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Chester Club Sends Aid to Costa Rica

The Chester, Vermont Rotary Club heard of the devastation brought about by the recent earthquake in Costa Rica which caused death and heavy destruction in this little Central American country. The Rotary Club of Costa Rica has asked for support in helping the affected people in this poor area of the world and Chester Rotary heard the call.

Chester's Board of Directors approved the release of \$500 to be given to the Rotary Club of Costa Rica for disaster relief. Fran Cheslock, Club Secretary, had been planning a trip to Costa Rica to visit some relatives who live there. She agreed to hand carry the check to the Costa Rica club.

Shown in the photograph is (l) Fran Cheslock receiving the disaster relief check from Susan Spaulding, Club Treasurer. Cheslock said, "This \$500 will go a long way in helping the people most in need of rebuilding their lives". Spaulding said, "This is one more example of how Chester Rotary makes use of donated money to improve life at home and abroad."

If you are interested in joining the Chester Rotary Club, we invite you to attend one of our breakfast meetings at the Heritage Deli, Route 103 South, Chester, Vermont any Thursday at 7:00 AM. You can contact the Chester Rotary Club at chesterrotary@gmail.com with any questions or for more info. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.



END POLIO NOW

Gates Foundation Gives Monster Contribution

Rotary International announced that its partnership for polio eradication with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has increased its contribution to US\$555 million. The announcement was made at the International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, on 21 January.

The Rotary Foundation received a \$255 million Gates Foundation grant in January, for which Rotary will raise \$100 million in matching funds. In November 2007, RI received a \$100 million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary committed to match by raising \$100 million.

The two challenge grants now total \$355 million. Rotary has committed to raising a combined total of \$200 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012. This matching effort is

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called "Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge."

The \$255 million grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest received by Rotary in its 103-year history. Rotary will spend the grant in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is spearheaded by RI and its partners, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF.

"With the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we are on the brink of eradicating one of the most feared crippling, sometimes fatal, diseases in the world," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Jonathan Majiyagbe. "This shared commitment of Rotary and the Gates Foundation should encourage governments and nongovernmental organizations to ensure that resources are available to end polio once and for all."

Rotary club and Rotarian participation in Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge is crucial to its success. To date, Rotarians have already raised more than US\$60 million toward the original US\$100 million Gates challenge grant awarded in November 2007.

In October, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved special Paul Harris Fellow Recognition for contributions to Rotary's challenge, featuring a certificate with the "End Polio Now" graphic. The recognition is effective from 1 July 2009 through 30 June 2012.

Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985, with nearly US\$800 million contributed to the effort. Although the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has slashed the number of polio cases by 99 percent, the wild poliovirus still persists in four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

"This partnership of Rotary and the Gates Foundation offers a historic opportunity to rid the world of a disease that robs children of their futures," said RI President Dong Kurn Lee. "It is a significant boost toward making real our dream of a polio-free world."



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE UPDATE

On Saturday, January 17, our outgoing Group Study Exchange Team to the Philippines gave a dress rehearsal of the presentation they will be delivering to District 3860. Team Leader Tony Gilmore opened the show with a fine overview of our District's international projects in Honduras and Nicaragua. The team members followed with a beautiful slide show highlighting the Four Seasons of New England.

The team leaves February 6 from Manchester and departs the Philippines on March 6. Be sure to contact our returning team for follow-up presentations to your club.



Our outgoing GSE Team is Scott Cunan, Amy Wheeler, Katie List, Chelsea Conaboy, and Team Leader Tony Gilmore.

Prepare for Superb Food & Drink at the Balsams

By Merry Lee Corwin

Use a little wine for thy stomach's sake.

As stomachs rumbled and mouths watered, last month we examined the excellent food at The Balsams Grand Resort in Dixville Notch, New Hampshire, in preparation for the coming District Conference. This month, we round out our culinary discussion by taking note of the drink part of the equation.

