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It's the Most Wonderful Time of Year ... so the song goes

I'm writing this on Thanksgiving Day, a day when we stop, reflect and give thanks for the abundance that we have. It's also a day where those of us in the US tend to over indulge in food and football; and for many of us it's the beginning of the holiday season. The time of year that we exchange gifts with friends and family, decorate our homes, celebrate of religious beliefs, send cards and letters to catch up with folks, and again over indulge in food and football. And as Rotarians, we do so much of this celebrating with members of our clubs.

It's also the time of year when we, as Rotarians, give extra attention to people who don't have the riches and abundance that we have. So many of our club projects, at this time of year, focus on collecting food and gifts for children, providing special parties for children, seniors, and those in need, assisting other organizations in raising money, sponsoring food drives and coat drives and the list goes on and on. In fact, it seems like every year the list gets a bit longer and more complicated.

But the good news is that as Rotarians we have way in which we can give a gift that continues to do good, this year and in the years to come. When we give to our Rotary Foundation, we can provide mosquito nets, school supplies, textbooks, school uniforms, water filters, wheelchairs, sanitation facilities, sewing machines, farm animals, and the skills for men and women to provide for themselves.

So, I asking that this year, during the month of December, that we all take a moment and add one more gift to our list. That we give *the gift of Rotary* to the rest of the world. It's easy. All you need to do is turn to page 54 of the December issue of the **Rotarian** and identify the gift you want to give, fill out the form and send it in to our Foundation. I know I just asked you to make your gift list just a bit longer, but I promise you, it's the one gift that won't be returned. It's the one gift that will be received in the true spirit of the season.

Steve and I want to wish all of you and your family a Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas. It's the time of year when we can truly **Light Up Rotary**

—Julia

Rotary UN Day

Rotary and UN: A Force for Good

A sell-out crowd of Rotarians and youth came together to the newly renovated General Assembly building in November to celebrate our shared past with the UN, and to plan for further humanitarian work in the future.



Rotarians were led by RI president Gary Huang (left), Foundation chair John Kenny (below), and our own Director Julia Phelps (far left). At the conclusion of President Gary's remarks, the lights were dimmed and he led us all in lighting up Rotary!



