to really get their clothes clean, they need to repeat this process three times.

The girls did get to share some of their favorite foods with the locals. These were s'mores, mac 'n' cheese, and Jiffy Pop popcorn, with s'mores being the number one hit and mac 'n' cheese a close second.

The girls had a couple of days off their work detail and went on a safari. They traveled in an open-top vehicle and saw lions, a cheetah, giraffes, monkeys, hippos, and elephants. Abigail said that it was "so cool!"

All of the Rotaract students had defined jobs. Abigail had the job as a journalist and Kendall presented a musical medley consisting of many "American-" type dances. Both girls are Corps of Cadet students at Norwich University. Abigail is focused on athletic training with a goal of earning her nursing degree. Kendall is an engineering major. She plans on joining the Navy after graduation.

The Rotaract students paid their own expenses for this mission to help this community. The next trip will be in July 2015. This team will include six Rotaract members and six Interact students as well as at least three Rotarian advisors. The teams are looking for donations of money, backpacks, mosquito netting, dry-eraser markers, and other school supplies for their next trip to Africa.

Rotaract is a club for adults, ages 18–30 that meets twice a month to exchange ideas, plan activities and projects, and socialize. Rotaract clubs are sponsored by a local Rotary club.

Interact is a club for young people, ages 12–18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about.

Nicole DiDomenico Northfield Rotary Club Secretary Norwich University Rotaract Advisor

Rotary Leadership Institute – RLI SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, April 11, 2015

The Rotary Leadership Institute for District 7850 will be held 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. Check it out or pre-register at www.rlinea.org.

For questions contact Kiki Leech, District 7850 RLI Coordinator, at cateringbykiki@yahoo.com.

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Ten Reasons to Believe the End is in Sight

by Dr. Bob Scott, Retired Chair, International Polio Plus Committee

Dr. Bob Scott, who has served since 2006 as chair of the International Polio Plus Committee, stepped down from that role the end of June. It's hard to imagine Bob in "retirement," so we asked him to reflect on the state of polio eradication. Here is his upbeat assessment:

This morning, August 9, 2014, a young medical student came to my home to talk about polio. She will graduate in June of 2015. She is interested in global health as a career and wanted to be updated on the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. We talked generally about the Initiative and then I suggested to her that she does not need to worry as by the time she graduates with her specialty degree three years from now, polio will not be a problem.

Am I correct with this assessment? Ten reasons why I believe my advice is correct:

1. This year, India along with 10 other countries in South East Asia were CERTIFIED polio free. Now 80 percent of the world's parents need never worry again of having a child become crippled for life.

2. The world knows how to eradicate polio. Consider that there are only three countries where polio is still endemic and two of the three – Nigeria and Afghanistan – have markedly declining cases.

3. Polio types 2 and 3 have been eradicated and now only Type 1 remains.

4. Pakistan is the only country remaining with rising numbers of infection, and this is due to a ban on vaccination in some areas in the north of the country.

5. Despite the outbreak in Pakistan with 117 cases out of 149, the total numbers, this year to date, are 35 fewer worldwide.

6. In Syria, despite the unrest, good vaccination rounds have been held and only one case reported since early January.

7. Funding is significantly bullish, with \$5 billion pledged out of a budget of \$5.5 billion.

8. Rotarians continue to support the program in a tremendously generous manner. At least \$35 million is granted to the program by Rotary in order to receive \$70 million each year from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for further grants.

9. Rotarians continue to support National Immunization Days on the ground in many different ways.

10. A Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) has been declared by WHO which insists that all travelers from Pakistan, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea and Syria must have a valid certificate of polio vaccination before leaving the country. This is very positive step to prevent further "export" of polio from Pakistan, in particular, especially to Middle East countries.

The world is "This Close" to "Ending Polio Now!"

Paddling to End Polio

Stewart Brown, Michael Dempster and Rob McNamara departed Vergennes on Vergennes Day, August 23rd, and paddled their way down Lake Champlain to New York City. For details, go to to www.paddletoendpolio.com

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

by Past District Governor, Marilyn Bedell FOUNDATION CHAIR

WORLD POLIO DAY 24 October 2014



I hope every club will take time the week of 20th to think about a way to focus on Rotary's #1 priority, polio eradication. The information below was published last month, but I thought it should be shared again. It's just one idea of an activity that can be done this week.

In addition, in this issue of the newsletter is reprint of an article by Dr. Bob Scott, Retired Chair, International Polio Plus Committee, "Ten Reasons to Believe the End is in Sight." I hope you will read his message. We made a promise to the children of the world that we would stop this disease.

Consider holding The World's Greatest Meal (WGM) to End Polio

Go to http://wgmeal.com/ to learn more about how to do this.

