



NEWSLETTER

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD EVENT

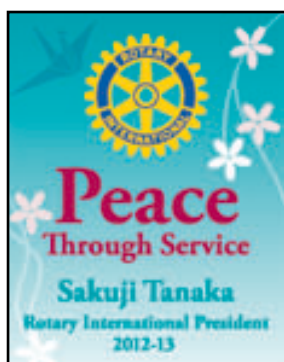
By Cassie Cleverly, RYLA Chair

The Monadnock Rotary Club is once again preparing to host the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) event. The one-day conference will take place on Saturday, November 10th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Nature's Classroom at Sargent Center in Hancock, NH.

This RYLA leadership conference is open to Junior and Senior high school students from District 7870. Last fall over 15 Rotary Clubs registered 50 students for the event. Clubs are free to devise their own selection process to sponsor a maximum of four candidates from their local high schools though the involvement of Interact members is encouraged. The cost of the program is \$95 per student and the young men and women who attend generally do so at the generosity of their sponsoring club.

The students attending this RYLA conference will participate in several dynamic and thought-provoking seminar sessions. Each session is designed to provide opportunities to explore, practice and discuss aspects of leadership such as communication, team-building, conflict resolution, and leadership styles.

The Monadnock Club encourages all Rotary Clubs in District 7870 to get involved with RYLA by identifying and sponsoring young men and women from their local high schools who will benefit from this leadership development day. Space for the conference is limited and the registration deadline is October 31st. It is recommended that interested clubs submit registration information for their students as soon as possible. Inquiries regarding registration or the program are gladly received by Cassie Cleverly at (603) 203-6673/ cassie.cleverly@gmail.com



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DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

By June Howe

District 7870 will be hosting a Membership Conference at the Brattleboro Retreat in Brattleboro, Vermont on Saturday, October 27, 2012. Registration starts at 8:30 AM with the Conference beginning at 8:50 AM and ending at 2:00 PM. There will be a Continental breakfast and Light Lunch. Cost will be \$25.00 per person and Club Presidents, President Elects, Membership Chairs and Rotarians who really want to make a difference are encouraged to attend.

Our Theme for the Conference will be **Raising Rotarians, Part 1....Getting 'em and Keeping 'em.**

We are faced with a crisis in Membership in Rotary. Time is of the essence. Without sufficient engaged members, we cannot truly be the worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives that we desire.

Membership growth gives us a network to accomplish those passions. Membership growth gives us the financial strength to accomplish those passions. And Membership growth gives us the resolve to attain those passions. There is much yet to be done in the world, so come spend a few hours in a gorgeous setting and be part of the Solution.

Come see what you missed in the Spring Membership Conference! We promise fun with information, tools, and tips that will make your jobs just a bit easier and entice you to return to the next Conference and share your experiences. Stay tuned for more information. And after the Conference ends, we hope you will truly think "outside the box."



Calendar

September - New Generations Month

Sep 29, 2012

Northeast Link - Boxborough Holiday Inn MA
<http://www.northeastlink.org/index.html>

Monadnock Wellness Festival - Peterborough NH
www.monadnockrotary.org

Sep 30, 2012

Clarence DeMar Marathon - Gilsom, NH
<http://www.clarencedemar.com/>

Lobster Dinner - Wallingford Lodge
wallingfordrotaryvt@yahoo.com

October - Vocational Service Month

Oct 6, 2012

22nd Chili Cook-off - Ludlow, VT

Penny Sale - Springfield VT

Penny Sale - Woodstock VT

Oct 9, 2012

Foundation Dinner- Crown Plaza, Nashua

Oct 11, 2012

Foundation Dinner- Jackson Gore Inn

Oct 27, 2012

District Membership Conference
Brattleboro Retreat

Rotary Leadership Institute - Lewiston ME
<http://www.rlinea/Calendar.htm>

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



ROTARY CLUBS AND THE IRS

By Alan Kanegsberg, District 7870 Treasurer

For many years, the District warned our Rotary clubs and Foundations of the end of the old rule that clubs with less than \$25,000 of gross revenues (dues, meal fees, plus fundraising) did not have to file returns with the IRS as of fiscal years that ended in 2008. We had a number of clubs that failed to do this and they lost their non-profit status. After arduous efforts, all have settled with the IRS and are non-profits once again.

This year we have had several clubs receive letters (and one received two \$1,800 penalties) for not filing in subsequent years. They are currently negotiating with the IRS to resolve this.

