



The Little Red Schoolhouse

District 7870



August 2016

ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

In the summer of 1917, only a few months after the United States entered the first world war, Rotary held its eighth annual convention in Atlanta. Although many Rotarians at the time thought the convention should be canceled, the Board of Directors ultimately agreed with Paul Harris that it should continue as planned. In the midst of such uncertainty and fear, Harris penned as part of his convention greeting, some of the most-quoted words in Rotary:

Individual effort when well directed can accomplish much, but the greatest good must necessarily come from the combined efforts of many men. Individual effort may be turned to individual needs but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation.

Fittingly, it was at this convention that then-President Arch C. Klumph proposed a Rotary endowment fund “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” The power of combined effort was joined by a new power: that of combined resources. It was a combination that has proved

unstoppable and has been behind so much of Rotary’s work for the last 100 years. Today, it is difficult to imagine Rotary without its Foundation. It was the Foundation that turned Rotary from an organization of local clubs into an international force for good with the power to change the world.

In this Rotary year, we are marking the centennial of our Rotary Foundation in the city where it all began: Atlanta. Our 108th Rotary International Convention Promises to be one of the most exciting yet, with inspiring speakers, great entertainment, and a wide array of breakout sessions to help you move your Rotary service forward. And of course, we’ll be celebrating the Foundation’s centennial in style.

Whether you’re a regular convention goer, haven’t been to one in a few years or haven’t yet attended your first, the 2017 convention will be the one you won’t want to miss. Atlanta is a great destination in its own right, with great food, friendly people, and many local attractions to enjoy. But the real reason to come to the convention is always the convention

itself, and the people, ideas, inspiration, and friendship you’ll find there. To learn more, and save money on registration, visit www.riconvention.org.

See you in Atlanta!



John Germ

President
Rotary International

Cliff Dochterman Awards

The Cliff Dochterman Award is an honor recognizing an individual Rotarian or Rotoractor who acts as a role model and renders distinguished and dedicated service to Scouting through active service, leadership or other exemplary contributions to the Scout Association of his or her home country. The Award is named in honor of distinguished Rotarian, former RI President and dedicated Scouter Cliff Dochterman of Moraga, California.

Two outstanding Rotarians in District 7870 were recently named recipients of the Cliff Dochterman Award. Kurt Webber, a member of the Rotary Club of Gilford was honored for his service to Rotary and his leadership in Scouting in the Daniel Webster Council. Mr. Webber is a Past-President of the Rotary Club of Gilford. He was commended for his leadership in Scouting in Gilford. He was an Eagle Scout and has worked with many young men in Scouting to assist in earning Eagle merit badges.



Immediate Past District Governor Sandra McGonagle, presents the Cliff Dochterman Award to Kurt Webber at a meeting of the Gilford Rotary Club.

Jack Gaylord was recognized with the Cliff Dochterman Award by the Rotary Club of Nashua.

Mr. Gaylord has been an active member in the Rotary Club of Nashua. He is a Senior Executive for the Daniel Webster Council leading programs for Scout Leaders and volunteers.

Congratulations to Kurt Webber and Jack Gaylord for their recognition with the Cliff Dochterman Award and their continued service as Rotarians and to the Scouting organization.

Left to right, Paul Hebert, Past President of the Rotary Club of Nashua, Jack Gaylord, recipient of the Cliff Dochterman Award, IPDG Sandra McGonagle, and District 7930 Governor Elect, David Gardner.



Owori to be Rotary International President 2018-19

Rotarian. Samuel F Owori of the Rotary Club of Kampala, Uganda is the choice of the Nominating Committee as the Rotary International President for 2018-2019

Samuel F Owori is a banker and CEO of Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda. He was Chair of the Center for African Family Studies, and a Director at Mulago Hospital Complex, Hospice Africa Uganda, Greenhill Holdings Limited and Uganda Heart Institute. He has been Executive Director of African Development Bank and Secretary of Uganda Bankers Association.



He joined Rotary in 1978 and was RI director in 2010-12. He was also a Foundation Trustee for 2012 – 16. He also has served as a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator and RI training leader. Sam currently serves as chair of the Audit Committee.

