



The District **TI**MES

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January is Awareness Month

By DG Alley

Rotary recognizes January as Awareness Month. I believe we all have had situations that arose during December and the ice storm which saw hundreds of thousands of people in our district without power. As I look back on that storm I realized how much we take heat, electricity, and water for granted. We may have been without power for several days, but think of all the third world countries that do not have these luxuries. We have all seen pictures of children living in the poorest conditions imaginable and not having clean water, food to eat, living in homes with dirt floors and no bed, and having no indoor plumbing or electricity.

We need to be aware that with our contributions to the Rotary Foundation we can help these countries to acquire better living conditions. Our district has worked in various areas to bring clean water, build schools to educate the children, build hospitals and more.

Every President made a certain pledge on behalf of their clubs to support the Rotary Annual Programs Fund. I know that times are tough for many and clubs may find it hard to make the commitment that their Club President made, but I ask you all to look at putting whatever you can into the Foundation this Rotary Year (July 2008-July 2009).

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A Leader Wherever She Is

By Kate Dunlop Seamans

Janice McElroy, Colby-Sawyer College's grants manager, has been named the District Governor Nominee Designate for Rotary International's District 7870, which encompasses 59 clubs with 2,500 members in central and southern New Hampshire and Vermont.



McElroy, a Rotary member since 2000 who was president of the Henniker Rotary Club in 2005 and is currently its director of international service, expects to be confirmed as District Governor Nominee at the end of May 2009. She will progress to district governor elect in 2010 and will serve as district governor starting July 1, 2011.

Rotary International, founded in 1905, is the world's first service club organization and has more than 1.2 million members in 33,000 clubs in 200 countries who volunteer their time and talent to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build good will and peace in the world. With the motto "Service above Self," it's no surprise that Rotary's main objective is service in the community, the workplace, and throughout the world.

It's also no surprise to those who know her that

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It would be great if every member of every club gave something. Remember that every little bit helps. One thing to remember is that whatever is given to the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs fund this Rotary year will come back in three years for the district to use for our communities and various programs.

So please consider donating something this year to help those in need and know that 100% of what you give is used towards the Foundation Programs.

Awareness month is also a time to let our communities know what Rotary is all about and what we do, not only for our communities but for others around the world.



District Conference - A Step Back In Time DG Alley

The 2008-2009 District Conference will be back in NH this coming year at the highly acclaimed **Balsams Grand Resort** in Dixville Notch, which is nestled in the White Mountains between Colebrook and Errol, New Hampshire.

Reservations are now being accepted for the upcoming District Conference at the Balsam's from May 29-31, 2009. This is the week end after Memorial Day.

Registration cost for 2 nights are as follows: Single \$550, Double \$690.

The cost includes all taxes and gratuity. All rooms have 2 double beds or 1 king size bed. The Balsams full American plan covers three complete meals along with complete use of all facilities including golf (27 holes) and tennis (6 courts) without extra charge. There is extra charge for any rental equipment.

Other activities include:

Boating, fly fishing for stocked trout, hiking and biking.

Enjoy the lakeside heated pool and game room with pool tables.

Things you can do at The Balsams (that you can't do anywhere else):

- Culinary and Cooking Demonstrations
- Moose Safari through The Balsams Wilderness
- Cocktails at the Panorama Grille
- History Tours (We are the "First in the Nation" for Presidential Voting).

To register go to the district website at www.rotary7870.org Remember to register soon as this could sell out early.

This might be a good opportunity for your club to support your Club President as well as a new member to attend. If you have never attended a conference, ask someone that has to share their experience.

Please come and celebrate our District's year and how clubs have "Made Dreams Real".

PolioPlus Challenge

PDG Hugh Haggerty - PolioPlus Chair

Giving children the gift of a polio-free world continues to be Rotary International's highest goal. District 7870 set a goal of raising \$3000.00 per club this year for us to match the \$100 Million Challenge presented by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Some of our clubs have already met the goal but it is not too late to get started because each club can plan an event to meet the challenge over three years if necessary. Dr. Robert S. Scott, 2007-08 Rotary Foundation trustee chair was quoted at the RI Convention in Los Angeles as saying, "Because polio is a virus that moves from child to child, it is capable of re-emerging anywhere in the world if we let down our guard. Rotary is committed to eradicating this disease once and for all."

