

# Rotary International Zones 24-32

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### Involved & Engaged in OUR Rotary Foundation

It's November in the Rotary world and we all know that means it's Foundation month. As I travel around Zones 24 and 32, I get introduced by many people and it's always interesting to hear what they have to say. Recently, I was characterized as "being passionate about our Foundation." On the drive home I thought about that comment and wondered, isn't every Rotarian passionate about our Foundation? And the more I thought about it I realized that the answer, unfortunately, is "no." Then I wondered, how come I became passionate while others didn't. I came to the conclusion that that my passion came about because of involvement and engagement.

As a fairly new Rotarian, I was asked if I would be a host for an Ambassadorial Scholar. The commitment was something I could handle with my work schedule; attend an introductory training, meet the student and give them their first check (people are always happy to see you when you have money for them), invite them to Rotary activities, host them for Thanksgiving dinner, remind them to complete their first report and make sure they attended the District Conference. That was the beginning of many wonderful friendships with young scholars from around the world. And of course, within a few years I was coordinating all of the inbound scholar placements in the district.

And then before I knew it, there was a group from Australia at our club who were participating in something called a Group Study Exchange. Could I help find the teacher in the group a few schools to visit and classrooms to observe? Of course I could, and this led to hosting groups from the Philippines, the Netherlands, India, Brazil, South Africa, and England to name a few.

In a few days I will be in Manila, Philippines and as part of that trip I will be reconnecting with four elementary teachers from District 3770 who participated in our first Vocational Training Team that focused on science teaching methods. These teachers spent a month in classrooms, museums (as seen in the picture at the Seacoast Science Center) and computer labs where they learned hands-on techniques that they could take back to their schools. I'm going to have the privilege of seeing them in action, in their schools with their students and colleagues. I can't wait to report back on the impact they are having their country.

As I think back it was through my relationships with Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange members and Vocational Training Teams that I came to know our Foundation. And during this involvement, my focus was on the implementation of the programs, not on the funding of the programs. I'm sure I knew that funding came from our Foundation but I wasn't involved in all of the details. However, as my involvement increased my desire to give and to understand "how" things were funded increased. The end result was giving whenever and however I could (can) became a priority in my life.

So as we think about November as Foundation month, let's move beyond asking for money and just telling Rotarians what our programs do; let's involve and engage our members in our Foundation. I believe that the end result will Rotarians who are passionate about our Foundation and who want to **Be a Gift to the World and Give a Gift to the World** through our Rotary Foundation!

—Talia

### Regional Membership Officer

We all know that membership matters, and right now it matters more than ever! Recently, the Rotary International Board approved a three-year pilot program for a regional membership staffing team, including Regional Membership Officers (RMOs).

While based in Evanston, each officer has a defined geographical territory where they will work with Zone, District and club level volunteers to en-



sure continued growth and retention of Rotary's greatest asset, our members.

In July, Emily Whitmer was named the Regional Membership Officer for Zones 24 & 32.

Emily holds an M.A. from Michigan State University in Education and a B.A. from Alma College in Psychology and Women's & Gender Studies.

Emily joined the Rotary family in 2014 as the Visitor Coordinator. In this position she had the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with Rotarians from all over the world, providing logistical support for Rotary meetings, and coordinating tours of One Rotary Center in seven different languages.

In her new role as the Regional Membership Officer, Emily will work to support the core objectives of Rotary's Strategic Plan, which are: to increase club awareness and use of key Rotary resources, help clubs increase in diversity of club membership, support overall club growth, and help improve club retention.

Don't be surprised to see Emily at a membership event near you—she will be traveling to directly support membership development initiatives. If you would like to share information about an upcoming membership event in your area or have membership related questions, please reach Emily at Emily.whitmer@rotary.org

### Membership Matters

### A New Club Knows the Importance of Family Values

By Diane Chantler, Charter President and D-6330 Governor-elect

Chartered on May 30, 2014 in St. Thomas, Ontario, a city known for its rich railroad history, the St. Thomas Railway City Rotary Club began with a Club motto, "Community Volunteers Steaming Ahead," and an emphasis on fun.

