



NEWSLETTER

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

By Sakuji Tanaka, President, Rotary International

Every Rotarian is different. Every Rotarian was drawn into Rotary for different reasons, and many vividly remember their first “Rotary Moment” – the moment when they went from being members of their Rotary clubs to being committed Rotarians.

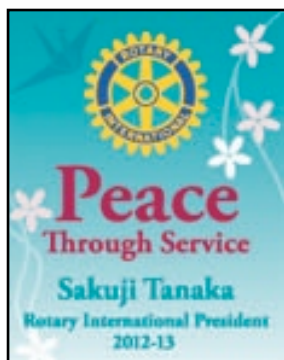
I love hearing these stories and learning about what drew each Rotarian into Rotary. For some, it was a Rotary office, a particular project, or a convention. For me, it was a speaker at an ordinary weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Yashio, about two years after I’d joined.

I am a charter member of my club, and I was invited to join by the charter president. I had never heard of Rotary, and at the time, I didn’t really know what service meant. But I was new to Yashio. I had just moved there from Tokyo, and I didn’t know many people. I thought Rotary would be a good way to make friends and to help my business, and I respected the person who invited me, so I joined.

But to be honest, for the first two years, we didn’t do much. Every week, I came to my meeting, I ate lunch, and I listened to a speaker. I paid my dues, and I gave money to The Rotary Foundation. But I wasn’t involved in any service. I didn’t know what Rotary service was supposed to be.

That all changed one week, when we had a speaker who talked about vocational service. This was a new idea to me. Until then, I had never thought much about the purpose of my life, or why I was in business. I was too busy working. I was always focused on my business, and on how to make it larger and better. I never stopped to consider any deeper purpose of my work.

Understanding the idea of vocational service completely changed my attitude toward my work, and toward my own purpose in life. I realized that the goal of a person doing business is not only to earn a living. The purpose is to be a contributing member of the community, to make the community stronger, and to help make other people’s lives better. When I understood this, and understood the concept of Service Above Self, it changed my life – and set me firmly on the path to a life of Rotary service. That is my Rotary Moment.



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**PEACEMAKER VIDEO CONTEST.**

By Sandy McGonagle, District Secretary

RI President Sakuji Tanaka has made World Peace a major initiative during his Rotary year, and, with that in mind, DG Tony has created a District Peacemaker committee.

The purpose/mission of our Peacemaker Committee is to develop "Peace through Understanding" throughout District 7870 and join with other districts throughout the world to stimulate the conversation of world peace.

We believe our mission can best be accomplished by instilling peace not only within ourselves, our families and our communities but by empowering our young people to raise their level of awareness and participation in the importance of establishing peace in their everyday lives and their communities.

And, here's how we're going to do it. We will have an annual Peacemaker Video Contest in the elementary, middle and high schools throughout our district. And, we want all of you to help us make this a reality and have fun at the same time.

There are two basic ways to promote and implement a Peacemaker Video Contest.

The first and most effective is to have your Rotary Clubs reach out to your local schools and your Interact clubs and challenge them to create a short film demonstrating their vision for World Peace.

The second way is to find a strategic partner to work with your club to organize, run, and promote the annual contest. That strategic partner could be a public access cable television, a local public broadcasting network, a public relations firm, a video production studio or any one of a number of other potential partners. Of course, a combination of both could be beneficial.

Our District's Peacemaker Committee will judge the films, all based on the idea of creating peace in our world, within the three levels of elementary students, middle school students and high school students.

The goal is for students to have fun in applying their creativity to any topic about creating peace such as sports, road rage, bullying, divorce, domestic violence, racism, gangs, drugs/alcohol or any other area where creating peace could make a positive difference in the world remembering that world peace starts at home and permeates our communities, countries and the world.

The videos should be anywhere from 3 to 5 minutes long, created by the students but certainly could be assisted by individuals with video filming expertise.