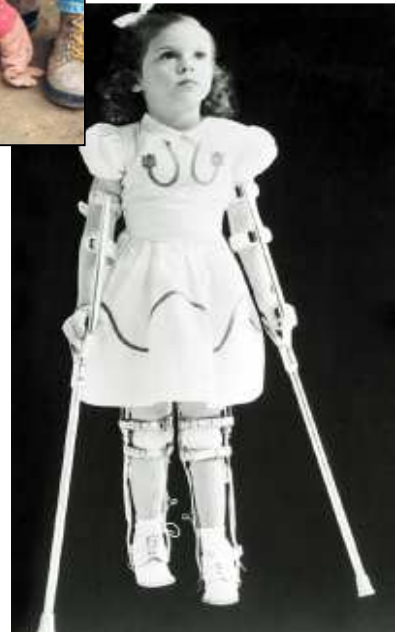
Polio eradication hinges on immunizing all children under age five so it is important to keep funds flowing to meet this goal. If any club has funds for polio eradication sitting in its treasury, please fill out the Rotary contributions form and send the check to The Rotary Foundation, 14280 Collections Center Drive, Chicago, Ill 60693 for deposit in the PolioPlus Fund.

Thank you for doing your part to **End polio**. Together we will reach Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge sooner rather than later.

What does it take to conduct a single National Immunization Day in India?

- 2.5 million vaccinators
- 1.17 million vaccination teams
- 155,000 supervisors with 155,000 vehicles/other modes of transport
- 2 million vaccine carrier bags with 6.3 million ice packs
- 225 million doses of polio vaccine

The Bottom Line - 172 million children will be immunized



Reprinted from the January 2009 edition of Our Foundation Newsletter www.ourfoundation.info:

"The Gates Foundation made this grant to Rotary because they believe in the integrity of The Rotary Foundation, the work of PolioPlus, and that global polio eradication is feasible.

Major gains have been made in the global fight against polio:

- In the 1980's, 1,000 children were infected by the disease every day in 125 countries. Today, polio cases have declined by 99 percent, with fewer than two thousand cases reported in 2007.
- Two billion children have been immunized, five million have been spared disability, and over 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented.
- Major Gains? Eradication? Rotarians must meet the Gates \$100 Million Challenge."

Janice McElroy - - A Leader Wherever She Is

McElroy enjoys leadership roles and identifies with Rotary's mission to create understanding and awareness of other cultures and promote world peace. She feels comfortable espousing those ideals, and looks forward to expanding her role in the organization.

A History of Leadership Shapes the Future

Rotary will reap the benefits of McElroy's expansive world view and many experiences in public service when she takes the district reins. As a Fulbright Scholar, she studied biochemistry and physiology at the University of Cologne in Germany; she has taught high school science and was a college instructor in education and psychology. She is a past president of the Pennsylvania State American Association of University Women and served on the board of directors for the United Nation's Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM). Before her move to New Hampshire in 1999, she ran for a Congressional seat for Pennsylvania's 15th district, and she served as executive director of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women.

At Colby-Sawyer, McElroy has been instrumental in securing more than \$1 million in grants, and counts among her favorites a Davis Educational Foundation grant of more than \$250,000 for the Digital Document Management system, support from the Cogswell Benevolent Trust (\$25,000) and the Byrne Foundation (\$25,000 last year and \$25,000 pledged for this year) to fund a Nursing Learning Community for the Nursing faculty.

"A grant is written to fund a project which solves a problem that both the funder and the college think is important," says McElroy. "The pleasure of writing a proposal and securing the grant lies in knowing that something good will happen as a result. That is the same as with my work in Rotary, which has as its focus to do good in the world. I like to be a part of making good things happen, whether at Colby-Sawyer or in Rotary."

Colby-Sawyer President Tom Galligan says McElroy has been integral to the evolution of the college's work and its success. "Jan has spearheaded many critical proposals that have helped us fund key college initiatives," he explains. "Moreover, she is an intellectually curious, intelligent, and interesting member of our community."

McElroy first learned about Rotary when she was in the Pennsylvania state government. "I spoke frequently to organizations like Rotary so I knew about it and saw what they did in the community," McElroy says. "It was an organization I thought highly of, and when I moved here and was asked if I'd like to be a member, I said yes because I liked the people I'd met. It was a wonderful opportunity to establish relationships."

