



NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

By DG Rick Manganello

Ambassadorial Scholarships, The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. Since then more than 40,000



men and women from about 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is one of the world's largest privately funded international scholarships programs. Nearly 700 scholarships were awarded for study in 2009-10. Through grants totaling approximately US\$16.2 million, recipients from about 70 countries studied in more than 80 nations.

The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. The program sponsors academic year scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students as well as for qualified professionals pursuing vocational studies. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.

Generous contributions from Rotarians worldwide represent a continued faith that today's Ambassadorial Scholars will be tomorrow's community and world leaders.

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows can earn either a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict

resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellows are selected, consisting of up to 50 master's degree fellows and up to 50 professional development certificate fellows. Fellows earn either a master's degree in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies, conflict resolution, or a related field, or a professional development certificate in peace and conflict resolution.

Application deadlines for Ambassadorial Scholars and Rotary Peace Fellows are rapidly approaching. Rotarians are asked to reach out to qualified candidates and have them submit applications to local Rotary Clubs during March and April. Deadline for clubs to submit applications to the district is May 17, 2011.

Each year District 7870 selects an individual to receive an Ambassadorial Scholarship worth \$27,000. That winner could be from your club. Each year clubs in the district give out over 100 scholarships to deserving high school students. Many of those students would be potential candidates to apply for an Ambassadorial Scholarship during their junior year in college or later. Does your club follow up on your scholarship winners and let them know about these Rotary scholarships?

District 7870 would also love to have some Peace Fellow applicants this year.

For more information see "Ambassadorial Scholar" and "Peace Scholar" in the lefthand column of the District 7870 Home Page.

<http://www.rotary7870.org>



MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

Recognizing the important role literacy plays in improving lives and empowering people, Rotary's leaders are committed to supporting literacy and education initiatives. Rotary's Literacy Resource Group encourages clubs and districts to pursue programs and projects that promote universal literacy and educational opportunities for all.

Does your club have a literacy project? It can be as simple as volunteering to read to students in your local school. For more information on Rotary and Literacy and for some project ideas click on:

http://www.rotary.org/ridocuments/en_pdf/literacy_every_school_a_star.pdf



March Resource Guide focuses on literacy

Rotary International News, 3 March 2011

Literacy Month is the ideal time to consider a literacy project in your community – or across the globe. Let the materials in The Rotarian magazine's Resource Guide help. Find projects in need of funding, volunteers, donated goods, or partners for a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant on ProjectLINK.

See how Rotarians used the concentrated language encounter (CLE) method to improve reading and writing in Brazil's underserved schools in Key to Literacy, available on Rotary Video Magazine volume 3.2.

Save \$5 when you order three DVDs from RVM volume 3 or 4. Now priced at \$5 each, you'll pay just \$10. Available while supplies last.

Find Resource Guide items and all your club and district materials at shop.rotary.org.

- ⦿ Rotary Video Magazine Collection 3
- ⦿ Rotary Video Magazine 5.1
- ⦿ A Visual Journey photography book
- ⦿ Every School a Star: A Literacy Tool Kit
- ⦿ ProjectLINK

District Calendar

Mar 10, 2011 - Mar 12, 2011

Multi-District PETS

Framingham MA

Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center

Mar 27 - Apr 02, 2011

Pure Water for the World Honduras Trip

<http://www.purewaterfortheworld.org>

Apr 02, 2011

RLI - Lebanon, NH

Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

Apr 04 - May 04, 2011

GSE Team to Turkey

Apr 09, 2011

District Assembly / Interact Conference Keene High School

Apr 17, 2011

4 Way Speech Contest Semi-Finals

Henniker Community Center

Apr 25, 2011

Short-Term Youth Exchange Application Deadline

May 21, 2011 - May 25, 2011

2011 Rotary International Convention, New Orleans

Jun 03, 2011 - Jun 05, 2011

District Conference - Mystic, CT

Jun 27, 2010

Changing of the Gavel

Little Red Schoolhouse



A CHALLENGE THAT SAVES LIVES

By Joanna Tanger, Pure Water for the World



What if you had the opportunity to turn \$15,000 into at least \$30,000 for Pure Water for the World?

