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"I am no longer afraid of being lost because the journey always reveals something new, and that is good for the artist." —Billy Joel

The year is nearly over. What a journey it has been for everyone! An exciting journey which leaves our Zones so much stronger and full of energy because of the team effort at every level. I hope that you have enjoyed your journey as much as I have.

I have been privileged to attend five District Conferences in the past two months. D-3272 in Lahore, Pakistan; D-3500 in Taipei, Taiwan; D-5040 and D-5060 in British Columbia, and D-7910 in Reno, Nevada.

It was such an adventure to share in these very different celebrations of Rotary families as they shared their stories, honoured their members, and had fun. Each one was completely different from the others. In Pakistan, Governor Mir Arif Ali met us with a cascade of rose petals and we so enjoyed the exotic colours of the national dress of Pakistan and the pomp and ceremony inherent in everything they did. In D-3500, we were greeted by 3000 participants, a huge venue and incredible entertainment performed by Rotarians from many of the clubs. At the District 5060 Conference in Kelowna, BC, we remembered and celebrated the life of Governor Vern Neilsen who left us in February after a very courageous fight against cancer. The D-5040 District Conference was held in spectacular Whistler, BC. Governor Lyn Stroshin has a passion for youth and the youth programs and we enjoyed the energy of the youth component. Lastly, the D-7190 conference was held at the Atlantis Resort and Casino in Reno, Nevada. Governor John Sullivan highlighted the successes of his clubs and Rotarians and paid homage to their contributions to their communities.

The differences in these District Conferences demonstrate the individuality of each area, the unique approaches that each leader has and the strength that this brings to our organization.

I hope I will see you all at the International Convention in Atlanta. Safe travels.

"If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." —African proverb

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Enjoy Atlanta via App

Get the most out of this year's Rotary convention with the Rotary Events app. Plan your daily schedule, learn about featured speakers and entertainment, download session hand-outs, and connect with friends. The app lets you:

- Navigate the convention venue and House of Friendship using interactive maps
- Share photos and updates in the activity feed
- Connect with new friends and potential project partners
- Rate sessions
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This latest app in the Rotary arsenal joins the club locator app which has been available for several years. You can search for clubs by keyword, country, state or province, district, and even meeting day. Or simply use the "Near me" feature to find clubs close to your current location.

Note that when you search for nearby clubs, the map won't display e-clubs. Use a keyword search to find information on e-clubs.

With this app you can:

- Display a club's location on a map
- Search for clubs by keyword
- Search for clubs within 1 to 100 miles of your physical location
- Save your search results
- Add a club to your contact list
- View club officer information (available only to Rotarians and Rotaractors)

Download it from: [Apple App Store \(iPhone and iPad\)](#); [Google Play \(Android\)](#) and the [App for Windows Phone Store](#)

Membership Matters

A Passport to Open Rotary Doors

District 5050 is developing a new club concept to make it easy for Rotarians who want to make a difference in their community to do so in a way that fits within their time, talent and finances, as well as with their family, work and life commitments — and do so through Rotary.

The founding principle of the Rotary Passport Club is to make Rotary fit the lifestyle of its members through an affordable dues structure and flexible — and infrequent — in-person meetings.

The Rotary Passport Club will hold only four "in-person" meetings each year. Instead of attending weekly meetings, members are encouraged to engage in humanitarian service — however that works best for them.

Rotary Passport Club members are full Rotarians, with the same privileges and rights as Rotarians in traditional clubs.

The new club provides its members with a "passport" to visit and work with any other Rotary Club in the world and to take part in activities, programs and projects that interest and engage you.



Who is Being Targeted for Membership?

- Former Rotary members who want to rejoin but don't want the commitment of a traditional club.
- Current or past members of the Rotary family, including Rotaractors and alumni of Rotary programs such as Scholarship or Group Study Exchange programs and youth programs.
- Young professionals and young families.
- Retirees who now have time and talent to give back.
- Anyone interested in doing good in this world.

The cost of membership is expected to be around \$120 USD per year, mostly to cover District and International dues — that's only \$10 per month!

A welcoming ceremony of new members will be held at each quarterly "in-person" meeting of the Rotary Passport Club.