Foundation Giving Year-to-Date

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 31 August 2014 Goal = \$120,000.00 Year-to-Date = \$9,360.11

POLIOPLUS Club Donations July 1 – August 31, 2014 = \$5,582.7

SAVE THE DATE! October 24 • World Polio Day



On Friday, October 24, at 7 PM at Saint Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont, the District will present "A Concert to End Polio" featuring Italian clarinetist Pietro Tagliaferri and pianist Francesco Attesti. We are asking all our clubs, especially those in proximity to Burlington, to support it. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. All proceeds will go to Polio Plus and will be credited to each club in proportion to the number of tickets sold.

Please bring family and friends to hear these worldclass musicians and support Rotary's promise to end Polio. *Pamela Cummings Rice, President*

Williston-Richmond Rotary PDG Bill Thompson, District Secretary

Send Us Your News, Your Fundraisers, Your Speakers!

Post your club's events on the district website! Fundraisers, speakers, events – they are all welcome! If you have not looked lately, check out www.rotary7850.org! Help us keep the site up-to-date and get the word out about your club's events by sending short articles to rotary7850webmaster@gmail.com along with the website where more information can be found. Pictures are very welcome. Readers will be directed to your website for more information! Contact Louisa Tripp at louisatripp@yahoo.com with any questions, thoughts, or suggestions.

Club Projects and Fundraising

Have you ever thought about your club's projects and wondered what other clubs around the district are doing?

Have you ever wanted to reach out to other clubs and ask for advice?

Has your club ever wanted to be part of a large project but has not had the resources and wondered about other clubs' projects?

The Service Projects and Fundraising Database is designed to answer these questions. David Wood of the Littleton Rotary Club has become the collector of the data and needs your help in bringing this information current and keeping it up-to-date. The "current" list is not very current, but can be found at http://www.rotary7850.org under "Club Services."

Help us update this database by sending your club's service projects, local and international, and fund-raising events to David at david@secondset.us.



You are invited to this auction to help The Rotary Club of Lebanon raise \$10,000 to donate to Upper Valley Smiles, a free dental health program for children kindergarten through 4th grade.

This school-based oral health program serves children enrolled in the Lebanon, Enfield, Canaan, and Hartford elementary schools. In addition to providing classroom education, free dental screenings, fluoride varnish, and sealant applications, the oral health program includes a limited number of cash vouchers for uninsured and/or underinsured children needing emergency care and followup treatment for restorative care. Over 1,600 children benefitted from this program last year.

If treated for dental health from kindergarten to fourth grade, these children will learn how to take care of their dental and oral needs which leads to a healthier life in many ways. They will have better self-confidence, find more success in obtaining jobs, will experience better health overall, and will in general lead happier lives.

The Rotary Club of Lebanon believes Upper Valley Smiles program must have continued support by the local community, and this year's auction, with your help, is one way to do it.

Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at the door.

To learn more about "Upper Valley Smiles" go to: www.alicepeckday.org/services/community_health/

For info and to bid at the online auction, please visit: www.lebanonrotaryauction.org John Yacavone, 2014 Auction Chair • 603-727-4551

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.

Send to Bill Secord, editor: wrsecord@comcast.net

Bruce Pacht • Publisher Betsey Child • Graphics & Production Presidents-Elect and Club Foundation members TAKE NOTE OF DATE CHANGE!

PRE-PETS & FOUNDATION TRAINING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 Lyndon State College

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). Additionally, 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, but, 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/Grants Management Seminar IMPORTANT: There will be TWO Foundation certification/trainings held on November 8

One is the certification of Rotarians who haven't attended a previous Grants Management Seminar 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 Chair at m.k.bedell@comcast.net or Larry Vars, District Grants Chair at lvars@pjnoyes.com.

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 from 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 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. 27th 5K Fun Run and Walk Sponsored by the Cambridge Area Rotary Sunday, October 5, 2014.



Start time is 9:30 a.m.

Runners and walkers of all ability levels and ages are encouraged to participate. Clubs and school teams of three or more will get a special rate when they register as a group.

The proceeds go to fund a variety of community service projects throughout Lamoille County including Winter Wellness Days at Smugglers Notch, the Cambridge Community Skating Rink, and literacy programs throughout Lamoille County Schools.

Course: 5k (3.1 miles). The course is asphalt and hard-packed dirt roads.

Registration: In-person registration and packet pickup on Saturday, October 4 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. or on the morning of the race from 8:00-9:00 a.m. outside Cambridge Elementary School.

Entry Fees: Register by September 27th and save!

Family: (For each pair – 1 adult and 1 child, 12 and under) \$20 if postmarked by September 27, \$25 after; Adult: \$15 if postmarked by September 27, \$20 after; Youth 12 and under: \$10 if by September 27, 15 after; Older youths 60+: \$10 if postmarked by September 27, \$15 after; Student club/school team: (3 or more participants who register together) = \$10 each if postmarked by September 27, \$15 h after.

