



The District **TI**MES

The Official Newsletter of District 7870
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Club Visits

By DG Alice (Alley) Boucher



Exciting! Outstanding! Unique! These are just a few of the words that describe my club visits. I have been in Rotary since 1995 and have served the district in many ways, but as District Governor, I have seen more than I could have imagined. Clubs are doing such wonderful things as holding penny sales, Christmas tree sales, auctions, comedy nights, festivals, raffles and more. One particularly unique activity sponsored by the Derry Club involved taking WWII Veterans who had never been to Washington, DC down to see the WWII Memorial and other war memorials. Rotarians certainly made these Veterans' "Dreams Real." I know my Dad who served in WWII would have loved to have been part of this experience.

I would like to thank all of you for your many contributions. I recognize that each function or activity your club does requires a lot of time and commitment. I continue to wish each club great success with your upcoming plans for the year.

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Janice McElroy Nominated for District Governor 2011 - 2012

The District 7870 Nominating Committee met on October 23, 2008 and conducted the selection process for the District Governor Nominee for 2011 – 2012. The Committee consisted of AG Ginger Cook of Bellows Falls, AG Kim Lampert of Ludlow, PDG Peter Powers of Hopkinton, DGE Michael Swinford of Bedford, and was chaired by PDG Chris Parkinson of Bow.

The committee conducted its process in accordance with the District 7870 By Laws, and unanimously approved Janice McElroy as the District Governor Nominee for 2011 - 2012.



Jan is a truly outstanding candidate and has been duly nominated by her home club of Henniker. Jan was President of the Henniker Club in the Centennial year, has been Assistant Governor for the past three years, is currently serving as the secretary of the District Foundation, a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute, a certified faculty member of the Rotary Leadership Institute, has served on numerous district committees, has perfect attendance since being sponsored as a member in 2000 by PDG Jean Louis Nicknair and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a Sustaining Member.

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As District Governor, I get to hear what other districts are doing and I can tell you that we have one great district and it is thanks to all of you! You make up this great family of Rotary and I am honored to be your Governor. We have much work to do this year such as increasing membership, raising money for polio, and improving communication. I know we will be able to accomplish all of these goals. As Walt Disney once said, "If you can dream it, you can do it." We can *make dreams real*.

I especially want to thank my husband Charlie for "Driving Miss Daisy" everywhere and for attending all the club visits and Board of Director's meetings.

He heard my speech so many times I think he could have given it. (I asked him to do so for the Gilford Club, but he declined) Charlie has given me incredible support, even going so far as to carry all of my props to each meeting.



Although the Foundation Dinners will soon be over and I will be turning my attention to the District Conference, I hope to still attend upcoming club functions. Please just let me know when they are and I will try to attend.

November is Foundation Month By Foundation Chair- Dave Benson

Foundation month is the perfect time to read and really absorb the Mission Statement of The Rotary Foundation. The statement says, in part, "The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace..."

There is so much talk about world peace, be it the Middle East, Africa or in our inner cities. We hear calls for understanding, dialog and harmony while answers swirl from one solution to another. Yet, the answer to world peace is in our hands, with our Rotary Foundation.

The mission statement goes on to propose that we achieve world understanding, goodwill and peace... "through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty."

Just imagine. These three avenues, which we too often take for granted, give all Rotarians paths to focus on, and yes, we can all make a difference in our world using the Rotary Foundation. Many of us have lent a hand, shared Rotary and followed our dreams of making this world a better place for all of us.

We're improving health by providing clean potable water to children and families in rural areas of developing countries like Honduras, Haiti and alleviating the diarrhea and dysentery so unnecessarily killing thousands of precious

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Claremont Rotary Club By DG Alice (Alley) Boucher

It is with great sadness that I inform you all that the **Claremont Rotary Club** has relinquished their charter in Rotary. The Claremont Club was chartered in 1922 and was once a very thriving club; however over the last decade they have had major membership issues. At the time the club decided to turn in their charter, they were down to 3 members.

