



NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE DISTRICT BULLETIN

By DG Tony Gilmore

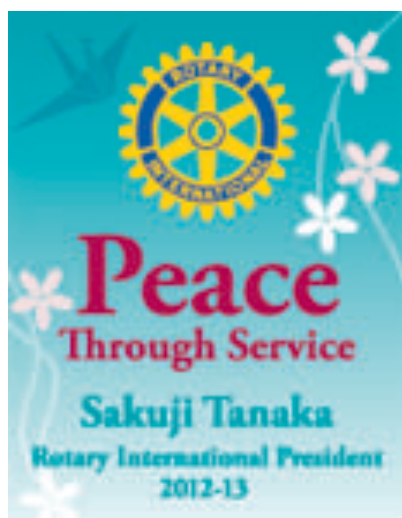


With the help of Dennis McMann, we hope to give you information about the District and club events that you can use. If you have event information, please send it directly to dennis@mcmann.net. Please understand that this will be a monthly publication and events for the following month or months only should be submitted.

Liz and I started our visitations on the 10th of July and we have visited nine clubs so far. I am composing this on an Ipad at a picnic area by the Connecticut River near Charlestown as we fill some time before the Charlestown visitation. We have had a terrific reception from the visited clubs and are happy to be able to have the opportunity to make this journey ~with all of you

Please feel free to email us with your news of major events and major accomplishments. We'll do our best to publish them. Thank you for all you do.

Tony



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STEVE PUDERBAUGH WINS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION'S 2ND HIGHEST AWARD

During a recent event in Concord, Puderbaugh was surprised to be honored with the Rotary Foundation's second highest award: The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.

The award was given in recognition of "devoted efforts for the furthering of better understanding and friendly relations of peoples of the world."

The award was presented by Rotary International president-elect Sakuji Tanaka.

Puderbaugh is involved with Rotary's international and local efforts. In her presentation speech, outgoing Rotary District 7870 Governor Jan McElroy said Puderbaugh has been the organizing force for numerous club, community and vocational service projects.

In 2007, he led a team of young professionals from New Hampshire and Vermont to Australia for one month during a group study exchange.

He has also spearheaded a matching grant effort by his small club, through a project with six other clubs, to send a container of surplus/refurbished medical equipment and supplies to Nigeria, a model which has been emulated by other clubs in the district.

He is now working on a similar project with a hospital in Lahore, Pakistan. It is a hospital Puderbaugh visited during a trip to Pakistan with his wife and another Rotarian couple this past fall.

Puderbaugh said his international outlook stems from supporting missionary work through his church and being involved with Rotary.

"We've certainly hosted people in our home from all over the world and I think that is just a great way for people of the world to get to know each other through fellowship and hospitality and in that sort of way," Puderbaugh said.

He said he had always been involved in Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio, including a fundraising in Keene that raised more than \$200,000 in one weekend, but wanted to experience the efforts hands-on, which is what led him to Pakistan.

"When you get to know people on a personal basis and have them in your homes, you really get to know the real people," Puderbaugh said. "We were invited to Pakistan to get to know the heart of the Pakistani people and I think we did."

He said the award just pushes him to "keep the standards up" and to keep promoting international understanding.

"Certainly, one of the big things for the Rotary Foundation is world peace and understanding. The more we know about each other, the more the understanding part can lead ... towards the peace part of it," Puderbaugh said. "Peace between countries is a difficult goal. Certainly peace between people is a much more reasonable goal."



Steve Puderbaugh is presented with The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service by RIP Sakuji Tanaka and DG Jan McElroy



DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2013 IS A CRUISE ABOARD THE NORWEGIAN DAWN

By DG Tony Gilmore

Enjoy great fellowship, food, and entertainment on the **Norwegian Dawn**. The ship sails from Boston on May 24th, spends three days in beautiful Bermuda and returns on May 31st.

Cruise Information Flyer

Because it is a cruise, we need to have you register as soon as possible. To encourage you to do this, we have developed the following program:



Win \$ for Registering early for the 2013 District Conference ★

There will be a drawing each month starting in August with one prize being drawn each month but with amounts decreasing as we get closer to the final cut-off date.