The Nashua, Milford and Nashua West Rotary Clubs are transforming this into a reality, but they need your help.

These three rotary clubs have pledged a total of \$15,000 to support Pure Water for the World's project in Trojes, Honduras. This area is known as the "Recovered Zone of El Paraiso," as it was once part of the Republic of Nicaragua. Due to the influx of contra rebels into this area in the 1980s, many people fled, causing the land values to decrease. The region has been left without any support from the central or regional government, making it one of the poorest regions in Honduras.

Pure Water is working with UNICEF to provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education to over 1,500 families in Trojes. This is a four year project that is funded in large part by the generosity of Rotary Clubs. Many Rotarians have traveled to Honduras, have seen the work of Pure Water firsthand, and applaud their efforts.

Pure Water has developed a holistic approach that ensures a substantial health impact by providing safe drinking water, sanitation and health and hygiene education to the communities of greatest need. These projects achieve ongoing sustainability through the use of appropriate technology, community ownership, local involvement, and the education of community leaders, committees and beneficiaries.

If the other 57 clubs in District 7870 participated, the average amount would be less than \$300 each to meet this challenge. Some clubs can contribute more and please do so if possible. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of others. If this Rotary challenge is met, then 60 more families will have clean water, sanitation facilities and hygiene education for the first time.

We hope that your Rotary Club will consider supporting this effort. Please make checks payable to "Pure Water for the World," and mail to the Milford Rotary Club, PO Box 618, Milford, NH 03055.



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DISTRICT ROTARIANS EARN NATIONAL AWARDS

From ShelterBox USA Press Release

Art and Dell Clough (Meredith Rotary Club) have been recognized by President Obama and ShelterBox USA with Presidential Volunteer Service Awards for their efforts during 2010 to provide shelter, warmth and dignity for survivors of natural disasters worldwide.

In the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake, many watched on the television wishing they could make a difference. The Cloughs knew ShelterBox, an international disaster relief charity, would be on the scene delivering it's iconic green box containing a family tent, water purification, a cook set and stove along with other essentials. Through the Cloughs's efforts of raising awareness and fundraising for ShelterBox, the organization was able to provide more than 28,000 ShelterBoxes which accounted for one-quarter of all of the tented shelter in Haiti.

The Cloughs are passionate volunteers for ShelterBox. In the aftermath of Haiti, the Dell volunteered three months of her time by coming into the office on a daily basis to help answer phones, process donations, and send out donor correspondence.

"In 2010, ShelterBox responded to 22 disasters in 17 countries providing more than 45,000 ShelterBoxes," said Emily Sperling, interim executive director for ShelterBox USA. "Because of the efforts of volunteers like Art and Dell Clough we were able to provide emergency shelter to those in need around the world."

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a special recognition presented on behalf of President Barack Obama. The award is part of a national recognition program created in 2003 through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation for individuals of all ages who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer activities.

Since 2000, ShelterBox has provided shelter, warmth and dignity following more than 140 disasters in more than 70 countries. ShelterBox instantly responds to earthquake, volcano, flood, hurricane, cyclone, tsunami or conflict by delivering boxes of aid. The organization provided shelter for 250,000 survivors of the Haitian earthquake and is currently delivering lifesaving aid in Brazil, Colombia, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. Information: <http://shelterboxusa.org>.

