



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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WE GOT THE GRANT! PLEDGES + MATCH=\$412,450

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On May 8th I heard that the Foundation Trustees had met in Bangkok and had awarded us a matching grant to use in the long term recovery of victims of Tropical Storm Irene in Vermont. We will receive a matching grant of \$174,066 from the Rotary Foundation which together with the \$238,384 we had pledged from Districts and clubs will give us a total of \$412,450.

The grant funds will be allocated to the Vermont counties in proportion to the % of need determined by FEMA data. According to Rotary's eligibility guidelines, we estab-

lished categories that the funds could be used for and our partner, SEVCA (South-east Vermont Community Agency), will do the screening and deliver most of the goods and services needed through the five Community Action Agencies.

Rotarians have been involved in this effort and will continue to be involved in a hands-on way in the future, and we will be setting up work groups that can help in the recovery effort. Many folks still need walls stripped, debris removed, soil replaced, mold remediated, silt removed, etc.

We will be contacting clubs about this very soon.

We will be reaching out to the clubs in Vermont to help distribute posters and brochures about the assistance being offered. We will also need to promote the project and will be looking for photos and articles for the various news outlets to show folks what Rotary is doing and for our report to RI.

Five clubs still need to turn in their pledges. Has your President asked your treasurer to send the check and the form to Jan as per the emailed instructions? All pledges must be in before we get any funds.

RI President- Elect Sakuji Tanaka Visiting Concord-June 30

Sakuji Tanaka is visiting us in District 7870 one day before he becomes President of the 1.2 million Rotarians who are members of sixty-four thousand Rotary clubs. What an honor for the sixty clubs that make up our District!

Rotary International President (RIPE) Sakuji's theme this year is peace through service: "Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal and a realistic goal for Rotary," he said. "Peace is not something that can only be achieved through agreements, by governments, or

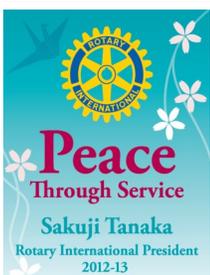
through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find and that we can achieve, every day and in many simple ways."

According to Tanaka, Peace has different meanings for different people: "No definition is right, and no definition is wrong. However we use the word, this is what peace means for us. No matter how we use, or understand the word, Rotary can help us to achieve it. I realized that by helping others, even in the simplest of ways, I could help to build peace."

"In Rotary, our business is not profit. Our business is peace,"

he said. "Our reward is not financial, but the happiness and satisfaction of seeing a better, more peaceful world, one that we have achieved through our own efforts."

Please consider coming to Concord to see Rotary's remarkable leader and celebrate the hard work of our own District Governor Jan and District Governor Marilyn Bedell from 7850, the District north of us, at The Grappone Center in Concord. The festivities start at 6 PM. You can find complete information at <http://rotary7870.org>. Join us.



In 2010, Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith, the first Rotary scholar alumnus to serve as president, challenged all Foundation alumni to contribute US\$ 1 million in support of Rotary International's Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation US\$200 Million Challenge. Since then, Foundation alumni have successfully raised US\$836,629. You and your fellow alumni (GSE team members, Peace Fellows, Ambassadorial Scholars) are close to completing this challenge. Please help by donating at www.rotary.org/endpolio

Governor's Byline-Jan McElroy



Since this is my closing editorial, I looked back at my opening remarks

from my club visits when I shared my plans for this year. I wanted to see how we have done on the goals I set. My goals were derived from the 3 overarching goals of RI.—1) To support and strengthen clubs; 2) To focus and increase humanitarian service; 3) To enhance the public image and awareness of Rotary.

1) To support clubs, I encouraged the AGS to build close working relationships with their clubs, and I believe they did a really great job of this. To strengthen clubs, we urged clubs to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute's training and for the first time the Rutland sessions were filled. We also promoted Club Visioning, and it has been in demand all year. Clubs that have used it, have seen a very positive gain in club spirit and, for several, an increase in membership. The Membership Training ses-

sion developed by two AGS also was a big hit and will be repeated in the fall.

2) For the service goal, Tropical Storm Irene provided abundant opportunities for clubs to reach out to their neighbors in need. Amazing humanitarian services were accomplished and will be accomplished in the years to come as we implement our Vermont Recovery Grant. Twenty-two other projects were accomplished through District Simplified Grant funds and several MGs. A number of service projects were presented at the conference and given recognition by RI and Zone and received significant press in their local communities.

