



Rotary In Action

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District Conference— Register Now for June 1-3, 2012

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District Conference Marriott Sable Oaks June 1-3, 2012 South Portland, ME

The conference theme is "It's a Small World." On Friday evening you will be invited to dress in an outfit from another country to which you have some connection and wearing a "word clue" to that connection on a name tag. It could be a fantasy vacation spot or an ancestral home or.... We'll have fun with this!

You will also meet visitors to the Conference from Pakistan, Germany, Kyrgyzstan,



and the countries of our 20 exchange students.

Bobby Darling and Dr. Devine, a great musical and comedy act, will entertain us Friday night after we dine on dishes from around the world.

There will be a business meeting on Saturday before

we break for an afternoon of golf or shopping or just enjoying the pool or the sauna or just relaxing.

At a special Saturday night reception, Presidents and AGs will be celebrating with District Governor Jan their year together before they rejoin with their partners for the regularly scheduled reception and Dinner. We have several treats in store for you at dinner and some special recognitions.

All registrations must be in by April 29th, so go to the District website and register!

<http://www.rotary7870.org>

TAKE THE MYSTERY OUT OF ROTARY MEMBERSHIP

- **APRIL 21 —At Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM.**
- **Breakfast and lunch included in \$25 cost.**
- **This is for everyone who wants to see their club thrive. You don't want to miss this!**

Take the Mystery out of Rotary Membership. You have an opportunity to do this on April 21, 2012 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, as we host our revitalized Membership Training Seminar. Join other Rotarians in our District to have a

fun-filled learning experience with common sense tips on managing one of Rotary's most pressing issues—how to promote, enlist, engage, and retain members in our search for the Perfect Solution.

We will cover:

- Six Easy Steps to Creating

a Plan

- Where do New Clubs fit in?
- We have the Plan...now What?
- Assessing your Plan?
- The Newbie Point of View?
- It ain't working! and
- Celebrate Good Times, C'mon.

Learn the secrets of creating a waiting list **because everyone wants to get in.**

**REGISTER NOW ON THE
DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR THE
MEMBERSHIP EVENT**

<http://www.rotary7870.org>

Governor's Byline-Jan McElroy



A Gala for RI President-Elect Sakugi Tanaka

Saturday, June 30, 2012 is a big day for the northern New England Rotary Districts. Rotary President-Elect Sakugi Tanaka will be coming to our area and a gala celebration is being planned in Concord, NH for him. We HOPE to be celebrating a \$412,750 hurricane Irene recovery Matching Grant proposed by District Governor Jan McElroy of 7870 in co-operation with DG Marilyn Bedell of 7850.

To register for this evening go to the right hand column of the home page of the District website and click on Dinner with President of RI.

This is a very special opportunity to meet the incoming President of Rotary International. Don't miss it!

In the March Rotary in Action, I announced that at long last a visitor from the Rotary Foundation would be coming to tour the Irene damaged sites in Vermont.

On March 12, the District Governor from northern Vermont, Marilyn Bedell, and I met Laura Bradley at the Burlington Airport and began our three day odyssey through Vermont.

We started in Waterbury, which had been the headquarters of Vermont's emergency response center until it flooded with over 4 feet of water. There and elsewhere, we met with Rotarians who had been involved in the recovery effort, some who had been victims of the flood, and community Disaster Coordinators.

Next we surveyed the flood damage along the Mad River, and visited the hard hit sections of Northfield.

That night we attended the Bethel Club meeting, where they did a superb job in presenting slides, photos and personal accounts about the storm's affect on their town and the surrounding areas and their response to its aftermath.

The next day, we drove down Route 107, the last road to reopen in Vermont, and through the ravaged area around Pittsfield,

across a section of Route 4 and down Route 100 to Ludlow and then Route 103 through Chester and Belows Falls to Westminster.

The Host Committee members for the management of the grant are PDG Hugh Haggerty, AG June Howe, and myself. We, along with Laura and Marilyn, met with the Executive Director from SEVCA (Southeast Vermont Community Agency), our cooperating organization. We discussed details about the administration of the grant, if we get it—such things as the handling of the funds, the involvement of Rotarians in the delivery of services; the selection of recipients of funds, the accountability and reporting of expenses, opportunities for publicity and privacy requirements.

During this time we were also in touch with Sue Minter, the Governor's appointed Disaster Recovery Coordinator for Vermont, who is available to advise us as needed.

On the 14th, a caravan of nine people including the SEVCA Disaster Worker for southern Vermont and their Family Services Director, did a narrated tour of Saxton's River. In Grafton, Newfane and Jamaica, we heard and viewed materials from Rotarians, town officials and Disaster Managers about the flood's impact.

After a lovely lunch at the Garden Restaurant in Londonderry, we heard the heart wrenching story from the owners of the Restaurant about their experience with the flood and their

struggle to come back with the help of Rotarian friends and others.

Our trip took us next to Wilmington, where Arlene Palmer, gave us a very comprehension overview of what happened there and the tremendous fundraising response of the Deerfield Valley Club in assisting their businesses.

Our last stop in West Brattleboro was perhaps that most poignant. It was at the Glen Park Trailer Court that provides housing for the low-income, elderly, mostly women. The flood destroyed some of the trailers, heavily damaged others, and lead to a number of deaths from heart attacks, strokes and a nervous breakdown from the stress of the situation.

RI representative Laura will present her complete report and recommendations to the Trustees of the Foundation, who will decide whether or not we get the grant. I feel optimistic about it being approved... but only time will tell for sure.

The next steps, if we get it, will be to set up local teams of volunteers to distribute materials about the availability of assistance and how to access it. We will also need teams of Rotarians and friends of Rotary willing to retrieve and respond to messages from the hotline, and teams of volunteers to perform hands-on work projects as identified through the calls or from SEVCA. We will also need people who can help us with publicity. So stay tuned-- and hope we will get a chance to celebrate this at the District Conference and with RI President-elect Tanaka.