Please note the following from the IRS (it has been edited to apply to Rotary Clubs):

e-Postcard (Form 990-N) - Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Tax-Exempt Organizations - Annual Electronic Notice: Small tax-exempt organizations (those normally with annual gross receipts up to \$25,000 (\$50,000 for tax years ending on or after December 31, 2010) are required to file an annual electronic notice, Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006, and applies to organizations that previously were not required to file returns.

For detailed information on the Form 990-N, please go the this link: Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations — Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html>

For other questions, please contact and accountant or Alan Kanegsberg, District Treasurer



Jay Dalrymple, President, Rotary Club of Alton Centennial won \$400 for onboard purchases during the District Conference Cruise, May 24 - 31, 2013.

To sign up call AAA: VT 802-878-8233 or NH 603-889-0165

You still have a chance to win the \$200 and \$100 prizes.



DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS GRANT

By Venu Rao, District PR Committee

District 7870, in collaboration with Vermont District 7850, has been awarded a Rotary International Public Relations Grant of \$13,100.00.

The campaign targets business & professional people, community leaders, and the general public between 35 and 50 years old who make more than \$40K .

On September 3rd, we started using radio, print, and web tools to reach our target audience. Listen for prime time announcements on NHPR: "Rotary, providing community service to Vermont, New Hampshire and the world. Rotary, Humanity in Motion, and Information at Rotary 7870 dot-org ".

District 7870 is also planning an October 24, 2012 illumination of the New Hampshire Statehouse with the "End Polio Now" message.

BIENVENIDOS AMIGOS DEL DISTRITO 4060 DEL DISTRITO 7870

By PDG, Chris Parkinson

The Dominican Republic GSE team has arrived. A welcoming cook-out was held Friday, September 21st at Marc and July Chareth's home for the incoming team, members of the Rotary Club of Milford - the first host club, and others who are helping during their month-long stay. DG Tony welcomed:



The team leader, **Melvin Brioso**, age 34, has been a San Cristobal Rotarian since 2004. He has occupied different positions with his Rotary Club, 4 times executive secretary, 3 times secretary, chair of the Public Relations Committee, and he was President of the club in 2011. Currently, he is an Assistant District Governor in 2012-2013.

Melvin graduated as Electronic Technologist from Loyola High Tech Institute, and started working there as IT Manager, as well as teaching. Later, he graduated as an Electro-mechanical Engineer from Santo Domingo Autonomous University, (Which was the first university founded in the Americas in 1538). Melvin continues his professional development studying for a Masters Degree of Management and Productivity, and is first in his class.

Melvin is currently working as the General Manager of a consulting and high tech institute in Santo Domingo called INFOREDES.

Melvin is interested in meeting Vermont and New Hampshire Rotarians and is hoping to develop some matching Grants projects with them. His club has a project called "Rotary City", which is composed of a Rural Clinic, an Elementary School (that is been upgrading to a High School), a Kindergarten School, a computer lab, a church and a basketball court.

He lives with his parents and a 5 year old niece. He enjoys helping people, taking pictures, listening and dancing to music, watching movies and detectives series on television, and reading history books.



Elizabeth Mateo Perez, age 25, is a Dominican social activist for citizen's rights. She has a law degree from Iberoamerican University (UNIBE) where she graduated Magna Cum Laude and founded the GRED-UNIBE Law Student Association.

Elizabeth has specialized in Advocacy, Citizen Participation and Leadership, with executive courses in the United States and Argentina. Recently she was admitted in the Global Shapers Community of the World Economic Forum, where she will serve for 5 years.

She is currently the President of TOYJARTO Civic Rights Organization, an NGO dedicated to serve the people of the Dominican Republic, seeking changes in the public sector, law enforcement, and the eradication of corruption in the country. Her role in the NGO has inspired many young women to get into politics without fear.

In her four years of involvement in public affair issues, Elizabeth has played a key role in bringing important issues to the public such as the price of fuel, access of information, cases of corruption, and most recently, an education campaign to have education represent 4 % of the GDP.

Elizabeth loves spending time outdoors at the beach, getting to know her country, and camping in the mountains. She enjoys a good movie and likes to play with her dog Sam. She currently lives with her mom and sister, whom she loves very much

BIENVENIDOS AMIGOS DEL DISTRITO 4060 DEL DISTRITO 7870 CONTINUED

Wilson Acosta, age 27, lives in Santo Domingo, which is the biggest city in the Dominican Republic. He graduated as an engineer in agronomy at ISA, in the city of Santiago, and he holds a Master's degree in Agrobiotechnology which he received at the Salamanca University in Spain.

