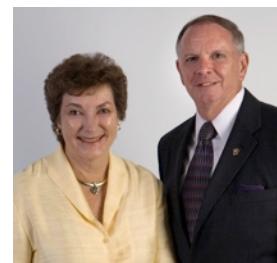




# NEWSLETTER

## District 7878 Welcomes First Rotary International Director

On July 1, 2010, Kenneth W. Grabeau became the first Rotary International Director from District 7870.



Rotary International is governed by a President and a Board of Directors. The seventeen Directors are selected from amongst the 1.2 million Rotarians by a rigorous process. Ken was selected two years ago from a group of incredibly talented nominees, and has been preparing assiduously ever since. He and his lovely wife Ruth have been traveling constantly to training events and speaking engagements. Much of their training has involved helping train the District Governors and Club Presidents who are serving during Ken's first year as Director.

Ken is a Member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Nashua West. He is a Past District

Governor of District 7870, as well as Founder and Past President of Rutland Vermont based Pure Water for the World. Ken is Founder and CEO of Nashua based Monarch Instrument Corporation. He is a major donor to the Rotary Foundation and is recipient of Rotary's "Service above Self" award. Ruth Grabeau, his bride of 43 years has been as involved in Rotary training as he has. Further, she is called upon to speak and train as well. Her address to his club at the "Changing of the Gavel" celebration in June was marvelous! Ken will serve a two year term as Director, followed by a permanent assignment as Rotarian Extraordinaire.

## WELCOME TO THE FIRST ADDITION OF *THE DISTRICT SCHOOL HOUSE*

We hope this monthly newsletter will provide those who do not regularly read the District 7870 website with some of the most interesting, educational content. In addition we will include new articles on all aspects of the Rotary world, which will then be posted to the website. We can make both *The District School House* and website more useful with your input. Governor Rick has heard about many of the innovative, inspiring club

projects going on every month in the district. Please share your success stories by putting them on your websites and linking to the district website. We are doing great work, locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally. Let's get the word out.

Dennis McMann, Editor  
*President, Rotary Club of Hollis Brookline*

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**STRIVING TO BECOME A ROTARIAN**

By DG Rick Manganello

Fresh out of the service I started a business. An engineer with only military experience to guide me, I knew nothing about running a business. I knew even less about the New Hampshire business and regulatory climate. Seeking sources of regional knowledge and collegial support, I made an office call on Nashua Mayor Don Davidson, a Rotarian who suggested I join.



Coincidentally I received a mailing from the Rotary Club of Nashua describing their achievements for our community and around the world. Soon thereafter, while buying a carpet, I was invited by Persian Rug Gallery's Sy Mahfuz to join Rotary. He took me to lunch and assured I fully understood both the value and obligations of Club membership. Intrigued by Rotary's elegant simplicity and the prospect of acquaintance with the business and community leaders that comprised the Rotary Club of Nashua, I accepted his invitation. I continually thank him for his life-changing invitation and encouragement.

The Nashua Club's meetings are always warm and exciting, and include great programs. I can't recall a club meeting I was not glad I had attended. My first meeting as a member included the "perfect attendance awards." Two dozen members were recognized for perfect attendance for as long as forty years! Well, if that was an expectation, I was up to it. Monday lunch became a recurring appointment on my calendar and make-ups became automatic. I've kept it up for thirteen years.

My first makeup was at the Rotary Club of Hudson-Litchfield, a much smaller club that met for breakfast in the town where we live. The morning's speaker was veteran Rotarian Bill Roberts whose topic was their recent eye mission to the poor island of Tobago. I was very impressed by the selflessness of these small-club Rotarians and the impact they had had on the lives of these islanders. It really came home to me what "Service above Self" really meant. Only years later did I learn that my own club had been an important part of that same mission.