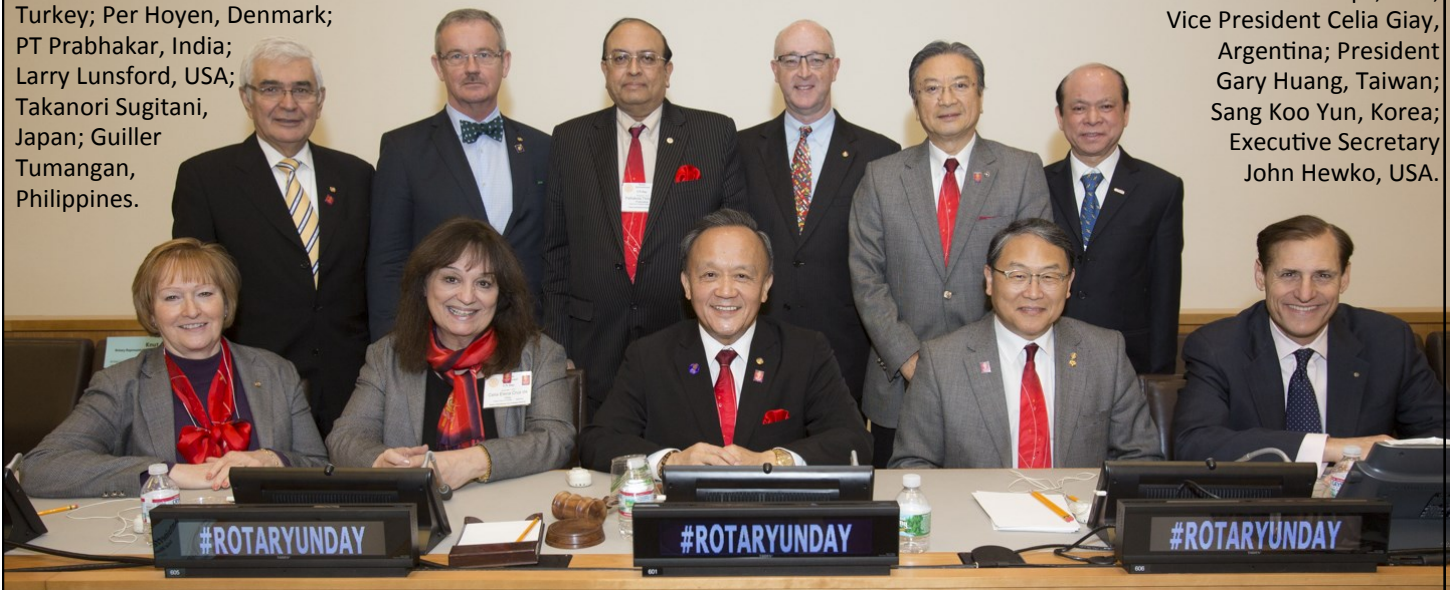
Rotary UN Day

Dedicated Rotarians Makes UN Day a Yearly Success

Rotary UN Day, which brings together hundreds of Rotarians from all across the globe, could not happen without the yearlong work of a team of dedicated Rotarians from Zone 32, led by Joe Laurenzi (right), primary Rotary Representative to the UN/New York; and including Helen Reisler (center right) New York; plus (left to right below) Joe Dino, Paterson, NJ; Susanne Gellert, Wall Street New York; and Knut Johnsen, New Windsor-Cornwall, CT. Ernie Louise, Derby/Shelton CT (below right), reported on the new ethics Essay Contest. Mike McGovern, vice chair of The Rotary Foundation and South Portland-Cape Elizabeth member, was also spotted in the crowd (photo near right).




Members of the RI Rotary Board of Directors at UN Day were: (back row) Safek Alpay, Turkey; Per Hoyen, Denmark; PT Prabhakar, India; Larry Lunsford, USA; Takanori Sugitani, Japan; Guiller Tumangan, Philippines.



RI Directors in the front row: Julia Phelps, USA; Vice President Celia Giay, Argentina; President Gary Huang, Taiwan; Sang Koo Yun, Korea; Executive Secretary John Hewko, USA.



Serving Up Soup And Service At District Conference

Our Conference planning committee wanted a project where Rotarians could give back — and would keep attendees alert and active after lunch! 

What we decided to do was create Soup-in-a-Bag, a hearty, healthy mix of dry ingredients that we could deliver to local food pantries. This involved putting dry lentils, split peas, pearl barley, fusilli, dried onion and parsley flakes in each bag and tying off with blue and gold ribbons.

Rotaractors at the University of Guelph and several Youth Exchange students helped us coordinate the project.

We made 1000 bags (each bag holds 10 servings) in two hours! The total cost for ingredients and bags was \$1500. So, we fed 10,000 people (1000 bags at 10 servings each) for just pennies per serving! Volunteers from two food banks, one church and one drop-in center were on hand to accept the packaged soup.

We asked for and readily received a letter of permission from the local health commissioner, and everyone wore plastic gloves. We used a simple Split Pea Soup recipe. The ingredients were poured into bins and we used scoops to fill the bags with our designated ingredient.


One of the clubs in our District is already doing this project with their members. Other clubs plan to pick it up. We certainly had fun and contributed to immediate needs in our community.

—Gov. Patsy Marshall, D-7080

Membership Matters

Future Footprints: District Roadmap Motivates Club Action

By Gayle Knepper, Rotary Coordinator, Zone 24W

Footprints 2020 is the theme District 5370 choose for its planning initiative, one which inspired clubs to look toward the future. How did it begin? For the past two years, the District has been building a foundation of innovation and creativity, introducing new ways of “doing Rotary.” It helped return struggling clubs to vibrancy, to re-energize programs with new ways of involving youth, to substantially exceed goals in support of The Rotary Foundation and stimulate the birth of new clubs. There is fresh energy in district meetings and conference attendance has broken all records. 

Footprints 2020 arose from the need to develop a continuity and succession plan, and look to the future as a district. It wasn't magic – it was simply a method to focus Rotarians on the possibility of tomorrow. It was implemented in early 2014 by those who weren't timid about trying a new approach: then DG Betty Screpnek and DGE Linda Robertson, joined by DGN Tim Schilds and DGND Laura Morie.

Footprints was launched at 5370's spring training/PETS, a session involving current and incoming district leaders, presidents and presidents elect, plus other club representatives. An added benefit, DG Linda said, is that the session resulted not only in a direction for the District – it also provided each of the clubs with a foundation to build a compatible plan.



