



# **2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

ROTARY DISTRICT 7820

# Rotary District 7820 Annual Report 2020-2021

## Ian Doyle - DG

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.....it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope". This famous quote from Charles Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities" is a good description of this Rotary year. I'm sure that every Rotarian can relate to this quote in one way or another.

On July 1, 2020, when my term as District Governor began, we were in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic and despite my eternal optimism it will still be here on June 30, 2021, when my term ends.

My anticipation of a year of travel, project participation, face to face meetings and fellowship disappeared as I realized in the spring of 2020 that changes had to be made to continue functioning as a vibrant District. My disappointment turned into satisfaction and enjoyment as the year unfolded. There have been some negatives related to this pandemic year. You have all experienced the restrictions and downside of dealing with the virus. I will not talk about that; instead, I would like to talk about the many positives that have occurred in District 7820 this year.

When you assume the role of District Governor, in a typical year, you look forward to travel and fellowship with Rotarians and friends. This year, however, was unique. For example, just about every club experienced me popping in on Zoom. Attending virtual Area Council, Area Governor meetings and committee meetings became the norm. I may be the first DG not to incur travel expenses.

The Rotary Clubs in District 7820 did not lie down and give up this year. They adjusted and though a little beat up, have survived. I would like to thank all the Presidents and Leaders of your Clubs for persevering. We will only become stronger in years to come.

As year-end reports indicate, the 7820 Leadership Team was very busy. There were many successes this year. Training in the District has become more relevant and because it was online, sessions were shorter and presented more often. The Task Force on Systemic Racism met regularly at least twice a week since last June and we have been recognized at the Zone level for our forward thinking and action. Our Redistricting Committee works tirelessly, and we will be more than ready to become D7815 on July 1, 2022. We have identified concerns with membership, and we are dealing with them at a Club, District and Zone level. We are in very capable hands dealing with the Rotary Foundation both at a District and Zone level. Our youth programs were reduced significantly for the most part and the Student Exchange Program is on hold until 2022 but our newly formed 7815 Youth Committee is ready to gear up for an active future. The District sponsored a six-week pilot program on Resilience in Volunteering which was well attended and quite successful. We are now in the forefront in resilience training in the Zone and we will be sharing our expertise with other Districts in the future. Despite pandemic

restrictions, District communication has improved immensely and the cost to do this has been minimal. We have learned many valuable lessons in this area and we are even looking at an additional communication platform which may improve Rotarian interaction. We have had two successful Joint District Conferences and Data Management has moved to a new level in helping our Cubs to thrive.

I want to thank our leaders for their work in the District and also to our very dedicated Rotarians volunteering and leading at the Zone level. Our District is well respected in the Rotary world because of the good work you are doing at the District and Zone 28-32.

I also know that our leaders in the next few years will continue to work towards enabling District 7815 to be a model District.

There are many individuals that I could acknowledge for their dedication and work for Rotary but there are too many. Our District, this year, was indeed well represented with strong active leaders. I will acknowledge the work of one individual by name because Kevin Armstrong as Executive Director has contributed unselfishly to improving the District throughout the year. He has made my year as District Governor enjoyable and productive. Thank you, Kevin.

Thank you, Rotarians for the honour of representing you and being a small part of a vibrant District. Please continue to "Live Rotary".

Respectfully submitted,  
Ian Doyle  
DG 7820 2020-21

## Alex Twells - DGE

As the incoming Chair of the District Leadership Team, this year has been getting busier and busier with my preparation for the role. Of course, like everything, the travel I might otherwise have done has been replaced by new virtual forums. The advantage of the virtual model of communication and engagement is that it opens so many new opportunities that would not have existed in the traditional face to face environments.

For example, the Rotary International Assembly is the signature learning event for incoming district leaders and would have been held in person in Florida in January. We were clearly not going to be travelling during the pandemic and so it was converted to a virtual conference held over eleven days in February. I confess that, in anticipation, I harboured a lack of enthusiasm for this event but was keen to see how it was going to be done. I am delighted to report that this was the very best online learning event that I have been part of. The format, the technology, the curriculum and the facilitators were truly world class. It was a fabulous example of how Rotary International has transformed many of its core processes to adapt to the new pandemic environment. I left with renewed enthusiasm for Rotary and the work we need to do to serve our communities.

In addition to the regular tasks that come with this leadership role, I have been spending a lot of time with Darren Hansen, my counterpart in District 7810, as we plan the creation of District 7815. As members of the 7815 Leadership Team, we have been meeting regularly to design the new district with best practices built in from scratch. This behind-the-scenes work is a unique opportunity to create robust structure and processes to enable the new district to be a model for Rotary districts around the world.

