



Rotary In Action

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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!**

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What do Patricia Cornwell, James Patterson and Tom Clancy have in common? Authors of great mysteries/action adventures? Fascinating individuals?

How would you like to meet their main characters, along with some other fictional moguls as they help us to **Take the Mystery out of Rotary Membership**. You have such an opportunity on April 21, 2012 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, as we host our revitalized Membership Training Seminar. You will join other Rotarians in our District to have a fun-filled learning ex-

perience 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.

Over the working lunch, you will learn from a very successful club its never-before-revealed secrets of creating a waiting list **because everyone wants to get in**.

When you leave, you will have everything you need to begin creating the membership your club deserves!

REGISTER NOW ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP EVENT

<http://www.rotary7870.org>

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY: MARCH 31 AT KEENE HIGH SCHOOL

Looking for Rotary Information? We have just the program you are looking for. Join us for an outstanding day of fun, education and fellowship.

Our District Assembly (Rotary Information Day) will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 between

8 AM and 2 PM. The Keene Interactors will serve a light lunch. There is no cost to attend. All Rotarians are encouraged to come.

A special guest and Marty Helman, DGE from District 7780 to our East will speak. There will be informative breakout

sessions on New Generations, Amigos de Honduras, Club Management, Membership, Group Study Exchange, Visioning and the new Foundation model - Future Vision, Youth Exchange, PR, RYLA and Rotaract. Plus, all the Interact clubs in the District and the inbound Youth Exchange

people have been invited for their own sessions.

Come join us at the Keene High School and enjoy the fellowship. This is a required meeting for all presidents-elect. Make plans to carpool and register [-click here](#)

Governor's Byline-Jan McElroy



A Video for Club Use

Have you ever wanted a good, short video to show potential members what Rotary does? Here is just the one you were looking for. Do a Ctrl + Click on this link: [Doing Good: Intro](#) and wait about a minute for it to load. Then click on the screen.

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. The celebration centers around a \$412,750 hurricane Irene recovery Matching Grant proposed by District Governor Jan McElroy of 7870 in cooperation with DG Marilyn Bedell of 7850.

We are looking for someone with excellent video editing experience to volunteer to put together a short 3 to 4 minute video showing the devastation of hurricane Irene. If that is you or someone you know, please contact DG Jan.

The Cadre is coming; the Cadre is coming! As I mentioned last month in my update about the Vermont Recovery matching grant, we will have a pre-grant visit by one of the Cadre members from the Foundation's group of Technical Advisors in March. This is often required for grants of this size. This is one of the largest grants they have considered and one of the very few considered for the USA.

We will be showing the Foundation's representative selected site in the worst hit areas of the state. She will be meeting with Rotarians, and community members who experienced the effects of the storm and relief aid workers. A particularly important meeting will be with the staff of our cooperating organization, SEVCA. They are the lead agency among the other

Community Action Agencies. They have recently completed a needs survey of individuals, and there are still thousands of individuals who could use the assistance we want to provide.

When (think positive—not if) we get the grant, we would like to get the involvement of all the clubs in Vermont in Districts 7850 and 7870 in carrying out the implementation steps of the project. A survey of clubs in our districts has already helped us identify clubs that were involved in the immediate relief effort and who are willing to help in the further recovery efforts that we want to engage in.

We propose to field a Volunteer Management Team and a Public Relations Team. Both will be overseen by members of the Host Committee. The PR team will design flyers for the 49 Vermont clubs in Districts 7870 and 7850 to distribute telling people about the availability of assistance with specified needs from damage caused by Tropical Storm Irene. Posters will be placed in post offices, offices of Town Clerks, schools, churches,

grocery stores, hardware stores, senior/community centers, beauty salons, barber shops, doctors' offices and wherever else is deemed appropriate. Information about the availability of this "Second Wave of Assistance" will be placed in local newspapers and in PSAs on the local cable and radio stations.

These posters will provide a phone number and email address to contact for more information about the types of assistance available. Phone calls will be screened by a member of the Volunteer Management Team and referred to a Rotary work crew from one of the local clubs and/or to the Office of the Disaster Recovery Case Manager with our cooperating organization for a response.

What can you do? Make sure your club president has responded to the survey and indicated your interest in being involved in the recovery effort. When the grant is awarded, if your club pledged to the grant make sure the money is sent according to directions ASAP. Read your email for follow-up information and keep your fingers crossed that we get the grant.



Gas station in Cavendish



Quichee Covered Bridge

LEST WE FORGET - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dztomuXD0k&feature=player_embedded



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

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

Spring will be here before you know it and so will this year's District Conference. DG Jan and I have been hard at work putting together a great program for all of you for that weekend. We have innovative club presentations, exciting international programs, recognitions of Rotarians in our district and so much more. We will have a special surprise on Saturday night.