I hope that the members of the Claremont Club will seek membership in one of the surrounding communities. Our District will certainly look into establishing a new club in Claremont in the future.

I would personally like to thank the Claremont Club and its past members for all that they have done for their community over the decades that they were a Rotary Club.

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The nomination of Janice McElroy will be formally voted on at the 2009 District Conference which will be held at The Balsams on May 29 – 31, 2009. Please join me in congratulating Jan on her nomination.



Jan also has an impressive resume of activities and leadership positions outside of Rotary. Jan is currently the Grants Manager for Colby Sawyer College. She lives in Henniker with her husband Jim.

Jan was born and raised in the wheat and cattle country of Kansas and later lived in Denver. She majored in Chemistry at Colorado College before going to the University of Cologne, Germany as a Fulbright Scholar in Biochemistry. She taught science in Baltimore and later, earned her masters at Johns Hopkins. She served as chair of the science department at the Bishop's School in La Jolla, California, before she took off time to complete her Ph.D. in Human Behavior.

Jan, her husband Jim, and their two children moved to New Jersey and later Pennsylvania, where Jim worked for Bell Labs. In Pennsylvania, Jan became very involved in the American Association of University Women and was the publishing editor of the book, "Our Hidden Heritage: Pennsylvania Women in History." She served four years as the Pennsylvania State President of AAUW and for four years on AAUW's national Board of Directors. In 1988 she accepted a gubernatorial appointment as Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women. Her proudest accomplishment in that role was the creation of the Leadership Development Institute for Women in State Government and getting it transitioned to the next administration. In 1998, she ran unsuccessfully for Congress in the PA 15th.

In 1999, she moved to Henniker to be the Assistant to the President and Director of Planning at New England College. In 2005, she joined the development staff at Colby-Sawyer College as their Grants Manager.

She joined the Henniker Rotary Club in 2000 and served as its President in 2004-05, receiving the Presidential Citation for the club. She has successfully written five grants for her club for international projects. Jan is the Secretary of the District 7870 Foundation, a Paul Harris Fellow, and a RLI graduate. She is a third term Assistant Governor.

Jan has traveled extensively throughout Europe, Japan, China, and all fifty United States of America. She enjoys reading, yoga, snowshoeing, beachcombing, NFL football and Rotary.

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November is Foundation Month

children each year.

We're improving health by sharing our used ambulances, extra medical supplies and unused dental and hospital equipment with those in very poor countries.

We're providing cataract operations for the blind in India, deworming tablets for children in the Philippines, and medical brigades to go into remote parts of developing countries.

And, we are just a hair's breadth away from ridding the world of one of its more horrible diseases – Polio -- and we will succeed!

We are providing education for children in poor countries through dictionary projects, providing textbooks, helping communities build schools and donating schoolbooks, paper, pencils and rulers.

And, we're alleviating poverty with Rotary Foundation micro-grants to help start very small businesses for poor mothers wanting a better life; providing boats and trucks to transport public health services to remote areas, and providing hearing aids, prosthetic limbs and wheelchairs to give people physical opportunities they've never had.

Knowledge of how the Rotary Foundation works, through its multiple grant processes, is paramount for all Rotarians so that we can each maximize the good work that is possible to change and even save lives.

There are still many of us who don't understand the Rotary Foundation and as a result, there is much not being done that is so desperately needed. So, let's all of us Rotarians spend significant time this month to learn as much as we can about the Rotary Foundation, read our Rotarian magazine and other Foundation publications and make a solid commitment, each of us, and our respective Rotary Clubs, to support our Foundation.

If all of us contribute and use our Rotary Foundation to advance world understanding and peace, imagine how we Rotarians can change the world.