If you have registered by:

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| August 15th | -- you will be eligible to win \$400 |
| September 15th | -- you will be eligible to win \$300 |
| October 15th | -- you will be eligible to win \$200 |
| November 15th | -- you will be eligible to win \$100 |

Whether you win in August or not, your name will be put in the drawing for all of the subsequent prizes. So if you register by August 15th, you will have a chance to win \$1,000. All winning amounts will be in the form of ship board credits and will be provided by Norwegian Cruise Line once you have checked into your cabin.

For Information or Reservations Call AAA:

- In VT 802-878-8233
- In NH 603-889-0165

After you have made your reservation then go to www.rotary7870.org to register for the raffle.

The Norwegian Dawn

With 12 restaurants and 12 bars and lounges, plus a wide variety of other amenities, Norwegian Dawn is a tribute to the cruise line's "Freestyle Cruising" motto. Restaurants run the gamut, including an Asian restaurant and a French bistro -- and dress is never formal. Join a game of basketball, volleyball or soccer on the multi-sport court, or visit the state-of-the-art fitness center and spa complex. There are also enclosed nets where golfers can practice their drive. There's nighttime entertainment for every taste, from watching movies in the cinema to exciting nightclubs and bars to shows in the three-level Stardust Theater. Other highlights include a large Internet cafe, the Galleria shops, a library and golf practice area. Planet Kids is the children's center that includes a kids-only pool, playground area and video arcade.

For more information, check out the Norwegian Cruise Line Website: http://www.bermudacruise.com/cruise_ship/Norwegian_Dawn.cfm#

★ **Lottery for District 7870 members only**



SPEAKERS AVAILABLE FOR CLUB MEETINGS

By Steve Puderbaugh

Our district is fortunate to have several Rotarians and a Group Study Exchange team who have been representing our district around the world. All of these folks would be excellent speakers for your clubs and may help expand their vision of Rotary outside our local communities.

Our Group Study Exchange team has just returned from a month in Germany and are excited to share information about their great experiences there. Here is their contact information:

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| Karen Testerman (leader) | 603-721-9933 | Karen@karentesterman.net | Franklin RC |
| Christine Rivers | 802-247-5310 | christinedanyow@yahoo.com | Rutland South |
| Gretyl Macalaster | 603-973-9124 | gmacalaster@gmail.com | Raymond Area |
| Jonathan Saccoccio | 802-779-3833 | saccoccioj@gmail.com | Deerfield Valley |
| Jodi Harper | 603-716-3576 | jharper@snhs.org | Manchester (NH) |

After the Pakistani GSE team made a big impression on our district, Steve and Deb Puderbaugh and Joe and Lori Pratt went to Pakistan to be involved with the polio national immunizations days (NIDs). Steve and Deb are willing to speak on their great experience in going to Pakistan. We are also looking for clubs to get involved in sending medical equipment to Pakistan with the aid of a Rotary Matching Grant.

Contact Steve Puderbaugh 603-483-8131 docskp@comcast.net

PDG Joe Pratt is willing to speak to clubs about his efforts in Climbing Everest to End Polio. During the trip to Pakistan for the polio NIDs, it was decided to turn his planned climb of Mount Everest into a fundraiser for polio. He is willing to talk about the polio efforts in Pakistan and his successful climb of Mount Everest.

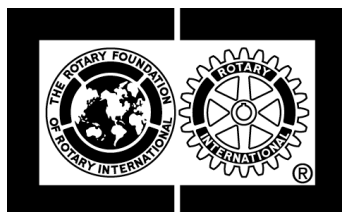
Contact Joe Pratt 603-895-9747 prattfall@comcast.net

Another group from the Milford Rotary Club went to Pakistan last February. They also had many great experiences and are working on some projects including sending books to Pakistan. They are also willing to speak.

Contact Julie Whitcomb 603-320-2353 jmae59@yahoo.com

Amigos de Honduras has been active in our district for 13 years. There are several people in the district who would be glad to speak to your club on the efforts that the teams have made in medical care, building schools and many water projects. Contact Bob Couch (arcouch@comcast.net) or Chris Parkinson (cep617@comcast.net) to set up a speaker.

Chris Parkinson was the team leader last year for the GSE team to Turkey. He and his team are still available for talks about their experiences in Turkey. His email is cep617@comcast.net.