Club Events

Mar 11, 2011 - **Manchester VT**

March Money Madness

Riley Rink, Manchester VT

Grand Prize of \$10,000

To Enter: Call 802-768-1090 or email
MarchMoneyMadness@gmail.com

Mar 12, 2011 - **Bow**

Concert to End Polio

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/storyitem.asp?cid=1612&iid=190883>

Mar 13, 2011 - **Brattleboro Sunrise**

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

<http://www.brattleborosunriserotary.org/>

Mar 13, 2011 - **Laconia**

Pancake Breakfast

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/homeD.asp?cid=2936>

March 14 - **Newport**

Penny Sale

Newport High School Gym

March 16 - **Londonderry NH**

Pot O' Gold Run

<http://www.potogoldrun.com>

Mar 30, 2011 - **Merrimack**

4 Way Speech Contest

Merrimack High School 7 PM

Apr 02, 2011 **Merrimack**

Comedy Night

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Events/EventDetails.aspx?accountid=2943&eid=143468&tid=1>



NEW HAPPY HOUR CLUB

By JOSEPH G. COTE, Staff Writer nashua.telegraph.com.

About 240 people gathered in Nashua on Monday to celebrate the formation of a new Rotary Club and to hear the president of Rotary International speak at the Crowne Plaza.

The new club, the Rotary Club of Souhegan Valley, unofficially dubbed the Souhegan Valley Happy Hour Club, isn't exclusively for 20- and 30-somethings but was created to appeal to that demographic, according to the group's president, David Williamson.

"Most of our group is young professionals in nature," Williamson, a commercial insurance agent at Tebbetts Insurance in Hollis, said. "The reality is that I think there are people of any age that would have a hard time getting to the morning meetings or the midday meetings."

The club meets for an hour at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays, the idea being that right after the work day is an easy time to attend, and that meetings are short enough that members can get home for dinner with their family.

Rotary meetings are usually early morning or midday, which doesn't work for many younger professionals who are busy with their children in the morning and likely not high enough on the corporate ladder to leave for a two-hour lunch meeting once a week.

One of the founding members, Amy Wheeler, said clubs like hers are important to the future of Rotary and to the communities they serve.

"It's definitely good for Rotary because they need a younger generation to continue," Wheeler said. "I think it's good for the community because Rotary is one of the most reputable service groups. You don't want to lose that because they aged themselves out."

"This is an exciting new movement for Rotary," said Carolyn Choate, a member of the Rotary Club of Hudson-Litchfield and the spokesperson for the Rotary District of Southern New Hampshire and Vermont. "With the graying of America, obviously there's a graying Rotary. This happy hour club hopefully fills a need."

Choate said Rotary International's membership has stagnated at around 1.2 million for several years, and new after-hours clubs are one way to attract younger members. Another strategy is web-based Rotary clubs that conduct all of their business via e-mail.

There are e-clubs in England, Finland, India, Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Latin America, Brazil and South Africa, and six in the United States, according to Rotary International's website. Ken Grabeau, a Nashua resident and the first person from the southern New Hampshire and Vermont district to be elected an international director, said the entire Rotary organization is trying to adapt itself to appeal to a younger demographic.

"We need that 25-30 year old age range, the future," Grabeau said. "Rotary is adjusting to the needs of the people we really want to join us, not forcing them to adjust. We have to change."

Rotary President Ray Klinginsmith was the major draw Monday evening. Many Rotarians are members for decades and never meet the head of the international association, Williamson said.

Klinginsmith said he, too, is a fan of what he called "new generation clubs."

"The new style clubs encourage the charter members to develop their clubs as they decide best without pressure to follow the traditional practices developed by previous generations," he said.



NEW HAPPY HOUR CLUB (CONT.)

The new club first began to take shape about a year ago, Williamson said, after members of the Rotary Club of Milford and the local Rotary District decided it would be a good idea to start a new club that met in the evenings.

The search for a place for that club to meet ran into dead-ends all the way along Route 101A and ended at the Hampton Inn in Nashua. Along the way, the two Nashua clubs and the Hollis/Brookline club joined in the efforts to form the new division, according to David McBee, a member of the Rotary Club of Milford.

“As a result, they’re drawing their members from Nashua and as far away as Milford,” McBee said.

Five local Rotary clubs sponsored the new club, including the Rotary Club of Nashua West.

“Rotary has a very rich history, but in order to stay relevant we have to get younger,” said Nashua West president Alla Vatalaro, who owns Narcissus II, a salon on Main Street. “We’re trying to reach out to that younger group of people that have the youth and that energy and that capacity to do a lot of work with Rotary but don’t necessarily have the same time that we do.”