The Railway City Rotary Club is an afterhours club that meets from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at a local restaurant. There is no meal served, but drinks are available, and members are encouraged to stay for fellowship after meetings. Railway City Rotary Club currently has 24 members, ranging in age from 37 to 83, and including both brand-new and seasoned Rotarians.

The St. Thomas Railway City Club, the newest Club in District 6330, always includes their family in Rotary. The Rotary "kids" participate in hands-on service projects including cooking meals for the homeless shelter, packing boxes for Christmas Care and helping at the Railway City Road Races for the local hospital. They also participated in the Club's recent talent show and are always welcome at Club meetings. In September, the kids performed the Village People hit "YMCA" in full costumes at a Rotary picnic. Special thanks to club member Eleanor Robson for her choreography on this dance number.

These are our future Rotarians!



In the Club's first 18 months, members came together to find the fun and fellowship that drives everything that Railway City Rotary does. Club members, volunteers, and their families have gathered to assist the local community with projects including preparing and serving meals at a homeless shelter, providing a Christmas meal for single mothers, assisting the local hospital via volunteering at the Railway City Road Races, staffing craft booths for children to raise funds for charities like Easter Seals, holding a "purple pinky" meeting, a community Christmas event, talent night, providing dictionaries for ESL students, and more. Whew!

Club members have involved their children in Rotary and have created an informal Railway City Rotary Kids Division that actively participates in both "hands on" service projects, and fundraising (see photo above).



Let's not forget about The Rotary Foundation. In its first official year, the club achieved Every Rotarian Every Year recognition. It also earned the Presidential Citation and the RI Significant Achievement Award.

Please "like" St Thomas Railway on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/strcrc

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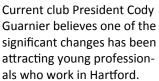
### Membership Matters

### **Finding the Courage to Change**

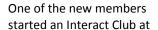
By Eileen Rau, Zone 32 Assistant Rotary Coordinator

The old adage, "times have changed," rings true for smaller clubs and sometimes for big city clubs as well. The Hartford Rotary Club reached its centennial in 2011. At one time it had 350 members with a paid staff person and included the movers and shakers in the city. Then the Hartford economy changed. Banks were bought out or merged. Many of the insurance companies that once made Hartford their home left the city. Companies stopped covering dues and meals, did not want their employees leaving the office during the day and were more concerned with their bottom lines than community service. At the club, membership began to fall. By 2009, the club was looking at the possibility of merging with a suburban club. During the last few years, however, the club has started to grow and is now moving in a different direction.

Past President Judith Green explains that the club had to think of itself as a small club, not as the large club they used to be. It had to move from being a check-writing club into a club that is service oriented. The club began to promote itself in the local business journal and in *ITowns*, a local online edition of the daily newspaper. Past President Stephen Vaughan has also been very aggressive in attracting new members, via personal outreach and a buddy system. These techniques have yielded results.



"We have worked to rebrand our inner-city Rotary as a networking group that serves a higher purpose than networking itself."





 $\mbox{Eileen Rau (far right) at an induction ceremony at the Hartford RC. } \\$ 

Capital Community College and two Rotaract Clubs, one at CCC and one at the University of Hartford. Every Rotaractor is mentored by a Rotary Club member in the same or similar field. The Rotaractors work alongside Hartford Rotarians when they work at a community soup kitchen. This ongoing service project is a new concept for the club, which traditionally was a check-writing organization. Not only are the Rotaract clubs a great way to involve the next generation, it has also turned into a membership tool as well: Several Rotaractors joined the club after graduation!

In 2012 the club had 21 members. On June 30, 2015, the club had 34 members Growth has been slow, but steady. The club's membership had historically been on the older side, so in this period of growth it also lost a number of long-time members to illness and retirement. Right now it is building the next generation of the club, and the average age has dropped considerably. What is behind this success story?

- Strategic planning and rethinking the club's identity
- Using the available media to promote the club.
- ♦ Starting Interact and Rotaract Clubs to reconnect club members and to provide a source of new members.
- Following Rotary's motto, Service Above Self.

