



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER – AUGUST, 2011

Greeting District 7850 Rotarians:

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1. Greetings from DG Marilyn Bedell

As I love to tell people, Rotary keeps me off the street but on the road! I hope you have been following me on Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/#!/RotaryDistrict7850>

If you have photos of your Club's service projects or fund raisers, please send info to me to post on our Facebook page. If you haven't already checked it out, take a look at the trip Bob McNamara made in 2010 for PolioPlus <http://www.1790ohioriverrun.com/>. I've told Bob that he is a Rotary "Rock Star".

I've started visiting all of our Clubs. During July I traveled to Drummondville, QC; Sherbrooke, QC (Sherbrooke and Sherbrooke Metro); St-Hyacinthe, QC; Wolfeboro, NH; North Conway, NH; Lancaster, NH; White Mountain (Berlin Gorham), NH; and St. Johnsbury, VT. It's been an amazing adventure, and I have received such warm welcomes from my fellow Rotarians. Our Clubs are similar but different. We each express the 5 Avenues of Service in innovative ways. In our own ways we express the "Magic of Rotary" both at home and abroad.

Again, if you want to know what I'm up to, follow me on Facebook.



2. **Polio Wake-Up Across the Continent 2011**

From PolioPlus Chair, Louisa Tripp (Northfield Club) –

We are encouraging clubs to participate in Rotary International's Polio Awareness Initiative.

*"The Polio Awareness Initiative got its start at the San Diego International Assembly with our Canadian and American 2011-2012 DGs. The primary objective is to bring to the forefront the fact that Polio still exists and we are leading the charge in eradicating this dreaded disease. The event will begin on World Polio Day, Monday **October 24th 2011** and continue through the entire week.*

During that week, Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs in Canada and the USA can do something/anything to raise awareness for Polio – this could be a walk, run, proclamation, etc.

The level of organization can differ from club to club. Some may just encourage their members to get out for a walk on their own and record the activity in number of kms or miles, another might organize a marathon or spin-a thon.....another might march from their Club to City Hall for a peaceful demonstration. Maybe it's a "Purple Pinkie Project", Pennies for Polio or other Polio Awareness activity that a club already practices.

Each club is invited to participate in their own way and will be given a chance to brag about their activities on a specially set-up Facebook Group page and be included in a You Tube video to follow. "

District 7850 is planning a district-wide event and encourages each club to participate to raise awareness of Polio and the nearness of its eradication. If you or anyone in your club is interested in helping with this event, please contact Louisa Tripp (louisatripp@yahoo.com). Please share any information or thoughts about how your club can/will participate in the Polio Awareness Initiative.

3. **IMPORTANT: Rotary International Semiannual Reports** –Your Secretary should have received your Semi Annual Report by 1 July. Corrections and dues payments were due to Rotary International (RI) by **31 July**. Please send a copy of your semiannual report to both RI and to me, m.k.bedell@comcast.net. I need a copy so Pam Rice can prepare your **District dues invoice** that will be sent in **this month, August**. Again there are two dues payments, one due to RI by 31 July and one due to the District 7850 by 15 September.

If you did not get your semiannual report, contact one of our Club and District Support Staff. Their contact information can be found at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/ContactUs/CDSandFinancialReps/Pages/FindACDSRepResults.aspx?k=RepsMiniAppRepDistrictID%3a7850%20RepsMiniAppRepType%3a%22%22&txtDistrictID=7850&hdnRepTypeCDS=2>

Remember I will be calling your club president if RI hasn't received your report and dues.

4. **Membership – Membership Chair, Gilles Gravel: Help wanted**

Gilles still needs volunteers to help him with membership initiatives in NH and VT. PDG Bill Thompson and Stan Bradeen (South Burlington) have offered to help Gilles with some Club Extension efforts in Quebec, as both speak French.

Please let me know if you are willing to help with membership in VT or NH. Help me spread the Magic of Rotary to others.

5. **Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) 2011/2012 Dates**

Have you attended any of the Rotary Leadership Institute Sessions?

The mission of The Rotary Leadership Institute is to provide an educational opportunity for Rotarians, especially those members who will assume leadership position in their Clubs. It is hoped that these courses will also motivate the participants to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians. Those attending the three course days for their full duration will receive recognition of completion. Course methods will reflect the most innovative and participatory methods possible. Methods will include discussion groups, role-playing, problem solving workshops, group planning exercises, etc. Lectures are limited.

In addition to our courses which have been held only in English, thanks to PDG Rene Laporte, there is a French Quebec RLI, *Institut Rotary sur le Leadership, Division Saint-Laurent*. Rene has partnered with our other Quebec Districts to make this happen. The dates for the first three courses are listed below.