Wine? The Balsams is definitely ready for us. We'll have access to their spectacular collection, which has been continually recognized by *Wine Spectator* magazine. The Balsam's celebrated wine cellar features over 4,000 bottles of wine from 310 different labels. That should be enough for our conference weekend. So renown and complete is The Balsams wine inventory and knowledge that they conduct vintner's weekends for wine professionals and amateurs.

If you like beer, be sure to try The Balsams' own lager, which has a hearty, rich, full taste. Here's how they use it in one of their signature dishes.

BALSAMS LAGER SHRIMP (10 servings)

1/3 cup olive oil
2 cups julienned green bell pepper
2 cups julienned red bell pepper
1/3 cup minced garlic
1/3 cup minced shallots
2 pounds large, uncooked, peeled, deveined shrimp
1 bottle Balsams Lager
1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup Thai chili sauce
1 pound cubed and softened unsalted butter
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 cup chopped curly parsley

Heat oil in a large sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add peppers, garlic and shallots. Sauté 1-2 minutes. Add shrimp and sauté 3-5 minutes or until they begin to cook. Add beer, Worcestershire and chili sauce. Simmer 5-8 minutes or until the liquid is reduced by one-third. The peppers should be tender and the shrimp should be fully cooked before you proceed.

Reduce heat to low and whisk in butter, a little at a time, until a sauce forms. The more liquid that remains in the pan, the more butter it will hold. Season with salt, pepper and parsley. Serve immediately over rice pilaf or angel hair pasta.



The Balsams Tavern. Just off the main lobby, the beautifully wood-paneled Tavern will offer us a place to unwind after our conference sessions.