The Footprints session interrelated all aspects of Rotary, clearly illustrating the benefits of using “One Rotary” (all components working together in support of the whole: Rotary in D-5370). Betty said an essential element to its success was involving an outside facilitator. Kristin Ward Diaz, a community development specialist for the province of Alberta and expert in non-profit planning, worked with the District training team and facilitators from the University of Alberta (all donating their time), to plan and lead the discussion, utilizing a highly-visual, thought-provoking method to create a map to the future.

Imagine the session – construction paper footprints throughout the room, energetic teams of Rotarians working together, and bold, colorful charts, each depicting an idea with actions to support achievement. The high-energy discussion motivated participants to look at Rotary and what was possible in a new way. A vital message that emerged was flexibility: “We have to have

the courage to change things up when needed and give each other permission to try new things at meetings or accept new Rotarians who may be unique or different.”

The real success of any plan comes when carrying it forward. Clubs were given a template to replicate Footprints in their own clubs, from the plans of the presidents to those of membership chairs. DG Linda talks about it in every club visit. Her key message is, “Be Bold” and clubs are listening. There is new energy bubbling in the District, she reports, with successes becoming apparent. “Having visited slightly more than half of the clubs, I find those that ‘really heard’ the message are already having positive results: the Rotary Club of Vegreville had a 36 percent membership increase since July 1, Nisku-Leduc has grown 19 percent and E-Club Canada One, 14 percent. These clubs have been energized by new members who became quickly engaged and who, in turn, have invited their friends and co-workers.”

A shared vision. Be bold. Be flexible. One Rotary. Footprints to the future for District 5370!

New Members' Goal? To Start New Club

Fourteen spanking new Rotarians were inducted as members of the satellite club of Gagetown Village/Hanwell, NB (District 7810) earlier this fall (photo below). But the goal of the group — as already shown on their banner — is to grow to the requisite 20 members and charter as the independent Rotary Club of Hanwell by the end of this Rotary year.



Clubs chartered in our two Zones since last June are:

Southern Queens, NY, D-7255 .

Hudson and St-Lazare, QC, D-7040.
Facebook: Hudson & St-Lazare Rotary Club

E-club of New England, MA, D-7930.
<http://www.rotarynewengland.org>

Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus, NY, D-7090 (see article at right).

Claremont-Sugar River, NH, D-7870.

Clubs Honor Centennial

The following Rotary Clubs in our two Zones celebrated their 100th anniversaries in 2014, according to the Rotary Global History Fellowship:

Allentown, PA
Brooklyn, NY
Calgary, AB
St. John, NB
Scranton, PA
Trenton, NJ
Victoria, BC
Watertown, NY



Congratulations to them all!

Membership Matters

New Club Shows Campus's Commitment to Community


By PDG Jack Amico

Sometimes it's appropriate to redefine "community." Here, a business campus of 17,000 professionals seemed the right place to start a new Rotary club. This idea could work to start a new club on any large business site: A university, hospital complex, corporate campus, or other specialty work site.



It seemed like a natural fit. Natural that a group of dedicated people who "promote a knowledge-based transformation of western New York" would also be "neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world."

That's what you get when you mix The Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus and Rotary. It appeared a solid mix for several dozen civic-minded folks within the campus burgeoning with Buffalo's most innovative leaders in medical, technology and research fields.

With new expansion coming all the time, David Johnson, a Buffalo area doctor and a Rotarian and Pat Whalen, a veteran Buffalo Rotarian, thought a new club with a new twist would be a perfect fit and a great way to build a sense of community. "Many communities with 17,000-20,000 people have a Rotary Club," said Whalen, COO of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. "Seeing that the Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus is approaching that number of employees, why not form a club?" They held an informational meeting in April of 2014 and over 50 potential Rotarians crowded a small conference room. 

The club became official June 24, 2014, when The Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus Rotary Club received its charter and officially joined the ranks of District 7090 — western New York, USA, and southern Ontario, Canada.

The twist comes in the way they meet. This group meets Monday evenings from 5:00 to 6:00 pm, offering shorter meetings for already busy professionals who have other business commitments during the day and family activities in the evenings. After each business meeting at the Jacobs Institute (in the heart of the downtown Buffalo Medical Campus) the usual meal is replaced with a casual happy hour for those who don't have to get back to work or family.

