



# NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

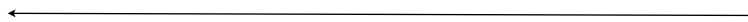
*By Foundation Chair- PDG Alley Boucher*

November is Rotary Foundation month. It's a time to reflect on the importance of the foundation and where your contributions go.

The goal of the foundation is to achieve world understanding, goodwill and peace through improved health, education and the alleviation of poverty. Below are some examples of where the Rotary Foundation has been used.

- We have almost eradicated Polio. There are only four countries left, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. Nigeria has reported only nine cases this year. So close, but we still need the financial support to make Rotary's 1985 goal to eradicate Polio a reality.
- We are improving health by providing clean water to families in rural areas of countries such as Honduras and Haiti and alleviating dysentery that is killing thousand of children each year.
- We have already improved health in poor countries by sharing our used ambulances, extra medical supplies and unused dental and hospital equipment.
- We are providing education for children in poor countries through dictionary projects, helping communities build schools such as the John Sheridan School in Honduras.
- Through PDG Chris Parkinson and the district, books were made available to the Katrina devastated region of Pass Christian School District in Mississippi.
- Through Rotary Foundation grants we are helping start small businesses for poor mothers working towards a better life and providing hearing aids, prosthetic limbs and wheelchairs to give people physical opportunities they never had before.

There is so much that is not being done that is so desperately needed. I ask all of you, as Rotarians, to take the month of November to learn more about The Rotary Foundation. Read your Rotarian magazine and make an effort to support our Rotary Foundation. No donation is too small.



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## FOUNDATION DINNERS

*By PDG Alice Boucher*

Are you curious about the good works our Rotary Foundation achieves? Are you interested in meeting other Rotarians from our District and learning how they are benefiting from the foundation? Are you new to Rotary and eager to learn more? For a lot less money than a District Conference or a Rotary International Convention, you can attend one of our Foundation Dinners on Nov 16 in Nashua or Nov 18 in Ludlow.



When: Tuesday, November 16th

When: Thursday, November 18th

Time: 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Time: 5:30 - 9:00

Where: Crowne Plaza Nashua  
2 Somerset Parkway  
Nashua, NH

Where: Jackson Gore Inn at Okemo Mountain Resort  
480 Ranta Road  
Ludlow, VT

Cost is \$35.00 per person. Cash Bar at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30.

To register, Go to the Events column on the right of District 7870 Home page, click on Foundation Dinner for NH or VT. You can pay by credit card there or to pay by check, make check payable to Rotary District 7870 for \$35.00 per person and mail it to:

PDG Alice Boucher  
2 Dockham Shore Rd.  
Gilford, NH 03249

Both dinners will feature:

- Recognition of Paul Harris Fellows and Society Members
- Presentations on Matching Grants
- Presentations on Polio and by a World Peace Scholar
- A great meal and fellowship with our Family of Rotary

**Please register by October 31st**, don't procrastinate - space is limited and remember that attendance from your club counts towards the Governor's Bell Award. I hope to see you all there.

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## CHRIS PARKINSON CHOSEN GSE TEAM LEADER

*By DG Richard Manganello*

Out of a very competitive group of applicants, PDG Chris Parkinson has been chosen to lead the next Group Study Exchange (GSE) team to Turkey in April 2011. Chris will lead the team of four non-Rotarians (ages 25-40) on a vocational exchange to the Ankara area. Group Study Exchange is a Rotary Foundation peace building program with expenses paid by the Foundation.





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## FROSTING OUR CAKE

I love carrot cake! The course, nutty texture of the cake delights the palette, and yet there seems to be something missing. The sweet, buttery frosting enhances the tasting experience from ordinary to exceptional. The cake alone is a bit uninteresting and the frosting alone is overwhelming. Together, however, they produce an appealing culinary experience. It's a bit like Rotary and its Foundation. Alone they are fine, but together they are truly excellent.