I can't thank my Club-mates enough for their warm friendship and collegial support. My career and business have flourished from their knowledge and support. From them I learned what I needed to know about the local business and political climate. From their excellent programs, I really became knowledgeable about our community and especially about its needs and the agencies working so hard to satisfy them. As a direct consequence of my club membership, I was invited to become a Trustee of Rivier College, a founder of The Nashua Bank and a Director of Pure Water for the World. I have no doubt that Rotary membership has contributed to my personal success and fulfillment.

While business networking has been great, it is only the beginning. Networking and friendship draw us into Rotary, but it is service that keeps us there. The Tobago eye care mission was my first "Rotary Moment," when I realized what it means to be a Rotarian. Hearing RI Director Ken Grabeau describe the emotional experience of delivering life-saving polio vaccine for the first time to a child who might otherwise die or



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### Striving to Become a Rotarian (Continued)

become crippled was another. Elias Thomas, Steven Stearns, Ann Lee Hussey, Robbie Donno, Deepa Willingham are all real Rotarians I have met personally who demonstrate compellingly what it means to be a Rotarian. Rotarians Bob Moles and Carolyn Crowley Meub who escorted my first trip to see Rotary helping the rural poor of Honduras each changed my life. The selfless example of our District's first Rotary Treasure Award recipient PDG Al Kerr is peerless.

These "Rotarian Moments" and friendships influenced me to undertake the challenge of leadership beyond the Club. The training, motivation, and friendship afforded by Rotary International to their governors-to-be are beyond comparison. They forge us together into a cohesive class of 531 "career Rotarians" from 200 countries and locations, and charge us to follow a life-long path of Rotary Service. They create a fraternity of "Jacket-mates" to provide enduring collegiality and mutual support. Together we drink a massive toast of Rotary Kool-Aid and prepare for our year of service and well beyond. My wife Janet and I have been adventuring together for over 43 years, and this opportunity to serve the 60 wonderful clubs of District 7870 is the finest adventure yet. We shall do everything we can to attract, nurture and retain true Rotarians and motivate and empower them to achieve "Service above Self."

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### CHANGING OF THE GAVEL

The annual changing of the gavel took place on June 28th at the "Little Red Schoolhouse" in Wallingford, Vt. Almost 80 Rotarians and guests from across the district met to honor PDG Michael Swinford and

welcome the new District Governor, Rick Manganello. As you will notice in the photos posted, even Paul Harris made an appearance.



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### 2010 DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT



With roots stretching back to its founding in 1914, but a feel as contemporary as its 2000 remodeling, the [Brattleboro Country Club](#), an 18-hole jewel of southern Vermont, will host the

2010 District 7870 Rotary Foundation Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 23, 2010 at Noon. If you would like this wonderful opportunity to golf with Rotarians throughout District 7870 simply [click here](#) to download your PDF fill-able signup sheet.

The Wayne Stiles-Steve Durkee design offers you and fellow Rotarians the best of all possible worlds--variety as well as challenge, in a routing that skillfully blends short and long

holes, elevated tee shots and daunting uphill treks, one potentially drivable par-4 and exciting par-3s, all in routinely superb conditioning in the wooded beauty of Vermont. Playing at Brattleboro will reveal why the club has hosted numerous state championship tournaments for men and women, as well as qualifying rounds for the USGA Men's Amateur and the USGA Men's Senior Amateur.



## RIDE OF A LIFETIME

By Carolyn Choate

How a Nashua Rotarian pedaled the Polio Challenge all the way to Montreal



Cancer survival, I have learned, has strange side effects. It causes you to look the other way when your kids leave dirty clothes on the bathroom floor, for example. It makes you hug mere acquaintances at the grocery store as if at a family reunion. It miraculously changes you from a coach potato to a Jack LaLanne wannabe. And, perhaps the most serious side effect of all, there is a statistically significant likelihood that you will become a community activist. The antidote is Rotary. I was so darn happy to be alive - after they told me I had 3 years to live - that I got an uber urge to help other people live. Other people with cancer, of course, but those millions of people around the world dying from an even more sinister form of the disease. The cancer of poverty, illiteracy, dirty water, polio, malaria. As if those are not enough, consider the cancer of hopelessness. The antidote is Rotary. While I have always been one to praise the power of one sort of chutzpah, the chutzpah of 1.2 million like-minded Rotarians is a force to be reckoned with. A bona fide cure in cancer wards across the planet. Haiti, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Afghanistan, Louisiana, your own back yard. Even the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recognized that two hearts are better than one. And they invited 1.2 million more to join