District 7870's Amigos de Honduras to present at District Conference



In 2000, District 7870 decided to focus its attention in one part of the world and to try and make a difference. Under the leadership of John O'Leary from the Merrimack NH Club, John Sheridan from the Bow Club, Ken Grabeau from the Nashua West Club, and Carolyn Meub from the Rutland South Club, a committee was formed and today this effort is called "Amigos de Honduras".

Amigos de Honduras became a non-profit corporation and a public charity under Internal Revenue Code Sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(2) under the Bow Rotary Club Foundation. In 2007, the District

applied for and was granted a 501(c)(3) District 7870 Foundation status. Amigos de Honduras is now under the District 7870 Foundation. Amigos is staffed by Rotarian volunteers of District 7870. There are no paid employees and 100% of the donations made to Amigos de Honduras goes to the projects.

Amigos de Honduras concentrates its efforts in Honduras in three areas: 1) Literacy; 2) Medical Care; and 3) Pure Water. These three things, that we all take for granted, are the keys to helping the people of Honduras. Working together, the Rotarians of Honduras and District 7870 have found numerous ways "To Make A Difference".

Won't you join us?

Mail donations payable to Amigos de Honduras to: Amigos de Honduras
52 Logging Hill Rd.
Bow, NH 03304



A School, Escuela Centenario, Built by Rotarians 2004-05



Dr. Dan Caloras with Amigos Team Examining an Infant



Honduran Youths Inspecting the Construction of One of Two New Classrooms Being Built this Year by Amigos

We are so close to ending the crippling disease of Polio forever. India is now classified as a non-endemic country; however, Polio is still endemic in Nigeria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and has re-established transmission in Angola, Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Now is not the time for Rotary to quit. Polio is an obstinate and contagious disease and failure to break the polio transmission cycle could lead to resurgence.

Please continue to honor Rotary's commitment to polio eradication through your giving and by encouraging your club's participation.

John F. Germ, Chair
Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee

4 Clubs in the District have contributed \$0 to polio— can we change that to 0 Clubs— with all contributing something? Check your club's record.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

From March 1-4, Jim Rumrill, the Ludlow Rotary Club and Okemo Mountain resort put on a great ski weekend for the Youth Exchange Students. On Thursday they met their weekend hosts where they had dinner and spent the night. On Friday they skied or snowboarded (The conditions were good, even without much natural snow).

There was a mixer-dinner Friday night for all students, local host families and Ro-

tarians. On Saturday they skied or snowboarded again, had dinner with their host family and then returned to Okemo Mountain for a dance from 8pm - 11 p.m. (How nice to be young!)

On Sunday they went to Hawk Mountain Resort where the students could use the pool, game room, or just hang out before being picked up and returned to their "families" in Vermont and New Hampshire.



We look forward to interacting with the Exchange Students at the District Conference, especially on Saturday evening when they will be joining the Rotarians at the Dinner tables. They are a very musically talented group, with several exceptionally fine pianists in their ranks, who will be playing for us at various times during the Conference.

Thank you Dave Wolfe for the photo.

Club Events– See District and Club Websites for Details

Visit the RI Website:
www.Rotary.org
 Register for Member
 Access to contribute online
 to the Foundation or check
 out your contributions.

Visit the District Website:
www.Rotary7870.org
 Secretaries should update
 their membership and club
 officers data.



Inaugural Mini-golf Tournament	Brattleboro	April 1
Easter Egg Hunt	Chester	April 7
34th Italian Festival & Pasta Night	Bedford	April 14
District Membership Training Seminar	Lebanon-DHMC	April 21
56th Annual Penny Sale	Ludlow	April 28
District 4-Way Speech Finals	Henniker	April 29
Comedy Night	Nashua	May 4
Silent Auction-10 am-8 pm & 10/100 Party-6-9 pm	White River Junction	May 4
Kentucky Derby Party	Souhegan Valley	May 4
Herrick's Cove Hot Dog Sale	Chester	May 6
RI Convention	Bangkok, Thailand	May 6-9
District Conference	Sable Oaks-Marriott, South Portland, ME	June 1-3
Rotary Rockin' Ribfest	Nashua West	June 15-17
District Gavel Exchange	The Little Red Schoolhouse-Wallingford	June 25
Dinner with RI President-elect Tanaka	Grappone Center-Concord, NH	June 30

If you want your events listed, you need to submit the information early and include what it is, where it is, when it is and others details important to your event. For additional details, see www.Rotary7870.org – Calendar - and click on event to go to the club's website for event description, time and location information or go to their club website. Contact Dennis McMann for website information: Dennis@McMann.net

Future Vision transition timeline

Nonpilot clubs and districts are encouraged to review [Transition to Future Vision](#) (for districts) , and [Preparing Your Club for Rotary Foundation Grants in 2013](#) which contain important information to help prepare for the transition to the new grant model.

News in Brief from around the RI World

**LET THERE BE PEACE
ON EARTH!**



If you're going to try building bridges between cultures, why not do it where the

need is greatest? That, roughly, is the philosophy that lead a half-dozen Milford-area residents to visit northern Pakistan this month. Julie Whitcomb, president of the Milford Rotary Club, organized the trip to Pakistan after

hosting one of five Pakistani Rotarians who visited the Milford area last year.

"They said, 'We would love to have people from the United States come visit us because we need you guys to see how it is in Pakistan for real,' " Julie said. "What we see on TV, couldn't be further from the truth," according to Michelle Sampson, who also was on the trip.-- Parts excerpted from Nashua Telegraph article by David Brooks, Feb. 16, 2012