EXTINGUISH THE POLIO FLAME ONCE AND FOR ALL

By John Hewko, General Secretary, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

In a recent opinion piece, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warned of the global polio threat: “Wild viruses and wildfires have two things in common. If neglected, they can spread out of control. If handled properly, they can be stamped out for good. Today, the flame of polio is near extinction — but sparks in three countries threaten to ignite a global blaze. Now is the moment to act.” Rotarians have been acting to stamp out polio for the last 26 years, but our work is not yet done.

Please note the recent developments in the fight against polio which highlight the need for urgent action:

- At their May meeting, The World Health Assembly (WHA) declared the completion of polio eradication a programmatic emergency for global public health. In total, 35 member states spoke to offer their strong support to the resolution, many highlighting the feasibility and opportunity of eradication in the near-term, but expressing concern at the ongoing funding gap that is threatening success.
- The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation recently reaffirmed that polio eradication is the most urgent priority of the organization, and emphasized that Rotary’s continued commitment is critical until the disease is eradicated.
- The current funding gap remains a threat. At their March 2012 meeting, the Trustees agreed to continue the match currently provided to PolioPlus contributions (US\$0.50 from the World Fund for every US\$1.00 DDF) as an incentive for districts to contribute DDF and agreed that the available World Fund match will be applied on a first come/first served basis and capped at US\$3.5 million annually for the next five fiscal years.
- Recent media coverage reinforces the message that polio is an urgent public health matter. Rotary has enhanced its communications efforts and many of the articles in the links below highlight the role that Rotarians are playing at this crucial stage in the effort. We encourage you to get involved in sharing the news with Rotarians in your club and in your communities:

Reuters AlertNet (Megan Rowling) - May 24, 2012 <http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/global-emergency-plan-launched-to-eradicate-polio>

BBC News - May 24, 2012 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-18186393>

Vatican Radio - May 24, 2012 <http://www.oecumene.radiovaticana.org/en/Articolo.asp?c=590631>

Rotarians successfully met Rotary’s US\$200 Million Challenge. But the goal of a polio-free world has not yet been reached and funds are still needed. You are instrumental in encouraging your club to continue fundraising for PolioPlus and educating local communities that the job is not yet done. Activities such as sharing PolioPlus media coverage keep the subject on people’s minds. Rotarians played an important role in stopping polio transmission in India and we will do the same in the remaining three endemic countries: Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria. Please join us by working in your clubs to highlight the goal of a polio-free world. We stand on the threshold of this historic achievement, and together we can extinguish the polio flame once and for all.



FUND RAISING FOR AMIGOS DE HONDURAS

By PDG Christopher Parkinson



I have been a part of the Amigos de Honduras program for the past twelve years. We take great pride in the fact that over that time numerous teams of Rotarians from 29 of our clubs, have constructed 5 schools, expanded 2 schools, converted 2 buildings into schools, painted and repaired 4 schools, and have worked on a youth center. We have also repaired hospitals and constructed a Dental Clinic. Also over that period, we have had 18 medical and dental missions and have served more than 21,000 people. Finally, we have installed more than 25,000 water filters and more than 125,000 people now have pure water to drink which has greatly improved their health status.

This past year I was part of a great team of 33 Rotarians and Friends of Rotarians that ventured to Danli, Honduras (my eighth trip). This team was led by Bob Couch (his eleventh trip). The projects that this team was involved with concentrated on three main areas 1) The third phase of a school we built in Los Robles that added two more classrooms: 2) Medical care and dental teams which saw more than

1500 people; and, 3) Pure Water projects in the village of Quebrada Larga.

As we look ahead to 2013, we are in great need for funding for our projects and are requesting donations from Rotary clubs, from business, and from individuals.

The Rotary International District 7870 Foundation is a not-for-profit 501 C(3) charitable organization under the rules of the Internal Revenue Service. Our Tax ID is 26-0197796. Checks should be made out to "Amigos de Honduras". I would note that all administrative and travel costs are paid for by the volunteers and, therefore, 100% of the funds you contribute will go to the projects.