For more information about District 5050's PassPort Club, contact Sean Hogan at shogan@buckleyhogan.com

Women Lead the Way

Women took the opportunity to join Rotary and they moved through the Rotarian ranks quickly. In 1990 there were 20,200 women Rotarians, and by 2010 that number had approached 200,000, where it remains.

In 1995, eight years after coeducation, and therefore the first full year of eligibility, eight women — all from the United States — became District Governors.

In 2005, our own Carolyn E. Jones, from District 5010, became the first woman appointed as Trustee of The Rotary Foundation. To date, she has been followed by four other women Trustees.

In 2008, Catherine Noyer-Riveau from France became the first woman elected to the RI Board of Directors. She has been followed by 11 other women, including our own Julia Phelps (District 7930) and Dean Rohrs (District 5040).

Anne Matthews was the first woman to serve as RI vice president; her term ran from 2013-14. Interestingly, women have made up a mighty preponderance of RI vice presidents since, with Celia Giay serving in that capacity in 2014-15; Jennifer Jones in 2016-17 and our own Dean Rohrs set to follow in 2017-18.

Today, women make up 15 percent of RI membership worldwide, and 22 percent of North American membership. Interestingly, Zones 24-32 beat the average with women in leadership: 44 percent of the 2016-17 Governors are women; that percentage will fall to 33 percent in Rotary year 2017-18, which is still far above the percentage of all Rotarians in Zones 24-32.

—Data from RI and the Rotary Global History Fellowship.



Membership Matters

A Celebration of the First 30 Years

By Julia Phelps, Past Director, Zones 24-32

Rotarians from all parts of Alaska as well as visitors from the mainland USA and Canada met in Sitka, Alaska, for the 2017 5010 District Conference. Governor Michelle O'Brien took the opportunity to celebrate 30 years of women in Rotary, and past director Julia Phelps' speech provided a lesson in history ... and how far we have come!



As long as there have been Rotary Clubs, women have been involved in some way, some form, some fashion. Most Rotarians don't expect to hear that statement when the speech is about "women in Rotary." But it's true.

At the first Rotary convention, in 1910, there was a rumor of a woman's auxiliary in the Los Angeles Club. The club president responded, "Never has been and probably never will be." A Kansas City Rotarian replied, "I think it is hard enough to handle 200-300 men without having anything to do with ladies." Media — newspapers — had a field day with those statements.

In 1911, the Minneapolis Women's Rotary Club met to promote sociability among business women. And in 1912, a woman addressed the RI Convention regarding the topic of forming Rotary clubs for women. The Board of Directors repeatedly said "no" to every request that came before them for the formation of women's clubs.

Not to be deterred, in 1921, Women of the Rotary Club of Chicago was created. However, its membership was limited to wives, daughters, sisters and mothers of Rotarians.

The story of women in Rotary that we are all familiar with is the one involving the Rotary Club of Duarte, CA, and their admittance of three women in 1978. That simple act started a series of action by the RI Board and the club that eventually ended with a U.S. Supreme Court decision. On May 4, 1987, in a unanimous 7-0 decision, the Court said Rotary couldn't discriminate against women. The RI Board took action and said they wouldn't enforce the "male only" provision of the club constitution and in 1989 the Council on Legislation removed all language related to male only members.

In my own Rotary journey, I have had women of action take me under their wings, women who gave me opportunities, who challenged me, who picked me up when I fell, who took me aside and shared their perspectives and observations.

Here we are, 112 years later; 30 of those years with women as members. The organization hasn't imploded or dissolved. Many men would tell you that we are a stronger organization because women have been involved. And I would contend that Rotary's brightest days are ahead of us as we continue to serve humanity and make a difference.

Come to a special Women in Rotary event in Atlanta: Tuesday, June 13 at 5:00 p.m. at the Carter Presidential Center. Info and tickets: www.goo.gl/2c7iFk

Next Generation

RYLE: Rotary Youth Leadership Experience



District 5370 has created a program that involves “youth leading youth.” The counselors and those planning the event were Rotaractors from our District, ages 19 to 22.

We had 73 campers in attendance ages 14 to 17. The campers included Interactors and other high school students who are looking for leadership programs. Five of our inbound exchange students and 12 of our outbound 2017-18 youth exchange students were also involved.