What does it all boil down to? It was the courage to change.

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# Celebrating a Club Centennial in Ontario ...

What's the correct way to celebrate a club's centennial? London, Ontario, did so by hosting then-RI President Gary Huang and Corinne amid a weekend of celebrations that included the entire community (as well as District 6330).

To showcase Rotary's commitment to service, the club selected 11 projects to highlight during the anniversary — eight local and three international. With the support of other area clubs,

generous donors and the London club foundation, over \$200,000 was raised to finance the projects. The signature centennial project proved to be a 14-foot-diameter clock showcasing the Rotary logo and mounted at Rotary Square in Covent Garden Market, downtown London.

After months of preparation, the weekend began. The community "lit up Rotary" with 150 red hockey jerseys, worn by all at a local game. During the first intermission, Rotary celebrated youth with Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange and other youth scholars who appeared on the ice with President Gary and were saluted by the over 9000 fans in attendance.



#### 2015 Centennial Clubs

Atlantic City, NJ, District 7640
Easton, PA, District 7430
Haverhill, Mass, District 7930
Lancaster, PA, District 7390
London, Ontario, District 6330
Portland, Maine, District 7780
Springfield, Mass, District 7890

On Saturday, President Gary and Corinna officially opened the Fanshawe Pioneer Village display of 100 years of Rotary in London and the surrounding area. Over the past two years, local clubs collected artifacts including an original iron lung which was used in the early stages of the polio epidemic. The goal is to preserve the artifacts and materials in a storefront Rotary office in the Village.

Later the same day, over 350 guests gathered at the London Convention Centre for a spectacular gala evening. Attendees were welcomed by a number of Rotarians in period dress representing members and associates of the first club in 1915. During the evening, Major Donors from District 6330 were recognized.

#### ... and Another Club Centennial in Maine

The Portland Club in District 7780, the oldest (and second largest) U.S. club north of Boston, started planning for its 2015 centennial about three years ago. At that time, the club recognized its leadership role in New England, and stepped up its commitment to The Rotary Foundation. In 2014-15, the club's Annual Fund donations reached \$20,000 or \$179 per capita, a significant record in a club of 120 members. How did the club accomplish this? "We asked," is the answer.

The Portland club is celebrating its Centennial with three multiyear initiatives:

**Community projects.** This includes creation of a Centennial Monument/Clock in downtown Portland, as well as raising \$100,000 to combat childhood hunger and promote education in the city. It also includes renewed emphasis on the club's long-time commit-

ment in La Romana, Dominican Republic.

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**Increased membership engagement** (and a friendly competition to beat the membership numbers of nearby Portsmouth Club in New Hampshire).

**Preparing for the Club's future by honoring its past:** Portland's centennial year kicked off with a harbor cruise to "return to Jewell Island." Jewell was the site of a signature service project from 20 years ago, when the club created camping space, cleaned the beaches, and turned Jewell into a jewel along the Maine coastline.

All that, plus a Centennial Gala, which took place in September, featuring period costumes (see photo of Governor Sheila Rollins and Club President Bowen Depke at left), a swing dance instructor, and a keynote by U.S. Senator Angus King.

### What Do Recipients Want?

The involvement of local women in Self-Help Groups was vital to the success of the Maharashtra project from beginning to end.

The 15 villages selected for the project had had water projects completed in prior years under the leadership of women's self-help groups. For the Rotary project, the women's groups — along with village leadership — were asked to make a commitment to undertake integrated development activities under the different objectives of the grant.

The self-help groups came together with specific objectives, including:

In many villages, the women's group

asked interested villagers to allocate land for the toilet and make a 30 percent cost-share payment. In this way, they were instrumental in convincing the villagers that Rotary was there to

give a "hand-up" to those who were willing to participate and not a "handout" to all.

The women's groups secured the villagers' agreement to maintain the community solar panels and to collect the initial 20 percent cost of installation of the lights or solar lanterns.