3) To enhance the public image and awareness of Rotary the District applied for and received a Rotary PR grant to place a billboard giving information about Rotary at the Manchester-Boston Airport. We also had a special Rotary Night at the Monarch's which raised about \$600 for Polio and gave us some exposure in a different venue. Governor Lynch signed a Proclamation for World Polio Day with 10

Rotarians in attendance providing us a chance to make him aware of Rotary's effort to end polio. All clubs received copies of "Humanity in Motion" and some clubs have really stepped up their PR efforts. Joe Pratt's climb of Mt Everest was well promoted by his club and Carolyn Meub's Day at the White House was featured in the Rutland Herald. Ads for GSE team members for Germany were placed in several major papers by the district, and I noticed several clubs announcing their 4 Way Test Speech contests and local scholarships in their papers.

My fourth goal was to promote the preservation of the Little Red Schoolhouse by encouraging clubs and other districts to purchase pavers and bricks for the PH Memorial. With the effort of many people, all 60 clubs in our district have now purchased club pavers and all PDGS since 1957 will also be recognized. Over twenty clubs in D7850 have also purchased pavers, and for the second year now, all speakers at PETS have been recognized by bricks for the Garden.

I feel good about this year and what we have accomplished together, and I thank you for the privilege of having served you.

Awards Given at District Conference

One of the wonderful things in Rotary is that we have many people who do extraordinary things in and outside of Rotary everyday, year after year. We honored some of them at the District Conference.

Our highest district award is the District Treasure Award. "This award is a special honor for an extraordinary District 7870 Rotarian who exemplifies every aspect of Rotary." This award went to the "Singing Governor," Chris Parkinson, who was nominated by the Bow RC. The highest RI award is the

Service Above Self Award. Macy Lawrence from the Woodstock Rotary Club was nominated by Rick Manganello and is now our district's second recipient after Ken Grabeau.

Carolyn Meub was recognized for having been selected as a Champion of Change at the Rotary Day at the White House.

Bedford RC was recognized as a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club. Rick Manganello and Janet were recognized as 3rd level major donors, and Randy Smith was rec-

ognized as a 1st level major donor. Jan McElroy was recognized as a Benefactor and Kathie Stone become a member of the Paul Harris Society. Presidential recognition went to the Jaffrey-Rindge RC for "Significant Achievement" for their Quest program and to Jerry Branch from the Monadnock Club as a "Club Builder". Zone recognition awards went to both Poultney and Deerfield Valley Clubs for their Community Service. The Henniker RC received the Attendance Bell and Killington-Pico won for the best website design. Congratulations to all!



Rotary Wheel Ice Sculpture at Saturday's Dinner at the District Conference

District Conference Reflected its Theme

On June 1-3, Rotarians, partners, and friends gathered at the Marriott Sable Oaks in South Portland, Maine to celebrate the end of this Rotary year.

Our RI president's theme this year was "Reach within to Embrace Humanity"--- reminding us that the commonality of our humanity lies within each and every one of us. We are all connected by that bit of humanity within---it joins us all together and embraces our similarities. This is something we are discovering all the time when we touch on those commonalities and react by saying, "My, but 'It's a small world.' "

I chose "It's a Small World" as the conference theme to remind us of the multiple ways we are interconnected around the world. We share the air we breath with every living thing on earth; we share the precious life giving liquid called water



**Remember:
Reach within to Embrace
Humanity-
It's a Small World After
All**

with the entire world. We share the effect of greenhouse gasses warming the oceans and the atmosphere, and we share the consequences of climate change.

We are all enmeshed in the web of life chemically, physically, biologically, economically and socially. But as the Suquamish Chief Seattle reminded us: "Humankind

has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."

We connected socially this weekend in a very personal way with our 22 talented and diverse exchange students from 20 different countries, five delightful members of the GSE team from Germany, our distinguished RI President's Representative and his lovely daughter from Pakistan, and a former exchange student from Kyrgyzstan. Our assembled group of 260 Rotarians, partners, friends reached within to embrace humanity in our small world.

Our keynote speaker Ambassador Paul Taylor, captured this sense so well by quoting John Donne's work, "No Man is an Island." That title says it all-we don't exist alone, we are all connected.