The Rotarians may share a work environment, but they each bring distinct vocational skills to the club. Members include a handful of physicians, but most members are in fields unrelated to healthcare: real estate, banking, marketing, human resources. The charter president is a public relations professional in a biotech research firm, and the club secretary is a corporate lawyer.

The 53 charter members have already been joined by 30 more with enough potentials in the wings to reach an expected 100 members by the end of this calendar year. The group is already making positive impacts in the community and around the world. It's a fitting notion as The Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus continues to welcome people from all over the world to Buffalo.

Membership Growth Comparison — 2012 to 2014 YTD

District	July 1, 2012 *	2013-14		2014-15			Cumulative Total	
		July 1 2013*	Jun 30 2014**	Nov 28 2014	# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
					June 30 to Nov 28		July 2012 to Nov 2014	
2225	489	469	500	484	-16	-3.20%	-5	-1.02%
5010	1774	1734	1736	1745	9	0.52%	-29	-1.63%
5040	1524	1514	1503	1514	11	0.73%	-10	-0.66%
5050	2744	2604	2658	2638		-0.75%	-106	-3.86%
5060	2712	2662	2629	2658	29	1.10%	-54	-1.99%
5360	2159	2038	2003	1974	-29	-1.45%	-185	-8.57%
5370	2249	2265	2279	2257	-22	-0.97%	8	0.36%
5550	1606	1584	1523	1545	22	1.44%	-61	-3.80%
Total Zone 24W	15,257	14,870	14,831	14,815	-16	-0.11%	-442	-2.90%
6330	1943	1857	1827	1831	4	0.22%	-112	-5.76%
7010	1580	1554	1582	1577	-5	-0.32%	-3	-0.19%
7040 ②	2075	1964	1922	1922	0	0.00%	-153	-7.37%
7070	2070	2026	2032	2055	23	1.13%	-15	-0.72%
7080	1783	1761	1724	1716	-8	-0.46%	-67	-3.76%
7090	2483	2403	2447	2384	-63	-2.57%	-99	-3.99%
7790 ②	1799	1761	1758	1762	4	0.23%	-37	-2.06%
7810	1233	1200	1187	1221	34	2.86%	-12	-0.97%
7820	1576	1591	1584	1562	-22	-1.39%	-14	0.89%
Total Zone 24E	16,542	16,117	16,063	16,030	-33	-0.21%	-512	-3.10%
7210	1727	1693	1675	1662	-13	-0.78%	-65	-3.76%
7230	1502	1404	1395	1341	-54	-3.87%	-161	-10.72%
7255 ①	1980	1799	1858	1855	-3	-0.16%	NA	NA
7390	2435	2344	2344	2366	22	0.94%	-69	-2.83%
7410	1033	1078	1069	1065	-4	-0.37%	32	3.10%
7430	1894	1837	1804	1797	-7	-0.39%	-97	-5.12%
7450	1607	1502	1525	1537	12	0.79%	-70	-4.36%
7470	1274	1223	1182	1182	0	0.00%	-92	-7.22%
7490	1256	1267	1283	1265	-18	-1.40%	9	0.72%
7500	1201	1194	1169	1167	-2	-0.17%	-34	-2.83%
7510	1165	1108	1097	1087	-10	-0.91%	-78	-6.70%
7640	1222	1160	1132	1105	-27	-2.39%	-117	-9.57%
7780 ②	1773	1641	1650	1653	3	0.18%	-120	-6.77%
7850	1604	1564	1579	1522	-57	-3.61%	-82	-5.11%
7870 ②	2281	2181	2141	2158	17	0.79%	-123	-5.39%
7890	2288	2227	2197	2142	-55	-2.50%	-146	-6.38%
7910	1475	1493	1599	1583	-16	-1.00%	108	7.32%
7930 ②	1916	1913	1967	1960	-7	-0.36%	44	2.30%
7950	2462	2357	2353	2348	-5	-0.21%	-114	-4.63%
7980	2362	2269	2238	2241	3	0.13%	-121	-5.12%
Total Zone 32	34,457	33,254	33,257	33,036	-221	-0.66%	-1421	-4.12%
Total 24 & 32	66,256	64,241	64,151	63,881	-270	-0.42%	-2375	-3.58%

*Based on July 1 SAR

** Official year-end report from RI

① D7250 and 7260 merged to form 7255 effective July 1, 2013; two-year District history is not available.

② Reflects transfer of one club from 7780 to 7930, transfer of two clubs from 7930 to 7870; transfer of one club from 7040 to 7790.