For all courses, registration begins at 07h30 (7:00 AM). Breakfast begins at 08h00 (8:00 AM) and the course ends at 15h30 (3:30 PM)

English Courses will be held:

- Rutland, VT on Saturday, 5 November, 2011 at the Stafford Technical Center.
- Lebanon, NH on Saturday, 31 March, 2012 at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

French Courses will be held (venues to be announced):

- Drummondville, Quebec, 26 Mars 2012.
- Quebec City, Quebec, 9 Avril 2012

- Saint-Jérôme, Quebec, 16 Avril 2012
[Contact PGD Rene Laporte for additional information and brochures]

For more information on RLI, and other venues for courses, go to www.rlinea.com

Please consider this as an opportunity to learn more about Rotary International.

6. **Wallingford Vermont – Little Red School House – Paul Harris Memorial**

The District 7870 Foundation (Southern NH and Southern VT) has finalized plans for a Paul Harris Memorial Garden on the schoolhouse grounds. A large bronze Rotary wheel will be the centerpiece with concrete pavers on the circumference with bricks between the spokes and center. The sale of bricks and pavers items will enable the Foundation to build up an endowment fund that will help ensure the self sufficiency of this historic building. The Foundation would like to commence construction by late spring or early summer and is urging the clubs and members of District 7850 to participate by purchasing a brick for the garden. Go to the District 7870 Web page for more details. <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=7870> Scroll down to Document which is on the left hand bar. Click on Little Red School House Brochure for more details.

As a reminder to Club Presidents, Jan McElroy wrote:

“If you look at this diagram of the Rotary Wheel in the memorial garden, you will see on its outer periphery the gear teeth and then an outer and an inner circle of pavers. There are 60 pavers in the outer circle which we are offering to our 7870 clubs to have engraved with their club names, charter dates, and district number for a reduced price of \$200 rather than the regular paver's price of \$300. I have just gotten permission to offer the clubs in your district that second circle of pavers at the reduced \$200 rate. They will also be engraved with the club name, charter date and your district number, unless you would want something else. I know you wanted to announce it to your clubs at your DA, so I am attaching the brochure that can help you explain about the LRS and the PH Memorial Garden. And please let them know that we would be very proud to have your district's clubs all represented in this special location in the Memorial Garden alongside our bricks since your district also includes Vermont where the LRS is located.”

I know that two Clubs have already sent donations for their pavers. It would be great if every Club in our District could be represented. I'd like to know we helped preserve this piece of Rotary history.

7. **District Secretary – Ron Carr, Rotary Club of Lebanon**

I am delighted to introduce all of you to Ron Carr, our new District Secretary. I have asked Ron to help me with the following:

- Explore the District Web Page and help us get it up-to-date with the help of Steve Dates our District web master.

- Verify that the list I have of Club's secretaries and treasurers is correct, and to compile an e-mail list on the District Club Runner administrative pages for these two groups.
- Obtain mailing addresses for all clubs.
- Work with our Clubs to get demographic information on our 2011/2012 and 2012/2013.
- Compile the names and e-mail addresses for Club Foundation, RYLA, Youth Exchange, GSE, Literacy and Public Relations Chairs. [Determine how Club Runner can help with this and then set up mailing lists in Club Runner for our committee and program chairs]
- Type the minutes from the last District meeting held at the District Conf.
- Contact our committee and program chairs and ask them to help us update their District web pages by December so they will be useful tools for our Clubs.
- Develop a system with Club Secretaries for them to report their membership numbers at least every other month.

As you can see by my list, Clubs should expect to hear from Ron over the next few months. Please help him do his job by responding to his requests for information. Ron, thanks for taking on this work for the District.

8. Group Study Exchange (GSE) From GSE Chair Louisa Tripp

District 7850 is very excited to introduce the GSE Team traveling to South African district 9320 this September. Team Leader is David Clark is Director of the Ilsley Public Library in Middlebury, VT, has been a Rotarian for 13 years and is involved with the Opera Company of Middlebury. Team Leader Alternate is Dennis Delaney, a semi-retired college professor and retired State of Vermont Senator. Dennis has been a Rotarian for more than 25 years and has excellent language skill.

Kristen Brownlow graduated with a BA in American Studies in 2009 and is currently working through AmeriCorps VISTA with the Vermont Works for Women in Winooski, VT.

Cassandra Gekas is a Health Care Advocate for the Vermont Public Interest Research Group. She holds a B.S. in Political Science from Penn. State University and an M.S. in Community Development & Applied Economics from UVM.