One of the most rewarding tasks of the year was to jointly oversee, with Darren Hansen, the second, joint District Conference with D7810. This was our own local example of how an in-person model can be converted to a virtual model so successfully. The conference committee was led by Lorraine Ennis of the Rotary Club of St. John's East and Bonny Hoyt-Hallett of the Rotary Club of Fredericton. Darren and I are very proud of them and the whole conference committee for creating such a fun and informative event.

I sincerely hope that pandemic restrictions will allow me to do *some* travel safely around the district before my year is complete. But in the meantime, I am easily available on whatever virtual channel works for you if you have a question or would like me to attend a club meeting.

## Wendy Scammell - Finance

Committee members:

- Wendy Scammell, Treasurer
- DG Ian Doyle
- Kevin Armstrong
- PDG Don Sword
- PDG Louisa Horne
- PDG Elva Heyge
- DGE Alex Twells
- District 7810 Treasurer Jack Christie
- Incoming Treasurer Lisa Hutchens
- Heather McKay, CPA (ex officio)

Our district is fortunate to have a dedicated Finance Committee, which along with our Treasurer, Wendy Scammell and our bookkeeper, Heather McKay, CPA, oversees and approves all expenditures of the district.

The finance committee also oversees the investment of reserve funds, expenditures from the District Governor's RI allocation fund, the external audit and liaises with the District Conference Committee, the Foundation Grants Committee and the Foundation Audit Committee.



# Rotary Reimagined

## Rotary Districts 7810 & 7820 - joint district conference 2021

### **Lorraine Ennis - Conference Chair**

The District Conference took place on May 14 & 15, 2021. Alex Twells of District 7820 and Darren Hansen of District 7810 collaborated with conference chairs Lorraine Ennis (7820) and Bonny Hoyt-Hallett (7810) to produce a very well put together conference.

### **Friday - A Round with Rotary**

129 registered and 59 attended.

We had presentations from a mixologist from Moncton, a brewery from Saint John and wine from Yarmouth along with recommended food pairings.

### **Saturday - Rotary Reimagined**

298 registered and 176 attended

There were four breakout sessions

- Session 1 – Darren Hands – 44 approximately attended.
- Session 2 – Tyson Bowen – 22 approximately attended.
- Session 3 – Kevin Robart – 42 approximately attended.
- Session 4 – Blake Hunter – 54 approximately attended.

RI President Elect Shehkar Mehta addressed the conference. It is important to note that he took some very precious family time to be with us. He is recovering from COVID and his son is currently in hospital with the disease.

Canadian RI Director and Shekhar's Vice President, Valarie Wafer, also spoke at the conference.

Survey results are in and while the conference was a success, it is evident that people miss the in-person interaction.

We secured sponsors for every single event for the conference. Proceeds from the conference split between the purchase of two Oxygen Concentrators for use in India in honour of RI President Elect SHekhar Mehta and the remainder reserved as seed money for the 2022 Conference which will be a kick off for the new district of 7815.

For the first time, we had closed captioning in French and this was received very well.

### **Conference 2022**

This conference will be a kick off for District 7815 and options are being explored as to the type of conference it should be (I.e. virtual, in-person or hybrid).

We are actively recruiting Jennifer Jones as our Rotary Keynote speaker.

Recommendations have been made to Roger Sevingy and Harvey Bass - A committee should be in place for the Fall to begin working on next year's conference

## Kristina Ennis - Public Image

The Public Image team in district 7820 has had a very busy year!

With a team of 8 people from 7 clubs, the team has been involved in many projects throughout 2020 and 2021, including:

- Managing the social media pages of Rotary District 7820
- Providing support to clubs
- Attending club meetings as guest speakers to educate Rotarians about Rotary's Public Image
- Creating engaging graphics for social media, district events, etc.
- Awarding over \$6000 to 15 different projects through a public image grant pilot program
- Participated heavily in both the fall and spring Rotary Atlantic conferences in partnership with district 7815
- 3 committee members are Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinators with the Zone 28 team
- Assembled the 2020/2021 Annual Report
- Created new format for newsletter
- Supported the Anti-Racism Task Force
- Conducted training as part of TLC, and a pop up training event for social media
- Began working with district 7810 to prepare for redistricting, and planning for 2021-2022

### Public Image Team 2020-2021

Kristina Ennis - St. John's East, Eastern NL

Kelly Hunt - St. John's After Hours, Eastern NL

Brad Hollett - St. John's After Hours, Eastern NL

Kim McDonald-Wilkes - Exploits, Central NL

Bob Gray - Charlottetown Royalty, PEI

Joan MacFarlane - Hillsborough-Charlottetown, PEI

Sonia Ekhaesomi Ikheloa - Halifax Northwest, Halifax Metro

Lindsay Clowe -

Chantelle Marsh - Rotaract St. John's, Eastern NL

Rachel Clarke - Halifax, Halifax Metro

## **Kevin Connors - Membership**

This Rotary year has been very challenging for both engagement and recruiting new members to the Rotary Clubs in the district.