During the children's nutrition program, women's groups organized the trainees who learned how to make the nutritional supplements and then distributed these supplements to the children. The Rotary project funded the training and the materials for the nutritional supplements.

After being trained to raise plant nurseries, several groups took up the idea and raised nurseries themselves. Grant monies provided the starter seeds, and the nurseries were tended until saplings could be sold at market.

—Sanjay Deshpande

### Foundation Facts

#### The Power of Self-Determination

By Sanjay Deshpande, Waschusett Area Rotary Club Foundation Chair, District 7910

What started back in 2005 with a Matching Grant to provide year-round water to 800 people in three Indian villages through rainwater harvesting now has the potential to benefit one million people in the next five years. It all happened by actively involving local women and helping them turn their dreams of economic development into reality.

RC Bombay Metropolitan (D-3140) and RC West Reading Wyomissing (D-7430) completed a \$9,450 Matching Grant in Maharashtra, India, together with support from a local NGO. The project brought rainwater harvesting to three villages. The two Rotary clubs seized the opportunity to further benefit these communities by inviting local women to join Self-Help Groups in 15 villages (see sidebar) and initiated an integrated community development Global Grant in Maharashtra with a budget of \$330,000.

Between 2008 and 2015, the two RCs and the NGO — which is now part of the well-endowed Swades Foundation — have worked with the self-help groups to accomplish the following:

- ◆ Construct 400 sanitary toilets benefiting 2,000 people.
- ♦ Install 25 community solar lights and distributed 125 solar lanterns to rural households benefiting 4,000+ people
- ♦ Install 200 smokeless wood stoves benefiting 1,000 people.
- Train villagers in new skills and means of earning a livelihood including new agricultural

techniques benefiting 10,000+ people.

Provide health benefits to 6,000+ men, women and children including anemia treatment, nutrition supplements, reproductive tract infection counseling/treatment, osteoporosis screening/counseling/treatment, and primary vision screening of 1,400+ people leading to funding of two Mobile Vision Care vans.

The two vision care vans have supported 411 camps, during which almost 60,000 villagers were screened in 17 months. Of those:

- 987 were referred for advanced treatment,
- ♦ 9,207 prescribed and receiving corrective glasses and
- ♦ 2,933 were identified and referred for cataract surgery of whom half have already received free surgeries.

Over the seven years, the Rotary project invested \$280,500 on these activities, supplemented by an estimated \$60,000 in time contributed by the Swades Foundation. The Swades Foundation plans to replicate many of these activities in their ambitious flagship program to "better the lives of 1 million people in five years."

Swades also wants to participate again in a Rotary Global Grant: This time to improve elementary school education by creating 160 libraries in the area, as well as developing microcredit based projects for vocational skills and agricultural businesses. Together, Swades and Rotary can have a powerful and sustainable impact in the area.



### Rotary Scholar in the News

Anja Nikolova, a Rotary Global Grant Scholar at Yale's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, has been selected as a member of the delegation from her homeland, the Republic of Macedonia, to participate in the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris, France (Nov. 30-

Dec. 11, 2015).



Anja, shown here wearing the laurel wreath that is traditional at graduations in Italy, spent a

weekend in Washington DC in October at a conference background session for delegates sponsored by the French Embassy, and she will spend the last week of November in Skopje, Macedonia, conferring with officials at the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the Environment and Physical Planning in preparation for the conference.

The Rotary Club of New Haven in District 7980 is her Host Club and she is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Skopje, Macedonia. Additionally, District 5890 (greater Houston, Texas) promoted her candidacy for the Global Grant Scholarship and provided the DDF necessary for The Rotary Foundation match.

At age 22, Anja's experience already expresses her remarkable multilingual, cross-cultural background: She is currently working toward her Master of Environmental Management student at Yale University. She is a top-of-class BSc graduate in Biology & Environmental Science educated in Italy, the US, the UK, and Switzerland. Her experience includes working at international environmental NGOs in Geneva. She is fluent in five languages: English, French, Italian, Macedonian and Serbo-Croatian.