Divisions: Male & Female: 9 and under, 10-13, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 70-79, 80 and over.

Awards: Awards for female and male first place finishers in each division.

All participants are eligible for raffle and door prizes.

Race-day Parking: Everyone will need to park at the Cambridge Elementary School in Jeffersonville. Bus service before the race will run continuously from CES to the start between 8:00-9:00 a.m. Post-race bus transportation back to Cambridge from CES will be provided beginning at 10:00 a.m. Participants and spectators are welcome to ride the bus.

Pets: We love your pets but please leave them at home.

To request a registration form, send an e-mail to Sam Lotto at swlvt@together.net or download the form at: http://www.rotarycambridge.org. For event details please contact: Sam Lotto, Co-Chair 2014 Cambridge Area Rotary Fun Run and Walk, 802-793-5509 • swlvt@together.net

Each issue of future "Lanterns" will highlight a District club's newsletter. THERE ARE TWO NEWSLETTERS THIS MONTH: South Burlington and Sherbrooke



South Burlington Rotary Club Newsletter

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South Burlington Rotary Club August 2014

Community Service Committee on a Roll!

The Community Service held its first meeting on Monday, Aug. I I th at the Sheraton (thanks to Leslie for offering the space). Attendees included Molly Bucci, John Buechler, Mike Keller, Leslie Mercy and John Wilking.

Following the direction from the visioning sessions the committee's goal is to develop projects that benefit the community. Projects should either raise funds that enable the club to fund them or allow club members to be directly involved with education, humanitarian and vocational projects within the community. The club has a special interest in projects focused on families and literacy.

With that charge, we discussed several community projects for the clubs involvement that included:

- Alzheimer's Walk volunteers and a club team of walkers (9/21/14)
- Classical music concert
- Salt buckets for South Burlington residents

- 4th of July parade/festival
- Comedy Night
- National Night Out 2.0

Molly Bucci will organize the Alzheimer's Walk for both volunteers and a club team of walkers (fundraisers). Not only is our own Jane Mitchell, the Development Director at the Alzheimer's Association VT Chapter, but many of us also have family members who have suffered with this disease. It's a worthy cause!

The committee recommends that for our next major Club project we focus on reviving National Night Out next August. With club approval we'll begin the process of working with the city and creating a plan for success.

The Night Out project provides a real community activity that with lots of planning, citizen involvement and cooperation with the city *will* be a success. Ideas discussed included: Carnival like activities; Food concessions and food trucks; Nonprofit; Games; Music; National Guard; Fire and Police departments; Local, state and congressional representatives. This is great potential for fundraising, community involvement for nonprofits and businesses. The community exposure to Rotary and potentially for membership should be very good. We hope the membership endorses this club event.

ROTARY CLUB CLUB SOUTH BURLINGTON VERMONT

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New Club Inductees

- Telka Barbari
- Leslie Harris
- Josh Jarvis

Honorary Inductee

• Tasha Chemel

President's Corner

Our club year is getting off to a great start. Committees are in place, the budget is close to being finalized and we have a great board of directors guiding the way. All officer positions are filled except the Vice President who will be our 2016-2017 club year president. I am excited and honored to serve as your club president this year. We are a strong club and I am encouraged by the leadership continuing to be displayed in so many areas. Our newer members have much to offer and are asking questions, making suggestions and getting involved. Communication as always will be key and I will be working on ways to keep all members informed on what's

new in our club in between newsletters.

Let's make this a fun and rewarding year for our club.

Sandy





Brad Chenette

"I have found in most professions human relationship is key, being able to communicate effectively to get the job done."

~Brad Chenette

Rotary Spotlight Shines on Brad Chenette

Brad is a "real Vermonter" who was born in Barre and who -- even better -- has lived here his entire life except for three years as a wee one in California and a later three year stint in New York after college. He tells us he left New York when "I came to my senses and moved back." It turns out that Brad is a fourth generation Vermonter whose family farmed in Berlin for many years. Sadly, the farmland was divided in half to make way for Route 89, just south of what is now Exit 7 near Berlin Pond. The farmhouse was the old brick stage coach stop and inn. Happily, Brad still owns a section of the original farmland above Berlin Pond.

Looking back on what person or event best prepared Brad "for life," Brad recalled his U.S. history high school class as the most significant. The "event" that occurred in this

class was due to alphabetical seating which had him sitting next to Lynda Bettini. Brad says, "the rest is history;" he and Lynda have been married for 33 years! The bad news? Well, Brad received a better grade than Lynda which is, apparently, still a sore subject in the Chenette home.