them in ending, once and for all, the cancer that is polio. We all know the story by now and it will undoubtedly join the ranks of legend for ages to come. Only this legend is in real time, in our lifetimes: the Foundation offering Rotary \$355 million should our 34,000 clubs worldwide raise \$200 million by 2012. When I first heard the news I thought, no problem. It is \$2,000 per club per year for three years. Considering how much my club, the Nashua Rotary Club, raises through its various annual fundraisers, \$2000 a year is a proverbial drop in the bucket. On second thought, I wondered how clubs in third world countries, already struggling financially, would be able to raise that kind of money to participate in this historic effort. Around the same time, Nashua Rotary Club president, David Pastor, announced that the 2010 Rotary International Convention would be held in Montreal from June 20 to June 23 and that for many of us it would be a once in a lifetime opportunity to attend a convention so close to home. It was a V-8 moment. I would ride my bike from Nashua to Montreal to raise \$2000 for a Rotary club somewhere in the world that needed help with the Challenge. Additionally, I would share the story of Rotary and the Polio Challenge with everyone I met along the way. I left Nashua on Tues., June 15 and my husband videotaped the solo journey from our Honda SUV through 245 miles of hellish mountains, lonely dirt roads in the middle of no where, bustling cities, spectacular lakeside views, and conversations with people who had no idea polio still existed in the world. Oh yeah, I raised \$4,000 by the end of the trip and nothing felt quite so good as presenting the check to Rotary Polio Challenge Chair, Dr. Robert Scott.



**LITERACY**

Literacy is an important part of Rotary Service. There are ways to encourage literacy locally, nationally and internationally. Here are some ideas for projects that you can undertake in each of Rotary's Five Avenues of Service. You can connect your literacy projects to those involving health, hunger and water that are already a part of your plans for the year.

Over the next few weeks, I'll provide more detailed information about mentioned projects. If you need more information on a project sooner just let me know. Also you can contact me with questions, requests for help or requests for speakers. I'm here to help.

Rachel LB Swinford, District 7870, Literacy Coordinator, [dgwife@comcast.net](mailto:dgwife@comcast.net) 603-487-3990

**Suggested Goals for Clubs**

- ⊗ Celebrate International Literacy Day on September 8
  - ⊗ Celebrate Literacy Month in March
  - ⊗ Conduct a Dictionary Project or other book project
  - ⊗ Conduct a Vocational Service literacy Project
  - ⊗ Conduct a Literacy Project in each of Rotary's Five Avenues of Service
- Club Service  
Vocational Service  
Community Service  
International Service  
New Generations Service

**Suggested Activities****Club Service**

- ⊗ Recruit a new club member with a literacy classification
  - ⊗ Promote International Literacy Day and/or Literacy Month
  - ⊗ Invite a literacy speaker to a club meeting
  - ⊗ Devote a club meeting to creating awareness of literacy project opportunities
  - ⊗ Conduct Rotary theme of the month projects creating awareness of the literary aspects of theme of the month.
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| August    | Membership and Extension Month |
| September | New Generations Month          |
| October   | Vocational Service Month       |
| November  | The Rotary Foundation Month    |
| December  | Family Month                   |
| January   | Rotary Awareness Month         |
| February  | World Understanding Month      |
| March     | Literacy Month                 |
| April     | Magazine Month                 |
| June      | Rotary Fellowships Month       |
- ⊗ Send club members to a district literacy seminar or conference and devote a subsequent club meeting to their report.
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## LITERACY (CONTINUED)

### Vocational Service

- Conduct a character literacy project such as Who Is Nobody, Laws of Life; Brainwise or gift of books such as *Elmer and Andy's Apple Dumpling Adventure*.
- Recognize a community leader who is a vocational service role model; use the occasion to create public awareness of Rotary's vocational service values.