Rewarding Work

The Henniker club has been very active in Rotary's project Pure Water for the World, and directly involved with Nicaragua. In one case, McElroy wrote a grant to raise money to contribute to providing well water in a village, and another project was to provide bio sand filters for 200 families in Henniker's sister town of San Ramon.

"Almost 1,500 people now have a lifetime supply of clean water based on our contribution," says McElroy. "I haven't been down there, but a couple club members went, and they tell this story. An hour after a meeting started, a couple carrying a child from the village that received the filters walked in. They had walked for almost three hours through mud, carrying the child, just to thank Rotary for providing the water to their village. They talked about how their children are healthier now, and that their whole village has a renewed spirit— the water had an effect on everybody, and they don't have to go the doctor as often. Those are the kinds of stories that are very rewarding, when you hear what you've done."

As district governor, McElroy hopes she will be able to help clubs better understand how to access Rotary Foundation funds and motivate them to become involved with some of its international projects and programs, such as its campaign to eradicate polio, its Ambassadorial Scholarships, the Group Study Exchange program, Rotary Grants for University Teachers, and Rotary World Peace Fellowships.

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Janice McElroy - - A Leader Wherever She Is

“There are so many opportunities,” she says. “My greatest hope for my year as governor is to have the feeling that I’ve reached some of those clubs that may not have much feeling of connection to the district and help them understand how that connection can be strengthened, that there are benefits to attending district functions, that they can learn from the sessions we hold about the Rotary Foundation and its international programs – it’s really just hoping that the clubs can be strengthened and be more integrated into the broader organization. I would feel successful if I could make some breakthroughs in that area.”

For reasons unrelated to her upcoming Rotary duties, Janice McElroy is retiring from Colby-Sawyer at the end of 2008. She will turn her full, formidable focus to preparing for her role as district governor, and fulfilling the responsibilities assigned to her in the two years of training that precede her year of leadership.

“Colby-Sawyer has been the fortunate recipient of Jan’s expertise for the last several years,” says Vice President of Advancement Elizabeth Cahill. “As the college’s grants manager, she has been particularly successful because her rich academic background allows her to work seamlessly with faculty. She’s able to bridge dreams with funding opportunities, and to successfully articulate programs and projects. We’ll miss her excellent work, and we’ll miss a warm and engaging colleague.”

Janice McElroy may be leaving Colby-Sawyer, but she’ll still be bridging dreams with Rotary International, connecting those who wish to serve their communities and their world with those who will most benefit.

“Rotary has so many facets. It’s neat, it’s neat,” McElroy chuckles. “District governor ... it’s going to be interesting.”

In Memoriam . . .

George Kingsbury – 62 yr member – Keene
Anthony Tumielewicz – West Rutland
Creeley “Buck” Buchanan – Manchester, NH
Eunice Schleif- Bennington
Brad White- New London
Andy Ladd- Chester



Paul Harris Fellows . . .

Louis Chan – Capital City
Dr. Normal Phillips – Merrimack (non Rotarian)
Thomas Mahon – Merrimack (non Rotarian)
Edward Knapp- Chester
Frederick (Ted) Hilles- Multiple- Windsor
Robert (Bob) Dukeshire- Windsor

New Paul Harris Society Member
Steve Goldstein- Killington-Pico

Club Notes . . .



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Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club

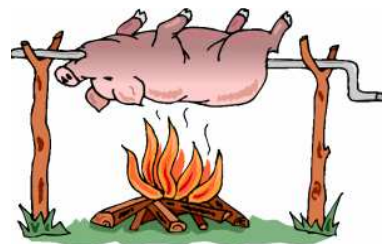
PORK ROAST DINNER

January 24, 2009 5 – 7 P.M.

Rotary Building - North Main Street, Wallingford, VT

The Wallingford Rotary Club is sponsoring a Pork Roast Dinner to raise funds to support the many projects of the Club.