Covid-19 has shut down most in person meetings, community events and fellowship events that are the lifeblood of both Attraction of new members and the retention of present Membership.

We started the Rotary year with a net decline of 77 members as of July 1, 2020. The membership data to the end of April shows this trend is continuing as we are showing a net decline of 36 members for District 7820 even though some clubs continue to show impressive growth many are struggling to keep their members engaged

One of the bright lights of this year has been the introduction of Corporate/Community memberships to many clubs across the District. To date we have seen 22 NEW Corporate/Community members inducted in Clubs across the District. DG Ian has provided funding for plaques to be presented to each of these members to hang in their place of business.

The challenge for all clubs over the next month is to contact present membership to keep them involved and returning next year when we expect to return to some sense of normalcy.

## Jillian Gibson - The Rotary Foundation



Donations total  
July 1, 2020 – May 1, 2021  
**\$337,941 USD**

The Mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

### District Grants 2020-21

Despite uncertainty due to the Coronavirus global pandemic, it was a busy Rotary year for the District Grants Committee (Brian Smith, Miriam MacLeod, Doug Hill, with lots of guidance and support from Jillian Gibson). Thanks to quick revisions and adjustments from Rotary International, we were able to fund 10 COVID response District Grants earlier in the Rotary Year than usual. These grants were all local, within the District. District 7820 Clubs assessed needs and moved into action quickly. The projects' scope varied from providing food security assistance, computer tablets for seniors' homes, and supporting SPCA operations. About \$20,000 in RI funding was issued for these projects in our District.

The regular District Grants Program was delayed by COVID, and it was late August before funds were made available from RI. Despite the delay, District 7820 Clubs were able to take advantage of almost \$22,000 in Grants. Projects were a combination of local and international in scope. In the district, funds supported a school breakfast programs, a Search and Rescue Command Centre, and environmentally friendly cigarette butt disposal in a prime tourist area in the French colony St. Pierre et Miquelon. International projects supported a Venezuelan student in Canada with a scholarship, and three projects in Africa addressed education for girls, clean water, and food security for the community hospital. The Committee is busy now instructing recipient clubs to complete the reporting necessary before 2022-21 grants can be provided.

## District Grants 2020-21

Rotary Club	Project Name	Project Budget	District Grant
Stephenville	COVID Pandemic Food for Food Banks	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,000
Hillsborough	COVID Tablets for Seniors	\$ 1,000	\$ 500
St. John's	COVID Bridges to Hope Food Hampers	\$ 30,000	\$ 2,500
Pictou	COVID School Students Meal Program	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
Bridgewater	COVID Supporting Families in Need	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,250
Kentville	COVID Non-Medical Masks for VRH	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,300
Sackville	COVID Freedom Kitchen, Beacon House	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000
Humber River	COVID Bay of Islands SPCA	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500
Exploits	COVID Status of Women Family Support	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
Lunenburg	COVID Food Security Project	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
Halifax Harbourside	<u>Aninga</u> Education Girls	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,475
Kentville	Valley SAR Mobile Command Centre	\$ 70,000	\$ 4,500
St. John's Northwest	<u>Tshelanyemba</u> Hospital Poultry Farm	\$ 7,500	\$ 3,375
Hillsborough	Queen Charlotte Breakfast Program	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,350
Sackville	Hunger & Homelessness	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,700
St. Pierre et Miquelon	Collectors- <u>Mego</u>	\$ 800	\$ 360
Dartmouth	Venezuelan Scholarship Project	\$ 31,000	\$ 4,500
Halifax Northwest	Help 2 Overcome Water - Rwanda	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,250
Port Hawkesbury	COVID Food Bank Project	\$ 1,000	\$ 450
Lunenburg	Waterfront Pavilion	\$ 100,000	\$ 3,600
	<b>Total District Grants</b>		<b>\$ 45,610</b>

As we look forward to 2021-22, the Grants Committee was encouraged by the strong participation from District Clubs who send club representatives to the virtual Grants Qualification Training sessions late in 2021. We already have 11 District Grant applications in the Grants System. We are preparing to review these applications in May, for submission to RI in June, and funding in July or August.

