



July 2011

Greeting District 7850 Rotarians:

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1. **Greetings from DG Marilyn Bedell**

My Club visits begin on 5 July 2011 in Drummondville, Quebec. I plan to use our District's Facebook page to journal my visits. I hope you will consider following me at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/RotaryDistrict7850>

I'm looking forward to my year as governor, and hope we will all make a renewed investment in Rotary, and ask others to join us to make our Clubs and District even stronger. We are doing amazing service projects locally and internationally. "We are a worldwide organization of inspired individuals who translate our passion into relevant social causes to change lives in communities." (2010 Rotary Strategic Plan).

My thanks to everyone who attended the District Changeover on 18 June 2011 at the *Dowd's Country Inn*. In particular, I want to give my thanks to PDG Bill Thompson who guided us through the 2010/2011 Rotary year. He encouraged each of us to "kick it up a notch". I believe many of us did this. I look forward to working with him in his new role as a Past District Governor!

2. **The new Rotary year began on, 1 July 2011**

Kaylan Banerjee reminded us at the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans that: "We are the doers of our communities, the leaders, the ones who are most involved, who see the problems and have the means to find the solutions," Banerjee



said. "I am asking you to reach within and unleash your inner power and then use it to embrace everything and everyone around you."

"The family is the building block of the community," Banerjee said. "If we wish to see a world that is more joyous, we first have to make sure that the families of the world are more joyous, that they have the things they need to be happy, to thrive, and move forward. So we have to look at housing, at clean water and sanitation, at health care, at all the issues affecting mothers and children."

Continuity involves continuing and strengthening those things Rotarians do well, said Banerjee. "There are so many areas in which we have been successful -- working for clean, safe water; spreading literacy; working in so many ways with Generation Next, our youth. And of course, our greatest project, polio eradication," he said. "If we want to really achieve the impossible, we have to have not only persistence, but vision -- we have to be looking past what we are doing now, at what we can and should be doing in the days and years to come."

Change is the third emphasis, Banerjee said. If Rotarians wish to achieve peace, reduce child mortality, prevent hunger, and stop environmental degradation, they must be the instruments of that change, he explained.

In addition, Rotary has just joined with ONE, an advocacy organization dedicated to fighting extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa, will work together to pursue mutual goals and increase humanitarian service. Learn more at: [http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/collaborate/Announcements/Pages/110506\\_announce\\_onecampaign.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/collaborate/Announcements/Pages/110506_announce_onecampaign.aspx)

### 3. **Ambassadorial Scholarships**

If you have someone applying for this year's Ambassadorial Scholarship, you need to get the completed application to Jan Draper, Boundary Club by 15 July. "Jan Draper" [jandraper@yahoo.com](mailto:jandraper@yahoo.com)

4. ***IMPORTANT* Rotary International Semiannual Reports** – Your Secretary should have received your Semi Annual Report by 1 July. Corrections and dues payments are 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](mailto:m.k.bedell@comcast.net) I need a copy so Pam Rice can prepare your **District dues invoice** that will be sent in **August**. Again you will have 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>

or In the back of the District Directory.

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

Rotarian Gilles (Drummondville) is looking for volunteers to help him with our membership efforts. He would like to divide the district in 4-6 geographical zones; for each zone, assign an Assistant Membership Chair. At the district level, we would have then a team of 5-6 Rotarians in charge of a 6-8 clubs and apply the program. If you would like to be part of the team, please let me know so I can give your name to Gilles.

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

RLI will be held in Rutland, VT on Saturday, 5 November 2011 at the Stafford Technical Center; and in Lebanon, NH on Saturday, 31, March 2012 at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Details at <http://www.rlinea.com> If you haven't been a part of RLI, I hope you will consider signing up for a session. Rene Laporte is working with a group in Quebec to organize a French speaking RLI. It will be announced shortly.

**7. 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.

## 8. District Secretary – Help Wanted

We are looking for someone to volunteer to be our District Secretary

This position has gone unfilled for a number of years, but I think it would be helpful to have a District Secretary. According to our District bylaws, the District Secretary duties include:

- Receiving the membership reports from all clubs in the district,
- Compiling this information and providing reports as requested by the DG;
- Assisting in the arrangements for district meetings;
- Maintain District records;
- Handling some routine correspondence; and
- Other duties as mutually agreed upon between the District Secretary and the DG.