New Rotarians in August and September

Wendy Mott (Rutland)
Carol Powis (Nashua West)
Arthur Overlock (Franklin) (July)
Heidi Kling (Franklin) (July)
Richard Munn (Pittsfield)
Wendy Mott (Rutland)
Ted Purdy (Newport)
Frances Wilson (Newport)
Christine Ballou (Keene) (July)
Michael Blastos (Keene) (July)
Toby Watterson (Keene)
John Schaefer (Brattleboro Sunrise)
Paul Gatehouse (Gilford)
John Leisenring (Brattleboro Sunrise)
Brian Hall (Goffstown)
John Dagianis (Nashua West)
Kristi Lowenthal (Nashua West)
Megann O'Malley (Nashua West)
Jeni Williams (Tilton-Northfield)
Bob Cormier (Tilton-Northfield)
Susan McNeely (Ludlow)
Darren Williams (Ludlow)
Mark Huntley (Ludlow)
Malcolm Summers (Chester)
Christopher Aucoin (Milford)
Katherine Coleman (Brattleboro Sunrise)
Emily Canavan (Capital City)
Tim Pigsley (Henniker)
William McKenzie (Jaffrey Rindge)
Eddie Leon (Derry)
Dr. Phil Szalowski (Derry)
Mark Ailinger (Brattleboro)
Roger Carroll (Brattleboro)
Beth Baldwin-Page (Brattleboro)

PURE WATER



Amica Insurance employee and Franklin Rotarian Anne Pecor (middle) presents Jeanne Petrin, Franklin Rotarian & District Chair for Pure Water, with a \$1500 check benefiting Pure Water. Also shown is Franklin Rotary Club President Richard Doucet.

The Amica Foundation awards grant money annually on behalf of employees who actively participate in non-profit organizations that serve others. The grant approval process considers the employees involvement in the organization, what the money will be used for and the need of the beneficiaries.

\$500 of this grant will be used for the Amigos de Honduras trip in January for the water project that our Rotarians will be working during their annual trip January 17, 2009 to January 25, 2009. \$1,000 was sent to Pure Water for the World. The District Pure Water committee will be raising funds this Rotary year to join with a UNICEF water and Sanitation project in the El Paraiso area of Honduras.

Anyone wishing to donate money may for this project may write a check District 7870 Foundation with a notation that it is for Pure Water. Send it to Jeanne Petrin PO Box 3019 Northfield NH.03276-3019.

Anyone wishing to work on the committee or have someone come to speak to your Club or other Organizations Contact me at bobjeanne@metrocast.net

Capital City Club offers Fresh Fruit and Bird Seed Wreaths

Navel Oranges & Ruby Red Grapefruit 100% Guaranteed Grove-Fresh.

A "most popular" citrus couple that's always at the top of everyone's list! Every year this perfect pairing of sweet, Florida Oranges and plump, juicy Indian River Ruby Red Grapefruit wins more fans! Order yours today

Holiday Fruitcake-for-the-Birds

Bird Seed Wreaths are great gifts for the Holidays! Each wreath is:

- Hand made using premium bird seed blends; provides a great source of high energy for your birds.
- Attractively packaged.
- An Ideal gift idea for the bird lovers!

Orders Due by Tuesday, November 18th 2008.

Contact: Kristina Sharp — 603-674-8071

Make checks payable to: **CCSRC (Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club)**

**Pick-up after Friday December 5th, 2008 at
Duncraft Wildbird Outlet -102 Fisherville Road (Route 3) Concord, NH 03303**

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Navel Oranges — \$20.00 per box _____ 20 pound box(s)

Red Grape Fruit — \$20.00 per box _____ 20 pound box(s)

Bird Seed Wreath — \$20.00 per wreath _____

Bird Seed Wreaths — 2 or more \$15.00 each _____ wreaths

All Aboard the Polar Express!

The White River Rotary Club and Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce invite you to be part of our '08 celebration of the holidays.

Don't miss the polar express this year. '07 was sold out in two weeks with a lot of disappointed folks on the waiting list.