## Global Grants 2020-21



### HUMANITARIAN

The district has approved Global Grant funds for three humanitarian projects in 2020-21 totalling \$15,000 USD.

See the District International Committee report for more details.



### SCHOLARSHIP

Wendy Lasisi, our Global Grant Scholar studying MS at Memorial University of Newfoundland is continuing through her program and nearing completion of her Masters Degree. She is helping our medical community understand how much exercise is beneficial for MS patients.



### VTT

Vocational training teams are groups of professionals who travel abroad either to teach local professionals about a particular field or to learn more about their own. Our District doesn't have a VTT this year, but we are looking forward to more in the coming years.

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## Polio Donations from the District

July 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021

**\$100,955 USD**



### End Polio Now Tulips:

We began the year with a great shared project with D7810 and D7820 to sell a box of 25 tulip bulbs for \$25 and the difference between the cost to Vesey Seeds goes to the Rotary Foundation End Polio Now Program in the name of the club. The finale was pictures of planting and a talk by Polio Chair Mike McGovern at our joint conference in October.

- Clubs that participated: 28 / 46
- Boxes Sold: 1120
- \$ per box donated @15.74 \$17,628.80
- With Bill and Melinda Gates Match 2:1:  
**\$52,886.40**

Clubs of note who sold 100+ boxes: Corner Brook (166), Sydney Sunrise (146), Charlottetown Royalty (100)

Thank you to Ron Wilson (Amherst RC) for his Financial management, Pam Harrison for her dedication, John Barrett (Charlottetown Royalty RC) and Vesey Seeds for their generosity in running this program for us. Special thanks to area reps: Kevin Armstrong (Sydney Sunrise), Kristina Ennis (Avalon Northeast), Bob Gray (Charlottetown), Bruce Templeton (St. John's)

### World Polio Day: October 24th

Despite our relative lock down Clubs were innovative and organised 10 virtual events for awareness.



**End Polio Society:** Initiative begun in January 2021 with D7810 in memory of Rotarian Pam Harrison of New Brunswick. Rotarians committing to give \$100 USD per year until polio is eradicated. Currently 22 members.

Give through the new "[Raise Rotary](#)" platform.

### Take a Shot, Give a Shot

Rotarians encouraged to give \$25 USD to End Polio Now when they get their COVID-19 vaccination shot.

## **Projects:**

### **Hospital Equipment - Armenia**

This project provides X-Ray equipment for the Maternity Hospital in Martuni, Armenia, a hospital with skilled medical staff, but insufficient funds to purchase much needed equipment.

*Partners:* RC's Sydney Sunrise, Yerevan, Wolfville Mud-Creek, Middleton, New Minas, Kentville, SPM, Charlottetown Royalty, Montague, St. Johns NW, Richmond Sunrise, Toronto, Pasadena After Hours

**Total Cost:** \$41,800 US

**DDF 7820:** \$5,000

**DDF 5300:** 8,000

### **Hospital Equipment – Brazil**

This project will replace out of date X-Ray equipment at a hospital in Ilha Solteira, Brazil, which serves a surrounding area of 200,000.

*Partners:* RC's Kentville, New Minas, Wolfville-Mud-Creek, Middleton, Charlottetown, Selviria.

**Total Cost:** \$30,200.

**DDF 7820:** \$5,000

**DDF 4480:** \$4,000

**DDF 4470:** \$1,000

### **Water, Sanitation & Hygiene – South Africa**

An orphanage near Durban, South Africa will be provided with a rain- water harvesting & purification system, toilets, drinking water stations and a solar power installation.

*Partners:* RC's Wolfville – Mud Creek, New Minas, Middleton, Kentville, SPM, Charlottetown, Shelton-Skookum, Aberdeen, Sussex, Woodstock, Chatham, Florenceville, Perth-Andover, Belleville, and North Mason County.

**Total Cost:** \$85,000

**DDF 7820:** \$5,000

**DDF 5020:** \$8,000

## **Planning for 2021-22**

### **Dental Services for Shirak Marz, Armenia**

This project calls for the purchase of new and replacement dental equipment for an existing dental clinic in Gyumri, the capital of the province of Shirak Marz. This will enable the clinic to extend services to children in poverty stricken areas of rural Shirak Marz.