You see, our Rotary Foundation is only the frosting on a wonderful cake. It's not the main event, but it is a marvelous enhancement. In this case, "the cake" is Rotary itself. It's the thousands of wonderful humanitarian projects completed around the world by our 34,000 Rotary Clubs. Together, Rotary Clubs raise and spend over one billion dollars a year on humanitarian projects. Most of it is spent right in the communities where it is raised. Money raised in Rutland Vermont is spent right there on programs in their communities. Money raised in Port au Prince Haiti, is likewise spent on local needs. What a wonderful way for a billion dollars to have real social impact.

The Rotary Foundation in contrast raises and spends about a hundred million dollars every year. Now, a hundred million is certainly not chump change, but it is far from being the billion dollar cake. It does not replace the cake, but it certainly enhances it a great deal. Taken alone, the Foundation can feel like a confusing distraction, but couple it with the billion dollar enterprise of cooperating clubs, and it becomes spectacular.

What does the Rotary Foundation do? What does it add to our wonderful cake? Our Foundation is about nothing less than world peace. Every foundation program is optimized to build a more peaceful world. It is important to understand that our military will never create world peace. It is not their job. Their job is to keep us safe until Rotarians and like-minded people can create a peaceful world. That is exactly what our foundation is doing. It has only three programs, all aimed at world peace. What are they?

The first peace-making foundation program, accounting for 60% of our contributions, is the eradication of the dread disease Polio from Planet Earth. This is a wonderful peace-building program. You see, when Rotarians go to a troubled country to eradicate polio, they go with no political motive, and no religious motive, they go only because they want to save the children. This creates a strong sense of peace. For people in such countries, Polio is an ever-present, devastating threat. Outside help with no strings attached is a real peace offering.

The second foundation peace-making program, accounting for 11% of our contributions, is the world's largest privately-funded scholarship program. But, it is a scholarship program with a twist. Every foundation-funded Ambassadorial Scholar, World Peace Fellow, or Group Study Exchange team member, has their experience in a country other than their own. Regardless of their home country, they study in a different country. Our scholars study abroad, and scholars from abroad study here. Scholars live in the homes of Rotarians or study in schools in other countries. They meet international people, learn first hand of their issues, and come to understand why they hold certain points of view. As people learn to like and understand each other, it becomes much less likely they will fight with each other. Peace comes closer, one relationship at a time.

The third peace-making Foundation Program, accounting for 29% of our contributions is the humanitarian grants program. Again, this program has an important twist. For you club to receive Foundation funding, you must agree to participate in a grant project with a club in a different country. If you are willing to Bridge Continents, the foundation will multiply your investment as much as three and a half times. If you club is willing to make Rotary friends in another land, and partner with them to solve a humanitarian problem, you get significant financial help. This is a great way to build peace.

What great frosting! We are already building a billion dollar, annual humanitarian cake, most of it building the communities where the money is raised. Our generosity to the Foundation adds a rich frosting to help us Bridge Continents. Instead of lamenting that Foundation programs are not local, let's embrace that internationality for the peace-building magic it achieves. Let's celebrate our great community building in our home towns, and crown our achievements by using our Foundation to Bridge Continents. It does not detract from what we are doing, it enriches it.

Clearly our foundation is significantly advancing the cause of world peace. As Rotarians, we have a great many demands for our treasure. None is more compelling than our Rotary Foundation. As you consider how to apportion your hard earned money amongst the myriad of demands, please consider including the Foundation significantly. There is no fonder dream than world peace, and no better way to pursue it than through our Rotary Foundation.

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## PRESENTING THE FOUR-WAY TEST AS A GUIDE

*By Gloria Hammond For The Rotary Club of White River Junction, Vermont.*

When I attended the Rotary International Convention in Montreal, my goal was to visit the Fairborn, Ohio Rotary Club booth and perhaps to meet Andrew Shoup. Right away I saw their booth and was soon talking with Andrew, author of *Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure*, a children's book presenting the Four-Way Test. The Fairborn Rotary Club was providing an opportunity to receive a discounted price for the book and activity book.

Since our Club President, Troy Sanborn, wanted to start a local literacy project, I wrote two proposals based on suggestions from the Fairborn Club. Our Board of Directors accepted one proposal to present to the Hartford School District.