New York Chinatown Celebrates Presidential Visit



New York's Chinatown club honored RI President Gary Huang's visit to New York City recently with a multi-course Chinese banquet, an evening of festivities, and an SRO crowd of senior Rotary leaders and Rotarians from throughout the Northeast. The crowd was entertained by some very modern dancing (below left), and President Gary inducted a remarkable number of members into the brand-new Baruch College Rotaract Club (below right).



Foundation Facts

Retrofitting the New Grants Model

by Dennis Dinsmore, Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Zone 24 East

In this article we will take a look at the challenges associated with transitioning from the old Matching Grant system to the new Global Grant system. Next month, we will focus on three specific areas where change was deemed to be necessary. And finally, we will examine a real-world example of a large project where the grant team was successful in making this transition.

Now that the first year of the New Grants Model (aka "Future Vision") is behind us, we are seeing that the model is producing larger and more robust international projects that are capable of sustaining themselves after Rotary support ends. Predictably, Rotary project managers — both staff and Rotarians — went through a steep learning curve and continue to struggle with the new grant requirements, particularly with projects in areas where we are experiencing ongoing extensions of multi-year programs.

The Problems

When Rotary transitioned from the Matching Grant program to the Global Grant program, it was the result of a sea change in thinking about how we deliver our services.

Under the old system, a grant application was essentially a shopping list. An international club (the club donating the services) would prepare a wish-list of items aimed at fixing some sort of problem in the area of the host club (the club receiving the service on behalf of its community). As long as the figures added up and the international district was willing to support the project, the Foundation would normally issue the grant. Subsequently, if the funds were used in accordance with the grant and were reported back to the Foundation, the grant would be closed with full approval. What could possibly go wrong?

Apparently, a lot. A study by the designers of Future Vision determined that fewer than half of the projects initiated by Rotary around the world were still generating benefits five years later. The study further showed that the two primary reasons for this massive failure were:

1. Lack of inclusion of local community members in the project planning, execution and maintenance; and
2. Lack of planning as to how the community would continue to be served after the project was completed.

The Solutions

When the New Grants Model was designed, it was clear that some changes were needed. These really came down to three issues:

1. Grants needed to focus on outcome rather than process.
2. Projects had to be guided by community need.
3. The concept of sustainability was to become the benchmark for success.

Next month we look more specifically at each of these three solutions and how the New Grants Model is rising to meet the challenges each represent. Stay tuned!



Are You a Subject Matter Expert?

The Rotary Foundation is always looking for professionals who are experienced in one or more of the areas of focus to serve on the Cadre of Technical Advisers.

The cadre are those Rotarian volunteers who serve as a resource to Rotarians who are planning and implementing projects, as well as advising



the Trustees as to the advisability and sustainability of a project when they review new grant applications.

Interested clubs and districts should contact their grants officer for a referral to a cadre member. Click [here](#) for that contact information.

Currently, The Foundation is especially in need of experts in water & sanitation and maternal & child health. We are also looking for Spanish speakers in North and Central America and volunteers from Asia and Africa.

Contact cadre@rotary.org if you or any experienced Rotarian you know is interested in volunteering for this service.

*Is a Top 10
Hero in
Your Club?*



On Sunday, December 7, 2014, CNN will air "CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute" at 8:00 ET. The stories of ten remarkable individuals and their extraordinary efforts to change the world will be shared.

For their contributions, each Hero will receive \$25,000, and one will be named CNN Hero of the Year!

That's this year. What about 2015? Is one of next year's CNN Heroes a Rotarian in your club?

Every year, CNN encourages each of us to share the story of a special person who is changing the world -- by nominating him or her to be a CNN Hero.

Taking a few minutes to share their story with CNN could propel your hero — and your club — to major media recognition and remarkable prize money.

Maybe someone's selflessness has directly impacted your life. Maybe you're awed by the work that a member of your Rotary Club is doing in your community or half-way around the world.

Nominations must be in the name of a single individual, who is at least 13 years of age, and whose accomplishment occurred (or continued) after November 1, 2014. Groups and organizations are ineligible for consideration. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

Go to www.cnnheroes.com for more information and the nomination form to recognize your Top 10 Hero!