Sessions were focused on leadership, team building, conflict resolution, and included group work and experiential learning; outdoor activities included zip lining, rock climbing, and more.

We are working hard to ensure that our youth programs are as inclusive as possible: We had a camper who relies on a wheel-chair. Everyone worked to make sure she was included in every activity.

It truly was inspiring being a part of RYLE 2017 watching our campers grow and learn from each other and the leadership team.

--Tamara Larson, District 5370 Youth Services Chair



Kohler and Rotary Partner to Provide Clean Water

By Bob Chagrasulis, Rotary Club of Farmington, District 7790

Clubs in District 7810 (New Brunswick, parts of Quebec and Maine) are working with the Kohler Company to install water filters in the Dominican Republic. A Global Grant is funding an installation of 1560 filters, and involves a local installation team and laboratory located at the Good Samaritan Hospital, La Romana, Dominican Republic.

Rotary International has been deeply involved in humanitarian efforts in the eastern Dominican Republic for many years, including WASH projects and biosand filter installations. Though resorts in Punta Cana have made the region a primary tourist destination, most of the eastern DR (La Romana) is still heavily invested in sugar production, and immigrant Haitian workers provide much of the labor. The villages of the sugar plantations — “bateys” — are communities of great poverty and need. The sugar cane cutters and their families need potable water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, schools, and basic health care. This grant focuses on the availability and sustainability of clean water for this population.

The Kohler Company has developed a filter designed for use in areas where water is contaminated by microbiological agents, primarily bacteria and parasites. The design meets World Health Organization water quality standards and filters up to 2 liters/hour, or 40 liters/day. The filters have been tested extensively in the laboratory and in the field. They have been shown to be substantially less expensive than more widely used plastic biosand filters and offer improved quality of water purification.

Kohler engineer Tim White accompanied me to the DR in 2014 to visit the bateys and to show initial designs of the filter to the women who would be potential recipients of the final filter. The women were asked their opinion on the design and —

importantly — whether they would use this filter in their home.

Today, three years later, the Water Filter Team is well established at the Good Samaritan Hospital, and more than 6000 biosand filters have been installed. The cost of these filters is paid

by visiting volunteer teams — U.S. church, university and medical groups, hospitals, the Peace Corps, other NGOs, and visiting Rotary teams. The cost includes the price of the filter at the U.S. source, shipping to the DR, education/training to use the filter by the recipient family, and installation expenses. It also pays the salaries of health and water promoters in the bateys and laboratory water testing. This expense model helps provide sustainability.



Water and sanitation conditions change on the bateys; water sources are varied in the countryside — some water comes directly from wells and other water is piped in from neighboring communities.

One very significant factor in the Dominican water supply — instituted since the cholera outbreak in Haiti several years ago — has been the intermittent chlorination of water at its source on the bateys. This chlorination can have an over-

whelming and detrimental effect on the bacteria of the functioning biosand filters. The efficacy of the Kohler filter in removing microbiologic agents is unaffected by chlorination.

Laboratory water testing — as a part of an ongoing quality assurance program — is imperative. The success of new filter installations can be assessed by water source testing (pre-filter) and filter water (post-filter) laboratory examination for microbiologic contamination.

Our work continues! And so does our work with Kohler, which is looking to partner with Rotarians to do more to provide clean water in developing nations around the world.

We Conquered Kilimanjaro!

By Assistant Governor Raffy Chouljian, District 7070

Working together, Rotary WILL conquer polio.

As the sun came up last June 25, three Rotarians from the Toronto Don Mills Club in District 7070 — Jennifer Boyd, president of the club and chair of District 7070's World Polio Day; Ryan Fogarty, member of the club; and me, Raffy Chouljian, District 7070 Assistant Governor — reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. It was the culmination of a year of planning, training and fundraising. We conquered Kilimanjaro and in doing so, raised \$500,000 to help Rotary International eradicate polio. Here is the story of our climb:

Day 1: We are all excited to get going. In addition to our training, each member of our team had purchased almost \$5,000 in gear for this climb. We felt ready to conquer the mountain. About halfway up, a 12-year-old girl passed us wearing a dress and flip flops.