Through the support of the Superintendent of Schools and the Curriculum Director, the proposal has been accepted for use in Grade 2 Guidance classes. The book's focus, on the Four-Way Test, matches two of the curriculum goals of truth and fairness for Second Graders. Each guidance counselor will present the book and story to her classes, using her own teaching plan. Every child will receive an activity book to take home to share with family members.

The three elementary school libraries and the three town libraries will each receive a copy of Andy & Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure.

For five members of the White River Rotary Club, this project will also serve as a vocational project. All five are actively involved with education or retired from careers in education. Our goal is to present the Four-Way Test as a guide to live by; and to further a better understanding of Rotary in our community of Hartford, Vermont.

<http://www.andyandelmer.com>



## DISTRICT RYLA EVENT SET FOR NOV

The Monadnock Rotary Club is once again preparing to host the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) event. The one-day conference will take place on Saturday, November 20th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Nature's Classroom at Sargent Center in Hancock, NH.

This RYLA leadership conference is open to junior and senior high school students from District 7870. Last fall over 20 Rotary Clubs registered about 50 students for the event. Clubs are free to devise their own selection process to sponsor a maximum of four candidates from their local high schools though the involvement of Interact members is encouraged. The cost of the program is \$90 per student and the young men and women who attend generally do so at the generosity of their sponsoring club. The students attending this RYLA conference will participate in several dynamic and thought-provoking seminar sessions. Each session is designed to provide opportunities to explore, practice and discuss aspects of leadership such as communication, team-building, leadership styles, and public speaking.

The Monadnock Club encourages all Rotary Clubs in District 7870 to get involved with RYLA by identifying and sponsoring young men and women from their local high schools who will benefit from this leadership development day. Space for the conference is limited and the registration deadline is November 12th. It is recommended that interested clubs submit registration information for their students as soon as possible. Inquiries regarding registration or the program are gladly received by Amy E. Willey, RYLA Chair, Monadnock Rotary Club at (603) 924-3542 or by email at [willeyfromtroy@gmail.com](mailto:willeyfromtroy@gmail.com)

Registration forms and more information about RYLA can be found by clicking on RYLA in the left column of the homepage.



## DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT

*By Chris Parkinson*

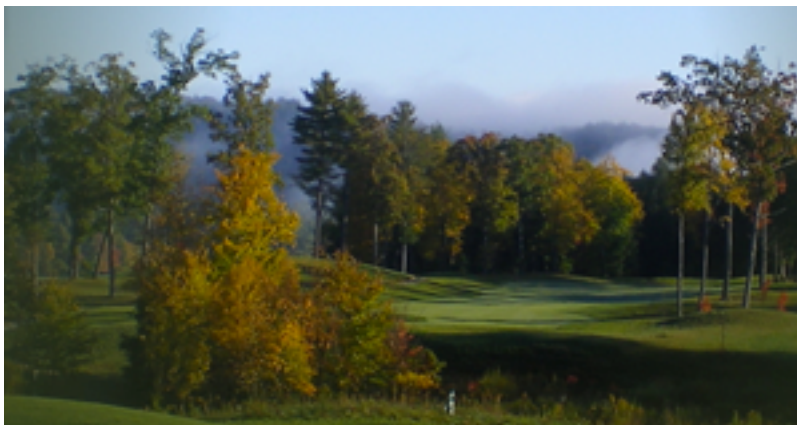
The dinner was great, the day was beautiful, the fellowship was excellent, and we raised approximately \$3,300 for the Rotary Foundation.

The Brattleboro Rotary Club helped coordinate the event and hosted a meeting after the golf tournament. They did a superlative job. The Committee did an excellent job as well. They were David Hoopes, Cathy Coonan, Ruth Clough, Dave Ballou, Jim Lewis, Bill Pockl, Ken Moulton, and myself.

The winning team from the first flight was the Bow Rotary Club. The team included captain Ken Moulton, Jon Ruggles, Jay Salamy, and Chris Parkinson. They ended the day with a 62 which was 10 under par. The Bow club will take possession of the District Golf Tournament Trophy whenever the last year's winning team from the Concord Rotary Club can locate the trophy. The second place team was from the Keene Rotary Club which recorded a score of 63 or 9 under par. This team included Bill Stevens, John Rider, Jack Noonan, and Lee Robator.