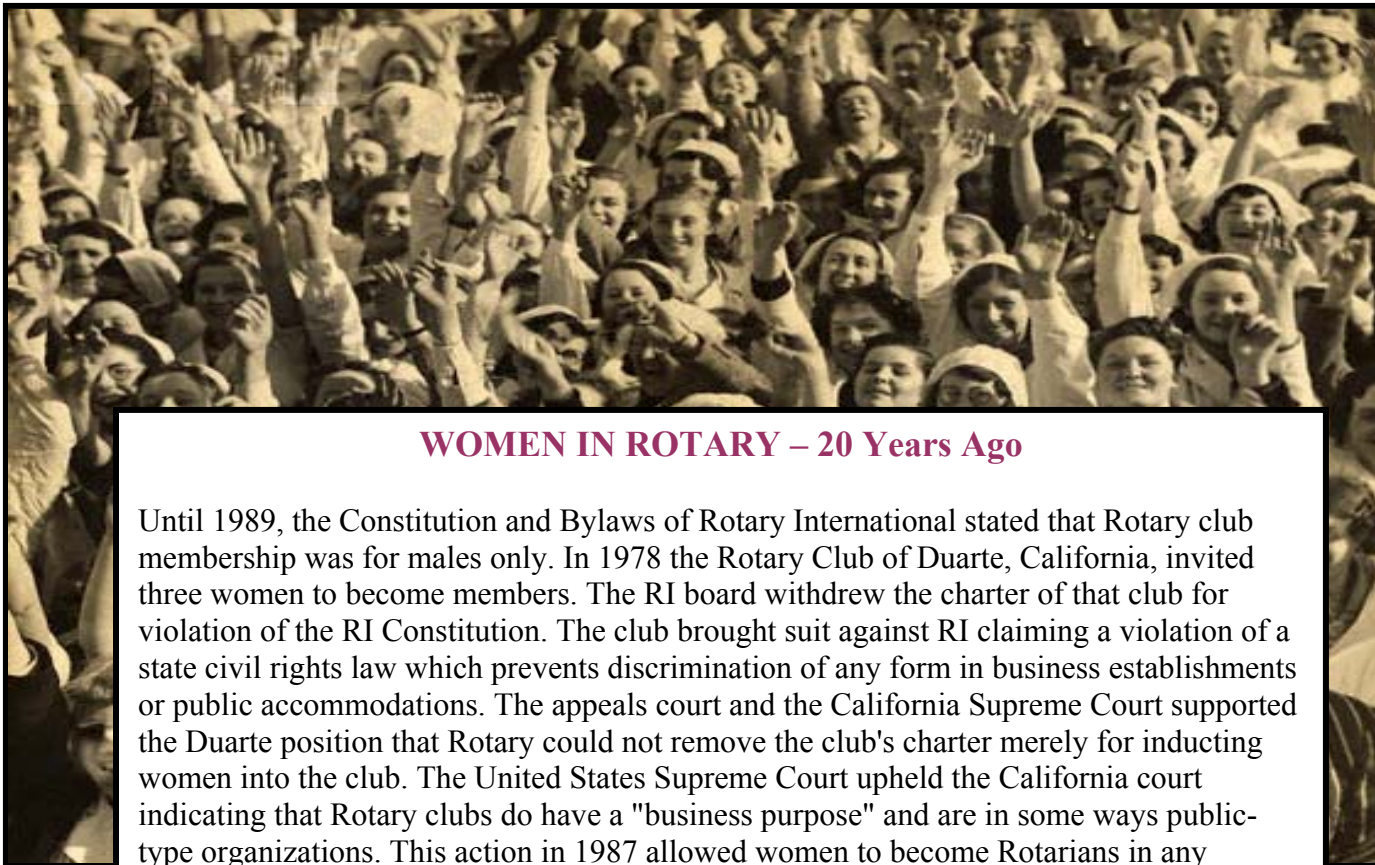


Welcome New Members
Steve Wilson – **Nashua West**
Diana L. Scott – **Bow**
Walter Schneckner – **Milford**
Jay Morel - **Rutland**

APPLAUSE!



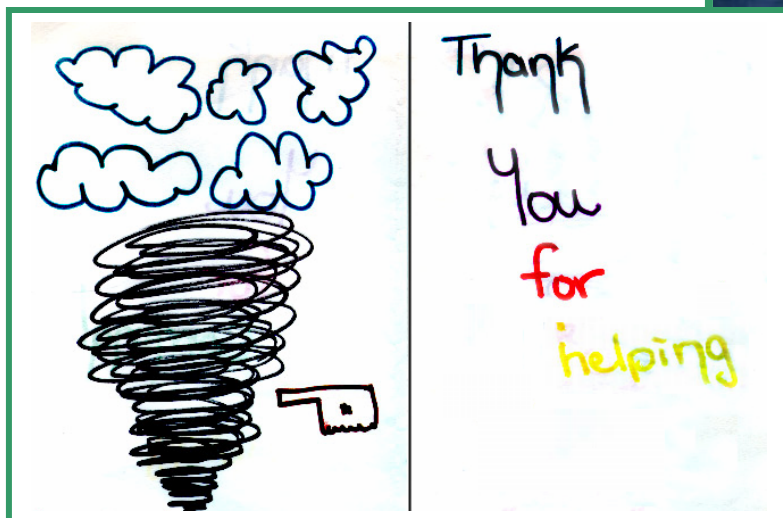
New/Multiple PHF
Kathleen Daniels – Capital City Sunrise
Thomas Mahon – Merrimack (non-rotarian)



WOMEN IN ROTARY – 20 Years Ago

Until 1989, the Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The RI board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the RI Constitution. The club brought suit against RI claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action in 1987 allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.

The RI constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision for all of Rotary.



Bill and Melinda Gates



DEERFIELD VALLEY ROTARY PRESENTS SNOWMOBILE RALLY

February 4, 2009 - West Dover, VT

Appropriately named, Eat, Ride, Enjoy, the Deerfield Valley Rotary Club will host a weekend snowmobile rally on March 6-7, 2009.

This 1st time event is designed to become a five-year signature event on the local Rotary club calendar. The event showcases the excellent snowmobile resources that the Mount Snow valley has to offer with a strong nod to great food and a fun activity filled weekend. Events like a poker run will be intertwined with food fests like indulgent breakfasts and an old-fashioned pig and turkey leg roast.

Registration is \$75 per sled in advance and \$85 on site. Registration a complimentary lunch and the pig roast and turkey leg fry dinner. Rotarians receive a 10% discount.