Calendar

October - Vocational Service Month**November - The Rotary Foundation Month**

Nov 01-15, 2012

Online Auction - Rotary Club of Nashua

<http://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?auctionId=177332698>

Nov 10, 2012

9:00 AM -3:30 PM Winter Sports Sales Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley, Elementary School

5:30 - 9:00 PM Auction Gala - Rotary Club of Bow Community Building

Nov 19, 2012

5:30 - 8:30 PM Annual Holiday Auction - Rotary Club of Nashua, Nashua Country Club

December - Family Month**January - Rotary Awareness Month****February - World Understanding Month****March - Literacy Month**

Mar 07, 2013 - Mar 09, 2013

PETS, Framingham MA

April - Magazine Month

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



**PEACEMAKER VIDEO CONTEST (CONT.)**

The Peacemaker Committee will establish a board of judges to determine first, second, third and honorable mention in each of the three levels, elementary, middle and high school.

The winning teams of students, parents and teachers of the various videos should be invited to your Rotary meetings and given special awards and/or recognition. Possibilities include cash prizes to cameras for their respective schools. Local newspapers should be notified and pictures taken. Clubs can show the winning videos at their meeting and the top videos in each grade level can be shown at the annual District Conference.

If you have any questions, please contact Sandra McGonagle, District 7870 Peacemaker Committee Chair at mcgonagle@metrocast.net or 603-524-3134.

**21ST ANNUAL DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT**

By Chris Parkinson, PDG, Chair District Golf Tournament Committee

On Monday, September 17th, 56 golfers gathered to play in the 21st Annual District 7870 Golf Tournament to benefit the Rotary Foundation. It was a beautiful day and the tournament was hosted by the Concord Rotary Club at the Concord Country Club.

The tournament has two flights with the upper flight vying for the coveted trophy.

The winning team this year was a threesome comprised of Concord Rotarians which included DGN Richard Berryman, Dave Christie, and Victor Syoykovich. The second place team was also a Concord Rotary team and included Randy Guay, Richard Holden, John Fraser, and Rich Rosato.

The winning team of the second flight included DG Tony Gilmore, Dick Johnson of the Capital City Rotary Club, Joe Clement of the Henniker Rotary Club, and Tom Shute from North Carolina. The second place team in the second flight was from the Nashua West Rotary club and included, Bill Pockl, Frank Vumbaco, Joe Gaukstern and Carol Powis.

Carol Powis won the closest to the pin and longest drive for the ladies. John Fraser won the closest to the pin and the longest drive for the men.

A great time was had by all and a special thanks go to Concord Rotarians, Randy Guay, Dick Holden, Rich Berryman, Dave Christie; Bow Rotarians, Jon Ruggles, Erle Pierce and Ken Moulton, Bethel's Ruth Clough, Keene's Bill Stevens, and DGE David Hoopes. It should be noted that this year's tournament marked the first time that the DG, DGE, and the DGN all participated.

Everyone had a great time, the dinner after the tournament was excellent and the course staff was excellent. But, the best news is that \$3,315 was netted after expenses for the Rotary Foundation to "Do Good In This World".

Thanks to all that participated and all that helped make the event a success.

DISTRICT 7870 CELEBRATES WORLD POLIO DAY

By Venu Rao, District PR Committee



On October 24th, 2012, Rotary District 7870 Governor Tony Gilmore brought the End Polio Now campaign to the New Hampshire Capital with a major light show. New Hampshire First Lady Dr. Susan Lynch was the Chief Guest and past District Governor Chris Parkinson was the Master of Ceremonies. Governor Lynch issued a proclamation that October 24th is the New Hampshire Polio Eradication Day. The Laser Show Ceremony was well attended by Rotarians from NH, Vermont and also general public.