In the Second Flight (Higher Handicaps), the winning team, with a score of 69 or 3 under par, was from the Manchester VT Rotary Club and the Deerfield Valley Rotary Club and included Jim Lewis, John Conlon, Ron Wilcox, and Bruce Bullen. The second place team in the Second Flight recorded a score of 70, or 2 under par. This team included David Hoopes and Jen Westrick from the Wantastiquet Rotary Club, Ruth Clough of the Bethel Rotary Club, and Dave Ballou of the Wallingford Rotary Club.

The longest drive for the women went to Carol Powlis of the Nashua West Rotary Club. The longest drive for the men went to Joe Gaukstern who is also from the Nashua West Rotary Club. The closest to the pin went to Bruce Mullen of the Deerfield Valley Rotary Club.



### Calendar

Nov 05, 2010

World Interact Week

Nov 06, 2010

RLI - Stafford Technical Center  
Rutland, VT

Nov 06, 2010

Annual Rotary UN Day

Nov 08 - 13, 2010

Pure Water Honduras Trip

Nov 16, 2010

Foundation Dinner- Crown Plaza,  
Nashua

Nov 18, 2010

Foundation Dinner- Okemo

Nov 20, 2010

RYLA - Hancock, NH

Feb 10, 2011

Pre-PETS

United Church Bellows Falls, VT

Feb 15, 2011

Pre-PETS

Little Red Schoolhouse, Wallingford, VT

Feb 17, 2011

Pre-PETS

Old Town Hall, Bow, NH

Feb 22, 2011

Pre-PETS

John O'Leary Center, Merrimack, NH

Mar 10, 2011 - Mar 12, 2011

PETS





## JAN'S JUGGERNAUGHTS

*By Jan McElway, DGE*

Calling all Club Presidents for Rotary Year 2011-2012. You are the ones who will lead your clubs to even greater excellence. You need to begin preparing now! Don't wait until PETS to get energized. You should already be selecting your "Boards Elect" in preparation for meetings beginning in January. That's right, according to your bylaws, you each have a board elect, and they need to be preparing as well. As incoming Club Presidents you will receive the most training, but "your year" as President will be so much easier if you train your boards as well.

Pre-PETS Schedule-Photos will be taken and a light dinner served

Thursday February 10th, 2011, 6:00 PM United Church of Bellows Falls  
- Fellowship Hall, 8 School Street, Bellows Falls, VT

Tuesday February 15, 2011, 6:00 PM, Little Red Schoolhouse/Paul  
Harris Memorial Building, 96 North Main Street, Wallingford, VT

Thursday February 17, 2011, 6:00 PM Old Town Hall, 91 Bow Center  
Road, Bow, NH

Tuesday February 22, 2011, 6:00PM, John O'Leary Community Center,  
4 Church Street, Merrimack, NH

