



NEWSLETTER

RI PRESIDENT GARY K.R. "RAVI" RAVINDRANS MONTHLY MESSAGE



Last month, after confirming a full year without a single case of wild poliovirus, Nigeria was removed from the list of the world's polio-endemic countries. It was the last polio-endemic country in Africa. Today, only two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan – harbor the world's final reservoir of endemic poliovirus. As this issue of *The Rotarian* goes to press, global cases of polio in 2015 number only a few dozen.

The scale of this achievement can hardly be overstated. Polio has existed for millennia; it has plagued humanity since our earliest civilizations. Today, because of Rotary's work and that of our partners, the end is in sight. We are counting down not in years, but in months.

And yet, our success is as fragile as it is monumental. We are moving forward, slowly, steadily, inexorably – thanks to colossal efforts that never cease. We continue to vaccinate hundreds of millions of children in vast synchronized campaigns; we constantly monitor environments to prevent new outbreaks. The sheer scale of the effort – the coordination, the cost, and the commitment – boggles the mind.

Some ask why such high levels of immunization and surveillance are still needed to combat a disease that is almost gone. The answer is simple: It is the only way forward. If we did anything less – if we allowed the virus any quarter – years of work would be undone. We know too well how easily polio could spread again. We know how quickly our decades of progress could be lost. And this is why the months ahead are so tremendously important. We need your voice – to raise awareness, to raise funds, and to keep the momentum going. We need your strength to help fight this war until we have won.

On 24 October, we mark World Polio Day. I hope that on that day, all of you will take part in some way in our work to eradicate polio. I know that many of you intend to publicize this event on the club or district level; for those who have not yet made plans, there are still many ways to participate. Visit endpolionow.org for ideas, tools, sample press releases, and ways to donate. You'll also find the link to our livestream event; be sure to join in, and share it on social media.

This war of ours – which started as a war against polio but is also a war against hatred, against ignorance, against fear – this war will be won. It will be won soon. And when it is won, all of Rotary will have a story to tell – to the children, and the grandchildren, who will never see a leg brace or an iron lung, or know a world with polio in it.

Whether you are a Rotarian in Kano or Peshawar or Swat, in Seoul or Madrid or Chicago – you are a part of this story. Your part in it is one that only you can write. I ask you all to write it well – so that the story you will one day tell is one of which you will be proud.



ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MOMENT

Did You Honor Your Leadership Challenge?

As our intrepid District Governor Sandy visited clubs throughout the district in Vermont and New Hampshire, she received warm welcomes at every stop. Sharing sentimental items in her treasure chest was interesting and members were captivated with the intriguing stories that accompanied each article.

A pair of white gloves was not in the treasure chest. If it was and we were in times gone by, she could have used them to challenge members. They were often used to slap another in the face to signal a personal challenge to a traditional chivalric fencing duel. Sans gloves, she did however, offer each member present an opportunity to accept her Leaders Membership Challenge to sponsor one new member this year.

It is a tradition in Rotary that the only response to a request from leadership is “yes.” But “it is the truth” that our District Governor was overwhelmed with the positive response to her membership challenge. Club after club was enthusiastic.

In every club visited, Board members and others eagerly signed the challenge cards and agreed to lead by example. In total, hundreds of Rotarians accepted the challenge to sponsor one new member this year.

As we all know, even the best intentions are forgotten or pushed aside by the mundane responsibilities of our complex personal and professional lives, not to mention the hours we commit to Rotary. Now we are four months into our Rotary fiscal year and the district net membership gains are a disappointing

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District Calendar

- November 7 Charlestown
60th Annual Rotary Penny Sale
Middle School
- November 9 Brattleboro Sunrise
Trivia Night American Legion
- November 10
NH District Foundation Dinner
Crowne Plaza, Nashua
- November 12
VT District Foundation Dinner
American Legion, Ludlow
- November 21 Raymond Area
25th Anniversary Celebration
Candia Woods Golf Course
- December 3 Queen City - Manchester
Christmas Tree Lighting Deerfield Park
- December 14 Brattleboro Sunrise
Trivia Night American Legion
- January 9 Bedford
5th Regional Idol Competition
Saint Anselm College Dana Center
- January 17 - 23 RI
International Assembly San Diego
- March 10 - 12
NEPETS Sheraton Framingham MA
- April 29 - May 1
District Conference
Sheraton Harborside, Portsmouth NH
- May 27 - 31
Rotary International Convention
Seoul Korea

**ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MOMENT CONT.**

baker's dozen; and experience informs that clubs often report new members promptly but delay reporting the negative news of terminations. In reality, after four months, our current modest net gains are misleading.

We are all Rotarians who honor our word. It is the essence of character. Now is the time to remember the challenge accepted and take the first steps. Invite prospects to your meeting and acquaint them with the mutual benefits of membership in Rotary.

Leaders lead and the most successful among us lead by example. If you are a Club Officer or a Director it is important that you once again place membership at the top of your personal priority list, and that of your club.

Encourage your Membership chair to report on the status of membership at each meeting and keep the subject on the agenda of Board of Director meetings.