Also, Sam served Rotary as an RI Representative to the United Nations and member of the African PolioPlus Committee and the Reach Out to Africa, Eastern Africa Sub Committee. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation.

He and his wife Norah live in Kampala, Uganda.

Centennial Song

Won't You Give?

Paul E. Bordeleau

Won't you give _____ so that some-one may smile?_ Won't you
 give _____ to a cause that's worth - while?_ Let your
 heart o - pen wide, warm with sym - pa - thy; help the
 Rot - 'ry Found - a - tion fight mi - ser - ry_ Won't you
 give _____ when your bless - ings a - bound?_ Won't you
 give _____ sprin - kle cheer all a - round?_ It's up to you and you
 _____ and your neigh - bors, too. For the Found - a - tion needs you
 now!_ Ev - 'ry one join the Found - a - tion now!_

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District Musician Composes for The Rotary Foundation

Bedford NH Rotarian Paul Bordeleau has composed the song “Won’t You Give?” for the 2017 Centennial Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation (TRF). Over the years Paul has composed a number of Rotary songs for use at the annual Rotary International Conventions.

You will remember seeing Paul and the District Choir he leads if you have attended any District Conference in recent history. Paul is a composer, arranger, and piano teacher, and many Rotary members in our District have taken piano lessons with Paul.

Paul has travelled extensively to other Rotary Districts, both to perform and to compose music for their conferences and various other occasions. He was named District Treasure a few years ago in recognition of his service to Rotary.

Club Happenings:



Benjamin Agnarsson Exchange Student Arrives
 The smile suggests that Benjamin from Sweden was pleased to meet his host sister, Madeline.



Ludlow Interact Club Helps Out at Last Year's Chili Cook-Off



Benjamin also enjoyed some kayaking with Kate who is an outbound student to Belgium last year and , unfortunately is soon to depart for her freshman year at Georgetown University in Washington DC. Nevertheless, it looks like Benjamin's year is off to a good start.

Ludlow Vermont Club

Our 2017 Community Calendar is in full swing. Business ads support the calendar and individual listings be printed on the calendar for \$1. Family/pet birthdays, anniversaries, rotary events, town events are posted for reminders! Calendars are free to the public and are available in mid-November. This has been an annual fund raiser of the club for over 40 years now and the club raises about \$4000. A quick and easy fund raiser!

Our 26th Annual Chili Cook-off which is set for October 8th from 11-2 in beautiful downtown Ludlow, VT on Depot Street under the big yellow tent! Come sample some two dozen chili's ranging from spicy, to vegetarian to wild game chili along with fresh apple cider, bread and ice cream all for \$10.00. Proceeds that will benefit a local 501(c)3 charity to be selected by the Ludlow Rotary Club within the next couple of weeks. Past events have raised between \$4500-5000!



Chili Fest Dollars Up for Grabs in Annual Cook-Off



Area charitable organizations are invited to apply for funding from the 25th Annual Ludlow Rotary Chili Cook-Off. This year's Cook-Off will be held on Sat., Oct. 10 – rain or shine – under the tent on Depot Street by the traffic light. Rotary serves up dozens of varieties of chili, including traditional, vegetarian and exotic.

Rotary support is offered to a bona fide 501(c)(3) non-profit serving Cavendish, Ludlow, Mount Holly and Plymouth. Consideration is given for organizations offering help at the cook-off, especially those entering chili into the contest. Last year's Cook-Off benefited the Fletcher Memorial Library window replacement project. Applications for receiving the proceeds from the chili cook-off must be received by September 15.

To apply, contact Chili Co-chairs Suzanne Garvey, suzanne.garvey@southbysrealty.com, or Glenn Heitsmith, timberinn@tds.net.

Pictured above is Abi Lechtaler, one of the winners from last year's Chili Cook-Off, as she serves some of the Downtown Grocery's winning chili to an appreciative taster.

Rotary also is looking for a few good cooks to make chili. Think you've got a taste that can't be beat? Here's your chance to vie for bragging rights, cash prizes and a nifty plaque.