So far, the new club has been hosting small fundraising events and helping out at larger events that other clubs in the area host, while on the lookout for what will turn into their keynote annual event, Williamson said.

“We hope to just kind of learn the logistics of how these events are put together, what it takes and how it’s done,” he said. “We’re still trying to figure out what’s going to be our marquee event.”

Club Events

Apr 2, 2011 - **Tilton Northfield**
Pet Expo & Rabies Clinic

<http://www.tnrotary.org/>

Apr 2, 2011 - **Deerfield Valley**
Wine Tasting

Info: (802) 464-5108 or
jessicackain@hotmail.com

Apr 10, 2011 **Brattleboro Sunrise**
Harlem Ambassadors

<http://www.brattleborosunriserotary.org/>

Apr 30, 2011 **Henniker**
Concert and Wine Tasting

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?cid=2928>

Apr 30, 2011 **LUDLOW**
55TH Annual Rotary Penny Sale

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/Home.aspx?cid=2939>





Support the Paul Harris Memorial Garden at "The Little Red School House"

By PDG Peter Powers



As previously reported in the District Governor's November Newsletter, the District 7870 Foundation has finalized plans for a Paul Harris Memorial Garden on the schoolhouse grounds. A large bronze Rotary wheel will be the centerpiece with concrete pavers on the circumference with bricks between the spokes and center as shown in the diagram. The sale of these various items will enable the Foundation to build up an endowment fund that will help ensure the self sufficiency of this historic building. The Foundation would like to commence construction by late spring or early

summer and is urging the clubs and members of District 7870 to participate in the following program:

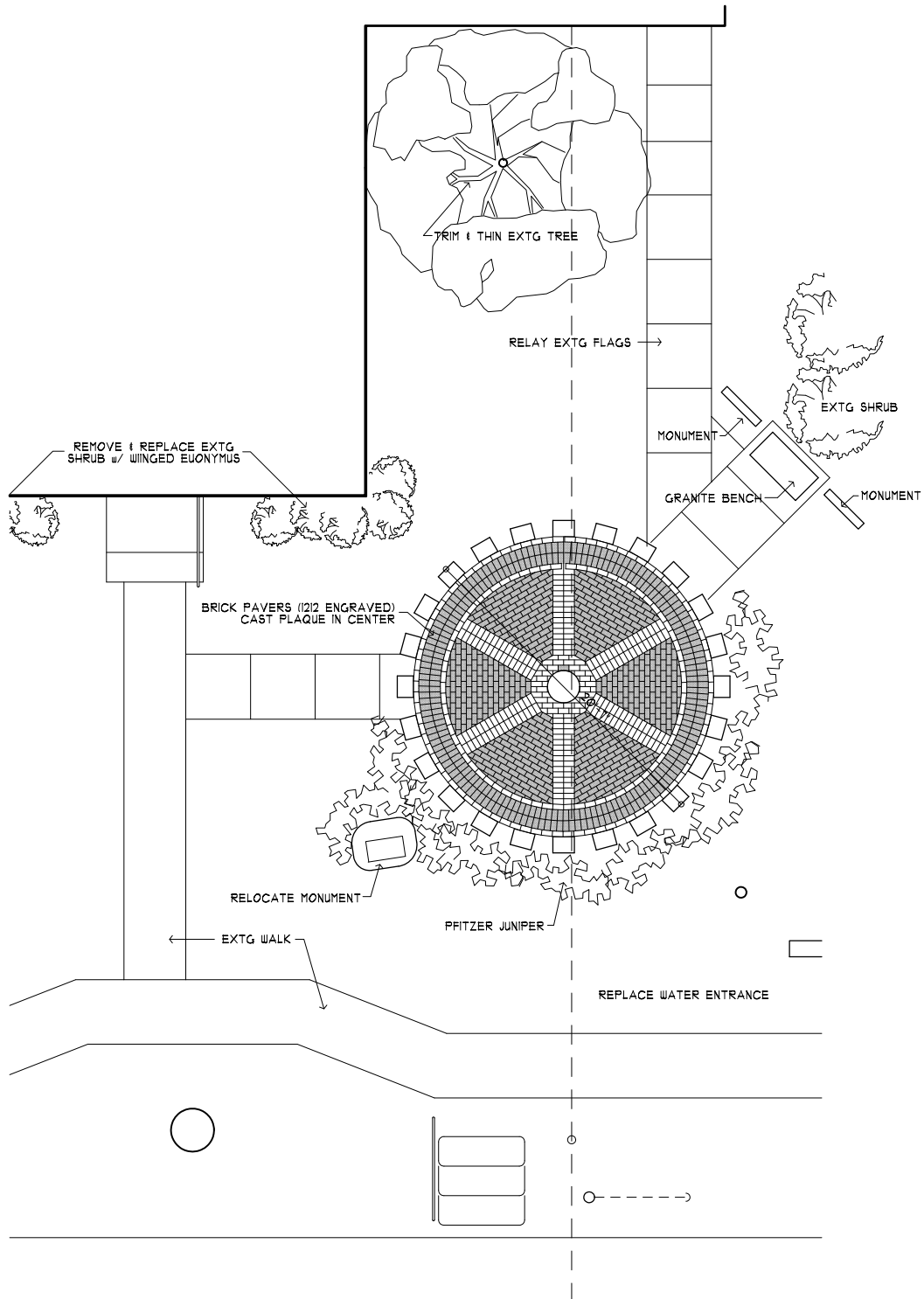
The outer perimeter of concrete pavers will be reserved for the 60 clubs in our district and will be sold at a special price of \$200.00 per club. All other pavers will be sold at \$300.00 each. These club pavers will feature the club name and charter date.