Public Image

CNN Recognizes One of Rotary's Own

By Dave Clifton, Zone 32 Public Image Coordinator

The Zabuli Education Center, where more than 400 Afghani girls are earning an education, was founded by Afghan native Razia Jan. Razia was honored in 2012 as one of CNN Top 10 Heroes for her extraordinary dedication, determination and persistence to take on the challenge of building and managing a school for girls in Afghanistan. And her nomination highlighted the work of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, MA (District 7950) of which she is a proud member and past president!

Razia created the Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation so that her dreams for the Deh'Subz community outside of Kabul and the successes that have already been accomplished there will continue into the future.

The CNN Heroes competition is all about recognizing everyday people who are doing extraordinary things. They aren't necessarily seeking the spotlight, but they see a need



out there — and commit to making change and helping others. Razia Jan exemplifies this ideal. Her dedication and passion to educating Afghan schoolgirls is remarkable.

In the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks, Razia Jan sought a relevant project for the Rotary Club in her adopted hometown of Duxbury, MA, where she ran a small tailor/dry cleaner store. Because of her passion and commitment, the shop had become a hub of aid to Razia's homeland of Afghanistan.

When Razia learned of a historic former boys' school in the Afghan district of Deh'Subz that had been destroyed, she began plans to rebuild the school and refocus its mission to provide Afghan girls with a more promising future. Her goal became reality when the school opened in 2008.

The Zabuli Education Center provides an education on par with Western schools — for free. In Afghanistan, a school will not last long without community's support: a 2009 study by CARE found that schools built by NGOs with community participation are much less vulnerable to attack. That's why Razia worked tirelessly to gain the community's acceptance. Although villagers initially rejected the idea of a school for girls, today Razia is hailed by village elders — with whom she meets on a monthly basis — as the "Mother of Deh'Subz."

Three-quarters of the students who attend Zabuli come from families that cannot afford even public education. Through scholarships from the Ray of Hope Foundation, students receive a K-12 education, as well as uniforms, shoes, warm coats, and meals. And the organization's involvement guarantees that the quality of their education meets the standards set by the Foundation.

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Zone Institute 2014

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for Rotary!*



The Best of Both Worlds

By PDG Liz Cullen, 2015 Zone Institute Chair

The 2015 Zone Institute is going to be in Providence, Rhode Island, September 24-27, 2015. Having the Institute in Toronto in 2014 and then in Providence the following year is really the best of both worlds. Here's why:

The City Experience: Toronto is the fourth largest city in North America. The actual city is two hundred and forty square miles—a large city experience. Providence, one of the smallest cities in North America, is twenty-six square miles—a small city experience.

Getting There: Toronto is easy to get to by plane, train and car. Providence is easy to get to as well. By car, it's an hour from Boston and three hours from New York City—depending on the traffic. By plane, Green Airport is ten minutes from our hotel—depending on the traffic. By train, Providence Station is a five minute walk away—depending on how fast you walk.

Getting Around: Toronto has a great public transport system. Providence does as well—but you won't need it: you can walk everywhere!

Eating: Toronto has great restaurants. In 2012, *Travel and Leisure Magazine* named Providence the Number One city for food, drinks and restaurants.

Going Shopping: Toronto has the Shopping Path. With thirty kilometers of stores, it's the *largest* indoor mall in the world. Providence has the Providence Arcade. Built in 1828, it's the oldest indoor mall in North America.

Taking a Side Trip: There is a lot to see outside of Toronto. For example, my husband and I spent a lovely day at the beautiful Niagara on the Lake. Providence has a beautiful coastline which included the famous and fabulous city of Newport. It's less than an hour's drive away.



Enjoying the Culture: Like Toronto, Providence has a very diverse and multicultural population. Toronto has too many museums and universities to name and so does Providence. But I should mention that Providence has three of the most famous schools in the United States: Brown University, with its Ivy League status, Johnson and Wales University, famous for culinary arts, and the world famous Rhode Island School of Design.

They all have museums, two of them have restaurants and they are all within walking distance of the hotel.

The Iconic Event: Water Fire. Providence is famous for spectacular artistic and festive weekend events involving bonfires placed on its three rivers. Water Fire is the inspiration for next year's Zone Institute theme: **Get Fired up with Rotary!**

Please join us in Providence! To register, just follow this link: <http://zoneinstitute.net/register/>, and feel free to email me at: lizgcullen@yahoo.com



Rethinking the Rotary Calendar

At its October meeting, the RI Board of Directors modified Rotary's calendar of special observances to designate specific months to highlight the Areas of Focus. As a result, Rotary's special observances are:

January: Vocational Service
 February: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
 March: Water and Sanitation
 April: Maternal and Child Health
 May: Youth Services
 June: Rotary Fellowships
 July: Start of New Rotary Year
 September: Basic Education & Literacy
 October: Economic & Community Development
 November: The Rotary Foundation
 December: Disease Prevention and Treatment

Holiday Rush Got You Down?