- Every year our Club sponsors a Bike Safety Day in May. School age children and younger are fitted with helmets, knee pads and elbow pads free of charge.
- Scholarships are given to at least three senior students at Mill River Union High School to pursue further education.
- Our Club has been involved in student exchange programs since 1981. We send one to three students to another country to experience another culture, attend high school for one year and to be an ambassador for our Country. We also receive students who live with local families for the year and attend Mill River Union HS. We are hosting a student from Turkey.
- Every Christmas holiday, our club joins with the National Honor Society of Mill River Union HS. to give gifts to the children of families who might be struggling. This year our Club is donating 100 turkeys.
- **We can only continue to fund these programs with your assistance. We will feed you well and the monies that we receive will go to the above projects.**



Cost: \$9 per person

Ann M. Lattuca

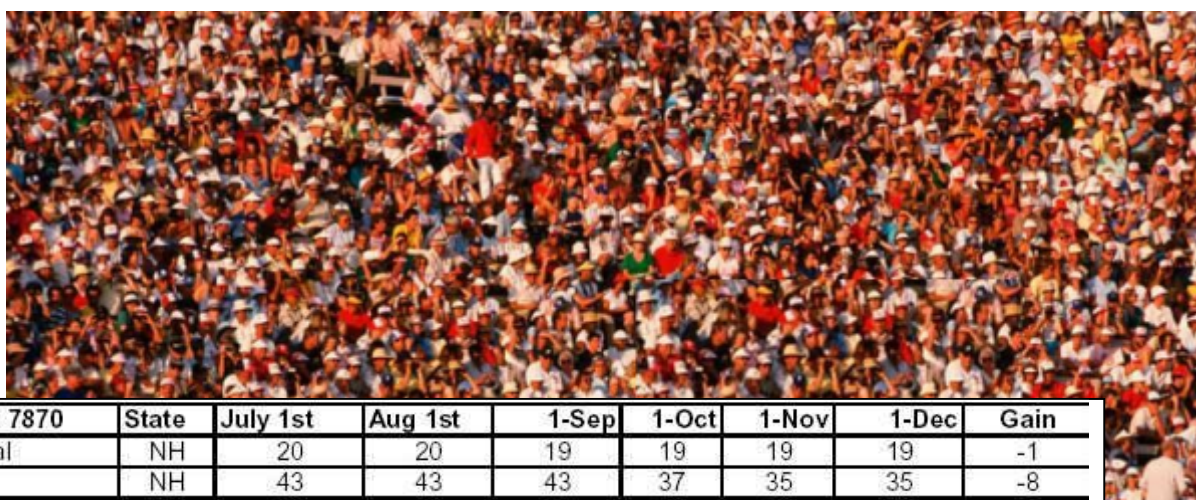
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Club Membership -- July - December



Rotary District 7870	State	July 1st	Aug 1st	1-Sep	1-Oct	1-Nov	1-Dec	Gain
Alton Centennial	NH	20	20	19	19	19	19	-1
Bedford	NH	43	43	43	37	35	35	-8
Bellows Falls	VT	28	28	28	28	30	30	2
Belmont	NH	18	19	19	19	19	18	0
Bennington	VT	57	58	57	57	57	56	-1
Bennington/Catamount	VT	68	69	69	67	66	67	-1
Bethel	VT	24	23	26	26	26	26	2
Bow	NH	66	66	65	63	65	62	-4
Brandon	VT	22	20	18	18	18	18	-4
Brattleboro	VT	85	89	89	87	90	89	4
Brattleboro Sunrise	VT	38	39	37	38	41	41	3
Capital City Concord	NH	10	11	10	10	11	11	1
Charlestown	NH	17	17	17	17	17	17	0
Chester	VT	17	17	17	17	16	16	-1
Concord	NH	126	125	127	127	128	128	2
Deerfield Valley	VT	32	31	30	32	32	32	0
Derry	NH	32	32	31	33	32	33	1
Derry Village	NH	41	39	40	40	39	39	-2
Fair Haven	VT	19	19	19	19	19	19	0
Franklin	NH	31	31	33	30	26	27	-4
Gilford	NH	61	61	61	61	61	63	2
Goffstown	NH	26	24	24	25	25	26	0
Henniker	NH	28	30	28	30	31	32	4
Hollis/Brookline	NH	39	41	41	39	41	41	2
Hopkinton	NH	40	39	39	39	39	39	-1
Hudson/Litchfield	NH	14	14	13	13	13	12	-2
Jaffrey/Rindge	NH	40	41	41	42	43	43	3
Keene	NH	83	84	83	80	80	79	-4
Keene/Elm City	NH	57	58	56	62	62	61	4
Killington-Pico	VT	21	22	22	22	22	22	1
Laconia	NH	71	72	75	74	75	75	4
Lakes Region	NH	20	20	20	20	20	20	0
Londonderry	NH	39	39	39	37	35	35	-4
Ludlow	VT	30	30	30	31	32	32	2
Manchester	NH	75	75	75	78	78	79	4
Manchester	VT	34	37	34	34	33	32	-2
Meredith	NH	64	65	65	65	65	65	1
Merrimack	NH	34	34	34	33	35	36	2
Milford	NH	82	82	82	81	80	79	-3
Monadnock	NH	35	35	35	34	35	35	0

