

District Governor Rotary Moments

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Wending our way through the hills of Vermont,

This District Governor ventures on,

To Rutland City, a friendly place,

The tradition of Rotary strong.

Twice a day at ten of nine,

The fire whistle does blow,

Reminding the citizens of the Town,

Of safety wherever they go.

The West Rutland Club,

A small but committed team,

Scholarships and the Local Food Shelf,

Great successes it would seem.

With goals to expand their membership,

More inclusion with a change in their name,

The Rotary Club of Marble Valley

Achieving even greater claim to fame.

**To Rutland City Club with President Mark,
One of the oldest Clubs in the Northeast,
Honoring military families
With a most delightful feast!**

**Christmas tree sales to boost their funds,
A golf tournament with raffles galore,
Signature fundraisers and great success,
Is there a need to say any more?**

**Richard Rohe, District Membership Chair,
Announces the challenge to all,
Sponsor a member, make new friendships,
Consider answering the call.**

**Continuing down the green valley,
Rotary Club of Manchester in our view,
Mt. Snow and Battenkill River,
Natural beauty through and through.**

**Awarding dictionaries to third graders,
Granting four year scholarships too,
Committed to the Youth Exchange Program,
Doing all that they can do.**

**Taking on the challenge of membership,
Bringing friendship and fun,
A golf tournament possibly in the works,
President Melissa gets it done!**

**Deerfield Valley in the distance,
Rising mountains and peaceful towns
Of Wilmington and Dover,
Their courage knows no bounds.**

**Hurricane Irene with its devastation,
Two towns had to rebuild,
Grant funding came from Rotary,
Donations gladly fulfilled.**

**Deerfield Valley Rotary,
Spirit, friendship, and care,
President John setting the standard,
A community willing to share.**

**Fundraisers for fuel assistance,
Pancake breakfast a delight,
Farm days and car washes,
Doing everything just right.**

**Finishing the week in Brattleboro,
A special award for June Howe,
A brick in the Memorial Garden,
In honor of service unbowed.**

**Projects too numerous to mention,
Building ramps, shelters, and homes,
A Car Show planned for August 8,
An advertisement in this poem!**

**An International Film and Food Festival,
To benefit Pine Ridge Reservation,
The home of Native Americans,
Providing commitment and dedication.**

**Over 136 reconditioned laptops,
Have been delivered to families and schools,
Heightening opportunities for learning,
Access to the technology tools.**

**The next project is building solar panels,
To reduce the radio station's electrical bill,
Dedicated Brattleboro Rotarians,
With promises yet to fulfill.**

**More adventures lie before us,
Rotary banners are unfurled,
Our message is simple,
Be a Gift to the World!**