Day 2: It's only our second day, and I am already feeling tired. I am so focused on where I place every step that I don't really see my surroundings. I ask Jennifer (facetiously), "Why are we doing this?" With no hesitation, she replies, "Do you recall that two-week-old girl I held and vaccinated in India last year?" After that, I focus on the image of Jennifer holding that baby girl, and of our 1,000 donors who supported us back home. I am determined not to let anyone down.

Climbing Kilimanjaro is not just a physical challenge, it is also very much a mental challenge. The challenge is to not quit, and to push your body and pursue your goal. It is a true test of willpower. Our inspiration — Conquer Kilimanjaro, Conquer Polio — is so strong that there is no quitting for anyone on our team.

Day 3: We woke up to the sight of majestic Mount Kilimanjaro. We had camped above the clouds, at 3600 metres, and were seeing the peak for the first time. We were energized. Our goal was within reach.

Day 4: After hiking for five exhausting hours, we reach the base camp. The altitude started to affect me today and I couldn't eat. We "slept" for a couple of hours before starting our final ascent at 11:30 p.m.

Day 5: We start our longest day — in the dark, each of us wearing a headlamp. I focus on the pair of boots in front of me. It's cold. Windy. Our pace is glacial: one half-step at a time. We finally reach the first peak at dawn. Our guides take our picture, high-five us and ask if we want to continue or return down the mountain. We continue, and in another two hours we reach the true summit. This climb was the steepest we had encountered. It's probably best that we climbed in the dark. Less intimidating.

We are happy to have reached the summit, but so exhausted that it is anti-climactic. Our bodies are oxygen-deprived, and we are desperate to get back down as soon as possible.

Ryan, however, has one more thing to do before we began our descent. To everyone's surprise, he pulls out his flashlight and re-

moves a ring he had kept hidden there all week. He drops down on one knee and proposes to Jennifer. After she says yes, Ryan quips, "Sweetheart, it's all downhill from here."

Believe it or not, descending is not easier than ascending. The entire way up, you are focused on the pair of boots in front of you, carefully watching every step you take, too afraid to look around. Coming down is more painful. Our muscles scream from the lack of oxygen. The soles of our feet hurt with every step. We need to climb halfway back down the mountain today — 16 hours of hiking. By the end of the day, we'd walked approximately 30 kilometres, half of them in bitter-cold, sub-zero temperatures.

Day 6: I was able to eat again, which was good, since we still had seven hours of hiking ahead to get back to the base. I'm wincing with every step. Our guides ask me several times if I want them to carry my pack. They offer to get me a jeep to drive me the rest of the way back down the mountain. I decline both. I am determined to complete this challenge on my own.

And I did.

To donate, visit our website www.conquerpolio.org or Rotarians may wish to donate directly to Rotary International, <http://www.endpolio.org/donate>, to qualify for Paul Harris credits and simply let us know the amount of the donation.



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Foundation Centennial



How the First \$120 Million Was Raised

Excerpts from “Doing Good in the World,” the history of The Rotary Foundation written by our own District Governor Dave Forward, are appearing in this space to help celebrate the Centennial of The Rotary Foundation. This month’s excerpt, from page 126 and following, tells the story of the 1988 International Convention when Rotary met its initial \$120 million challenge to combat polio.

More than 16,000 Rotarians from every continent jammed into the Philadelphia Convention Center on 24 May 1988. While they enjoyed the entertainment and workshops and inspiring speakers, every single attendee had one question on his or her mind: “Did we make it?” The cavernous hall was ringed with large white unlit lights bulbs. ...

[Walter] Maddocks [chair of the fundraising campaign] began calling the names of each of the 44 national committees around the world. ... A huge cheer reverberated through the convention center after the 43rd national committee’s report came in: Canada, with a goal of \$4,211,000, had far surpassed that and reported \$7,323,524. Forty-three of the 44 national chairs had reported in. There was only one left. Had the United States been able to raise the remaining \$20 million to reach the \$120 million goal?

The tension was palpable, the silence absolute as Maddocks announced ... “They [the USA PolioPlus Campaign Committee], with a goal of \$78 million, have exceeded that goal and raised \$119,186,869 — we’re over goal!”

