



NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH

From Rotary International News, December 6, 2012

You can see it in their faces.

The joy that spills forth as Rotarians take part in service projects, locally or internationally, says volumes about why more than 1.2 million people around the globe belong to Rotary clubs and are committed to making the world a better place.

Throughout the year, Rotarians have and continue to share pictures of their Rotary experience on our [Family of Rotary group pool](#) on Flickr. The picture on the right is a sample of the more than 900 photos (and counting) that have been added to our Flickr group. [Upload a photo of your own.](#)



Family Month celebrates the family of Rotary, which, in addition to individual Rotarians, includes all of those who are involved in Rotary's work from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs in thousands of communities around the world.

Spouses and children of Rotarians play a vital role in Rotary too. By involving family members, Rotarians make their club meetings and service projects more successful and more enjoyable. Clubs that are family-friendly have an easier time recruiting and keeping members.

For more on the family of Rotary watch the Rotary Minute ["Is Your Club Family Friendly?"](#)



From the Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club: Welcome to the new group of Student Rotarians for 2012 -2013. From left to right: Hinsdale High School Senior Tanner Nichols; Brattleboro Union High School Seniors Carrie Madden; Kellie Schiller; Sam Sherlock and Junior Conner Elliot-Knaggs.

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**BEDFORD ROTARY CLUB REPAIRS CAMP ALLEN**

From Bedford Rotary Club website

This fall Charlie Fairman organized and led the club efforts to repair and paint the front portions of the Administration Building at Camp Allen in Bedford.

muscular dystrophy, Down syndrome, and other intellectual and physical disabilities.

The following link goes to



Before

Our thanks to all the club members that gave so generously of their time to make this happen. The two pictures show a before and after view of part of the building. Next year the club will work on the rear portions of the building.

Camp Allen welcomes about 600 campers each summer. They are persons of all ages with special needs and extraordinary challenges, including cerebral palsy, autism,

the Photo Album of before and after pictures taken at Camp Allen

[Link to Camp Allen Photo Album](#)

Click on each picture in the album for an enlarged view.

After



Calendar

December - Family Month**January - Rotary Awareness Month**

Jan 5, 2023

PETS Facilitator Training - Sheraton Framingham
Pre-PETS

Jan 29, 2013

Bellows Falls, VT

Jan 31, 2013

Wallingford, VT

February - World Understanding Month

Pre-PETS

Feb 5, 2013

Bow, NH

Feb 7, 2013

Merrimack, NH

Feb 10, 2013

Bow Winter Fest

March - Literacy Month

Mar 07, 2013 - Mar 09, 2013

PETS, Sheraton Framingham MA

April - Magazine Month

Apr 6, 2013

District Assembly Keene, NH

May 24, 2013 - May 31, 2013

District Conference - Norwegian Dawn
Cruise to Bermuda

June - Rotary Fellowships Month

Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013

2013 Rotary International Convention,
Lisbon, Portugal



ROTARY CLUB OF CONCORD DONATIONS TO PROJECT SEARCH

From the Rotary Club of Concord website

The Rotary Club of Concord Charitable Foundation has funded and delivered three laptops loaded with software for Project SEARCH, a non-profit that helps developmentally disabled high school seniors build skills to become employable after completing school. (Funding was supported by a District Simplified Grant awarded through the District by Rotary International.) To watch an amazing video on the Concord NH Project SEARCH, [click here](#).



Project SEARCH is an internationally trademarked school-to-work program that helps high school students with disabilities transition from high school to jobs.

In Concord, Project SEARCH is a collaboration of Concord Hospital, Community Bridges, Concord School District and New Hampshire Vocational Rehabilitation. It operates out of Concord Hospital, runs parallel with the school year, and is in its third year. The curriculum is designed to help students develop skills that make them employable, including internships in a variety of workplaces. Program operations are funded by tuition, governmental programs, and donations. About 10 students participate in the program each year.

Students are enrolled in Concord High School for attendance purposes, but graduate with a diploma awarded through their home high school. The program is run by Barbara Jobin, a teacher provided by Concord School District, with help from two volunteer job coaches.

Project SEARCH students use computers every day to compose e-mails, prepare resumes and complete other school work. Many of the students in the program are just beginning to learn how to operate a computer, send e-mails and other simple computer-related skills that they will need in a work environment.

With the Rotary Club's donation, there are enough laptops for all ten students in the classroom.





WHAT'S IN A ZONE?

By Martha Helman, DG District 7780

The Rotary Zone Institute is the place where governors past, present and future gather each autumn to learn the latest from Rotary International and each other.

Zone involves a remarkable amount of Rotary hoopla – here's the place to show off that Rotary theme tie – as well as Rotary story telling. It's also an opportunity to speak informally with senior Rotary leaders.

At the recent Zone Institute in Vancouver, those leaders included Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka, our Rotary International Director Bryn Styles, Rotary International Trustee Stephanie Urchick, and, briefly, our own Mike McGovern, Trustee, past Vice President, and a Rotarian from our District.

What's new in Rotary? The biggest takeaway from Zone is that Rotary International is asking clubs to listen to their younger members – as well as those young people who are choosing NOT to become Rotarians – to learn how we need to change in order to be more attractive to the next generation of potential Rotarians.



One of the biggest impediments to keeping younger members seems to be Rotary's time-honored attendance policies. As a result, the Board of Directors is recommending to the Council on Legislation – Rotary's legislative body that meets every three years including the spring of 2013 – that those policies be superseded by a greater emphasis on involvement.

It's too soon to know whether the Board's proposal will be enacted or not. What is clear is that the Board of Directors is sending a clear signal that Rotary must change some of its most time-honored traditions if it is to survive and thrive in the 21st century. As always, because we are a bottom-up organization, those changes are best developed at the club level.

So what's negatively affecting retention in your club? What would you like to see changed for your club to better compete in these hectic times? The news from the Zone Institute is that the changes that your club leaders think will strengthen the club are probably the changes that need to be made.

Other areas of discussion at the Zone Institute included the changes that we must make to our structure to support the new Rotary Foundation. While the goals of the Foundation – to do good in the world – remain unchanged, the processes that we know (or think we know) will all change markedly effective July 1, 2013.

The Zone Institute is also an opportunity to meet incoming Governors from across the Northeastern US and Canada. All governors in the District lineup take part in training seminars to learn more and help them meet the challenge of their governorships.