Club Membership -- July - December

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Rotary District 7870	State	July 1st	Aug 1st	1-Sep	1-Oct	1-Nov	1-Dec	Gain
Nashua	NH	119	119	122	122	122	122	3
Nashua West	NH	84	84	85	85	86	88	4
New London	NH	64	64	64	64	64	64	0
Newport	NH	32	31	32	32	32	32	0
Peterborough	NH	41	42	42	42	42	42	1
Pittsfield	NH	38	39	40	40	39	39	1
Poultney	VT	19	20	19	20	20	20	1
Queen City	NH	61	61	61	64	64	65	4
Raymond Area	NH	23	23	23	23	23	24	1
Rutland City	VT	49	49	50	49	48	48	-1
Rutland South	VT	51	51	52	51	51	51	0
Springfield	VT	41	42	41	41	40	40	-1
Tilton-Northfield	NH	21	21	22	22	21	21	0
Wallingford	VT	18	18	18	18	18	18	0
Wantas/Londonderry	VT	14	14	14	14	16	16	2
West Rutland	VT	13	14	13	12	12	12	-1
White River Junction	VT	24	25	24	24	24	24	0
Windsor	VT	30	30	29	29	30	30	0
Woodstock	VT	78	78	78	77	76	76	-2
Total		2507	2524	2520	2500	2519	2521	



Welcome New Members

Nashua West – John Dagianis, Meghann O’Malley, Donna Arias, Ed Campbell

Henniker – Jim O’Rourke, Angela Robinson

West Rutland – Bob Burt, Donald Bara

Bow – Michael Fortier

Capital City – David Eggleton

Brattleboro Sunrise – David Coughlin, Carmen Derby, Barbara Sondag

Gilford – John Jude, Anthony Stacqualursi

Rutland – Wendy Mott, Jay Morel, Brian Perkins

November Attendance NR means No Report was submitted.

Alton Centennial	70.18%	Laconia	74.60%
Bedford	81.65%	Lakes Region	60.00%
Bellows Falls	73.00%	Londonderry	100.00%
Belmont	61.00%	Ludlow	81.00%
Bennington	81.00%	Manchester	52.74%
Bennington/Catamount	71.00%	Manchester	58.00%
Bethel	NR	Meredith	81.00%
Bow	93.10%	Merrimack	85.00%
Brandon	NR	Milford	71.00%
Brattleboro	78.87%	Monadnock	NR
Brattleboro Sunrise	85.00%	Nashua	NR
Capital City Concord	82.00%	Nashua West	75.90%
Charlestown	72.00%	New London	NR
Chester	71.00%	Newport	80.00%
Concord	NR	Peterborough	75.00%
Deerfield Valley	NR	Pittsfield	77.78%
Derry	80.00%	Poultney	NR
Derry Village	72.44%	Queen City	89.00%
Fair Haven	NR	Raymond Area	NR
Franklin	99.00%	Rutland City	87.00%
Gilford	67.15%	Rutland South	NR
Goffstown	58.00%	Springfield	78.00%
Henniker	71.80%	Tilton-Northfield	64.00%
Hollis/Brookline	81.94%	Wallingford	91.00%
Hopkinton	80.00%	Wantas/Londonderry	64.00%
Hudson/Litchfield	88.90%	West Rutland	88.00%
Jaffrey/Rindge	81.00%	White River Junction	NR
Keene	72.22%	Windsor	75.00%
Keene/Elm City	84.00%	Woodstock	74.00%
Killington-Pico	50.00%		