### International Service

- Participate in an international book shipping project, a mini-library project, or school or family book or supplies or equipment project.
- Participate in a literacy and education-focused international project that is connected to health, hunger, and water concerns.
- Find an international partner and support their proposed project. (Project Link can help you find a partner – Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org))

### Community Service

- Support a Concentrated Language Encounter or similar program (such as Yo Puedo).
- Support a Computer-Assisted Literacy Solution (CALS) or similar program.
- Do an Imagination Library project or other reading readiness program such as SOUNDS, Books for Babies, and Sandparents. Note that some programs are complementary (e.g. Imagination Library and SOUNDS).
- Partner with the International Reading Association (or its equivalent in your community) on a literacy project. Use the Every School a Star tool kit.
- Join or support a local project to raise funds for a school or other literacy organization.
- Engage in a school partnership such as providing reading mentors, financial support, gifts-in-kind, scholarships or other needs identified by the school.

### New Generations Service

- Conduct a 4-Way Test project or make the test part of other projects such as book gifts or of other character literacy projects.
- Sponsor, in partnership with an Interact Club, a high school workshop which teaches vocational literacy as exemplified in Rotary's Four-Way Test, the second part of the Object of Rotary (high ethical standards in business and professions), and our two mottos (*Service Above Self* and *One Profits Most Who Serves Best*).



#### Other Rotary Literacy Resources

- RI Web site: [www.rotary.org/literacy](http://www.rotary.org/literacy)
- [\*Communities in Action: A Guide to Effective Projects\* \(605A-EN\)](#)
- [\*Community Assessment Toolkit\* \(605C-EN\)](#)
- [ProjectLINK](#)
- [Fact sheet on International Reading Association](#)

**AMIGOS DE HONDURAS PLANS OCTOBER TRIP**

The Amigos de Honduras Committee is planning an October trip back to Danli Honduras. This trip is actually this past January's trip that was postponed due to security risk factors. The new president of Honduras was sworn into office just 4 days before we were scheduled to leave so trip leader Bob Couch, consulted with Rotarians in the Danli Rotary club and they collectively decided that we would postpone until October.

The trip dates are October 23rd to the 31st. (Sat-Sun). There is an informational meeting planned for August 15th at Concord Hospital's Yeaple Building from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. If you are interested in going this October, next January or perhaps sometime in the future, this meeting will be a good opportunity for you to learn what these trips are all about. No special skills are needed because everyone has a skill we can use in Honduras.

Please contact trip leader Bob Couch at [arcouch@comcast.net](mailto:arcouch@comcast.net) or 603-225-3945 if you are interested or would like to be added to our e-mail list for future announcements.

**Calendar**

Aug 14, 2010 - Aug 14, 2010  
District Visioning Team Training

Sep 23, 2010  
District Golf Tournament

Nov 06, 2010  
Annual Rotary UN Day

Nov 16, 2010  
Foundation Dinner- Crown Plaza,  
Nashua

Nov 18, 2010  
Foundation Dinner- Okemo

Mar 10, 2011 - Mar 12, 2011  
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May 21, 2011 - May 25, 2011  
2011 Rotary International Convention,  
New Orleans

Jun 03, 2011 - Jun 05, 2011  
District Conference - Mystic, CT

**ROTARY SPEAKS**

Recently District 7870 applied for and won a Rotary PR Grant to help promote Rotary around the district. Carolyn Choate from Nashua TV channel 13 has used the grant to create a new informative show called "Rotary Speaks".

Each week, a local Rotarian host interviews a guest or guests about some aspect of Rotary. Recent shows have highlighted the Youth Exchange program, the Four Way Speech contest and a newly forming, after hours Rotary club. The show is rebroadcast several times a week to 31 communities throughout the Nashua area on Comcast channel 31. The shows are available online by going to TV 13's website at [www.tv13nashua.com](http://www.tv13nashua.com) and selecting "Rotary Speaks".