Rotary has doubled the cash prizes awarded in three People's Choice categories: First (\$200), Second (\$100) and Third (\$50). Plaques are awarded by a team of three Rotary-appointed judges who decide Favorite, Spiciest and Team Spirit.

The entry fee is \$10 and all that's needed are 3-5 gallons of your favorite chili delivered hot to the Cook-Off on the morning of the event. For an application, send an email, or snail-mail Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

Rotarians supply service labor and accompaniments, such as bread, cider and ice cream. The cost to the public is \$10 for all you can eat. Tasting starts at 11am and continues until the last spoonful is ladled out, usually around 2pm.

Manchester NH Club

The 12th Gear Up for Lyme Mt. Equinox Bike Climb sponsored by the Rotary Club of Manchester was a great success. The race totaled 77 entrants, ranging from ages 14 to 78 and coming from Canada and seven U.S. States.

Club Member Andrew McKeever who most recently was the Editor of the Manchester Journal had just begun his new position with GNAT-TV, and his wonderful production piece was both his inaugural and feature story about the event with his new position.

This can be viewed at <http://gnat-tv.org/news-project-gear-lyme-08-10-16/>

The GUFL has provided over \$70,000 to date for the Lyme Disease Association which is the main research and advocacy group for Lyme disease. The event was followed by a free two-hour presentation and Q&A session by Pat Smith, the LDA President. This talk was held at the Manchester Community Library and was attended by 50 people who were anxious to hear the latest updates on statistics, treatments, and make meaningful connections with one another for support.

Information on the LDA can be found at:

www.lymediseaseassociation.org

The club also coordinated the connection of Rebecca Zelis with Pat Smith and the LDA to assist with a new centralized Lyme Support Group system within the state of Vermont and all information on this can be found on: VTLYME.com

Our club wishes to extend a special thanks to the Wantastiquet Rotary Club of Londonderry VT, and their Club President Carl-Erik Westberg for coordinating efforts for their members who came and assisted with the event.



Deerfield Valley, West Dover VT Club

On Saturday, July 30, our club held our annual Blueberry Pancake Breakfast at the Matterhorn Inn. This was in conjunction with the weeklong Blueberry Festival events which have become very popular and well attended in Wilmaington and West Dover. We had record breaking crowds for our breakfast. Lines formed out the doors and we could barely keep up with the demand!





White River Junction Vermont Club Presents Backpacks to Vermont DCF White River Director Deanna Rounds along with school supplies for kids in state custody. This is our third year with this project and it has doubled in size each year. 82 this year!



Here are **Hollis-Brookline Rotary Club** members and their families during a white-water rafting adventure on the Kennebec River in Twin Fork, Maine. The 11 Rotarians on the trip were Ron and wife Christie, Bob and wife Donna, Julie, Erika with husband Jeff and daughters Emma and Adelaide, and Club President Krishna and wife Latha. The weather was perfect for a day on the river, and a lot of fun was had by all on the Class 3 and Class 4 rapids.

Pictured is the raft-load, seen at the end of the ride – some a bit damp but in one piece, and all in great spirits!



Woodstock Vermont Club

At Woodstock Vermont Club, Eric Fritz and Phil Swanson (left) and Rich Kozlowski, Greg Camp and Ken How (below) enjoy themselves at Lobsters on the Green event in July. Considerable funds were raised to help local non-profits and families with special needs.



Windsor Vermont Rotary Club



Sunday, July 24th, the Fraser Insurance Agency in Windsor hosted their third annual car show. Windsor Rotary cooked up the food. Here DGE Jon Springer serves up a burger. Photo courtesy of the Vermont Standard.



White River Junction Vermont Rotary Club

July 26th, Membership Chir, Phil Hammond inducted three new Rotarians. (L-r) Kathi Perkins, Kim Zoe Potter and Sherry Noyes. Welcome!