Justa Malone is a Certified Veterinary Technician at the Burlington Emergency & Veterinary Specialists in Williston, VT. She attended college at the University of Queensland, Vermont Technical College and UVM, receiving an A.S. in Veterinary Technology and B.S. in Animal Science.

Jennifer Molineaux works for Addison County Economic Development Corporation as the Office Manager/Bookkeeper/Payroll Manager. She attended the University of Bristol, England, University of Maryland and Graduate Theological Union earning both a B.A. and M.A..

This team is very excited to be visiting South Africa in September. They will be great ambassadors for our District. Many thanks go to the District Selection Committee of David Carter, Caryn Crump, Kiki Leech, Faruk Seyrek, and "T" Tall. Additionally the support of Stan Bradeen and Sara Sprayregen, with their years of experience and willingness to help, were invaluable.

We will be posting more information about the team on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/137391029679405#!/>) and on the District webpage (<http://www.rotary7850.org> - "**Group Study Exchange**" link on the left). Additionally you will be able to follow their travels through their postings on the new District 7850 GSE Facebook page.

We will be hosting the team from South Africa next May – it is never too early to begin gathering host families and travel plans for your area! Area Coordinator information will be posted on both the Facebook and District 7850 Web pages.

9. **Public Relations Grant**

Earl Wertheim and I are still exploring options for a Public Relations Grant with our fellow Quebec Districts. The deadline for grant applications is 15 August. I should be able to give you an update and the outcome of these discussions in September.

10. **2012 District Conference**

Plan now to attend the 2012 District Conference which will be held from **May 18 to May 20, 2012** at the Mountain Club on Loon in Lincoln, NH. Go to <http://www.mtnclub.com/> to learn more about the resort.

The theme for the conference will be "Embracing Humanity - Touching Lives, Moving Mountains, Inspiring New Generations". I am delighted to be working with members of the Hanover, Lebanon, Lincoln/Woodstock, Littleton, North Conway and my home Club of Lebanon-Riverside to plan the conference. As we finalize our plans, we will share the agenda with you. We have picked a great venue in the heart of the White Mountains.

On Friday evening, 18 June 2012, we will head out on the Lafayette Dinner Train for a gourmet meal. For information on this go to: <http://www.nhdinnertrain.com/>.

On Saturday evening, following our evening programming... if enough of you are interested... we will head out on a Moose Tour. We are still working on plans for this adventure in the North Woods of NH.

11. Rotary International Weekly Updates

Consider signing up for the RI *Weekly Update*. You will receive from four to five RI news stories every week. You can use these articles in any of your Rotary or Rotary-related publications, including your website and newsletter. Sign up at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/mediaandnews/news/emailalerts/pages/ridefault.aspx>

If you would like to see a copy of the Update prior to signing up, let me know and I will e-mail you a copy.

12. Literacy

From Penny Pillsbury: "Marilyn, It is concerning that it is almost the end of July and I've **no** emails from any club with Literacy chairperson identified."

Club Presidents, Please send Penny your Literacy Chairs name and contact information.

"Penny Pillsbury" penny@brownellibrary.org. Thanks, Marilyn

13. Youth Exchange

Anne Silloway represented the District at the Eastern States Student Exchange (ESSEX) meeting in State College, Pennsylvania in July. I'm looking forward to hearing what's new for ESSEX in 2011/2012.

14. Shelter Box



Anne Silloway, District 7850's Shelter Box Rep, asked me to share the following information about Shelter Box with all of you.

From Anne: "I visited the Gorham and Berlin Club very early on a Thursday morning. (awakening at 3:40 am to make the drive at 4am) and brought them the Shelterbox program. They gave a Shelterbox this year, and I especially wanted to thank them and show them the great project they supported."

If Clubs would like Anne to provide a program on Shelter Box contact: Anne to set up a date for a great twenty minute presentation between now and end of October. There is information on projects being done, and the water purification system included in each Shelter Box. By e-mail: asilloway@gmail.com and by telephone 1-802-522-2694.

<http://www.shelterboxusa.org/>

15. Rotary International Convention, Bangkok Convention

Rotary's International Convention will be in Bangkok, Thailand from May 6 - 9, 2012. Several Rotarians have told me that they plan to go. For more information go to:

Go to the Rotary website

<http://www.rotary.org>

Click on the Bangkok Convention hot spot - lower right hand corner

And

http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?llr=q6lbs6cab&v=001hgLWFIFcpZ2MxP50BYvn3ldCoX3aCIMF_82KLe6GYMFW4sqL4ufbjPukwXtVk984h1ba7iKEcbuW9g9NCJclddzZo_uOneKSc56pYIL0R2IKxP03At2_n8dmagUifOK_kOPEIcDIYdk%3D

This site provides some details about how RI has worked to make this a good value for Rotarians.