During his time at the University and also after college, Wilson worked for American Airlines in which he had the opportunity to provide services for people from all over the world. This also gave him the chance to work with people from different backgrounds. Wilson has also worked helping and supervising medium and small sized farms all over the central part of the country, specializing in Chinese vegetable production for exportation.

Currently he works in the Ministry of Agriculture as an inspector working with producers, intermediaries, and everything related to the certification of organic produce in the country. Wilson also works in his own farm located in Guanatico, Puerto Plata which is dedicated mostly to Cocoa production.

In his free time, he enjoys playing guitar, listening to music, going to concerts that can range from classical music, to rock, to electronic music. He also enjoys going to the beach and the gym. His most recent hobby is reading books from authors like Anne Rice, Dan Brown, George R. R. Martin, and H. P. Lovecraft.



Carmen A. Feliz, age 28, was born and raised in Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic.

She graduated, Cum Laude, with a degree in Marketing, and she is currently finishing a Masters Degree with a double degree at the National University of Costa Rica and the Technological Institute of Santo Domingo.

Carmen's work experience includes the responsibilities of management and the negotiation of domestic and international purchase agreements.

Carmen also has dedicated herself to community service. She is a dedicated volunteer, serving the community in many ways through her company's volunteers group. Some of the activities she has participated in include a national program to clean up trash on beaches and the seacoast to prevent the destruction of the ecosystem and another national program focused on the reforestation of mountains.

In her free time, Carmen enjoys watching and participating in sports. She is a baseball fan. She enjoys running with her dogs, or going to the gym. She also likes to learn other languages and read novels.

The team will be hosted by the following clubs: Milford (4 nights), Raymond (4), Woodstock (3), New London (3), Bow (3), Pittsfield (1), Bellows Falls (4), Bennington (3), White River Junction (3), Nashua North (1). The complete schedule will be published on the District 7870 web page, <http://www.rotary7870.org/>.





PDG JAN MCELROY NOW A CERTIFIED PRESENTER FOR THE CLIMATE LEADERSHIP CORPS

Past District Governor Jan McElroy spent 3 days in San Francisco this month training to be part of the network of grassroots presenters on the climate crisis. Jan first became aware of the warming trends in the earth's oceans and the changes in the atmosphere when taking courses in Marine Biology at Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla, California in the '60s. As a former biology teacher who taught the subject from the environmental point of view, she has maintained an active interest in the growing data from multiple scientific fields confirming the fact that climate change is real and that it is driven by human activities. Global warming due to human-made gases, mainly CO₂, is already 1.44°F and disastrous climate impacts are growing worldwide.

Jan said, "We can't wait until it goes any higher, before we start doing something. We have to act now-- and every day thereafter."

Jan is now a certified presenter for the Climate Leadership Corps -- a network of over 4,500 volunteer who have been trained through the Climate Reality Project to deliver presentations about the climate crisis to people around the world. She would be interested in speaking to clubs and other organization and you can contact her at rotaryjan7870@tds.net or 603-428-7436 for more information.

BRIDGET MCMAHON SPONSORED FOR GSE OUTBOUND EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Brattleboro Rotary Club is sponsoring **Bridget McMahon** of Keene, N.H., for a Group Study Exchange program to the Dominican Republic from Sept. 21 to Oct. 20.

McMahon will be traveling as part of a five-member team including **Mia Brown** of Thetford, **Jake Kingsbury** and **Kelley O'Hara**, both of Keene, and Rotarian team leader **Bob Couch** of Bow, N.H.

McMahon, a customer service representative at Hannaford in Keene, is a former Spanish teacher who has studied at the School for International Training in Brattleboro and Bay Path College in Longmeadow, Mass.

For more information, visit BrattleboroRotaryClub.org.

DISTRICT 6440 (ILLINOIS) NATIONAL POLIO IMMUNIZATION TRIP TO NIGERIA.

Join us in Nigeria in March 2013. Nigeria is one of the 3 remaining polio-endemic countries, and we have been invited to join Rotarians in Nigeria for a country-wide National Immunization Day program in March 2013. The exact date is not yet set. We are well aware of the security risks and our Rotarian friends in Nigeria will be connecting us with Rotary Clubs in the southern part of the country.

More information will be posted here as available, but please let me know if you are interested. E-mail Richard Rivkin at rrivkin@yahoo.com.