There's an antidote to the buy-buy atmosphere of the holiday season: It's #GivingTuesday. On December 2, get in the holiday spirit by giving to those in need on #GivingTuesday.

Join the community of people making a difference in the world everyday by making your gift to The Rotary Foundation.

beyond BORDERS DINNER

Rotary International Zones 24 and 32



JOIN US!

When: June 5, 2015
 6:30pm - Beverages (including wine)
 7:00pm - Buffet Dinner

Where: Sao Paulo Hilton Morumbi
 Av. das Nacoes Unidas, 12901
 Sao Paulo, SP, 04578-000, Brazil
 TEL: +55-11-2845-0000
 (Location is Handicap Accessible)

Cost: \$75 for the first 200 People
 \$750 for a 10 person table
 \$99 after the first 200 paid registrants

Register Online at
<http://tinyurl.com/BBD2015>

Registrations will only be accepted through April 15, 2015.
 No entry at the door.
 Sorry, Brazil rules are different than the US and Canada
 (and this is a really great price)



24/32 Zone Dinner To Kick Off International Convention

Will you be part of the 2015 international convention in Sao Paulo this June? Check out the program at <http://www.riconvention.org>, and don't delay: Registration fees go up after December 15. Choosing a place to stay is also easier before the room blocks start to fill up closer to the convention. Canadian and American citizens need a visa — again, instructions are on the website. But remember: The visa will add to the time required to get ready to travel, especially if your passport needs pages and/or updating.

The Rotary International Convention, set for June 6-9, is a wonderful opportunity to learn of new Rotary projects, hear exceptional speakers, share ideas, and make friends from all over the world. You will also be able to explore a corner of Brazil at its best.

This year, we have the opportunity to renew friendships and make new ones on Friday, June 5, BEFORE the Convention actually starts on Saturday. Our two Zones will be getting together for fellowship, fun and a buffet dinner, Brazilian-style. The cost for the first 200 tickets is \$75 pp, including wine and soft drinks. After that, the price increases to \$99. So reserve now on the Zone website: <http://tinyurl.com/BBD2015>

Calendar of Events

December 12-13, 2014 — New Generations Meeting, Boxborough Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA. Celebrate the Future of Rotary as we share best practices, past successes and creative ideas. FMI: Carol Toomey, carolrotary@gmail.com.

January 5, 2015 — Webinar: Light Up Rotary E-clubs with RI President Gary Hang, live from Evanston. 3:00-4:00 PST. Space is limited, register to reserve your space; Click <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/868424456>; \$10 CDN fee.

January 17-19, 2015 — Past Officers Reunion, San Diego, CA. Come for the reunion and stay for the week as an observer during International Assembly. FMI: www.rotaryreunion.org.

January 18-24, 2015 — International Institute, San Diego, CA

March-April, 2015 — Spring semester, Rotary Leadership Institute. For dates and locations and to register, go to www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

Friday, June 5, 2015 — Beyond Borders Dinner, Sao Paulo Hilton Morumbi. 6:30 cocktails; 7:00 dinner. \$75 for first 200 registrants, then the price rises to \$99. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/BBD2015>. FMI: Carol Toomey, carolrotary@aol.com

June 6-9, 2015 — Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Register at riconvention@rotary.org. Learn about Host Organization Committee events at www.rotary2015saopaulo.br

September 21-27, 2015 — 2015 Zone 24-32 Institute, Providence, RI. "Get Fired Up for Rotary" at the Omni Providence Hotel, Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI. Registration is open: <http://rotaryzones24-32.org>. FMI: PDG Liz Cullen, Institute Chair, lizcullen@yahoo.com



Leadership

Meet Dean Rohrs, Future 24/32 Zone Director



The Nominating Committee has selected Dean Rohrs to be Zone 24/32 Director from 2016-18, following Director Julia. Following is her background and Rotary experience.