E-mail your ticket request today!



December 13 and 14, 2008

**Leaving from the White River Railroad Station
To the North Pole and Return
'Babes on Lap' FREE
Children, 12 and under, \$15.00
Adults - \$20.00**

Departure Times: 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 each day

**Passengers will enjoy hot chocolate and holiday music on the train
And meet Santa at the North Pole**

**Purchase your tickets on line at
www.hartfordvtpolarexpress.com**

**For General Information contact info@hartfordvtchamber.com, or
visit www.hartfordvtchamber.com or Pam at 802-295-7900**

**This event is brought to you by the
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And The Vote Goes On

By Merry Lee Corwin

As disappointed as we all are to see this warm-hearted two-year-long political season come to an end, we can all be comforted by knowing we will soon be seeing one of our country's celebrated political landmarks – the Ballot Room at The Balsams, in which the famous “First in the Nation” votes are cast and reported.

In 1960, Dixville Notch was recognized by the State of New Hampshire as an unincorporated place, permitting it the privilege of being a voting community. In that year's election, the voters of Dixville Notch were “First in the Nation” to report the results of the presidential election.

That year the results were Nixon 9, Kennedy 0. Since then, Dixville Notch voters turn out every four years to meet the many candidates who come to the Notch seeking their vote.

“Vote early and vote often,” said Al Capone. On election eve, Dixville Notch will follow the first part of that dictum, arriving at the polling place, the Ballot Room, before midnight. In order to close the polls and count the votes, every eligible voter in town has to have registered and voted. So when the voters gather just before midnight, a head count is taken to make sure everyone is present. That resolved, each voter then takes a place in the Ballot Room at one of the private



voting booths (there is one built for each and every voter). At the stroke of midnight, all voters simultaneously fill out and cast their ballots. The entire process takes about a minute.

Tom Stoppard said, “It's not the voting that's democracy; it's the counting.” After the voting, the Dixville Notch ballots are publicly counted and the results released to the media – the first in the nation.

We will have the privilege of gathering in the historic Ballot Room during the May 29 to 31 District Conference at The Balsams in Dixville Notch, New Hampshire.



Paul Harris Fellows

Rick Stoudt +2 (Nashua West)
Joe Dionne +2 (Nashua West)
John Rudolph +1 (Nashua West)
Janet Kingsbury Warren (Keene)
Barbara Giancola (Rutland)
Michael Blastos (Keene) (July)
Mark LeDoux (Hollis Brookline)
George Kingsbury (multiple) (Keene)

Bob Fredericks (Keene – Elm City)
Bob Stote (Keene – Elm City)
Chris Marseilles (Keene – Elm City)
Bruce Soper (Keene – Elm City)
Marilyn Soper (Keene – Elm City)
Matt DeGrosky (Keene – Elm City)
Jim Healy (9th) (Hollis- Brookline)
Alley Boucher + 4 (Gilford)

Step Back in Time

District 7870 Conference

May 29 to 31, 2009

The Balsams Grande Resort

Dixville Notch, NH

Club Notes . . .



Secretary change . . .

Alton Centennial Secretary is:
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Business phone is 603-875-4100
email address is
patti.gilbert@profilebank.com

New Meeting Locations . . .

Belmont Rotary Club meets:
Vineyard Restaurant
190 Daniel Webster Hwy.
Belmont, NH 03220
Tuesday at 5:30 PM

Franklin Rotary Club meets:
Soda Shoppe
901 Central Street
Franklin, NH 03235
Tuesday 7:00 AM

IMPORTANT NOTICE To all Club Presidents and Secretaries:

Beginning with your Rotary fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008 ALL CLUBS AND FOUNDATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO FILE WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. Failure to do so for two years will cause you to lose your Tax Exempt Status. **The forms must be filed by November 17, 2008 for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2008.**



Those clubs who have more than \$25,000 of GROSS REVENUE – that includes dues collected, gross meal income, and any fund raising – must file either a Form 990 or 990EZ. Club Foundations must file a separate return.