**Anticipated cost:** 105,000 US. A presentation on this project will take place on May 29<sup>th</sup>. All interested parties should contact Jack Dorsay; [jdorsay@eastlink.ca](mailto:jdorsay@eastlink.ca) for an invitation to attend.

## Committee Members 2020-21

Rotarian	Committee Role	Club
Jillian Gibson	Chair	Halifax Harbourside
Brian Smith	District Grants	Dartmouth
Miriam MacLeod	Selection sub-cttee	St. John's East
Doug Hill	Reporting sub-cttee	Kentville
Stella Roy	Global Grants, Polio	Halifax Harbourside
Elva Heyge	Humanitarian Grants	Kentville
James Hall	Scholarships (including Peace)	Halifax Harbourside
Darlene Spraklin-Reid	Qualification / Education	St. John's Northwest
Rob Christie	Fundraising	Pictou
Duncan Conrad	Fundraising	Hillsborough-Charlottetown
Darcy McMeekin	Fundraising	St. John's Northwest
Bob Moffatt	Audit	Charlottetown
Bob Munroe	Audit	Sydney
Mark Brown	Audit	St. John's Northwest
Kingsley Ugoh	NL Liaison	St. John's Northwest
Greg Peddle	NL Liaison	St. John's Northwest
Kevin Armstrong	NS Liaison	Sydney-Sunrise
Jason Doyle	NS Liaison	Sydney-Sunrise
Wayne Thompson	PEI Liaison	Summerside

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## Holly Thompson - Data Management



- Facilitated 22 one-on-one Zoom trainings with individual clubs.
- Encouraged clubs to update their information in club runner.
- The 5 Zoom licenses are well used but not at capacity for daytime meetings.
- The Zoom team has continued to learn new zoom options.
- Continuous follow-up with Clubs that did not have their Executives in Club Runner
- Hosted two District Conferences – October 2020 & May 2021
- Completed Conference Video Editing and posted to District YouTube Channel
- Co-Hosted TLC Training 2021
- Co-Hosted Fundraising Session 2021
- Hosted 1<sup>st</sup> Systemic Racism and video editing session.
- Maintained ClubRunner Website.
- Maintained Club Data on ClubRunner



## Alana Hirtle - Training

### Training Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

As per our District's Strategic Plan, we had intended to host 7 one-day TLCs (Training for Leaders of Clubs) across the District in Spring 2020. We were able to hold one TLC for mainland clubs on March 7 in Halifax, which saw more than 80 people attend. It was a full day of Rotary learning and fellowship, which included information sessions on Data Management, Public Image, RI foundation, Youth, as well as two entertaining and inspiring presentations from RI Director Jeffry Cadorette on Healthy Clubs.

That day we rolled out the new Rotary Action Canvas planning tool which you will find attached to this report. We didn't have as much time for planning as one would like (when do we ever!) but this was a good introduction for clubs to the modified business model canvas, to help you with your future planning. If you would like help on the use of this tool, please let Alana or another District Leader know.

### YOUR ROTARY ACTION CANVAS

<b>Key Rotary Partners</b> Who – inside and outside of your Rotary – can enhance your ability to be irresistible and engaging and to provide dynamic opportunities for service?	<b>Key Activities &amp; Services</b> What are the most important and impactful activities and services for your Rotary to focus on? What makes your Rotary unique?	<b>Rotary Value Propositions</b> What are your Rotary's irresistible offerings? How do you increase member gains and reduce member pains?	<b>Relationships</b> What kind of relationships – inside and outside of your Rotary – must you nurture to ensure you're irresistible and engaging and you provide dynamic opportunities for service?	<b>Beneficiaries</b> Who – inside and outside of your Rotary – will be better off because of your activities & services? Are you as diverse as your community?
	<b>Key Resources</b> What resources (time, talent & treasure) do you need to achieve success?		<b>Reach</b> How will you raise awareness and attract people to you?	
<b>Financial Considerations (Include Fundraising)</b>			<b>Evaluation</b> How will you evaluate your success?	

Doug Logan and Louisa Horne. Adapted from Strategyzer Business Model Canvas

And then the Covid19 pandemic settled in. Sadly, but with the health of our members top of mind, we canceled all following in-person sessions. Wanting to ensure we still provided leadership development for our members, we adapted by moving to an online Zoom platform for the remaining sessions. **TLC Part 1** took place on April 25 with information on our merger with D7810 (when we will become D7815), and updates from the following committees: Youth, Foundation, Data Management, and Public Image; and a Top 10 List from Zone Assistant Coordinator Doug Logan on how to keep your club and members healthy during the pandemic.

