



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

By PDG Alley Boucher, District Foundation Chair

This year our Foundation Dinners were held in October with record numbers for both events. These were held in October because we had our Group Study Exchange (GSE) from the Dominican Republic. The presentation from the GSE team, PDG Joe Pratt and his climb to Mt. Everest to raise money to End Polio, and the update from PDG Rick Manganello on Future Vision were very well received and were outstanding.

- Dennis and Donna McMann were recognized as Level 1 Major Donors.
- Paul Bordeleau and Peter Ten Broeck as our newest Paul Harris Society Members.
- PDG Carolyn Meub was recognized for her work with Pure Water for the World and the fact she was recognized as one of ten "Champions of Change" for Rotary nationwide.
- Doug Rupert presented a check for Pure Water for the World to Carolyn Meub in the amount of \$2750.00.

Another significant recognition was the Bedford Rotary Club becoming a 100% Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Club. The districts first club to achieve this recognition was the Nashua West Club in 2009 followed by the Fair Haven Club the following year. We all know the challenges we have in our clubs to get people to donate to the foundation, so for these clubs to achieve having all members in their clubs be PHF's is truly a remarkable achievement. It took these clubs months to make this all happen by educating club members the importance of the foundation. Contact these clubs to see the creative ways they had to achieve this goal.

Why should you consider donating to the Rotary Foundation? Donation is tax deductible 100% of your donation goes towards Rotary Programs such as:

- Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Group Study Exchange
- Matching Grants like VT Flood Relief after Hurricane Irene
- Eradication of Polio

I hope that you all will consider donating to the Rotary Foundation because without the Rotary Foundation we would not be able to help those in need in our communities or around the world.

Remember **"NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL"**

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The Capital City Sunrise club (13 members strong) is contributing \$2,000 (\$154/member) toward the 2013 Amigos de Honduras building fund - and the club is challenging all clubs, regardless of size in the District to donate for the work District 7870 is doing in the Danli, Honduras area.

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**DISTRICT 7870 HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF***By Tony Gilmore, DG**Brattleboro Collections Team.*

Sensitized by tropical storm Irene in 2011, the Rotarians of our District performed magnificently in the effort to provide the 6 Districts in New York and New Jersey stricken by Hurricane Sandy with much needed supplies of food, clothing, water and everyday living supplies.

Lead by Vermont coordinator, June Howe from the Brattleboro club and New Hampshire coordinator, Venu Rao from Hollis-Brookline with help from DGE David Hoopes and DGN Rich Berryman, Rotarians mobilized their clubs and communities, collecting the much needed supplies at various locations and then transporting them to Brattleboro and Bennington in Vermont and Nashua in New Hampshire where the material was consolidated and transshipped to designated locations in NJ and NY.

As with any emergency, there were a few bumps in the road – mostly having to do with used clothing. Rotary Districts up and down the east coast sent their used clothing to a

collection point in Paramus, New Jersey. The wealth of clothing became a 48,000 lb. donation to the New Jersey Salvation Army. When the word came down in our District, our used clothing was diverted as a donation to the Salvation Army so as not to ship it South where it wasn't needed.

*Bennington Bus Delivery Team.*

Shipments left the District mainly on trucks, but there was one converted 1966 Greyhound bus left from Bennington with President Krisin Reed's two daughters, Alexandra and Elisa and driver and bus owner, Nick Arsdén with supplies from the Rutland area, Manchester and Bennington clubs, Assistant Governors Kathie Stone and Linnie LaCroix assisting. The Brattleboro clubs collected from the Connecticut River Valley area clubs in both New Hampshire and Vermont with AGs, Bill Stevens and Jeff Mobus supporting.

Not content to wait on the District, Frank Teas with help from Nashua Rotary, mounted an early relief trip to Rockaway, New York in a locally donated truck full of supplies and cash contributions from Rotarians.

Calendar

November - The Rotary Foundation Month**December - Family Month****January - Rotary Awareness Month**Jan 5, 2013

