



Rotary In Action

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ROTARY FACTOIDS

- * Women were first admitted to Rotary in 1989.
- * District 7870 has 654 women members-27.25%
- * In the USA 25.12% of the members are women which is more than double the international average of 17%
- * In July 1995 eight women became the first District Governors in Rotary

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2012 DISTRICT CONFERENCE HAS NEW LOCATION

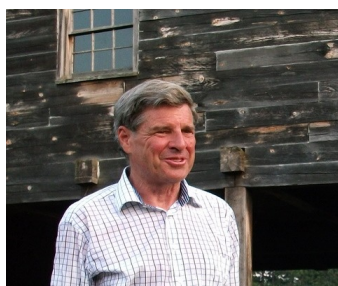
In mid-July, it was announced that the Balsams Resort would be closed for renovations until January 2013. Fortunately, the newly renovated Sable-Oaks Marriott in Portland, Maine was available on our June 1-3, 2012 dates.

So look forward to a great time in a modern hotel located in the woods next to the premier Sable Oaks golf course.

Owned by the potential buyer of the Balsams, we will enjoy the same high quality of service, excellent food, and great conference facilities. There is an indoor swimming pool and whirlpool with an outdoor patio and two fitness centers. Saturday afternoon, you can play golf, enjoy the old port or drive 20 minutes to shop at L.L. Bean in Freeport. Reservations open in December.. Watch for it on the District website.



Sable Oaks Marriott in Portland, Maine



Ambassador Paul Bremer
Speaking to Rotarians

Charlestown RC Hosted Other Rotary Clubs at the Historical Fort at #4

The Fort at #4 was the northernmost British settlement along the beautiful Connecticut River in New Hampshire until after the French and Indian War. With volunteers wearing period clothing of mid-1700s, members from the Charlestown, White River Junction, Windson, Newport, Keene, Henniker Rotary Clubs and others were welcomed and treated to a tour of the replicated fort. Ambassador L. Paul Bremer II, who has had a distinguished career of twenty-three years in the State Department and was appointed by President Bush to direct the reconstruction of post-Saddam Iraq, spoke about his view of the Middle East.

The Interact Club from Keene prepared and served a delicious picnic dinner.

Photos at the Charlestown Fort at #4 Event



Firing the Old Cannon



Doug Mealey, DG Jan McElroy
& Keene Interactors



Organizer Albert St. Pierre
Introducing Amb. Paul Bremer



Governor's Schedule for Club Visits

August 15	Souhegan Valley
August 16-17	Londonderry, NH
August 17	Belmont
August 23-27	Zone Institute
August 29	Keene
August 29	Monadnock
August 30-31	Brattleboro Sun.
August 31	Jaffrey-Rindge
September 1	Brattleboro
September 7-8	Capital City
September 12	Springfield
September 14-15	Keene-Elm City
September 19	Manchester, NH
September 20	Lakes Region, Laconia



Our District is #1 in Zone 32 in the total amount we have contributed for Polio: \$287,662.32. Way to go! Let's keep it up!

As of August, Rotary has raised \$182 million toward our \$200 million challenge to match the Gates Foundation contribution of \$355 million.

The Zone 24 and 32 District Governors for 2011-12 have invited all Rotarians and clubs to participate in a special Polio Awareness Initiative. The primary objective is to bring to the forefront the fact that Polio still exists in the world and that we are leading the charge in eradicating this dreaded disease. The event

Outbound Exchange Students Return

On July 31 "Rebound" exchange students gathered with their parents, interested Rotarians and "Outbounds" for 2011-2012 at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Wallingford. Outbound Chair for the International Youth Exchange, Phil Ehret, invited the Rebounds to share their experiences. He facilitated the telling of their stories by asking them question such as: What was it like at school?

Governor's Byline-Jan McElroy

will begin on World Polio Day, Monday October 24th, 2011 and continue through the entire week.

During that week, Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs in the USA and Canada are urged to do something/anything to raise awareness for Polio--- this can be a walk, run, proclamation, sponsoring a speaker in a public forum who is a polio survivor, or a sharing by those who remember what it was like before the vaccine, etc.

The type and level of organization can vary from club to club. Some may encourage their members to get out for a walk on their own and record the activity in numbers of miles, another might organize a marathon or a march from their club site to their City Hall for a peaceful demonstration. Maybe it's a "Purple Pinkie Project"--use gentian violet to paint the right pickie finger of a donor to the End Polio Now Campaign as is done to identify children receiving

the polio drops. Or perhaps it could be a Pennies for Polio or other Polio Awareness activity that a club already practices. It could be an article or letter to the editor of your local paper about Rotary's effort to call attention to our success in reducing the cases of polio from 1,000 day in 1984 to less than 300 in the last 6 months and the importance of eliminating it entirely since it is "only an airplane ride away."

Each club is invited to participate in their own way and will be given a chance to tell others about their activities on a specially set-up Facebook Group page and be included in a YouTube video to follow. Come join the group, share ideas and post your images at <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group.158711824183179>

Please encourage this initiative in your club and have fun with it. We Are "This Close" to Ending Polio!

How did you deal with the language? How did you make friends? What was your family like? How did you deal with homesickness? How did this experience make a difference in your life? The answers sometimes brought laughter and sometimes tears in the recounting. The lessons learned were invaluable and the overall experience was life changing. Hearing their stories was a learning experience for all.