-Colin Gershon

### Rotary Peace Centers



### **Targeting Gifts that Target Peace**

Nearly 100 Rotary Peace Fellows from 35 countries started their fellowship this fall in one of six Rotary Peace Centers (photo above). To date, 960 Peace Fellows have completed their fellowships and are practicing their craft. But all this takes funding: The Trustees are committed to creating a \$150-million endowment to support the Centers.

Of that sum, \$130 million has already been raised, and the goal is to reach \$150 million by the time we celebrate The Rotary Foundation's centennial in Atlanta, 18 months from now. Reaching that goal will take the combined efforts of all Rotarians and is led by members of the Rotary Peace Centers Major Gifts Initiative Committee.

Zone 24-32 is privileged in that this year we are represented by three Rotarians on the global Committee: Past Zone 32 Coordinator Alan Hurst (back row, far left in photo below); PDG Marty Helman (back row, third from left); and Zone 24 Endowment/ Major Gift Advisor Chris Offer (back row, far right). The Committee is chaired by past RI Director Gerry Meigs, and includes Director Jennifer Jones and past TRF vice chair Steve Brown (seated at center).



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### Vaccine-Derived Polio Case Confirmed in Asia

A circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus Type 1 (cVDPV1) outbreak has been confirmed in Laos, with one case, an eight-year-old boy, who experienced onset of paralysis in early September. Outbreaks of cVDPVs can arise in areas of low population immunity, emphasizing the importance of strong vaccination coverage.

Meanwhile, one new wild poliovirus Type 1 was reported recently in Afghanistan, and two new wild poliovirus Type 1 cases were confirmed in Pakistan.

As of the week ending October 21, the

total number of new wild poliovirus cases in Afghanistan in 2015 is now 13. This compares with 12 by this date last year in Afghanistan and 28 in all of 2014 in that country.



By the same date, the total number of new wild poliovirus cases in Pakistan so far this year is 38. This compares with 209 by this date last year in Pakistan, and 306 in all of 2014 in that country.

Globally, as of the week ending October 21, there have been 51 cases of wild polio virus Type 1 in 2015. This compares with 242 cases by this date last year, and 359 in all of 2014.

Meanwhile, there have been 14 cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus globally in 2015. This compares with 37 cases by this date last year, and 56 in all of 2014.

—Floyd Lancia, Zone 30 Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

### Polio Plus

### A Walk to "Bridge the Gap" to End Polio

By Carol Toomey, Zone 32 End Polio Now Coordinator



The phone rings. It's my husband. "Carol, you won't guess what I just heard on the radio. They're talking about the Rotary club in Portsmouth. I think it's called Seacoast Rotary. They're raising money for polio. Every dollar is matched two to one. They're doing a. . ."

"A bridge-walk." I interrupted my husband.

"How did you know?"

"I just got off the phone with Susan von Hement who came up with the idea about a year ago." She told me all about it and she's from the Seacoast Rotary Club."

"It sounds like the bridge-walk we did in Sydney." (One of the best trips my husband and I have ever taken was our trip to Australia for the 2014 Rotary Convention. In addition, to raising money, that walk made the international news. It even made the *Guinness Book of Records*.)



Susan got the idea from the Sydney bridge-walk. Back at home, the Memorial Bridge which connects New Hampshire and Maine in Portsmouth was being replaced, and the Seacoast Club decided to christen the new bridge with a walk. Before long, the two Kittery clubs joined Seacoast and its neighboring Portsmouth lunchtime club for the event. When District 7780 Governor Lawrence heard of it, the event grew District-wide.

It was a beautiful day. With 170 walkers, the event raised almost \$5,000 (\$14,000 when matched two to one) Each family donated \$25 to walk across the 600-foot bridge and wore bright red End Polio Now tee-shirts that were sold for \$10. Walkers carried club banners and flags that made for some great pictures from an overhead "photo drone." Rotary volunteers set up tables and tents, served as bridge monitors, registrars, and took care of clean up. Local businesses donated refreshments and pledge cards.