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

March - Literacy MonthMar 07, 2013 - Mar 09, 2013

PETS, Sheraton Framingham MA

April - Magazine MonthApr 6, 2013

District Assembly Keene, NH

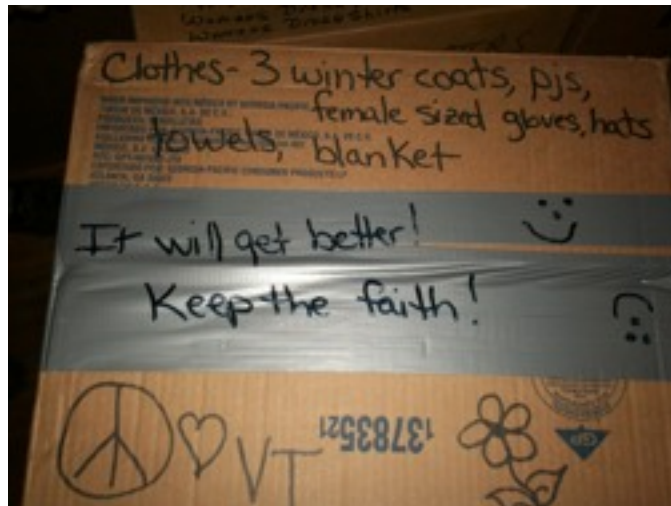
May 24, 2013 - May 31, 2013District Conference - Norwegian Dawn
Cruise to Bermuda**June - Rotary Fellowships Month**Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 20132013 Rotary International Convention,
Lisbon, Portugal



HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF (CONTINUED)

Dave Fox, President of the Tilton Rotary club, volunteered to haul relief supplies from the Lakes Region, Concord, Raymond and Manchester area clubs to McLaughlin Moving and Storage where Rotarian brothers Marty (Nashua) and Mike (Nashua West) McLaughlin provided storage, packing and shipping in a 53 foot tractor trailer for New Hampshire collected supplies. Local clubs in the Hollis, Milford and Nashua areas transported goods they collected as well. These efforts in South and South central New Hampshire were assisted by Assistant Governors Julie Whitcomb, Doug Rupert, David Countway, Betty Arsenault, Dennis McMann and Rich Berryman.

Rotarians can accomplish anything when they put their minds to it. I want to thank you all for your outstanding effort. Thank you from Bonnie, Connie, Joan, John, Greg and Mario – all District Governors from the affected area in New York and New Jersey. Your help was invaluable.



NH Truck to NY/NJ



PARTICIPATE IN A POLIO NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION DAY - FEBRUARY 2013

We are in the final planning process of organizing a trip of about 35 people to travel to Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, India in February 2013 to participate in the polio eradication program. Currently, we do NOT have the final dates of the program, the cost of the trip, and we are not accepting membership. However, we wanted to give you advance notice that we expect to have all of the details in the next few weeks. If you are interested in participating, now is the time to prepare for the possible trip. Details:

1. We expect to make this trip during the second half of February 2013. The trip itself will be approximately 10-12 days, including the travel days. At this moment, we are not sure if the polio immunization exercises will be February 16, 17 and 18 or February 22, 23 and 24. The Indian Department of Health is expected to make this decision within the next few weeks. Last year, the final February dates were decided by the government on 23 December and we announced the trip on 5 January.
2. Our trip will include hotel accommodations, all transfers, most meals, Rotary meetings and events, project site visits, interaction with local Rotarians, and at least two days dedicated to in-field Rotary immunizations. In addition, we will visit the Taj Mahal and other significant and popular tourists sights in Delhi. Last year, the trip cost approximately \$1850 per person, based on double occupancy. In addition to this cost, you will need to secure roundtrip airfare and the cost of securing an Indian visa. Many tour members have used frequent flier mileage to secure their air tickets, but for those who purchased their tickets, we were able to secure airfare as low as \$1250.00 from many U.S. cities. We will help our members secure their air reservations and tickets, if needed.
3. We have been organizing these trips since 1998, and have taken over 800 Rotarians, family and friends on these trips. This program will be the 18th such trip we have organized; the fifth to India.
4. Earlier this year, we announced this trip at 5:00 p.m. on a Thursday, and the trip was sold out, with a waiting list by 12:00 p.m. on the following Monday. We expect that this trip will sell out just as fast.
5. If interested in joining this trip, this is what you should do to be prepare for this trip:
 - Make sure you have a passport that is valid until AT LEAST August 31, 2013. DO NOT attempt to secure an Indian visa. You will need instructions and a letter of invitation. We will facilitate that process when you are confirmed on the trip.
 - Make sure travel vaccinations are up to date.
 - We will send you another e-mail when this trip is ready for membership. We will also post it on our web site – (www.howardtours.net). We will also post an announcement on our Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/howardtours>). If you “like” Howard Tours, you will receive a notice as soon as the trip is announced.
 - After the announcement is made, we will confirm people on the group first come, first served based on when we receive their completed application.

We look forward to having members from your District join us.