Two special monuments will be dedicated to a listing of all the Past District Governors with their club name dating back to 1957 when District 787 (sic) was formed. The cost will be \$300.00 per engraving.

If our clubs support this effort by purchasing their club paver, as well as a PDG engraving (s) if applicable, we can commence the project in the near future, but we need your help! There are many other opportunities to honor a special Rotarian in your club or a loved one. We also welcome requests from Rotarians throughout the world.

A brochure and order form may be downloaded from www.Rotary7870.org and listed under Documents. Please note, however, that the club paver special and the PDG listing are not on the form, so be sure to indicate what your order is covering. Checks should be made payable to the District 7870 Foundation and mailed to District Treasurer Alan Kanegsberg. If you have any questions, please contact PDG Pete Powers at pcpowers@earthlink.net Thank you for your support!





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SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"	DATE: 10/6/10		
SITE PLAN - REVISION 1			



A SURPRISE VISIT

By PDG Peter Powers

A few weeks ago, there were two surprise visitors at the Bedford Rotary Club meeting. They were Assistant Governor Phobe Leask and her husband, PDG Mac Leask, from District 7980 in Connecticut. They were there to honor PDG Paul Bordeleau for his many years of service to former Zones 31 & 32. Paul, as many of you may know, is a music teacher, a talented musician, and band leader. Paul has generously donated his time and talents to numerous Zone Institutes, district conferences, and even several RI conventions. Phoebe is the choral director of the Zone Singers who sing at the annual institutes. She wanted to acknowledge and thank Paul on behalf of the singers, for his dedicated service as accompanist and other musical contributions. Paul was then presented with a special plaque which read:

Paul Bordeleau

**For Your Dedication To Rotary At All Levels
And The Music You Have Brought
To The Zone 31 & 32 Institutes
That Inspire Us To Continue The Tradition Of
Bringing Harmony To The World Through Music
Thank You!
The Zone Singers**

We all join in congratulating Paul for receiving this award and his many years of dedicated service to Rotary.



Rotary Zone Singers PDG's Pete Powers and Alley Boucher join AG Phoebe Leask in presenting this special award to PDG Paul Bordeleau