People could hardly believe they had heard the correct number. But every one of the lights was flashing, setting off firecrackers on stage. Fifteen thousand balloons dropped from the ceiling as a marching band paraded into the hall. Everybody was clapping and hugging and screaming and dancing in the aisles and embracing one another — and more than a few tears were shed.

By the time late-reporting clubs and unconfirmed contributions came in, the PolioPlus campaign had raised \$247 million. Rotary not only had met but had doubled the commitment it made to world leaders in October 1985.

The result stunned everybody in the nongovernmental organization and charitable fields. No doubts remained at Rotary’s partner agencies about Rotary’s ability to muster its members to deliver on their promises to humankind.

International Service

Long-Term Relationship Transforms Lives in Honduras

By Linda Gilbert, Rotary Club of Charlotte-Shelburne, District 7850

Through 13 years of service trips, Hands to Honduras-Tela (H2HT) has provided significant service to the Tela community. We have developed good relationships because we come with a defined agenda and complete our promises. That makes all the difference — and led to many successful humanitarian projects.

This year, 47 H2HT volunteers, including all age groups, traveled to Honduras. They are community members and Rotarians from Charlotte-Shelburne, VT, and Burlington, VT, in District 7850 and beyond. The following stories reflect few of the many ongoing projects.

Learning Environment

The director of "Tres de Octubre" school asked for our help. He had 38 students in 8th and 9th grades who did not have their own classrooms. These students were currently sitting in with lower level grades. They asked if we would build two classrooms and two latrines.

We agreed to construct a divided 15' x 30' cement block building and two latrines. H2HT volunteers worked to construct the school this past February alongside local masons and parents. We also applied for and received a District 7850 Grant specifically to help pay for the 38 desks. The desks were ordered in December, 2016, from a factory in San Pedro Sula.

We soon learned why it is important to be on top of all project details. We were notified a week prior to our departure that the desks were completed, and payment needed to be wired to Honduras — a project that proved to be more complicated than it should have been. The mayor of Tela had offered to send a truck the following day to San Pedro Sula to pick up the desks and deliver them to the school. That morning we received a call saying we needed to meet the truck at the gas station to pay to fuel it. We watched the fuel go into the tank and signed a paper as witness. Transparency in negotiations is required.

When the truck arrived at the school, we carried the desks to a prepared storage area. The classrooms will be completed by the time you read this article!

Great Expectations!

Expectant Mothers Center. This was our first pediatric project back in 2010. The center has 10 beds, two bathrooms, two showers, laundry area and kitchen. So far, over 2,600 expectant women and new mothers (whose baby is in the NICU) have stayed in the Center.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. While building the Center, we were shown a very small room that was being used as a NICU. It



didn't take long to get an acceptable design that met the needs of the doctors and nurses and approval by Honduras engineers. Mothers can now be in the NICU to nurse and see their babies. Over 3,000 babies are born each year at the Tela Hospital, and the NICU is saving the lives of the most vulnerable.

New Mother Educational Center. We located a space where we could create a room for educating new mothers. We constructed walls, added a door and installed air conditioning. We purchased a TV and DVD player and brought educational CDs in Spanish on nursing, nutrition, infant care and birth control. The room accommodates 15 new mothers at a time for class sessions or for private consultation with a doctor or nurse.

Pediatric Ward Renovation. During our most recent mission trip this past February, we totally renovated the pediatric wards and bathrooms. We replaced broken fixtures, added new furnishings, painted walls with colorful murals, and added shower curtains!

Medical Exchange Project. Two NICU nurses from University of Vermont Medical Center traveled with us to Tela. They spent one week working in and observing the NICU and other departments at Tela Hospital. The needs assessment that they produced is essential in enabling us to meet future equipment needs. In August, two Tela Hospital doctors and the head NICU nurse will observe and attend training sessions at UVM Med Center.

H2HT is very grateful for the financial and enthusiastic support of these internationally significant accomplishments — thank you to our friends, families, communities, Rotary clubs, private foundations and special event fundraisers!