Strengthening Rotary Clubs through Stronger Partnerships with Local Nonprofits

August 12, 2016

[Quentin Wodon](#)

Rotarian Economist

As readers of this blog may be aware, my Rotary club launched last month a number of partnerships with key nonprofits in our community as part of a “pro bono initiative”. These partnerships bring several benefits: 1) better service opportunities for our members and larger impact in the community; 2) more visibility for our partners and our club; and 3) new members. Let me briefly explain these three benefits in case they may inspire other clubs to adopt a similar model.

Better service opportunities and larger impact: Most Rotarians are professionals and/or business leaders. We are building on these skills in our club by providing pro bono strategic advise with small teams of 4-5 individuals (both Rotarians and non-Rotarians) that support local nonprofits. This makes our club more interesting for our members in terms of the service opportunities we provide, and it also increases the impact that we have on the community through local nonprofits. I mentioned this pro bono initiative in previous blog posts, so let me focus here on the other two benefits.

More visibility for our partners and our club: This higher visibility is achieved is several ways. First, we are sharing our work on social media using some of the better known blogs in our community. The main blog for our community is “The Hill Is Home”. So we started writing posts for that blog, not directly about our club, but about the great work of our nonprofit partners ... and the fact that we are working with them. We also started writing short articles about our partner nonprofits in the main monthly magazine for the community. Again, the stories are about our partner nonprofits but they mention in passing that our club works with them. These efforts should give us more visibility, and they also help our nonprofit partners who truly appreciate the visibility they get with

this initiative. Finally, we have started placing small posters in local cafes, libraries, and other locations to advertise the fact that our nonprofit partners are invited as speakers to our club meetings. We indicate when they are speaking, which can bring us more visitors.

More members: Our club has been losing members for quite a few years. As mentioned in a separate post on this blog in which I shared our club’s strategic plan, our top priority this year is to attract new members and revitalize the club. It is too early to assess whether we will be successful, but the last few weeks have been promising. On July 1, we had 18 members, down from 31 a few years ago. Right now, we are back to 26 members thanks to 8 new members who joined in the last three weeks. Our pro bono initiative and our partnerships with local nonprofits have helped us in recruiting some of these new members and we have a number of other potential members we are in contact with thanks to the initiative. We will loose a few members in coming weeks/months due to relocations (Washington DC is for some a temporary location), but we are hopeful that we will achieve a substantial net gain in membership this year thanks in large part to the pro bono initiative and the benefits it brings not only to the club, but more importantly to local nonprofits and the community.

There are multiple ways for Rotary clubs to partner with local nonprofits in a strategic way, and some clubs have a long history in doing so. Our new model emphasizing pro bono consulting teams working closely with local nonprofits may not be the right model for all clubs, but it appears to be working for us, and it ties in nicely with our efforts at improving our public image and recruiting new members. If you would like to know more about our new model, please do not hesitate to post a comment on this post, or to email me through the [Contact Me](#) page of the blog.

Hall of Fame Singer Donovan becomes



a Rotary Polio Ambassador

Legendary singer and polio survivor Donovan Leitch, better known simply as Donovan, has joined Rotary in its fight to eradicate the paralyzing disease that afflicted him during much of his childhood.

Donovan contracted polio at age three in Glasgow, Scotland. The disease weakened his right leg and left it thinner and shorter than the other. Confined to his bed for much of his childhood, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame singer said his father would read him poetry.

In a recent [interview with the Daily Express](#), Donovan said that listening to poetry piqued his interest in creative writing. “If I hadn’t had that experience maybe I wouldn’t have gone on to write and sing my own songs for the past half a century.

“I feel strongly that having a disability in one area makes you explore others instead. That was the case for me after having polio,” says Donovan, who recently became a Rotary polio ambassador.

Donovan went on to record several hit albums and singles in the UK, United States, and other countries. His top singles include “Mellow Yellow” and “Hurdy

Gurdy Man.” Donovan collaborated with The Beatles on songs including “Yellow Submarine” and has shared the stage with musical icons Bob Dylan and Joan Baez.

“Having had polio never held me back as I got older. Although having one leg smaller than the other isn’t much fun I could always get about without any trouble,” Donovan says. “Luckily in the music industry everyone was only interested in my singing and playing and not the size of my legs.”