News from RI

Council on Legislation

As we are now in the first quarter of Rotary's 2011-12 year, there is less than 6 months to submit proposed legislation for the 2013 Council on Legislation. RI must receive proposed legislation, along with its certification form signed by the district governor and proposer's purpose and effect statement, not later than **31 December 2011**. Since we don't have a District Conference before the due date, ballot-by-mail may be conducted to get an endorsement for a proposal. Additional information

about and useful tools for the 2013 Council have been posted on the Council on Legislation section of the RI website (<http://www.rotary.org/col>).

If you have any questions about the COL, please contact:

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Rotary International Convention- Bangkok, Thailand

The RI Convention in Bangkok will be held from May 6-9, 2012. For more information go to: <http://www.rotary.org> and click on the Bangkok Convention hot spot on the lower right-hand corner. The last day for early-bird registration is 1 December 2011. Reserve your hotel early as they will go quickly.

International Travel Opportunities

From **October 26 – November 2, 2011**, Rotarians will travel to Dakar, Senegal, West Africa to attend the 7th Annual West Africa Project Fair, participate in community health and school program, and to engage with the local Rotarians in a community service program. The West Africa Project Fair lead by Ray Klingensmith is an official program of Rotary's Reach Out to Africa.

DG Jan McElroy has additional information on these trips.

Elias Thomas has the itinerary for the – INDIA NID 2012 trip, scheduled for February 2012. Contact him (ethomas@metrocast.net or Sanjiv Sara (inbound@hipoints.com) with questions.

Our District has been invited to do a Friendship Exchange with District

3040 in Central India some time between November and February. District 3040 has done friendship exchanges with Districts in the UK and the USA. Main cities are Bhopal and Sanchi, known for its Buddhist Stupas and temples dating from the 3rd century B.C. and is a UNESCO heritage site.

Pure Water for the world is planning a trip to Haiti-Oct. 24-29. Contact CarolynMeub@comcast.net

"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience and passion to reach for the stars, to change the world" (Harriett Tubman)

Group Study Exchange

District 7870 will be sending a GSE team to District 1850 in Germany on or about May 13th and returning June 14th. District 1850 is situated in the north-western part of Lower-Saxony with approximately 2.5 million inhabitants. It encompasses the cities of Bremen, Bremerhaven, Osnabrück, Oldenburg, Delmenhorst, Emden, Wilhelmshaven, and is close to Hannover. It is an important com-

mercial-industrial center with Airbus, Mercedes-Benz, Becks, and others. Bremen's history goes back over 1,200 years. In the baroque and Renaissance Market Square you find the statue of Roland, and the famous sculpture of the donkey, dog, cat and cock from the fairy-tale by the Grimm brothers.

To apply one will need to complete an application form which can be downloaded from the district web-

site at www.rotary7870.org. Click on Group Study Exchange on the left under The Rotary Foundation. Download either the Team Member Application for a non-Rotarian (due Oct. 30) or the Team Leader Application for a Rotarian, (due Oct 15). Start looking for good candidates now and have them submit their application to Ruth Clough, PO Box 417, Bethel, VT 05032, or rclough_bethel@yahoo.com.

Vist 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.

Club Events– See District and Club Websites for Details

Memorial Duck Race	Ludlow Rotary	Aug 15
Scholarship Benefit Gold Tournament	Tilton-Northfield Rotary	Aug 18
Chili Fest	Henniker Rotary	Aug 21
New England Dragway 50/50	Raymond Area Rotary	Aug 28
Golf Tournament	Londonderry Rotary	Sept 12
Ralph D. Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race	Ludlow Rotary	Sept 17
District Golf Tournament	Keene Country Club	Sept 22
Wine & Harvest Festival Breakfast	Deerfield Valley Rotary	Sept 25
World Polio Day	All Rotary Clubs	Oct 24
Foundation Dinner in NH	Crowne Plaza, Nashua	Nov 8
Foundation Dinner in VT	Jackson Gore Inn, Okemo, Ludlow	Nov 10

If you want your events listed, you need to submit the information early to Dennis@mcmann.net 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.

District Golf Tournament-September 22, 2011 Noon at Keene Country Club



The District Golf Tournament this year starts at 12:00 noon—a Shot Gun Start with a Scramble format. The course at the Keene Country Club is a 1923 Wayne Stiles design and offers a constant challenge without undue punishment. With its water, forest, hazards, sand

traps and doglegs, it provides a worthy challenge for every level of play.

The entry fee is \$125 per player. This includes: green fees, golf cart, box lunch, raffle, prizes, dinner buffet and awards. It is open to non-Rotarian players, but only all Rotarian teams will be eligible for the Rotary Trophy. Registration starts at 11:00 a.m. with a box lunch. If you have questions, please e-mail Chris Parkinson at: cep617@comcast.net

Send your 4 golfer's names, emails, Rotary Clubs and phone numbers with check payable to Rotary District 7870 to: Chris Parkinson

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REGISTER NOW TO ENSURE YOUR SPACE.

Contact Chris if you have a raffle prize to donate.

All proceeds go to the Polio Plus Challenge.