**TLC Part 2** was held on September 12, with 88 registrants; 75 people attended the meeting. The focus areas for this 2.5 hour training was role specific for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Board Members; Data Management, specifically ClubRunner and MyRotary; the Rotary Canvas planning tool; and information from the D7820 Anti-Systemic Racism task force. An evaluation was sent following the event and 25 people participated, which was a fantastic response!

The overwhelming feedback was that clubs needed help on ways to fundraise in a covid reality; many had to cancel their events outright due to the pandemic and weren't sure how to move forward when holding in person events was, at best, doubtful. The training team then embarked on research on gamification and hackathons, and in the end decided that the best approach would be for members to hear from clubs who had successfully created new fundraisers or adapted their existing fundraisers for our new reality.

To that end, **TLC Part 3: Fundraising in a Covid Reality** was held on December 5; 52 people registered, and 41 attended the 2 hour sharing of information, and brainstorming session. The first hour consisted of 4 clubs (Truro – Bollywood Night, Hillsborough – Reverse Car Auction, St. John's NW – Trip of the Month, New Minas Sunrise – Meat Sale) reviewing their projects and answering questions from the group. The second hour was open for discussion and involved a lengthy conversation on the value of Rafflebox and other online platforms. All who participated indicated that it was a worthwhile activity, and we believe many inter-club connections were forged afterwards.

A District Board Retreat was held via Zoom in October 2020, so it was a much shorter event than our usual 1.5 day retreat. As members may recall, in 2019 RI created a partnership with Toastmasters International; at the retreat our Board members listened to a presentation from Melinda McCormack, Toastmasters District 45 Club Growth Director 20-21. We had an update on the 7815 merger activities, and spent some time discussing Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and how to help our clubs take the next steps in that area. It was decided not to have a February 2021 board retreat, as members' efforts were being focussed on merger activities. As we move towards our merger on July 1, 2022, we are working with our co-horts in D7810 to align our committees' activities so that next year we are mirroring the other's programming as best as possible. This will ensure a seamless transition come 2022. District team members have participated in the two part 7810 PETS training on April 10 and 24.

On April 17, 2021, our district held its usual Spring **TLC** (for 2021-22 leaders) via Zoom. The event was well attended, with 78 for the morning session, and 71 for the afternoon session. The morning included updates/information on the 7815 merger, Data Management, The Rotary Foundation, Public Image, and an in depth look at the new Anti-Systemic Racism Toolkit. After a lunch break, we returned to have an overview from DGE Alex Twells on the RI Annual Theme for 2021-22, as well as information on the "Each One, Bring One" concept, and more about the goals for next year. We continued with role specific break outs for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and all other Members. Then PDGs Louisa Horne and Doug Logan took a deep dive into membership, challenging us to consider how our clubs currently engage members; and to identify strategies for attracting and engaging members on an ongoing basis. The slide decks for all presentations are now on the District [website](#) under TLC Training Materials, TLC-April 2021; the videos of the general sessions are on our [Youtube](#) channel.