The conference theme is "It's a Small World." On Friday evening you will be asked to dress in an outfit representing another country to which you have some connection and wearing a "word

clue" to that connection on a name tag.

We will have wonderful entertainment by our exchange students during our cocktail hours. Our highlight on Friday night will be Bobby Darling & Dr. Levine, certainly an act not to be missed. There will be a reception for Club Presidents, AGs and spouses before dinner on Saturday to celebrate our year. We will again have the Rutland South and Rutland City Clubs hosting our hospitality suite on Friday and Saturday nights.

The 18 hole golf course is located right on the property and all golfers will be given a boxed lunch on Saturday. The property also has an indoor heated pool with a beautiful sundeck, fitness center, saunas

and whirlpool. We are only minutes from Maine Mall and 20 minutes to LL Bean in Freeport, Maine. Also you might want to check out the Old Port in downtown Portland on your free Saturday afternoon.

All registrations must be in by April 29th as the hotel will need a head count. Remember we only have 125 rooms and we have already booked 75 of them so do not procrastinate, register now to enjoy a fun filled weekend with your fellow Rotarians.

I look forward to seeing you on June 1-3, 2012.

To register go to www.rotary7870.org

Yours in Rotary,
PDG Alley
Conference Chair

Since Rotarians started their humanitarian program to counter Polio in 1985, more than two billion children have received the oral polio vaccine. Reported cases have dropped 99.8%. Due to the efforts of Rotary and its global partners, the world is on the threshold of eradicating the wild polio virus



Rotary.org: Polio
Ctrl + click to see the
Video

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

Joe Pratt, a former Rotary district governor, has been training to climb Mount Everest in May of 2012. This is a great opportunity to continue to raise awareness and support for the polio eradication effort. Rotarians and individuals can sponsor Joe's climb. The goal is to raise \$100,000.

To contribute go to www.Rotary7870.org and click on "Climbing Everest to End Polio" headline.

For more information on Polio:

www.rotary.org/endorpolio
www.polioeradication.org

To follow Joe's climb and the fund-raising effort join him at:
www.facebook.com/groups/149844035126162

A group of six from Milford visited the cities of Lahore and Islamabad in the last two weeks of February. They stayed in homes of Rotary members, doing some tourist

activities – including visiting the border with India, which hosts a world-famous flag ceremony – but mostly visiting local Rotary projects, including hospitals, and bringing money and attention to polio-eradication efforts.

The polio effort included participating in a street fair that informed people about getting vaccinated against polio in Pakistan, which sees more cases of the disease than any country.

Julie Whitcomb of Mont Vernon, president of the Milford Rotary Club, organized the trip after hosting one of five Pakistani Rotarians who visited the Milford area as part of a one way Group Study Exchange last year.

**Pakistani
School
Children**



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.

RI	York Community College-Wells, ME	March 3
International Dinner: A Taste of Greece	New London	March 4
PETS	Sheraton, Farmington, MA	March 9-10
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	Brattleboro Sunrise	March 11
Ski Day	Newport	March 13
5k Road Race	Londonderry	March 17
Thursday's Child Dinner	New London	March 22
District Assembly and Interact Conference	Keene High School	March 31
RI	Lebanon-DHMC	March 31
District Membership Training Seminar	Lebanon-DHMC	April 21
District 4-Way Speech Finals	Henniker	April 29
District Conference	Sable Oaks-Marriott, 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. Contact Dennis McMann for website information: Dennis@McMann.net

News in Brief from around the RI World

USA

Rotarians in District 6960 (Florida) worked with high school students and other volunteers to package more than 1.3 million meals during a one-day event in May. Over 70 percent of children in the Rotary district receive free or reduced-price meals at school, but during the summer, many don't have enough to eat. The packaged meals – rice and bean casserole and macaroni and cheese, fortified with vitamins and minerals – went to local food banks, which distributed them over the summer months.

Austria

The Rotary Club of Müzzzuschlag-Semmering found a sweet way to support a community project: a 365-foot-long pastry created by a local bakery and displayed on a "pastry coaster" specially designed and built by club members Gerd Tomazic and Oswald Ebner. The club sold pieces of the pastry, raising €5,000 for medical equipment for a Red Cross ambulance, which now sports the club's logo.

Kenya

A five-day project brought Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors to Nyumbani Vil-

lage, home to more than 700 children who have lost family members to HIV/AIDS, to install two solar-powered irrigation wells. The Rotary Club of Greater Portage County (Stevens Point), Wis., USA, joined with the Rotary clubs of Karen-Nairobi and Machakos, Kenya, to carry out the effort, funded by a District Simplified Grant from District 6220 (parts of Michigan and Wisconsin). The group also helped with planting. The solar pumps will be the primary source of irrigation for the community, and will cost less to operate than the old diesel-powered pumps.

**LET THERE BE PEACE
ON EARTH!**

