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**membership Workshops Begin today**

**District Food Packaging Event in 25 Days**

**Zone 24/32 Institute Highlights**

By Pat and Skip Doyle



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You asked! We Listened!

Two District-Wide Events:  Membership Workshops and District Food Packaging

**Membership Workshops**

They will be held this month on three dates in four location:

* **Area D: Today**, **October  24,** 6:30-8:30 p.m.,Brookline VFW,**Brookline**. To **register**, [click here](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50053/Event/membership-workshop-for-area-d)
* **Area B: Today**, **October 24**, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Concord Academy,**Concord**. To **register**, [click here](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50053/Event/membership-workshop-for-area-b)
* **Area C:**Tuesday, **October 25,** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Chuck's Steak House, **Auburn**. To **register,** [click here](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50053/Event/membership-workshop-for-area-c)
* **Area A:** Wednesday,**October 26,** 6:30-8:30 p.m., The Manor, **West Boylston**. To **regist**er,[click here](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50053/Event/membership-workshop-for-area-c)

To find **your club's area**, [click here](https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050053/en-ca/files/homepage/d7910-membership-workshop-assignments-pdf-format/D7910-Membership-Workshop-Assignments---PDF-Format.pdf).

**District Food Packaging**

Saturday, **November 12**
**11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Solomon Pond Mall

**Marlborough**

To **volunteer and donate,** [**c**lick here.](http://events.stophungernow.org/Rotary7910)

**Highlights of Zone 24/32 Institute in Winnipeg, Canada**

From September 28 through October 1, we were privileged to attend the Zone 24 and 32 Institute in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Before we give you a report, we feel that many of you may not be aware of what the term "zone" refers to in Rotary.  We were members ourselves for many years before we knew.

The Rotary Manual of Procedure gives an excellent and definitive explanation. Just as the 34,000 Rotary clubs belong to more than 530 districts, the districts belong to 34 zones. These zones have experts assigned to them to help district governors, and other district leaders connect to Rotary resources. One of the ways this takes place is at informational meetings held in zones. These Zone Institutes provide current, incoming and past Rotary International officers with updates on RI's and The Rotary Foundation's policies and programs.

Our four days in Winnipeg were jam-packed with opportunities to learn. The theme was "**Rotary Rohrs for Human Rights"** in honor of Zone 24/32 Director **Dean Rohr.** We visited the **Canadian Museum of Human Rights** and heard Nobel Prize winner Dr. **Oscar Arias Sanchez** speak on the **Central American Peace Process**. We heard Archbishop **Desmond Tutu'**s daughter speak about the **Tutudesk initiative** to provide school desks for two million school children. Breakout sessions were held on all six areas of Rotary focus. Forums were held on **membership**, **foundation** and **future leaders.** Our heads were spinning with information.

Our take away from this event: Rotary is alive and well - albeit, getting a little gray around the edges. Many people from across the Northeastern United States and Canada are reaching out to younger generations, asking them to join us in the amazing things we do and their far-reaching results.

One thing we learned: Our district must grow membership. We must do all we can to enroll and engage, as RI President **John Germ** has said, younger members, recent retirees and working people. Please join us at the membership workshops to be held next week at a location near you.

Always remember, you can **call us with questions** at**508-393-9031**.

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