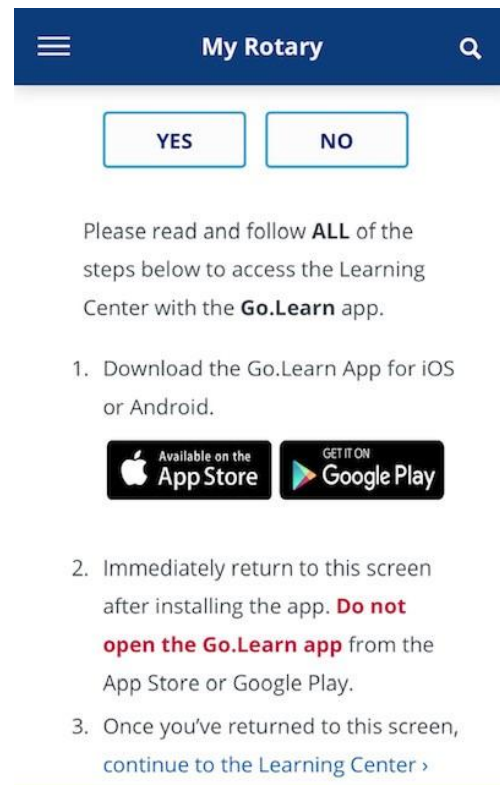
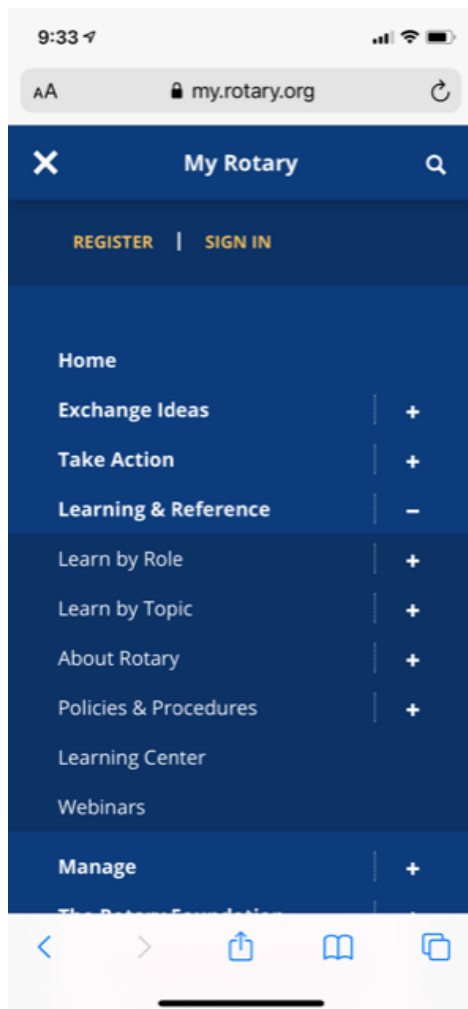
Training Chair Alana has worked with a few clubs this year to help them move the needle; and is available to assist other clubs as needed, whether it be strategic planning, board governance, or other.

The [RI Learning Center](#) has been reformatted to better serve its users. Now, videos and slide shows have been grouped into related categories such as Club Leadership, Membership, General, Professional Development, and more! This makes it easier to find what you're looking for, instead of scrolling through dozens of options.

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If we may be of service to your club, please reach out at anytime.

Alana Hirtle

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## **Bob Munroe - District 7820 Interact Chair**

As with most clubs and organizations, Rotary sponsored Interact Clubs also experienced many operating challenges presented by Covid-19 in the 2020/2021 Rotary year. Many clubs were unable to resume activities, normal or modified due to restrictions imposed by either government guidelines or individual school policies.

Not unexpected, there were no Interact Clubs chartered this current Rotary year to date. Through my communication with clubs around the District, I estimate the number of "Active" status Interact Clubs to be 21. The information available through Rotary International on Interact Club numbers is not complete, due to sponsoring Rotary clubs failing to complete and submit the annual compliance document "Report Your Interact Club Advisor". Failure to do this minor task can begin the journey down the bumpy road that can end with Rotary International suspending and potentially terminating the sponsored Interact club. Many sponsoring Rotary Clubs need to take this annual requirement seriously and follow the guidelines and assistance offered by the District chair in dealing with this compliance matter.

Adding to the oversight and mentoring activities of sponsoring Rotary Clubs was the closure of schools to outside visitors. As an alternative to no sponsor participation, some Interact Clubs enabled their Rotary club representative to sit in on their club meetings via Zoom.

Notwithstanding the difficulties that limited the Interact volunteer and fundraising activities, many Clubs were still able to carry on some of their usual projects. Clubs were involved with in school peer tutoring, food drives for local food banks, staffed Salvation Army kettles, and participated in litter cleanups around school and neighbouring properties. These are a sample of activities from around the district.

In prior years our Interact Clubs were well represented as part of the District Youth Program during our traditional District Conference, and they participated in their own Conference that ran parallel with the timing of the Rotary Conference. With the Covid 19 mandated cancellation of the District Conference, the ability of interactors to physically meet members from other clubs and share ideas was missed. However, this year on May 1, 2021, a virtual Interact conference representing Interact Clubs from both District 7810 and 7820 was held via Zoom. It was very successful from a content perspective and plans are underway to host a virtual meeting next year if required and increase Club participation.

If your Rotary Club currently does not sponsor an Interact Club, make the move to revitalize your Youth Services Program and participate in Rotary International's fastest growing youth program.

## Systemic Racism Task Force

In May of 2020, the then District Governor Louisa Horne, issued a call across Rotary District 7820 to come forward and be an actively change agent to combat systemic racism, with a particular focus on anti-Black racism sparked by the murder of George Floyd in the US. In June, a 10 member District Systemic Racism Task Force was struck and got to work. The Task Force members were self selected and represented various clubs across the district, commonly bonded by a commitment to meaningful change. The Task Force met intensively every week for the first few months, to build their own level of awareness around systemic racism, and anti-Black racism and well as create a strong environment of trust across the Task Force.