Chair from the Wheel Chair Foundation—A presentation by the Elm City-Keene Club



News from the District

Past District Governor Joe Pratt reached the summit of Mt. Everest on a day that at least three people perished on the mountain. We are all relieved that he made it back safely.

A video of his interview with WMUR was sent to all members, but if you missed it, it on the District website.

Joe hopes to raise \$100,000 for the End Polio Campaign. So far over \$9,000 has been

contributed. Copy the link below the **photo of Joe at the summit of Mt. Everest** into your browser and click to get the brochure and form to make a contribution.

His Raymond Area club challenges every member in the district to give \$1 to this cause and clubs to have every member contribute. Give that \$1 and help make your club the first 100% contributing club. If Joe could meet the challenge of Mt. Everest, can't you meet the



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.

Plant Sale and Car Wash	Deerfield Valley	June 9
Pancake Breakfast	Chester	June 9
Golf Tournament	New London	June 14
Hollis Fast 5K Road Race	Hollis-Brookline	June 14
Rotary Rockin' Ribfest	Nashua West	June 15-17
District Gavel Exchange/Dedication of the Paul Harris Memorial Garden-By Invitation	The Little Red Schoolhouse-Wallingford	June 25
PA Youth Chorale	Deerfield Valley	June 27
Okemo Uphill Bike Climb	Ludlow	June 30
Dinner with RI President-elect Tanaka	Grappone Center-Concord, NH	June 30
Rotary Night at the Fisher Cats	Northeast Delta Dental Stadium, Manchester, NH	July 20

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

*When was the last time
 you brought a guest to Ro-
 tary?*

*When was the last time
 you sponsored a new Ro-
 tarian?*



Service Above Self Recipient Macy Lawrence



DG Jan and Alan Heacock
 Bedford is a 100% PHF Club

Photos from the District Conference

**LET THERE BE PEACE
 ON EARTH!**

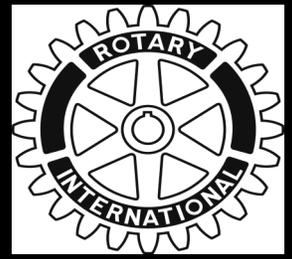


Exchange Students Singing "It's a Small
 World."

DG Jan with District Treasure Chris
 Parkinson Holding Award



2012 Rotary Foundation Golf Tournament District 7870



Time: Monday, September 17, 2012 9:00 am Shot Gun Start

Location: Concord Country Club
A private course which is a par 70 consisting of 6507 yards from the blue tees and 6163 yards from the white tees. This course, with its water, hazards, sand traps and doglegs provides an interesting challenge for every level of play.

Format: Scramble

Entry Fee: \$125.00 per player
Includes: Green Fee, Golf Cart, Raffle, Prizes, Buffet Lunch and Awards

Player 1	Player 2
Golfer's Name _____	Golfer's Name _____
e-mail _____	e-mail _____
Rotary Club _____	Rotary Club _____
Phone (H) _____ (W) _____	Phone (H) _____ (W) _____
Player 3	Player 4
Golfer's Name _____	Golfer's Name _____
e-mail _____	e-mail _____
Rotary Club _____	Rotary Club _____
Phone (H) _____ (W) _____	Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Please complete and return with your check to:

**Chris Parkinson
13 Wheeler Road
Bow, NH 03304**

If you have questions, please e-mail Chris at cep617@comcast.net

Make checks payable to: Rotary District 7870



ROTARY NIGHT AT THE FISHER CATS!



Friday, July 20 | 7:05pm

New Hampshire Fisher Cats



vs.



Portland Sea Dogs (AA-Boston Red Sox)



ROTARY NIGHT

Help Rotary International eradicate polio!

Purchase a ticket from your Rotary Club for \$10 and \$4 from that ticket will support Rotary International's efforts to eradicate polio around the world.

SPECIAL PROMOTIONS

- Before the game, the North Country Chordsmen Barbershop Chorus will sing the National Anthem.
- After the game, stick around for an explosive Atlas Fireworks Show!

LOCAL CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

Submit ticket orders to your club local club by June 25:
Tickets are \$10

****Make individual checks payable to your local club****

Club Leaders: Please submit one check for all your club tickets payable to: NH FISHER CATS

Mail to:
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