Brad began his career as a consulting engineer, and then became a real estate broker 19 years ago. In both areas he tells us that "I have found in most professions human relationship is key, being able to communicate effectively to get the job done."

He was first attracted to our club when he knew a few of us, liked us and realized he wanted to become more involved with helping his community. He's been a member for six years and has stayed with us because of our ability to help the local and larger communities while

"enjoying the work." The one thing he doesn't think we might know about him? "I may have a slight case of OCD; I'm the guy who walks into a restaurant and straightens the picture on the wall in front of me before I can sit down."

We close each encounter with the "spotlit" Rotarian by asking who they'd like to have dinner with, fictional or real; this is probably our favorite question and Brad didn't disappoint us. "Jesus Christ! I'm not kidding; this is who I would have dinner with. I would let him do most of the talking. I would ask him his opinion on how well he thinks the human race is doing today. He would have the best perspective on this question, I believe."

Recent South Burlington Rotary Club Inductees



Telka Barberi



Leslie Harris





Josh Jarvis

Tasha Chemel (Honorary)

South Burlington Rotary Club Newsletter







This photo shows member Stan Bradeen using his fluent French to speak with Maria Maude, the Director of the House of Hope, Port Au Prince, Haiti. Our club sent her back to Haiti with funds for a new sewing machine that will support a personal hygiene program for girls. This is one of the many projects coordinated by (and fund-raised for) by Donna Thomas, fellow Rotarian and Co-Director of the Vermont



District grant approved for new vocational school in Duchity Haiti, a mountain village 120 miles south of Port au Prince. Jean Despagne will oversee the final stages of construction and the development of a curriculum that includes courses in electrical, welding and plumbing. One of the first tasks is to purchase a generator. This is your Foundation money at work.

Literacy Committee News & Notes

The Committee reports it's reeling from Louise Murphy's resignation from the club. She was the guiding light for all our literacy work for years and they've asked us to public thank Louise for all her leadership and hard work on this important service.

Over the summer the committee has focused on staffing the South Burlington Community Library Bookmobile from 10-2 Sundays at the Farmers' Market. They tell us this has been a very population location for the bookmobile and that it's been visited by between 100 and 150 children and adults every week. What books interest people? They report that, as always, fairies and dinosaurs are bit hits, with superheroes not far behind. Committee member Chuck Hafter noted, "It's a joy to see the excitement on the faces of children, some as young as I, when they find the right book. It's also wonderful to see parents and children sitting at the picnic table, reading together."

The committee gave a big shout out to say "Thanks!" to the many Rotarians who have volunteered their valuable weekend time to staff the bookmobile.



(L to R) District Governor Bruce Pacht with South Burlington Club Secretary Libby Camire and Club President Sandy Walsh



South Burlington Rotary Club



Nancy Simson receives her <u>second</u> Paul Harris Fellowship pin from Past President Matthew Johnson

Noteworthy Rotary Moments & Events





Veterans Memorial Brick & Father's Day presentation of the brick.



SBHS Interact Club donates backpacks to King Street Center



The South Burlington Rotary Club Annual Golf Tournament raised \$5,000 for the Marcotte Central School Playground Project. (L to R) Club President Sandy Walsh; Matt Walker; Central School Principal, Sue Luck; Play-ground Committee Chair Elizabeth Walker; and Past President Matthew Johnson. <u>Click here</u> to view photos from the 2014 golf tournament.



Ed Bayer is on the mend & says "hello"!



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Thème du mois : Mois de l'Effectif

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Les Critères en chœur Réflexion : François Bouchard Minute Rotarienne : PP 95/96 Martial Carbonneau Prés. Alain Villeneuve Affaires nouvelles Chantal Chabot Opération Sacs d'École



Diane Turgeon Préférence Estrie



Wade Lynch Rotarien de Charlottetown P.E.I

Diane Turgeon vient nous introduire M. Wade Lynch Rotarien de Charlottetown qui vient de s'établir à Lennoxville et nous parler de placement pour les conjoints/conjointes de professionnel qui sont transférés dans l'Estrie

Introduction Le président Alain Villeneuve Remercîments : PP 77/78 André G. Lemire

La semaine prochaine PP 77/78 André G. Lemire La Fondation RI & les Paul Harris Fellow



Claude Guinet, Nicolas, nouveau membre Lyne Leclerc

"Y va aller loin ce Nicolas" Chantal Bolduc

La semaine dernière, présentation du jeune Nicolas Gagnon : Ses expériences anti bactériennes gagnantes à Expo Science Pan Canadien 2014



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Félicitations du PP Phil Leblond qui a dirigé Nicolas au RYLA- Claude Guinet fasciné par le succès de Nicolas 17 ans



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Notre président élue Mélissa Chassé son invité Serge Gélinas Dir. Développement Affaire Axial Média



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