This will be a once in a lifetime experience for all who decide to go. The last day for early-bird registration is 1 December 2011.



16. Club Builder Award – From RI:

Rotary International has a new award this year. It is the Club Builder Award. This award recognizes Rotarians who have made a significant impact in supporting and strengthening their Rotary club. DG Marilyn may nominate one candidate from our district for this award.

Award criteria

- Be an active Rotarian in good standing, with at least 10 years of membership
- Have served as a club president
- Is a member of a Rotary club with at least 30 members in the three years immediately preceding nomination.

Rotarians ineligible for this award

- Current club presidents
- Current, incoming, and past district governors

- Current, incoming, and past RI directors

Candidates must have the following achievements

- Personally recruited at least five members who are active Rotarians at the time of nomination
- Participated in Rotary training in their club
- Participated in at least one meaningful club-level vocational service project
- Attended at least two district meetings in the three years immediately preceding nomination

Eligible candidates must be recommended by three past club presidents of their own club (or a past club if they have belonged to their current club for less than three years).

I'm looking for a District 7850 Rotarian who meets these criteria. It would be fun to recognize an individual with this award for excellence in Rotary Service to their Club.

To find the nomination form, Google: "Rotary Club Builder Award" and this should bring you to the link for the PDF Form. If you can't find it, let me know and I'll send you a copy.

Current Club Presidents should send nomination to me at: m.k.bedell@comcast.net

Deadline: September 30, 2011

17. Council on Legislation (COL) – From Rotary International

As we are now in the first quarter of Rotary's 2011-12 year, there is less than 6 months to submit proposed legislation for the 2013 Council on Legislation. RI must *receive* proposed legislation, along with its certification form signed by the district governor and proposer's purpose and effect statement, no later than **31 December 2011**.

For districts holding a conference between now and December, legislation can still be proposed or endorsed at a district conference. Districts that do not have a district conference before the deadline should know that where time does not allow for legislation to be submitted to a district conference, a ballot-by-mail may be conducted.

Additional information about and useful tools for the 2013 Council have been posted on the Council on Legislation section of the RI website (<http://www.rotary.org/col>).

If you have any questions about the Council on Legislation, please let me know.

Maureen Ninneman

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In addition, Past District Governor “T” Tall will be representing our District at the COL in 2012. If you think some of RI “rules” should be changed or modified, and have questions about submitting legislation to recommend a change, contact “T” for help. E-mail ahmic@shoreham.net

18. Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisors

Greetings from Evanston!

It is a pleasure to introduce myself as the coordinator for The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers (the cadre).

Representing all Rotary districts and a wide spectrum of professional expertise, the cadre is a diverse group of volunteer Rotarians who monitor and evaluate Foundation grant projects all over the world by conducting paper reviews and traveling to project sites to evaluate technical feasibility and compliance with The Rotary Foundation's missions and objectives.

In an effort to keep Rotarians informed of the cadre’s activities, we are now distributing *Tech Talk*, the cadre’s quarterly newsletter, to all district governors. I have attached the latest issue (May 2011) and encourage you to forward *Tech Talk* to the members of your district, add it to your district’s website, or include it in your district’s newsletter.

The cadre is always seeking new members with professional expertise in all of the following technical sectors, but is especially in need of members with water and health backgrounds; French, Spanish, and Portuguese speakers; and members from Africa.

Technical Sectors	Examples of Professions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maternal and child health Disease prevention and treatment 	Obstetricians, doctors, nurses, midwives, public health professionals, epidemiologists, surgeons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water and sanitation 	Civil, environmental, mechanical, and biological engineers; city planners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic education and literacy 	Teachers, community educators, education advocates, administrators
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic and community development 	Small-business owners, bankers, city planners, community organizers, real estate professionals, revitalization specialists, agronomists, micro credit experts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Auditors 	Auditors, accountants, financial advisors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peace and conflict prevention/resolution 	Lawyers, diplomats, teachers, social workers, mediators, arbitrators

If you know of any Rotarians who would make great cadre members, I encourage them to apply.

I appreciate your assistance in sharing this information with the Rotarians in your district. If you have any questions about the cadre, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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19. Club News:

I'm posting Club News on our District's Facebook page. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/RotaryDistrict7850>

Please send me information and pictures you want posted on the page

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