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Public Image

Doggie Day Offers Terrific Exposure

By Dan Ceglia, Zone 32 Public Image Coordinator

Brick Township Rotary Club, in District 7500 in Southern New Jersey, is going to the dogs! Well, not really, but for the last eight years they've been holding a "Dogfest." So you ask, "What the heck is a Dogfest?"

It's a community day dedicated to man's best friend — and who doesn't love their dogs? Dogs of all sizes and shapes — and their people — come together to play, compete and celebrate.

The event, held each September, and attracts as many as 1500 participants with their dogs and a total attendance of approximately 2500 people. Club members get the word out with posters in businesses, radio ads and local TV channels. They've learned to utilize various media to their advantage.

Admission is by donation of \$5 per adult; children are free. Upwards of 40 vendors sell refreshments and snacks as well as doggie items including homemade treats, clothing and almost anything dog related. Other vendors from the community — including contractors and retailers — pay an exhibit fee to participate.

Contests galore: Prizes for who looks most like their dog, which dog has the prettiest face and any number of special categories, all of which are designed to give the participants a sense of pride and joy from their best friend.

Demonstrations by seeing-eye dogs and the local K-9 patrols are always a crowd favorite. The local animal shelter shows up with cute, cuddly, adoptable pets for all those interested. The day is topped off with a special St. Francis Blessing given by local clergy for our animal friends.

The neat thing about this public event is that so many people in the community participate — this translates into tremendous exposure for Rotary throughout the community. The proceeds — last year they reached \$16,000 — are returned to the community, which is invited to recommend charities through an application that is available on the Rotary Club's website. Examples are grants to the YMCA and community sponsored events.

The real winner here is the Rotary Club of Brick Township and how this event has elevated its public image in the eyes of the community.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, June 11, 2017 — Beyond Borders Dinner, Atlanta Aquarium. **SOLD OUT!**

June 10-14, 2017 — 2017 Rotary International Convention, Atlanta, GA. FMI: www.riconvention.org.

October 16-22, 2017 — Zone Institute, Hartford, CT. <http://bit.ly/2017zone>.

November 11, 2017: Rotary UN Day. *Please note that activities that normally take place on this day in New York City will take place in Geneva this year.*

January 14-20, 2018 — International Assembly, San Diego, CA.

February 9-11, 2018 — Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Environmental Sustainability, Vancouver, BC. <https://environmentandpeace.com/>

February 17 — Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Beirut, Lebanon.

Feb 22-24 — Mid-Atlantic PETS, Valley Forge Casino Resorts, King of Prussia, PA.

February 24—Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Disease Prevention and Treatment, Coventry, England

Feb 23-25— Pacific Northwest PETS, DoubleTree Hotel, Seattle, WA.

Mar 8-10 — Northeast PETS, Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center, Framingham, MA. www.nepets.org

March 17—Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Economic and Community Development, Sydney, Australia

March 23-24 — Mid-Northeast PETS, Hanover Marriott, Whippany, NJ.

April 28—Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Maternal and Child Health, Taranto, Italy

June 2 — Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on Basic Education and Literacy, Chicago, IL

June 24-27, 2018 — RI Convention, Toronto. *Register for \$295 from June 10-14, 2016, at www.riconvention.org.*

September 20-22, 2018 — Zone Institute 2017, Montreal.

Zone Institute

Calling ALL Rotarians In Zones 24 & 32

This year at the Zone Institute in Hartford, CT, we are offering all Rotarians the opportunity to join their Zones 24 & 32 Leadership Team and the Hartford Rotary Club for a very special luncheon in the ballroom of the Connecticut Convention Center on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 11:30 am.

Guests at this luncheon will have the exciting opportunity to hear an address from incoming RI President Ian Riseley as well as from Sylvia Whitlock, the very first woman President of a Rotary Club in the world. They will also have the chance to learn from a panel of Senior Rotarians including President Ian and our Zones 24-32 Director Dean Rohrs.

The luncheon costs only \$45/person, with a choice of cod or roasted chicken.

Attendees can also stay for the afternoon breakout sessions and the afternoon plenary session featuring RI General Secretary John Hewko for an additional fee of only \$10/person.

Those wishing to attend must register in advance at <http://bit.ly/2017ZoneLunch>.

Here is the Preliminary Agenda for the afternoon.