Please send contributions to our Foundation Treasurer, Alan Kanegsberg and email me if you need his mailing address, if you have questions, if you would like to have me do a presentation for your club, or if you would like to go on next year's trip which will be led by Doug Bohlman. My email is cep617@comcast.net.

I would very much like to thank you in advance for your support of the Amigos de Honduras program. In closing, let me share with you one of my favorite quotes from Margaret Mead:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Calendar

August is Membership and Extension Month

Sep 17, 2010

District TRF Golf Tournament
Concord Country Club

Oct 9, 2012

Foundation Dinner- Crown Plaza,
Nashua

Oct 11, 2012

Foundation Dinner- Jackson Gore Inn

Mar 07, 2013 - Mar 09, 2013

PETS, Framingham MA

May 24, 2013 - May 31, 2013

District Conference - Norwegian Dawn

Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013

2013 Rotary International Convention,
Lisbon, Portugal



VOTE FOR PURE WATER FOR THE WORLD IN THE CLASSY AWARDS COMPETITION

By Jamin Peck, Program Management, Clean Water for the World

Pure Water for the World has been selected as a finalist for the CLASSY Awards, the largest philanthropic awards program in the United States. Chosen for its focus on a sustainable model that fosters community engagement, PWW is one of five Northeast US-based organizations to advance in the Disaster Relief and International Aid category. We need your vote to continue to the next round!

As a regional finalist, PWW now enters a public voting and judging process to advance to the national judging round. Beginning July 9, the public has three weeks to vote for its favorite candidate in each category. Concurrently, a panel of past CLASSY award winners will judge each regional finalist based on impact, originality and category fit. National winners will be announced at the prestigious September 22 awards ceremony, and subsequently attend an awards weekend that includes the CLASSY Awards Collaborative, an interactive day of networking and collaboration among the top social leaders in the country, and the red carpet CLASSY Awards Ceremony, all held in San Diego.

As the CLASSY Awards nomination profile states, “PWW works with communities rather than for them to build local buy-in and ensure that safe water and sanitation practices are permanent.” Providing filters and latrines is not enough; a drastic change in attitude and lifestyle is as imperative as clean water itself. PWW works to increase community knowledge and understanding about safe hygiene practices through educational community workshops.

Please support PWW by [casting your vote](#) today. Please select the East region, and scroll to the bottom of the web page to the final category, “Disaster Relief and International Aid”, to vote for PWW. We would ask that you encourage friends and family to also be advocates for clean water, hygiene education and sanitation in remote, less fortunate regions by voting for Pure Water too, and sharing the cause and voting instructions with everyone you know, too!



YOUTH EXCHANGES BUILD PEACE

*From **Rotary Voices**, stories of service from around the world*



Sadie Rose, middle, with Thai Youth Exchange students at the 2012 RI Convention.

Sadie Rose Zavgren, a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Milford, NH, attended the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May. The following is an excerpt of the speech she delivered during the Youth Exchange Officers Pre-convention Meeting.

When I was 12 years old, a friend of mine went on a youth exchange to Germany. She came

home talking about the enriching educational year she had just lived. I decided then that one day I, too, would be an exchange student.

I chose Thailand because the country seemed unique, and who wouldn't want to be in a country known as the Land of a Thousand Smiles. When I arrived in Thailand last August, I knew approximately five Thai words. When I look back at my first three months living in Thailand, I feel like I was underwater constantly, trying to swim to the surface to get a breath of air to communicate with the people in my life.

I now have two months left of my exchange year, and I have found myself traveling all over the country, from snorkeling in the south to riding elephants in the north.

My counselor in America once said that if every person went on a youth exchange, there would be world peace. After this year, I

couldn't agree with those wise words more.

I met some of my best friends this year. I got to meet exchange students from France, Brazil, Germany, Taiwan, Italy, Mexico, Canada, the United States, Russia, Belgium, Bermuda, and Australia. Meeting these people from all over the world has been both eye-opening and fascinating.

My world feels much smaller and friendlier now. I feel like I can travel anywhere in the world, and I'll have someone to visit. I thank Rotary, my host family, my family in America, and all of my exchange and Thai friends who have made my year truly special and one that I will never ever forget.

Learn more about [Rotary Youth Exchange](#). Read more about Sadie's exchange year and see her speech on her blog, [Sadie in The Land of Smiles](#).