As a Rotary polio ambassador, Donovan will support the [Purple4Polio campaign](#), a collaboration between Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland and the Royal Horticultural Society. The purple represents the colored dye that health workers use during immunization campaigns to mark the fingers of children who have received the polio vaccine.

“It was very easy to join this campaign because I had polio, and I wanted to tell everybody that it’s almost eradicated around the world,” Donovan says. “This is very important. I want to help with that last push, which is always the hardest.”

[Give to End Polio Now](#)

From the District Treasurer

Important Information relative to November 15:

Please be sure that your club files its IRS Form 990 Tax Return by November 15. If you fail to do so for three consecutive years, your club will lose its non-profit status. Most clubs can file a Form 990-EZ. Clubs that have less than \$50,000 in total income (dues, meals, fund raising, fines, etc.) can file a very simple Form 990-N report online at the IRS.

If your club has a separate 501(c)(3) Foundation, the rules are much more complex. First, the foundation must file a separate Form 990-EZ or 990-N as you do for your club. The same rules apply. However, in Vermont, you must register with the state and file a Form every two years. In New Hampshire you must register and file an Annual Report with the Attorney General Charitable Trusts Unit no matter how little income you have. Failure to file can result in a \$10,000 fine.

You should also confirm that Rotary International has your 501(c)(3) Foundation registered under your club. If it is not registered, it is NOT COVERED by the Rotary International Liability and D&O Insurance Policy.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. My contact information is in the District Directory

Alan Kanegsberg, District Treasurer

District Governor's September Visits to Clubs

Sept 1	Laconia
Sept 7	Bedford
Sept 8	Hudson-Litchfield
Sept 12	Nashua
Sept 13	Franklin
Sept 15	Henniker
Sept 16	New London
Sept 20	Goffstown
Sept 21	Londonderry
Sept 21	Suncook Valley
Sept 26	Keene

Learn About Rotary

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts. It is organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world.

While all Rotary members can benefit from the RLI sessions, they are especially valuable for new members. The entire course has three phases, I, II, and III. They may be taken in any order.

Many clubs in our Rotary District pay for part or all of the expense for members to attend RLI sessions. Meeting registration expense is typically about \$75 or \$85, depending on location. Lunch is included. If you want to stay overnight, your hotel will cost extra.

There are 20+ sessions each year. RLI sessions are scheduled from September through May. Here are some of the nearby locations and dates for this fall:

RLI Annual Meeting 2016	Lebanon, NH
Aug 26, 2016 10:00 AM –	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical
Aug 27, 2016 3:00 PM	Center – Oct 15, 2016

Boxborough, MA	Chicopee, MA
Oct 15, 2016	MassMutual Conf. Center
	Nov 12, 2016

District Calendar

<u>September 3</u> Londonderry Beer Fest	Wantastiquet Area Londonderry Shopping Plaza
<u>October 15</u>	Rotary Leadership Institute Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
<u>October 15</u>	Rotary Leadership Institute Boxborough, MA
<u>October 24</u> Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event	Rotary International
<u>October 31-November 6</u> World Interact Week	Rotary International
<u>November 12</u>	Rotary Leadership Institute Chicopee, MA



Months of the Rotary Year

Many months of the year are designated by Rotary International for special significance. Here are the ones for the new Rotary year:

July

1 July — Start of new Rotary officers' year of service

August

Membership and New Club Development Month

September

Basic Education and Literacy Month

October

Economic and Community Development Month

24 October — Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event

31 October-6 November — World Interact Week

November

Rotary Foundation Month

December

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January 2017

Vocational Service Month

February 2017

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

March 2017

Water and Sanitation Month

13-19 March — World Rotaract Week

April 2017

Maternal and Child Health Month

May 2017

Youth Service Month

June 2017

The Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary

Rotary Fellowships Month

10-14 June — Rotary International Convention, Atlanta

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, *Rachel Swinford* at pdgwife@comcast.net to be included in the Monthly Newsletter. The District Newsletter is a means of communicating with other clubs in our district: items of interest, upcoming events, fundraisers or opportunities for service.

Deadline for next Newsletter Submissions: September 15th.