There is no need to look on line to seek local fencing lessons. DG Sandy is not likely to challenge you to a duel, but you can expect an email to remind you that the District is counting on you to honor your commitment and sponsor one new member.

Take that first step. Invite a prospect to your next meeting. Share Rotary, so together we can be a Gift to the World.

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*District 7870
International Youth
Exchange inbound
students with DG Sandy
at the weekend event
hosted by the Rotary Club
of Meredith*



CLUB ACTIVITIES**The October 14th Rotary Meeting Hits a Three-Run Homer!**

On Wednesday, October 14, Hollis Brookline Rotary Club members gathered again for their regular Wednesday-morning meeting – but that meeting turned out to be anything but “regular”!

First, the Club was honored by a visit from District Governor Sandra McGonagle, who made time for the visit in her heavy schedule. Responsible for the 60 clubs that make up Rotary District 7870, DG McGonagle shared information about the District and the Rotary International levels of Rotary.

In a second event, the Club welcomed special guest Freja Gudmundsson, from Denmark, who had been the Club’s 2012 full-year Youth Exchange Student. Freja is visiting the U.S. to explore the possibility of pursuing her undergraduate studies at a U.S. east-coast university. During her time here, Freja has already toured the campuses of Harvard University, in Cambridge, and of the University of NH in Durham. Freja has also been visiting her 2012 host families, the MacDonald's and the Rao's, and she attended the meeting on the 14th to say “hello” to her many other Rotarian friends.

And as the climax of a very special Club meeting, President Venu Rao took advantage of the presence of District Governor Sandra McGonagle to add dignity and authority to the induction ceremony for three new Club members. DG Sandra, President Venu, and the members of the Hollis Brookline Rotary Club welcomed into the Rotary Family Al Fulchino, owner of Fulchino Winery in Hollis, Susan Holroyd, organizer of an emerging “EarlyAct Club” in the Hollis-Brookline schools, and Kim Galipaeu, Town Administrator of the Town of Hollis.

“A meeting like this one doesn’t happen every week,” commented President Venu, “but in Hollis-Brookline Rotary there’s always something interesting going on!”



Visits by the Rotary District Governor and a former Rotary Youth Exchange student, plus the induction of three new members, make the October 14th meeting a special one!”



CLUB ACTIVITIES

WELCOME STUDENT ROTARIANS

As part of our club's Vocational program, the **Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club** plays host to local high school juniors and seniors during the school year. They are afforded all the rights, privileges and respect of full time members. We encourage their participation in club service events, social functions, meetings, fundraisers and other club related activities. This is our way of connecting the membership to the local high schools while providing an opportunity to build new friendships, providing a platform for the members to mentor the students and, of course, to break down some of the barriers that exist between teenagers and adults.

On Wednesday, October 21st the **Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club** welcomed its incoming group of Student Rotarians. These six young men and women represent the Windham Regional Career Center, Brattleboro Union High School and Hinsdale (NH) High School. They are a great group of kids and we are looking forward to getting to know all of them. We strive very hard to make them feel welcomed and a part of our Rotary family because someday these six young adults may become the future of Rotary!





CLUB ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

Rotarians from Vermont and New Hampshire hear from District Governor Sandra McGonagle about how we can **End Polio Now** at a Bethel Area Rotary meeting in advance of World Polio Day October 23th.

End Polio Now! is the mission of Rotarians around the world including local clubs like the Bethel Area Rotary. Rotary International's third annual World Polio Day, co-hosted with UNICEF, will be held on October 23rd. The focus is to ask Rotarians and others who are concerned with Global Health and Peace and Justice issues to make a commitment to eradicating polio worldwide. After 30 years of effort Polio is only present in three countries; Pakistan Afghanistan and Nigeria. When Rotary launched their program to end Polio, the disease crippled 350,000 children in 125 countries and in 2014 there were fewer than 360 cases in the world. It just takes 60 cents worth of vaccine. Rotary in partnership with Governments and other non-profits have brought the world 99.9% of the way towards a world where this life threatening disease is just a part of history.

Have you bought chicken at a Rotary Barbeque, gone to a Penny Sale or bought fruit for Holiday gifts from a local Rotarian? All of those efforts have contributed towards Rotary's End Polio Now program. This October you can do even more by contributing to endpolio.org and your contribution to support polio immunization will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Together Rotarians and our communities can make history by ending Polio.

We promise not to stop the Chicken Barbeques, Penny Sales and Fruit sales because there is a lot of work still to be done to make the World a better place. Our sights are focused on Clean Water for everyone. Want to help? join your local Rotary.



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

District 7870

Foundation Dinners 2015



Tue. November 10th
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Crowne Plaza, Nashua
2 Somerset Parkway
Nashua, NH

Thursday, November 12th
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
American Legion
133 Main Street
Ludlow, VT

Cost is \$35 per person. Cash Bar at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30

To register online, go to www.Rotary7870.org and under "Events," click on Foundation Dinners for either NH or VT. Click Members Registration under Register Online and then Register Me. You can add guests and then Proceed with Payment. You will have the opportunity either to Pay by Credit Card or pay by Check by mailing this form with a check payable to Rotary District 7870 for \$35.00 per person and mail it to:

Rotarian Shaunae Nolet
6 New Street
Nashua, NH, 03060

Both dinners will feature:
Recognition of Clubs, Paul Harris Fellows and Society Members
Presentations on Foundation Programs being conducted by Clubs in our District
A great meal and fellowship with our Family of Rotary

You can also register by just mailing this form with a check as indicated above.