Don Albano, coordinating director, explained, "With over \$1,500 in event prizes we are confident that we will see a strong turnout. Funds raised give our local Rotary Club the opportunity to provide scholarships to local youth and groups and work on international projects."

For more information, go to
VermontSnowmobileRally.com

The Eat, Ride, Enjoy Snowmobile Rally is sponsored by the Deerfield Valley Rotary and all proceeds are used to fund Rotary projects like the local scholarship fund and the International Polio Eradication Project.

The Deerfield Valley Rotary meets every Wednesday at the Matterhorn Inn at 8 am. Those interested in becoming a member can contact a Deerfield Valley Rotarian or Cheryl Rothman at 464-9300.

February is World Understanding Month

The month of February is very special in the Rotary calendar since it is designated World Understanding Month. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated World Understanding and Peace Day.

In designating World Understanding Month, the Rotary International board asks all Rotary clubs to plan programs for their weekly meetings and undertake special activities to emphasize "understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace."

To observe this designated month, many clubs arrange international speakers, invite youth exchange students and international scholars from schools and universities to club meetings, plan programs featuring former Group Study Exchange team members, arrange discussions on international issues, present entertainment with an international cultural or artistic theme and schedule other programs with an international emphasis.

Many clubs take the opportunity to launch an international community service activity or make contact with a Rotary club in another country. It is a good month to initiate a Rotary Fellowship Exchange, a 3-H project or encourage support for PolioPlus and other Rotary Foundation programs.

World Understanding Month is a chance for every club to pause, plan and promote the Fourth Avenue of Service-Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, **peace and understanding among people of the world.**



Rotary Leadership Institute

Rutland, VT - March 28, 2009

Calling all Rotarians! Make your club stronger and increase your knowledge of Rotary. The Rotary Leadership Institute is designed to help all Rotarians, especially new ones, to gain greater understanding of our organization and make it more effective in our home communities.

On Saturday, March 28, 2009 registration begins at 7:30am, with sessions starting at 8:00am at the Stafford Technical Center in Rutland, VT. Cost is \$65 and includes a light breakfast, full lunch and coffee breaks. On site registration is \$10.00 additional, so sign up early.



For further information and online registration, please click: <http://www.rlinea.com/Calendar.htm>

This is a "fun" experience with a chance to meet fellow Rotarians, pick up new ideas and have a great time. Please e-mail me at JWMathews@comcast.net with any questions. See you in Rutland.

Joe Mathews, PDG

December 2008 Attendance (NR = No Report was submitted)

Alton Centennial	78.43%	Franklin	96.12%	Milford	NR
Bedford	NR	Gilford	84.12%	Monadnock	69.00%
Bellows Falls	67.00%	Goffstown	64.00%	Nashua	NR
Belmont	66.00%	Henniker	71.80%	Nashua West	80.15%
Bennington	63.00%	Hollis/Brookline	70.09%	New London	NR
Bennington/Catamount	73.00%	Hopkinton	83.00%	Newport	82.76%
Bethel	NR	Hudson/Litchfield	86.10%	Peterborough	64.00%
Bow	94.07%	Jaffrey/Rindge	78.60%	Pittsfield	78.89%
Brandon	42.00%	Keene	72.90%	Poultney	59.00%
Brattleboro	73.02%	Keene/Elm City	84.00%	Queen City	71.00%
Brattleboro Sunrise	96.60%	Killington-Pico	61.00%	Raymond Area	NR
Capital City Concord	94.00%	Laconia	72.00%	Rutland City	84.26%
Charlestown	63.00%	Lakes Region	63.00%	Rutland South	NR
Chester	NR	Londonderry	90.59%	Springfield	82.00%
Concord	NR	Ludlow	80.00%	Tilton-Northfield	68.00%
Deerfield Valley	73.56%	Manchester, NH	NR	Wallingford	96.00%
Derry	90.00%	Manchester, VT	58.00%	Wantas/Londonderry	80.00%
Derry Village	70.00%	Meredith	72.00%	West Rutland	87.00%
Fair Haven	NR	Merrimack	81.00%	Windsor	77.78%
				Woodstock	NR

Club Notes . . .



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