

Newsletter

Rotary International District 7810

New Brunswick, Canada & Eastern Maine USA

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DG Darren & Erin Hansen



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October Newsletter**



*******NOTICE*******

**D7810 AGM -
Rescheduled -
November 24th**

Fellow Rotarians,

As a DG we are asked to wear many hats, and we find ourselves pulled in many directions. This is not really any different that most things we all do in life; trying to balance the demands we face on a daily basis.

Under normal circumstances my focus for the district would be entirely on growing Rotary, strengthening our clubs, building awareness and support of the Rotary Foundation, district management, etc., but the last 18 months have been anything but normal. I find most of my energy lately as it relates to Rotary is managing the transition for redistricting, administration, and many, many zoom meetings. Zoom has been an important tool in helping clubs and Rotary manage through covid, but I am sure I am not alone when I say there are times the last things I want to do is another zoom meeting.

All this is to say that as individuals we must do what we can to maintain balance in our lives, especially through difficult times like the covid pandemic. If there has been a silver lining for me personally, It has been reevaluating what is important and where I want to put my time and energy. Rotary is certainly near the top of the list, but family and work come first.

Our District 7810 Annual General Meeting has been rescheduled and will be held virtually Wednesday, November 24th, 7:00pm - 9:00pm.

IPDG John Slipp will be presenting his District awards for the year 2020/21 immediately following the business meeting. The Zoom link and agenda have been sent to all members from our Director of Training Anthony Waddell. Here is a copy of the zoom link for your convenience:

Join Zoom Meeting (NEW LINK)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86004205699?pwd=cU9DQ09xczJqUGQvdnJ4eVVsWEsrQT09>

Meeting ID: 860 0420 5699

Passcode: 129477

Please Note: We must have a quorum of clubs in attendance with registered voting delegates to be able to hold the AGM

All clubs must register their voting representative and alternate by sending an email to Terry MacDonald from the club President or Secretary.

Please send your details to Terry MacDonald ASAP.

Thanks!



Please take care of yourselves so that we are in a good position to help those in need. We cannot do that effectively if we are not in a good frame of mind.

On November 20th, 10:00am-11:00 our district training team will be hosting a session with a representative from the Canadian Mental Health Association on "Self Care as a Volunteer". Registration is free, and open to all members. We will also be inviting participants from other community service organizations. For the security of the event, please do not share the registration link on social media. The link to register can be found [here](#).

I wish you all a safe and successful Rotary year,

DG Darren Hansen,
Rotary Club of Moncton West & Riverview

DG Club Visits Temporarily Suspended & District COVID Protocols

With the 4th wave of covid, and the "circuit breakers" in place for areas of the Province, I have suspended my in-person club visits for the near future. I will be following up with clubs to make arrangements for alternate meeting opportunities. Hopefully we can get back on track soon.

I have been asked by several clubs if we have a district policy in place as it relates to covid and in person meetings, vaccination requirements, etc.. The Board discussed this at our first meeting in July. Recognizing that clubs operate autonomously, our only directive from the district is that all clubs must be in compliance with their State or Provincial regulations for in person meetings. Every club is different, and each club has to evaluate its own capability to meet the requirements.





**Martine Babineau, Communications
Director**

Meet Your District Board

Martine Babineau is our District Director of Communications. She is responsible for overseeing all communications and the public image committee at the district level. She and her committee have been busy this Rotary year. Since July, they have developed a club communications resource that can be found [here](#). This is a one stop shop for clubs to find everything they need as it relates to Rotary and communications / public image. There is also a copy of our new district communications policy available.

In addition to the work done on the new communications resource, the

November is Foundation Month

November is Foundation Month, and I am asking all clubs and members to consider donating for the first time, or reviewing your current contributions.

The Rotary Foundation is our registered charity; and it is regularly recognized as one of the top managed charities in the world. It is through the work of the Foundation that we connect as Rotarians globally to make significant contributions in improving the lives of individuals.

Of course, the best know project of the Foundation is the work towards eradicating Polio; however, the Foundation does much, much more. Through the seven areas of focus, we make impacts with maternal and child health, disease prevention, economic development, education, the environment, water & sanitation and peace & conflict resolution

Recently our district received a covid relief grant through the Foundation for \$25,000 USD. The district matched these funds from our reserves to provide relief to food banks in New Brunswick and

team has been busy managing our social media pages, developing a formal code of conduct for board operations, and we are currently in the process of developing a District crisis management plan. Once the plan is complete and adopted by the board, it will be made available to clubs to review. I would encourage clubs to consider developing their own crisis management plan for their use.

If your club needs any assistance with communications / public image, please reach out to Martine. martinesbabineau@gmail.com

Maine. We are also currently undertaking a major global grant project, headed by the Grand Manan Rotary Club. This is a project of approximately \$250,000 to provide a mobile hospital clinic in Ghana.

Please consider setting up a regular contribution to the Foundation through Rotary Direct on My Rotary. Every dollar helps and no amount is too small to make a difference.

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