Please register by October 31. Don't procrastinate – space is limited.

I would like to attend the Rotary Foundation Dinner at: ___ Nashua ___ Ludlow

Name _____ Rotary Club _____

Street Address _____

City, State, and Zip _____

Names of Guests:

Payment summary:

_____ Number of attendees at \$35.00 each Total \$ _____

Check enclosed



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**September**

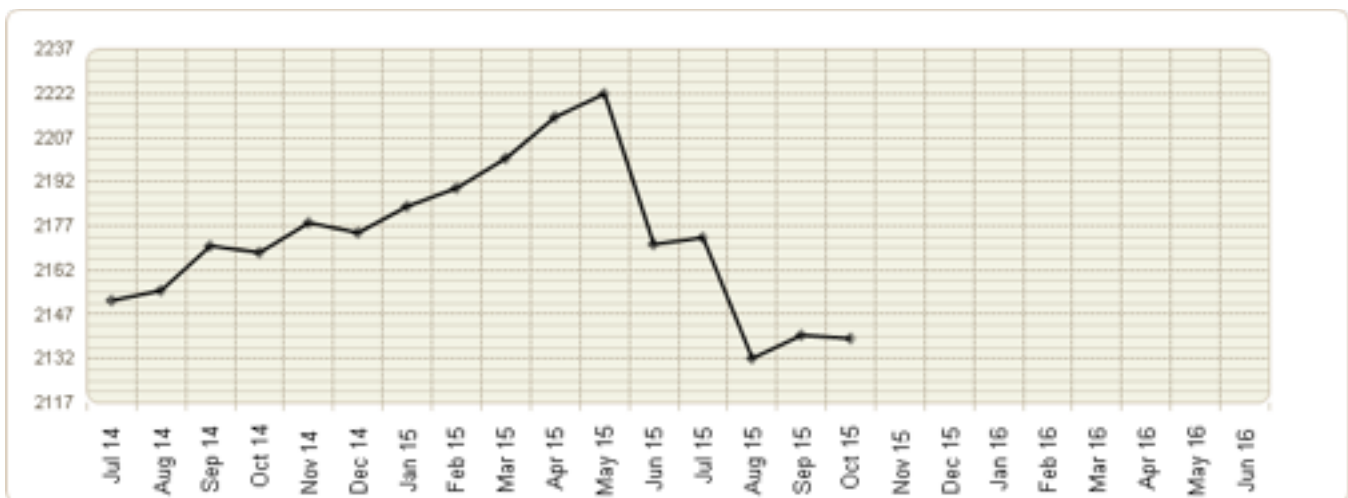
Kuhns	David	Bedford
Ludwig	Kyla	
Baker	Kate	Concord
Garside-Conway,	Colette	
Trahan	Laurel	
Woodland	Dave	
Pavia	Bob	Deerfield Valley
Fulchino	Al	Hollis-Brookline
Holroyd	Susan	
French	Richard	Hudson-Litchfield
Ball	Jim	Lakes Region Laconia
Harris	Donna	
Thomas	Colleen	
Strader	Fred	Meredith
Touhey	Ed	
Artemik	William	Milford
Leo	Todd	
Hanson	Carl	New London
Chamberlain	Richard	Peterborough
Desoye	Brian	Queen City
Stanwood	Vera	Raymond Area
Amelang	Robert	Rutland
Conroy	Philip	Souhegan Valley

October

Fogg	Katherine	Chester
McAweeney	John J.	
Ferland	Lindsey	Claremont Sugar-River
Galipeau	Kim	Hollis-Brookline
Crawford	Lee	Killington-Pico
Eifert	Randy	Laconia
Cochrane	Nicholas	Manchester, VT
Van Wormer	Judy	
Kidder	Janet	New London
Hammond	Carol	Newport

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:****October Cont.**

Bartlett	Sheppard	Peterborough, NH
Hipson	Peter	
Brown	Lucas	Poultney
Alvarez De Toledo, Boria		Queen City
Lahti	Adam	
Simoneau	Michael	
Lajoie	Donald	Rutland S,
Tatko	Sara	
Thomas	Melissa	
Morris	Grant	Souhegan Valley
Elio	William	Wantastiquet Londonderry



80 active members added

116 members terminated

2139 total active members

HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE ENTIRE DISTRICT?

Updates and short (1-2 pages) articles, along with images may be submitted to the Newsletter Editor, Dennis McMann, at dennis@mcmann.net to be included in our Monthly Newsletter. The District Newsletter is a means of communicating to other clubs in our district; items of interest, upcoming events, fundraisers or opportunities for service.

Deadline for next Newsletter Submissions: October 23rd.