



Rotary District 7780

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Shared Stories. . . Changed Lives

is the theme of this year's District Conference. Stories become our memories and D7780 Rotarians' stories show how our engaging in service does change lives: supporting kids through backpack programs, "stuffing the bus," collecting books for libraries, building community pathways or ramps for neighbors needing assistance with mobility. Together we brought Christmas to the small town of Lac Megantic. D7780 Rotarians made new friends in Uganda, Cambodia, India, the Dominican Republic and Guatemala.

Rotarians *are* changing lives. District Conference is the perfect time to share your story, be inspired by stories of Rotarian friends, to make new connections, and make your own memories to reconfirm why Rotary is an important part of your life. Conference highlights include:

- * Lt. DF Pace, a Rotary Peace Scholar: his story shows how conflict resolution makes a difference daily in this police officer's life
- * Betsy Owen, our President's Rep: hear her personal story to help eradicate polio, reinforcing that our goal is "this close"
- * Anne Marie Dagnais (Salvation Army) and First Responders from Lac Megantic share stories of how our district project made a difference for the residents of this small Quebec community
- * John Osterlund, former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, now the General Manager of the Rotary Foundation: his stories show our Rotary Foundation changes, improves lives all around the world
- * Yanira Batres, a Guatemalan educator: her story describes what the gift of literacy means to indigenous children in rural pueblos
- * Bob Crowley, of Survivor fame: persistence and a positive attitude - a story sure to inspire

This year's conference will be held May 16-18 at the elegant, newly renovated Westin Harborview Hotel, downtown Portland. Conference packages include meals, registration, all programs and entertainment.

- ✓ *One-day package: \$135 (Friday or Saturday, and Sunday morning)*
- ✓ *Weekend package: \$250 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning)*
- ✓ *Spend the weekend at Portland's most elegant hotel (\$159) and take advantage of our special room rate - available until April 16*

Make *your* Rotary memories: enjoy Portland, share your Rotary story, be inspired by Rotarians' good work world wide and at home.

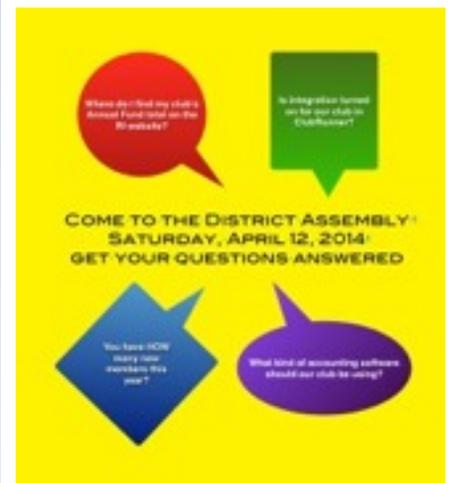
Engaged Rotarians do Change Lives.

Stories become memories at this year's District Conference-
Register now for this year's District Conference!

District Training Assembly, previously called the District Assembly, is an annual event required by Rotary International. It is designed to prepare club leaders for the coming year; motivate and inspire Rotarians; inform club members about community, international, and other projects; and develop strategies for promoting Rotary. This year's Assembly will include specific training sessions for club officers, including secretaries, treasurers, Foundation and membership chairs. Panels of experienced District Rotarians in each of these areas will lead the discussions. Over the next weeks we will share more information about the Assembly, which is designed to be useful to all Rotarians no matter their position or level of experience. Assembly will be held on April 12 at Westbrook Middle School, cost is \$25.

Register today!

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Are you following our district cultural team in Uganda? Monday the team visited the Mbabaali Orphanage to deliver school supplies, playground balls, and food staples - and entertain the children with songs and games!



Our Rotaplast team in Guatemala: Cate Rafferty (Dover) Ellie Andrews (Bethel) and Dalit Wolfe (Brunswick Coastal) are helping children born with a cleft lip, palate to talk, eat, and smile! Changing lives - you bet! (And notice the Wrap A Smile quilt!)



The Rotary Four Way Test Video Competition Is Your Club Ready?

- High school students, grades 9-12, who live or attend school within District 7780
- Individuals or teams of up to 5 students may enter
- Video content shows "How can I use the 4Way Test to make good decisions in my life?" Apply the 4Way Test to situations teens deal with - social situations, bullying, substance use, academic pressure - anything that's real in a young person's life.



Club application and entry fee due April 12
 Winning Club videos must be submitted by May 2
 Contest rules and information on the district website
 Winning entries will be shown and announced at District Conference