12:00 pm Lunch — Speakers include President Ian Riseley and PDG Sylvia Whitlock

1:45 pm Breakout sessions

3:15 pm Plenary session with RI Executive Secretary John Hewko

For those who plan to attend the entire Institute, remember, **registration rates GO UP on July 1**, so get your registration in at: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/SitePage/2017-hartford-institute-zones-24-32>. Also, anyone who registered in advance but still owes registration money will be sent a bill before the due date of July 1.



Photos, top to bottom: Ian Riseley, Sylvia Whitlock, Dean Rohrs, John Hewko

Sold Out!

Festivities at the Atlanta Convention kick off with the Beyond Borders dinner set for Sunday evening at the Georgia Aquarium.

That dinner is sold out!

Please note: THERE WILL BE NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR. Although we understand that “scalped” tickets might be out there, please do not extend an invitation to others to join you at the dinner if they haven’t purchased tickets in advance!

Also please note: Your ticket to our dinner does NOT include admission to the rest of the Aquarium.

If you would like to tour the Aquarium — either before the dinner or at any time during your stay in Atlanta — you may purchase specially discounted tickets at <http://www.georgiaaquarium.org/rotary2017>



Our Bags are Packed ...

Reserve your special, limited-edition 2017 Beyond Borders Dinner souvenir luggage tag!

Each special souvenir luggage tag is only US\$10. Reserve yours now — only 300 are available. Don’t be disappointed.

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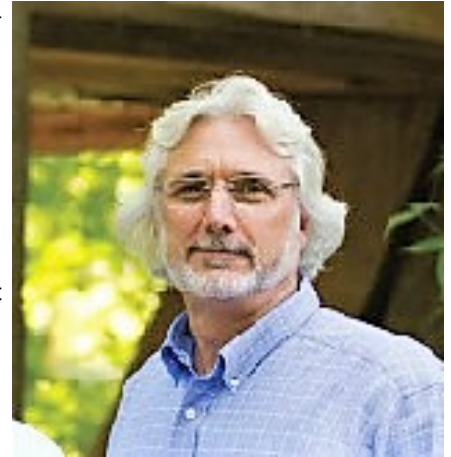
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Jeffry's Journey

“Past” Means: Just Getting Started

This month is the final month for our Club Presidents and District Governors as you finish a year-long journey of leadership in your respective roles.

Next month you will add “Past” to your title. That said, it is not, we hope, the end of your leadership in our organization. Many opportunities become available and more leadership doors open for Past Presidents and Past District Governors. The fact is: Our organization depends on your continued engagement. It is the experiences you have gained and the lessons you have learned this year that make you such a valuable asset to all of us as we continue on our adventure in Service together. The contributions you can make in your new role as “Past” are vital to Rotary’s future as an organization as we continue to strive for world understanding and peace.



There are those within your own personal Rotary family whose shoulders you stood on to reach the assignment you are now completing. They mentored you. They were role models for you in your personal growth and development. Now is an opportunity for you to pay that forward. Passing the baton to your successor affords you the opportunity to lend your shoulders for them to stand on. Your support can be pivotal in allowing your successor to build on your accomplishments.

As for me, I have much to do before adding “Past” to my current assignment. On July 1, I merely transition from “nominee” to “elect.” But as I — and my Rotary peers — move through this subtle transition in title, I speak for them in saying we thank each of you who have served this year. We welcome you to the sorority and fraternity of “Pasts.” (We sincerely hope that for you that doesn’t translate into PASTure as in being put out to pasture.) And we look forward to following your journey in your next assignment.

For me, in this month of baton passing, I am especially grateful to our current Director, Dean Rohrs, for her mentoring this year. Dean, I look forward to working with you as you get closer to adding “Past” to your new title of Rotary International Vice President. Thank you for being inclusive in your role as Director. On behalf of all of us throughout our two Zones, we truly appreciate you.

—Jeffry Cadorette, Zone 24-32 Director nominee
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After Atlanta: Toronto!

While all eyes are currently set to Atlanta, it’s not too soon to start thinking about NEXT year’s Convention which will be on our own Zone turf! Registration opens June 10 with a special promotional rate of \$295 that continues until June 14. Take advantage of this special deal: www.riconvention.org.