It was such a success that 2015 District Governor Sheila Rollins wanted to continue the Walk as a District project. This year, organizers even created a competition for the clubs. The club with the highest percentage of attendees will win two tickets to Governor Sheila's district conference in May. Additional features are being added: Volunteers will be collecting crutches to be sent to Africa, and all-occasion cards donated by the Seacoast Rotary Club share the story of the Polio Plus initiative.

What's the future of the bridge-walk? "I hope this grows and becomes an annual event," Susan says. "We have the ability to eradicate a disease in this century and we want to be a part of that."

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### In Memoriam

#### **Rotarian Leaders Remembered at Zone Institute**

The following Past RI Directors and Vice Presidents, and Past District Governors from our two Zones were remembered at the memorial service in Providence. Their leadership will be missed, and their contributions to Rotary and our world not forgotten.



Dr. Harold Henderson, DG 1967-68; Director 1976-77 and RI Vice President 1977-78; District 5060, RC of Kelowna.



Artemus Richardson, DG 1970-71; RI Director; District 7910, RC of Exeter, NH.



Dr. Monty Audenart, DG 2000-01; Director 2007-08 and RI Vice President 2008-09; Trustee 2013-2015; District 5360, RC of Red Deer East.

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### Calendar of Events

**Saturday, November 7** — Rotary UN Day, New York City. FMI: www.riunday.org.

Tuesday, November 24 — Webinar:
Bequests, major gifts, term gifts,
named endowment — what are they?
Your District's fund development strategies. To register: <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8219852541800691202">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8219852541800691202</a>

January 15-16, 2016 — Presidential Conference—Peace and Conflict Resolution, Ontario, CA. FMI: <a href="https://www.peaceconference2016.org">www.peaceconference2016.org</a>

**January 18-23, 2016** — International Institute, San Diego, CA.

**February 19-20, 2016** — Presidential Conference—Disease Prevention and Treatment, Cannes. www.rotary-conference-cannes2016.org

**February 27, 2016** — Presidential Conference — Economic and Community Development, Cape Town, SA. FMI: www.rotarycapetown2016.com

March 12-13, 2016 — Presidential Conference, Literacy and WASH in Schools, Kolkata, India. www.rotaryteach.org/presidentialconference

March 18-19, 2016 — Presidential Conference, WASH in Schools, Pasay City, Philippines. FMI: www.2016 RotaryPresidentialConferenceManila.org

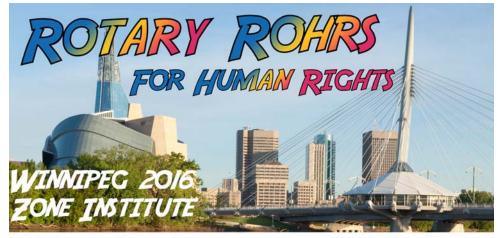
**April 11-15, 2016** — Council on Legislation, Evanston.

May 29-June 1, 2016 — RI Convention in Seoul, Beyond Borders Dinner: Sunday, May 29. Register: http://tinyurl.com/BBD2016.

**September 27-October 2, 2016** — Rotary Zone 24-32 Pre-Institute and Institute in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Register: zoneInstitute.net

October 23, 2016 — TRF Centennial Celebration Concert and Dinner in Cleveland, Ohio, the hometown of Arch Klumpf. FMI: www.trf100.org.

June 10-14, 2017 — RI Convention, Atlanta, GA.



Join us next September as we come together in the city that made Rotary "International", to visit the spectacular Canadian Museum for Human Rights and meet Nobel Peace Prize recipient, Dr. Oscar Arias. Our theme reflects the serious topic of human rights and the fun that you will have. Go to <a href="https://www.rotaryzones24-32.org">www.rotaryzones24-32.org</a> for early registration discounts and a chance to win dinner with Dr. Arias

### Be a Part of the International Assembly

Three exciting opportunities are oming up in January around the International Assembly in San Diego. You may want to participate in one, two, or all three events.

 A Peace Presidential Conference will take place on January 15 to 16, 2016 in



Ontario, California (a two-hour drive from San Diego). <u>Click here for more information</u>, and to register.

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