### Rotary History Is Fun!

Interested in learning more about where Rotary came from? Or about Paul Harris' days in our district? Join the Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF). The group's mission is to collect and preserve the complete and on-going global history of Rotary.

RGHF's website has over 4,000 pages, and in excess of 25,000 items of Rotary history. All of these are available to all on the fellowship's main index at <http://www.rghf.org>. Annually, the fellowship's website receives in excess of 1,000,000 visitors seeking information, photos, speeches and the like, which are made available freely in the expectation that any reprint of material be credited to RGHF.

Our own Past District Governor Michael Swinford has been elected to RGIF's Board, representing Rotary Zone 32, of which our district is a part. Mike's the first Rotarian from our district

to serve on the fellowship's Board. He will be involved with gathering the history of District 7870, and in working to build membership in the fellowship from Zone 32. He says he would be glad to have assistance from anyone in the district who has an interest in Rotary history.

Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith said, "I believe that knowledge of history is vital in developing the type of tolerance advocated by our founder, Paul Harris, and it is through such tolerance that Rotary effectively promotes international understanding, goodwill, and peace."

The fellowship's website is an essential tool in assisting all Rotarians, Rotaractors, and others in gaining a better knowledge and understanding of Rotary. Past Rotary International President Frank Devlyn describes the fellowship's activities as "an instrumental tool for those forward thinking people who wish

to learn from our history, in order to guide our future."

The website has the most complete information available about Paul Harris and other early Rotary leaders. Many Rotarians find the website to be an excellent source for information and quotations for use in speeches and presentations.

Membership in the fellowship is open to all Rotarians, Rotaractors and their spouses and partners. Members include a number of Rotary International presidents, past and present RI directors, Rotary Foundation trustees, past, present and future district governors, and hundreds of Rotarians world-wide. There's a small membership fee.

The group is an approved Rotary fellowship by the Board of Directors of Rotary International. It is not an entity of Rotary International, and receives no financial support from RI.



### OVER 40 ROTARIANS ATTEND MONTREAL CONVENTION



Rotarians and their guests from all over the district took advantage of the proximity to Montreal and attended the 2010 RI Convention along with over 18,000 others. They came by bus, car and bike to attend the closest convention we have ever had. Carolyn Choate rode her bike from Nashua in support of Polio Plus and presented a \$4000 pledge check to Dr Bob Scott.



## DISTRICT 7870 ANNUAL DUES INVOICES

The District dues invoices were mailed to all club presidents on July 16. As a word of explanation, the District sends out its invoices once a year in July. The number of members is obtained from the last reported figure on the District web site. Clubs are requested to adjust that number to the one that the club uses on the

July 1 Rotary International Semi-Annual invoice. Keep in mind that RI bills twice a year (the second as of January 1). Both invoices are due by the end of July when you have all of your members up to date.

With 38 of our clubs on ClubRunner, we request that those club secretaries report their membership and attendance online on a timely basis. All other clubs should submit their reports

to the District Secretary also on a timely basis.

Please note whether your club has been invoiced for Fidelity Bond Insurance for a separate 501c3 foundation. If your club has such a foundation and has not been billed \$100 for the insurance, then you are not covered by the bond. Please contact the District Treasurer at [treasurer7870@comcast.net](mailto:treasurer7870@comcast.net) if this is a problem.

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## SHELTERBOX - HOW ONE ROTARIAN CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



ShelterBox, the brainchild of one UK Rotarian, Tom Henderson, continues to provide the lifesaving boxes to the most needy around the world ten years after its founding. In the past few months thousands have been sent to Brazil, China, Chile and Haiti in the wake of natural disasters in those countries. As of this date, 22,000 of the little green boxes, providing shelter to 220,000, have been sent to Haiti alone. The need for more boxes does not end. To find out more about ShelterBox and how you or your club can contribute visit [ShelterBox](http://ShelterBox.org).

