

# Newsletter

**Rotary International District 7810  
New Brunswick, Canada & Eastern Maine USA**

**October, 2021**



DG Darren & Erin Hansen



Gordon McInally  
selected as RI  
President 2023-24



Fellow Rotarians,

It's hard to believe that the first quarter of the Rotary year is already behind us; it feels like I've just started. I continue to be impressed with the impact we are having in our communities, and around the world. Every time I get to visit with a club, I learn more about the great things we are doing as Rotarians. Thank you for your service, as we Serve to Change Lives.

Rotary's focus for October is Growing Local Economies. Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 per day. As Rotarians, and through the Rotary Foundation, we have the ability to strengthen local economies in impoverished areas, with a focus on empowering women entrepreneurs. Training, micro-loans and agricultural support such as sustainable farming are all opportunities for global grants focused on growing local economies. If you are interested in exploring global grant opportunities focused on growing local economies, please reach out to me or our District Foundation Director, Robbie Griffin.

I wish you all a safe and successful Rotary year,

DG Darren Hansen,  
Rotary Club of Moncton West & Riverview

Beyond Borders,  
Zone 28 & 32  
September  
Newsletter



## **District 7810 AGM & District Awards-Oct23**

District 7810 Annual General Meeting will be held virtually October 23rd, 9:30am - 11:30am. IPDG John Slipp will be presenting his District awards for the year 2020/21 immediately following the business meeting. Registration link and agenda have been sent to all members from our Director of Training Anthony Waddell.

**Important Note:**  
**All clubs must register their voting representative and alternate. Please send your details**



**WE CAN DECIDE WHICH END WE CHOOSE**

**Register Now - RI President  
Shekhar Mehta Speaks -  
International Summit on  
Nuclear Weapons,  
September 30th**

As a humanitarian organization, peace and conflict prevention are at the heart of who we are and what we do as Rotarians. On September 30th, RI President Shekar Mehta will be speaking at an international summit on nuclear weapons. You can show your support for Rotary's efforts in promoting peace by registering below:

<http://www.ippnw.org/eliminating-the-threat>

**to Terry  
MacDonald ASAP.  
Thanks!**

**DG  
Visitation  
Schedule -  
October &  
November**

**\* Note \* Planned  
visits to Presque  
Isle, Mars Hill,  
Fort Fairfield,  
Caribou,  
Washburn,  
Limestone & Fort  
Kent have been  
rescheduled to  
the week of  
December 6th -  
9th**

**With the  
reinstatement of  
the NB state of  
emergency, club  
visits will be  
managed to  
ensure  
compliance  
and safety. Visits  
will be  
rescheduled as  
needed**

October 18th\*,  
Houlton - Tentative  
pending COVID  
situation



**END  
POLIO  
NOW**

## **World Polio Day, October 24th**

October 24th is World Polio Day. Clubs and Districts around the World will be doing events on October 24th to raise funds in support of ending Polio.

Each year, District 7810 commits a portion of our DDF (District Designated Funds) to end Polio. DDF are the funds that come back to the District from the Rotary Foundation to use for District Grants and Global Grants. This past Rotary year District 7810 committed \$10,000 USD to End Polio Now.

**I am asking all clubs in District 7810 to plan special activities to raise funds in support of the End Polio Now campaign.** You can register your

October 25th,  
Campbellton

October 27th,  
Dallhousie

November 1st,  
Edmundston

November 3rd,  
Grand Falls

November 8th,  
Oromocto

November 10th,  
Fredericton Sunrise

November 10th,  
Hanwell

November 15th,  
Perth Andover

November 15th,  
Florenceville

November 29th,  
Rothesay Kings



**District  
Governor  
Nominations  
2024/25,  
D7815**

event and see what's happening around the world at the [World Polio Day website](#).



**Rotary International Convention 2022 - Houston. A promotional newsletter with convention details can be seen here:**

[Houston 2022 Newsletter](#)



**Robbie Griffin, District Foundation Director**

## Meet Your District Board

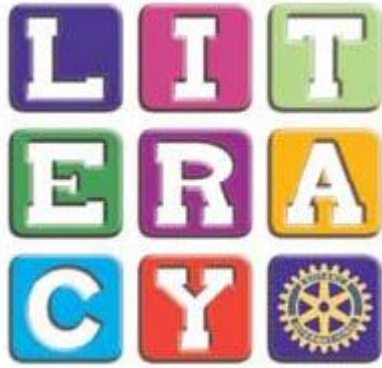
Robbie Griffin is our District Foundation Director and a member of the Rotary Club of Grand Manan Island. Robbie is passionate about the Rotary Foundation, and always ready to help your club with Foundation training, presentations, or to assist with grant applications.

For any assistance, please reach out to Robbie at [rgriffin@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:rgriffin@nbnet.nb.ca)

This is a second reminder that we are now accepting nominations for individuals to serve as District Governor for the Rotary year 2024/25.

As we look forward to District 7815, we are looking to find the best leaders for our new district. Governor nominee candidates must meet RI's minimum requirement to serve, but are not required to have previous district experience. Minimum requirements include being a member in good standing, a past club President, and will have been a member for seven years when they take office as DG.

If you have any questions, or need assistance, IPDG John Slipp is chairing the D7810 nominating committee. He can be reached at [johnslipp@gmail.com](mailto:johnslipp@gmail.com)



## **RI Digital Literacy Project - RI Vice President Valarie Wafer**

I received this communication from our RI Director and Vice President Valarie Wafer. This is a fantastic club project to consider for promoting literacy. A video of link of the project can be seen here:

### **[RI Digital Literacy Project Video - Youtube](#)**

“Teach a mother to teach the world” - Amarok Society

I first learned of this initiative during a presentation to my Rotary club by founders Dr. Tanyss and Gem Munro, who packed up their children in 2005 and moved from Vancouver, Canada to the slums of Bangladesh to improve the education of children. They quickly realized the key was to teach the mothers to teach their children. “If you teach a mother, she invests that learning back into her community. She'll use her empowerment to stand up for women's rights, children's rights, peace, and equality. She'll use her success to improve life for everyone in the slum.”

The last 18 months have shown us that fast-advancing digital technologies are transforming ways in which people work, live,

and learn, and are generating new skill demands and lifelong learning needs. They are also influencing ways in which education and learning are organized and managed.

I recently had the opportunity to sit down with PRIP Wilf Wilkinson to discuss a new literacy program. In Wilf's presidential year of 2007 he added literacy as an area of focus for all clubs. He is now leading the effort to support a new literacy initiative to teach anyone with a digital device and Wi-Fi to learn to read. This new method is being adopted by the Amarok Society as they continue to teach the mothers to teach the children.

If your club or district is interested in learning more and supporting this critical program, please reach out to Sharon McConnell, Literacy Chair of the Rotary Club of Belleville, [sharonmccconnell50@gmail.com](mailto:sharonmccconnell50@gmail.com)

Thank you for your help with this initiative,

RI Vice President Valarie Wafer

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