Dean, her husband Rhino, and their three children emigrated to Canada from South Africa 24 years ago. Dean grew up in Zambia and after marrying Rhino, lived in Malawi, Namibia and South Africa. Dean was born into a Rotary family and when Rhino joined Rotary in 1986 became an active "Rotary Ann" and then a Rotarian in District 9300 in 1989. On arriving in Vancouver, both Dean and Rhino joined the Rotary Club of West Vancouver and at present are members of the Rotary Club of Langley Central in District 5050.

Dean has had a varied career from the early days of being an operating room nurse on Professor Christiaan Barnard's first heart transplant team to running a nursery school in Malawi. Together with Rhino, they now own and manage a company that is involved in soil stabilization during road construction. Eight years ago, Dean realized a lifelong ambition when she received her qualifications in Game Guiding and Game Management. This culminated in a practical course that required her to become very familiar with the "Big 5." She is an accomplished artist and professional ceramicist and both she and Rhino have a passion for the wilderness and traveling to unspoiled places.

Dean has served on numerous District and Zone committees, including:

- ◆ 17 years of Youth Exchange leadership in both District 9300 and D-5040.
- ◆ Group Study Exchange Team Leader to New Zealand
- ◆ D-5040 GSE Chair
- ◆ D-5040 District Governor (2007-08)
- ◆ Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinator
- ◆ Rotary Coordinator Zone 24 West
- ◆ Pacific Northwest PETS Chair (2013)
- ◆ Co-Chair of the Zone 24/32 Institute (2011)
- ◆ Rotary Foundation Alumni Coordinator for Zone 24 West (2012-13)
- ◆ Council on Legislation Representative (2013)
- ◆ Workshop Leader/Facilitator at the Coordinator training (2013 and 2014)
- ◆ Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator for Zone 24 West (2013-17)

And now:

- ◆ Rotary International Director Nominee Zone 24/32 (2016-18)

Dean has been a moderator or workshop panelist at many International Conventions and a frequent Plenary speaker at District Conferences and Zone Institutes.

However, her best experience is leading teams of Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors to Africa and seeing how this volunteer experience changes their lives.

Dean Rohrs

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In Memoriam

Rotarian Leaders Remembered

The following Past District Governors from our two Zones were remembered at the Zone Institute memorial service in October. Their leadership will be missed, and their contributions to Rotary and our world not forgotten.

Gordon Christopher, DG 1976-77, District 504. Rotary Club of Vancouver, BC.

George Fisher, DG 1979-1980, District 7940. Rotary Club of Kemptville, ON.

Robert Darby, DG 1979-1980, District 7930. Rotary Club of Belmont, MA.

William J. Downey, DG 1980-1981, District 7950. Rotary Club of Osterville, MA.

Henry Brown, DG 1983-84, District 7910. Rotary Club of Pepperell, MA.

William T. Walsh, DG 1984-85, District 7450. Rotary Club of Ardmore, PA.

Duncan Lyall, DG 1988-89, District 7080. Rotary Club of Mississauga, ON.

William Adams, DG 1988-89, District 7930. Rotary Club of Haverhill, MA.

Emil "Duke" Faubert, DG 1990-91, District 7950. Rotary Club of Providence, RI.

Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr., DG 1990-19, District 7980. Rotary Club of Stamford, CT.



Richard Wagener



Jan McElroy



Avi Tilak



Sue Foley

Ernest Irvine, DG 1995-96, District 7010. Rotary Club of Barrie, ON.

Sam Hurvitz, DG 1995-96, District 7950. Rotary Club of Abington, MA.

Richard Knauff, DG 1996-97, District 7450. Rotary Club of Thorndale, PA.

Trevor J. Atkin, DG 1998-99, District 7820. Rotary Club of Avalon Northeast, NL.

Johannes "Jon" Olsen, DG 1998-99, District 7090. Rotary Club of Amherst East, NY.

Paul Osimo, DG 2001-02, District 7450. Rotary Club of Haverford Township, PA.

Nicholas Michals, DG 2005-06, District 7500. Rotary Club of Red Bank, NJ.

Bernie Carriere, DG 2007-08, District 5360. Rotary Club of Lethbridge, AB.

Richard Wagener, DG 2008-09, District 7410. Rotary Club of Harleysville, PA.

Janice McElroy, DG 2011-12, District 7870. Rotary Club of Henniker, NH.

Avi Tilak, DG 2012-13, District 7470. Rotary Club of Denville, NJ.

Sue Foley, DG 2013-14, District 5010. Rotary Club of Anchorage East, AK.