Clubs whose GROSS REVENUE is LESS THAN \$25,000 - that includes dues collected, gross meal income, and any fund raising – must electronically file a Form 990N.

NOTE: If your entry of a Tax ID Number returns a company name of “ROTARY INTERNATIONAL” instead of your own club name YOU ARE USING AN INCORRECT TAX ID NUMBER!!!! Each club must have its own Tax ID Number. If your number returns “ROTARY INTERNATIONAL”, call Francois Garcia at Rotary International (847) 866-3264 to get your club’s number.

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Club Attendance – August and September

		August	Sept.			August	Sept.
Alton Centennial	NH	76.00%	79.00%	Killington-Pico	VT	76.00%	83.00%
Bedford	NH	78.85%	70.00%	Laconia	NH	71.70%	NR
Bellows Falls	VT	67.00%	65.00%	Lakes Region	NH	75.00%	60.00%
Belmont	NH	70.00%	70.00%	Londonderry	NH	88.82%	90.28%
Bennington	VT	68.00%	88.00%	Ludlow	VT	81.00%	80.00%
Bennington/Catamount	VT	69.00%	69.00%	Manchester	VT	86.54%	54.23%
Bethel	VT	86.54%	NR	Manchester	NH	83.00%	68.00%
Bow	NH	94.12%	91.80%	Meredith	NH	68.00%	80.00%
Brandon	VT	42.00%	51.00%	Merrimack	NH	78.00%	80.00%
Brattleboro	VT	66.95%	78.04%	Milford	NH	78.00%	85.00%
Brattleboro Sunrise	VT	85.60%	81.30%	Monadnock	NH	61.00%	NR
Capital City Concord	NH	83.00%	78.00%	Nashua	NH	74.01%	NR
Charlestown	NH	73.00%	69.00%	Nashua West	NH	73.00%	77.40%
Chester	VT	72.00%	NR	New London	NH	65.00%	60.00%
Concord	NH	74.15%	NR	Newport	NH	68.65%	79.99%
Deerfield Valley	VT	85.83%	NR	Peterborough	NH	56.00%	72.00%
Derry	NH	85.00%	91.00%	Pittsfield	NH	79.07%	83.06%
Derry Village	NH	77.42%	81.22%	Poultney	VT	63.00%	76.00%
Fair Haven	VT	85.00%	80.00%	Queen City	NH	72.00%	83.00%
Franklin	NH	80.00%	79.43%	Raymond Area	NH	76.08%	83.69%
Gilford	NH	82.30%	73.78%	Rutland City	VT	91.00%	NR
Goffstown	NH	69.00%	81.00%	Rutland South	VT	99.03%	97.60%
Henniker	NH	76.30%	83.10%	Springfield	VT	71.00%	76.00%
Hollis/Brookline	NH	63.87%	77.37%	Tilton-Northfield	NH	79.00%	94.00%
Hopkinton	NH	82.00%	91.00%	Wallingford	VT	89.00%	81.00%
Hudson/Litchfield	NH	72.70%	80.80%	Wantas/Londonderry	VT	88.00%	91.00%
Jaffrey/Rindge	NH	70.60%	74.40%	West Rutland	VT	93.00%	97.00%
Keene	NH	85.73%	96.31%	White River Junction	VT	63.00%	56.00%
Keene/Elm City	NH	79.00%	84.00%	Windsor	VT	59.62%	57.02%
				Woodstock	VT	77.00%	74.00%

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New Electronic Filing Requirements for Small Tax-Exempt Organizations - Annual Electronic Notice - e-Postcard (Form 990-N): Small tax-exempt organizations, whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, are not required to file Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Beginning in 2008, small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file returns may be required to file an annual electronic notice, Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006.

Here is the link to the information about that form:

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>

If you have any questions about this please contact a local accountant or tax attorney.