### Calendar

Apr 04 - May 04, 2011

GSE Team to Turkey

Apr 09, 2011

District Assembly / Interact Conference

May 21, 2011 - May 25, 2011

2011 Rotary International Convention,  
New Orleans

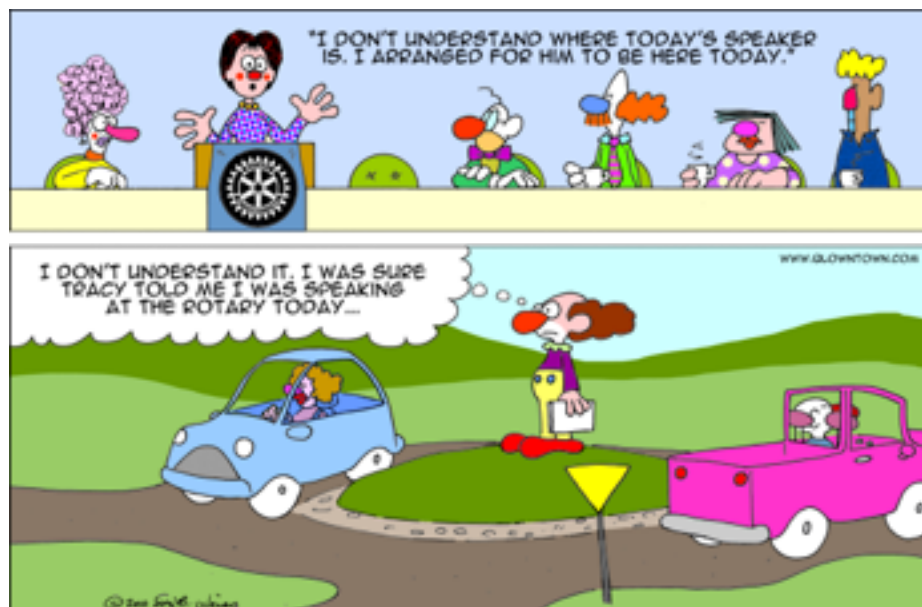
Jun 03, 2011 - Jun 05, 2011

District Conference - Mystic, CT

Jun 27, 2010

Changing of the Gavel

Little Red Schoolhouse





## 2010 DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS AWARDED

*By Cassandra Bradley, Chair*

District Simplified and Matching Grant Committee

Our District Simplified Grant process is now complete. We are excited to say that we had more participation this year than we have ever had in years past. This is due to the fact that it is a very simple application that can be completed in a very short period of time.

For Phase I we awarded 24 clubs DSG totaling \$10,942. There were a variety of projects from purchasing defibrillators for various community entities to literacy programs to photovoltaic solar collectors for a project in Mexico.

In Phase II we issued (9) \$1,000 grants and (1) \$205 grant. This round was extremely competitive, but we ended up funding some very worthwhile projects including; holiday relief baskets, 2 literacy program in Ghana, an elementary school obesity program and sewing machines for an organization that makes quilts for at risk mothers to name a few.

Congratulations to all the clubs who were awarded DSG's and we look forward to seeing the results of all your projects at the District Conference.



Phase I		
Club Name	Amount	Project Description
Bellows Falls	\$349.50	Playground
Belmont	\$43.70	Food Donation to St. Joseph Church
Bennington Catamount	\$189.00	Posts for outlining middle school property
Bow	\$760.00	Landscaping Old Town Hall
Brattleboro VT	\$937.79	Photovoltaic Solar Collectors in Mexico
Capital City	\$95.00	Purchase food for St. Paul's Food Pantry
Concord	\$1,580.00	Voice recorders & Multicultural program
Deerfield Valley VT	\$250.00	Fence for Preschool
Fairhaven VT	\$300.00	Marble post for a fence
Franklin	\$135.00	Defibrillator for Recreation Center
Gilford	\$487.70	Inflatable Movie screen for town
Henniker	\$325.00	Vacuum cleaner for Food Pantry
Hollis-Brookline	\$428.00	Defibrillator for police dept.
Hopkinton	\$711.27	School Supplies Needy kids
Jaffrey	\$537.50	Signs for a boat landing
Killington-Pico VT	\$100.00	Dictionary Project
Ludlow VT	\$140.00	Museum Project
Milford	\$350.00	Winter coats for Operation Warm
Nashua	\$954.00	Automated External Defibrillator
Nashua West	\$1,323.50	Automated External Defibrillator
Poultney	\$200.00	Wheelbarrow/fencing for sustainable grdn
Springfield VT	\$282.50	Literacy Program in school
Tilton Northfield	\$159.50	Purchase AA batteries for K-9 Search &R
Wallingford VT	\$303.10	Books for developing countries
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,942.06</b>	



## 2010 GRANTS (CONTINUED)

Phase II		
Club Name	Amount	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
Laconia	\$1,000	Baby Threads-purch. sewing machines
Henniker	\$1,000	Collect & send used books to Ghana
Derry	\$1,000	Derry Boys/Girls Club Holiday Relief baskets
Ludlow	\$1,000	Phone cards for VT National Guard troops
Deerfield	\$1,000	Obesity Program for Children of 3 schools
Monadnock	\$1,000	Information Kiosk at pk in Dublin NH
New London	\$1,000	Purch. text bks/uniforms/supp. girls in Ghana
Hopkinton	\$1,000	Purchase 60 Turkeys-75 Hams for Holidays
Springfield	\$1,000	Build dugouts for baseball field
Wantastiquet	\$205	Purchase scanner copier for clinic
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,205</b>	