If you or someone you know might like to fill this position let me know and I'll send them some additional information about this role.



9. **Public Relations Grant** – Once again we are considering applying for a Rotary International PR grant. This time it will be a multidistrict grant. It will include the Districts that have Clubs in the US and Quebec. The proposal is under development. Stay tuned for details.

10. **Literacy Request for Information – From Literacy Chair Penny Pillsbury (Essex)**

Club Presidents: Find Yourself a Literacy Leader and Let Penny at 'Em!!

Does a member of your club run a local book discussion, a local bookstore, the Public library in town, or is always the person bringing up what he/she is reading? You may have just located your Literacy Chair for 2011-12 Rotary Year. I found out that it only takes two devoted members of a Literacy committee to win \$1000 for your club to spend on Literacy projects both close to home and in a foreign land. Find your literacy chair and have them email or call me for information and a pep talk! Reading is a key to a successful life all over the globe.

Penelope Pillsbury

Essex Rotary, Director of the Brownell Library in Essex Jct, Vermont. 878-6955 (work), 862-3575 (home), 734-9349 cell

[pillskcp@aol.com](mailto:pillskcp@aol.com)

11. **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 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.

12. **Rotary International Weekly Updates**

From RI: When you get the newsletter *Weekly Update* e-mailed to you, 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.

13. **Rotary Action Groups (RAGS)** Rotarian Action Groups conduct hands-on, international service projects that advance the Object of Rotary. They are autonomous, international groups organized by committed Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, and Rotaractors who have expertise in and a passion for a particular type of service.

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AIDS	<a href="http://www.rffa.org">www.rffa.org</a>
Blindness Prevention	<a href="http://www.rag4bp.org">www.rag4bp.org</a>
Blood Donation	<a href="http://www.ourblooddrive.org">www.ourblooddrive.org</a>
Dental Volunteers	<a href="http://www.ragdv.com">www.ragdv.com</a>
Diabetes	<a href="http://www.ragdiabetes.org">www.ragdiabetes.org</a>
Food Plant Solutions	<a href="http://www.foodplantsolutions.podbean.com">www.foodplantsolutions.podbean.com</a>
Health Fairs	<a href="http://www.worldhealthfairs.org">www.worldhealthfairs.org</a>
Hunger and Malnutrition	<a href="http://www.alleviatehunger.org">www.alleviatehunger.org</a>
Literacy	(e-mail: <a href="mailto:noraseth@csloxinfo.com">noraseth@csloxinfo.com</a> )
Malaria	<a href="http://www.remarag.org">www.remarag.org</a>
Microcredit	<a href="http://www.rotarianmicrocredit.org">www.rotarianmicrocredit.org</a>
Multiple Sclerosis	<a href="http://www.rotary-rfmsa.org">www.rotary-rfmsa.org</a>
Polio Survivors and Associates	<a href="http://www.rotarypoliosurvivors.com">www.rotarypoliosurvivors.com</a>
Population Growth & Sustainable Development	<a href="http://www.rifpd.org">www.rifpd.org</a>
Water and Sanitation	<a href="http://www.wasrag.org">www.wasrag.org</a>

Please note, I was asked by these groups to give permission to each of the RAGs to contact Clubs directly. **I did not do this.** So if you want information on a RAG, you will need to request information from them on your own. I am on most of the mailing lists. If you have an interest in one or more of the topics, it is a great way to learn what other Rotarians are doing.





If you want to learn about other Rotary partnerships go to <http://www.rotary.org/en/aboutus/rotaryinternational/whoweworkwith/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

#### 14. Club News:

- a. **Wolfeboro** – See this link to see some scenes from their Golf Tournament. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbxqLJO\\_F14](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbxqLJO_F14)
- b. **Middlebury** - The Club participated in Middlebury's Memorial Day parade. See some photos at the end of this newsletter. The float focused on polio eradication. Their Youth Exchange students participated too and carried their home country flags. [Middlebury](#)

Thanks for taking the time to read the District Governor News for July 2011. Consider sending me your Club's News too!

**Yours in Rotary Service,  
Marilyn Bedell, District Governor**

#### Photos from Middlebury's Memorial Day Parade





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