ROTARY CLUB OF LUDLOW LITERACY PROJECTS

By Anne Gardner, The Vermont Journal



The Ludlow Rotary Club has pledged itself to service over self since 1927. The Education Committee has been responsible for scholarships to high school seniors, books to elementary students, and thesauruses to graduating sixth graders. Recently, David Almond, a member of the Education Literacy Committee, had a vision. He wanted to put books and materials in the hands of all children from birth to age five. In discussion with Superintendent of Schools Bruce Williams, who also serves on the Committee, Almond determined, "This could be helpful to a large percentage of kids. Some have no literacy skills when they enter school, simply because they have no books." He reports that even parents who would like to read to their small children may not have access to books. "When parents work it's hard to access libraries on a regular basis," he says.

Almond, with support from Rotary President Chrisandra Burgess and the Education Committee, has spearheaded two programs aimed at children and their families in Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Plymouth, and Cavendish. The first is the "What's the BIG

Idea?" Workbook Series, developed with the support of the National Science Foundation. The workbooks feature Mother Goose, and are designed to engage preschool children in activities that promote early learning of literacy, science, and math. According to Almond, "The workbooks explicitly connect to the newly-developed Common Core State Standards and to national level mathematics and science education standards." These books provide a strong instructional base for early learners, and each book is accompanied by a CD of activity materials so it can be reused.

Ludlow Rotary has distributed "What's the BIG Idea?" to all pre-kindergarten nursery schools in Ludlow and the surrounding towns. The complete set of six workbooks can be purchased from Center for the Book's Wendy Martin at Mother Goose Programs, PO Box 423, Chester, VT 05143 or visit www.mothergooseprograms.org. The cost for the set is \$36.00, which makes it accessible to parents and grandparents looking to ensure that the little ones in their family are fully prepared for science and literacy success.

The second literacy program adopted through Almond's work is the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. This program ensures that every child under five would receive a new age-appropriate book every month. With books in the household, parents are more

likely to read to their children, a primary indication of scholastic achievement later on. Potentially, a child could receive 60 books to be read again and again before attending school. There are no economic or eligibility thresholds for this program.

At \$25.00 per child per year – for a total of twelve books – the cost of Imagination Literacy is a bargain.

In the current initial phase, Almond and the Committee will target children aged 3-4 in Ludlow and the surrounding towns.

Registration materials for this program are currently available at area preschools, at Fletcher Memorial Library, and from Rotary Members. has already secured funding from internal sources to provide books for all children in the 3-4 age group. However, Almond anticipates that coverage to younger children will be available quickly, and encourages parents to register early for placement on the waiting list. As soon as more funds become available, younger children will receive books.

The Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund is seeking donations for Imagination Literacy. All money will be used to provide books for area children. Donations should be marked "Imagination Literacy", made payable to the Charitable Fund, and mailed to PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. Donations are tax deductible.

ROTARY CLUB OF LUDLOW LITERACY PROJECTS (CONT.)

"This program is a gift of literacy and love from the community," Almond says. "We hope that giving to the Imagination Literacy Project becomes an annual tradition. It's for our children." His leadership has put Ludlow Rotary at the forefront of the literacy movement, and he hopes the 60 Rotary Clubs in this District (covering Vermont and New

Hampshire) will adopt the vision. "Ideally," says Almond, "all 33,000 Rotary Clubs will be on the same page." Once again, Ludlow Rotary lives up to its mission of service over self.

For further information on either literacy program, contact Chrisandra Burgess (Chrisandra's at 802-228-2075) or David Almond (802-228-2412).



AMIGOS DE HONDURAS PROJECTS – TRIP DATES SET FOR FEB. 2 - 10, 2013

By Chris Parkinson, PDG, Chair, and Team Leader



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, the trip dates have been set for February 2nd to the 10th. Orientation / Informational meetings have been set for Saturday, November 10th at 10 AM in Springfield VT at the Public Library and for Tuesday November 13th at 7pm in the offices of Combined Services LLC, Two Delta Drive, Concord, NH. If you have questions or you plan on attending either of these sessions please e-mail me at cep617@comcast.net.

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. Checks should be made out to "Amigos De Honduras". Please send contributions to our Foundation Treasurer, Alan Kanegsberg.

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."