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RI COMMITS ANOTHER \$75 MILLION TO HELP END POLIO

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Rotary International has made a new funding commitment of US\$75 million over three years to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Rotary, which has already contributed nearly \$1.2 billion to the GPEI, announced the commitment at a 27 September high-level side event on polio eradication, convened by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The side event – “Our Commitment to the Next Generation: The Legacy of a Polio-free World” – brought together leaders of the remaining endemic countries, and representatives of donor governments, development agencies, the GPEI partners, and the media to underscore the urgent need to finish the job of global polio eradication. Although the wild poliovirus is endemic only in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria, other countries are still at risk for re-established transmission of the virus through its “importation” from the endemics.



Ban urged UN member states to ramp up their support for the GPEI, launched in 1988 by Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The partnership now includes the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Nations Foundation.

“This decisive moment is a matter of health and justice. Every child should have the right to start life with equal protection from this disease. That’s why I have made eradicating polio a top priority for my second term as Secretary-General,” said Ban.

New Donors

“Governments need to step up and honor their commitments to polio eradication if we are to achieve our goal of a polio-free world,” said Wilfrid Wilkinson, chair of The Rotary Foundation. “We are at a true tipping point, with success never closer than it is right now. We must seize the advantage by acting immediately, or risk breaking our pledge to the world’s children.”

“The evidence is clear: if we all do our part, we can and will end this disease. But we must act quickly and give ourselves the very best chance to succeed,” said Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, one of the leading donors to the GPEI. “When we defeat polio, it will motivate us to aim for other great health and development milestones.”

The Islamic Development Bank (IDB), a new donor to the polio eradication effort, announced a US\$227 million loan to Pakistan, which will cover the majority of the country's polio vaccination campaign costs. The IDB also announced a \$3 million grant for polio activities in Afghanistan.



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“Failure to eradicate polio is unforgivable, forever. Failure is not an option. No single one of us can bring this long, hard drive over the last hurdle. But together we can,” said Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization.

Unwavering Commitment

Rotary and its GPEI partners have reached more than 2.5 billion children with the oral polio vaccine, preventing more than 8 million cases of paralysis and hundreds of thousands of pediatric deaths. Rotary’s chief responsibilities in the initiative are fundraising and advocacy, an increasingly important role as the polio end game draws near.

Earlier this month, Rotary launched a new [website](#) to garner greater support for the global polio eradication effort. More than 6,000 visitors signed a petition on the site calling for world leaders to commit additional resources to close the funding gap. Wilkinson presented the signatures on Rotary’s behalf during the UN polio eradication side event. Visitors to the site can also estimate the potential dollar value they can generate by sharing the polio eradication message through Facebook, Twitter, and other social media.

“The unwavering commitment of Rotary members has been vital to the incredible progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative,” said Wilkinson. “How critically important it is for the global community to seize this historic opportunity before us to end polio now.”



RI General Secretary John Hewko, International PolioPlus Committee Vice Chair John Germ, Canadian Rotarian and polio survivor Ramesh Ferris, and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Wilfrid Wilkinson at the UN event on polio eradication. Wilkinson is holding the petitions signed by visitors to Rotary's polio advocacy website.

ROTARY SPONSORED PROJECT WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

By Venu Rao, District Public Relations

Early this year when Anupama Rao, Twelfth Grade student from Hollis-Brookline High School, daughter of Rotarian Venu Rao, learned about an opportunity to help provide Photo-Voltaic (PV) Solar power to a Boys Hostel in the remote village, Anaikatti, India, her advocacy for this project became relentless. Being continents apart, her parents' suggestion to send money to help the project wouldn't satisfy her. "This is not just a solar project, we are talking about quality of life for hundred students now and countless students in the future" was her argument.

For the sake of peace in the family and the realization that it may not be a good idea just to send money and hope the project some how will get done, Anu's parents contacted the local solar contractors and selected highly recommended Sun+ Global Energy Systems, Bangalore, India. Sun+ Global Energy Systems evaluated the Boys Hostel electrical requirements and provided a robust modular and scalable design solution of PV Solar System for Indian Rupees equivalent to \$6000.00.

The need, the solar solution, the cost, and the project's positive social impacts were presented to Hollis Brookline Rotary Club and to Rotary Coimbatore Spectrum, in India. Two Rotary clubs' collaborative financial support and Rao's family financial support the PV Solar Project was completed in June 2012 and was it inaugurated on August 15, 2012 (India's Independence Day)

Anaikatti Boys Hostel PV Solar Project won The Green Apple Award in November 12, 2012. The Green Organization (a non-profit organization) of London, England is responsible for the Green Apple Awards. One of the criteria for winning the award is the measure of positive social impact the project has created.