## WOW! WHAT GENEROSITY

American Rotarian giving to the Rotary Foundation, sometimes engenders the feeling we do more than our fair share. While its true we are generous, other countries are doing a great deal as well. The list of the 10 highest per capita giving clubs to the Rotary Foundation in Rotary Year 2009-2010 follows. Note that six out of ten of the most generous clubs are from outside the U.S. By comparison, relatively few clubs meet or exceed the \$100 Per Capita Per Year level.

Club Name	Per Capita
Westwood Village (Los Angeles), USA	\$11,251.74
Calcutta South City, W. Bengal, India	\$6,749.55
Peoria North, Arizona, USA	\$3,314.84
São Paulo-Butantã, S.P., Brazil	\$3,037.90
San Telmo - Constitucion, Argentina	\$2,735.15
São Paulo-Aeroporto, S.P., Brazil	\$2,699.18
Smyrna, Georgia, USA	\$2,466.17
Bombay Metropolitan, Mah., India	\$2,348.48
Edina, Minnesota, USA	\$2,271.09
Santos, S.P., Brazil	\$2,239.59

## EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR - PAINLESSLY

A great way for your club to energize its members to strive for their \$100 (or more) Annual Foundation Contribution is to provide every member with a handy donation box to accumulate pocket change. Once filled, contributing it to the Rotary Foundation will do so much to help make our world a more peaceful place. A few cents at a time quickly adds up. You may encourage them to contribute thru your Foundation Chair who will assure proper credit, or they may contribute directly to the Foundation at [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org) <<http://www.Rotary.org>> .

The Rotary Club of Centralia Washington makes it easy for you. They have developed a Spare Change container to place on a members dresser or nightstand to attract their pocket change. You can order them in lots of 50 at [www.ClubRunner.CA/Centralia](http://www.ClubRunner.CA/Centralia) <<http://www.ClubRunner.CA/Centralia>> How easy is that?





# THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE WALLINGFORD, VERMONT PAUL HARRIS MEMORIAL GARDEN

*By Pete Powers, PDG*

*Chair, District 7870 Foundation Fundraising Committee*

As many of you may know, Paul Harris grew up in the small town of Wallingford, Vermont living with his grandparents. Their home is still standing as is The Little Red Schoolhouse that was built by Paul's great grandfather. This historic building is not only an important part of the Harris family history, but Rotary's history as well. Wallingford is the town where Paul Harris gained the values that ultimately created Rotary International, and thus the Schoolhouse has become one of Rotary's most important historic landmarks. Rotarians from all over the world have visited the schoolhouse including several RI presidents.



The Schoolhouse has been faithfully maintained by the Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club for over 80 years, but it became obvious in recent years that a larger commitment would be necessary to maintain and preserve this facility. The Rotary District 7870 Foundation thus took ownership in 2007 and with onsite assistance from the Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club, has been maintaining the Schoolhouse.

The District 7870 Foundation created a fundraising committee over a year ago and they have been working diligently to create a vehicle that would fund a permanent endowment that would help maintain and preserve the Schoolhouse for future generations. The result is the Paul Harris Memorial Garden. As portrayed in the attached diagram the center of the "garden" is a large bronze Rotary wheel with engraved concrete pavers and engraved red bricks in the center. In addition, there is a granite bench with flanking monument stones that will contain the names of all district governors back to 1957 when District 787 was formed (7870 in 1991). The cost specifics will be indicated on a copy of a brochure that will be available on the district web site. The purchase of pavers or bricks would be a wonderful way to honor outstanding members of your Rotary club or family members. It is also hoped that clubs who have had governors as members will have their name(s) engraved on the special PDG monuments. You will receive more information in the weeks ahead, but we wanted to give you a brief preview of this program that will insure that this important part of our Rotary heritage will be preserved forever.