The Task Force identified that a few key foundational steps were needed to anchor any broader strategies or tactics. The first key foundational step was the creation and release of a District commitment statement around combating systemic racism. The second foundation step was creating and releasing a communication asset, using a common reference point, the 4-way test, so Rotarians could start to think about Systemic Racism and how it didn't align with our core Rotary values and beliefs. The final foundational step was the creation of a framework that would then serve as the key structural reference point for any broader strategies, tactics and tools developed to support clubs activating change at the community level. In January 2021, the Task Force released systemic racism tool kit which included;

- Resource Guide and Accompanying Presentation
- Discussion Primer
- What can you do? Infographic
- Coaching Reference Sheet
- Conversation Kit
- Anti-Racism Discussion Vocabulary and Accompanying Discussion Slide Deck
- Assessments – Club & Self

The full kit can be found at: <http://www.rotary7820.com>. It was decided that the kit should be available to all Rotarians but also to the broader community and to that end, the resources are available to anyone who visits the District website. Since the release of the tool kit in January, over 75 presentations have been delivered to clubs across Canada and the top part of the US as well as a number of community organizations that are interested in activating change related to systemic racism in their organizations. While the first phase of this work focused on Anti-Black racism, the Task Force has recognized that there are many groups that experience systemic racism and the goal was to create a framework that could be modified to support expanded dialogues focusing on the lived experience of other group. The Task Force has identified that anti-Indigenous racism and building relationships with Indigenous communities will be their next area of focus, activating in the Spring of 2021. Any questions or requests to present the tool kit can be forwarded to the Task Force coordinator, Lori Anne Jones at [latjones@outlook.com](mailto:latjones@outlook.com).

## **Rob Christie - Co-Registrar, Rotary Leadership Institute**

As co-registrar for RLI Atlantic, I have been concerned for some time now about the diminishing number of registrations for the RLI courses from Rotarians within our District of 7820. I chatted with DG Ian about the numbers and he asked that I make a presentation to the Area Governors at their recent meeting and follow it up with a note to our Annual General meeting next week.

Firstly, let me provide you with a little background as to the goal of RLI. RLI International is a grassroots coalition of Rotary districts implementing a leadership development program for "potential" leaders of Rotary Clubs which was established in 1992, RLI believes that excellent Club leadership (all types of club leaders) is essential to the future of Rotary in a complex and fast changing world. The overriding goal of the courses for club Rotarians is to create ENTHUSIASM for Rotary by opening up to them the world of Rotary outside of their own clubs and also showing them the great potential of Rotary service for the benefit of the world that can be furthered with excellent leadership in our clubs.

Let me share with you some comments made by our Rotarians who have attended the RLI courses as it gives one some idea of the impact of this program in providing leadership in our District. Mel Dean, current Area Governor for western Newfoundland and Labrador had this to say, "Personally, I would not have felt confident to become club president prior to graduating from RLI." He went on to say, "I learned about ethics and the relationship to vocational service. Also, I had my first introduction to the Rotary Foundation and the eradication of polio.,

Ron Wilson, Area Governor for Northern Nova Scotia, summed it up when he stated, "All organizations must provide the opportunity for potential leaders to learn and grow within the organization. Complementary to this is the desire of members of the organization to learn about the organization and to show a willingness to accept a leadership role. Together these will provide the path forward to a functional leadership succession plan." He went on to say that many Clubs struggle each year to fill leadership positions with the result that those brave souls who agree to fill a position do so without adequate understanding or training to carry out the duties they have agreed to carry out.

Our Zone Director and incoming RI Vice-president, Valerie Wafer, said at a recent meeting that, "Leaders are made at the club level". Here in 7820, I see our greatest challenge is to ensure that our existing and new Rotarians have a solid appreciation and understanding of Rotary.

I am very concerned that the strength and future of our District is being compromised by the lack of member involvement in our training opportunities. RLI is but one of our excellent training programs offered by the District and we have a challenge ahead of us to ensure that our members are ENGAGED to strengthen our clubs, our District and Rotary International if we want to be part of changing the world!

## **Tom Campbell - PEI Area Governor**

As with all clubs in District 7820, we on PEI were faced with changes to our regular Rotary routine this year. A large part of Rotary is fellowship, in particular the weekly face-to-face meetings for laughs and seeing friends. All clubs did adapt though. While attendance fell for some clubs while on Zoom, other clubs kept their membership up with engaging speakers and presentations.

All clubs are back to meeting sometimes in person. This will get stronger as more and more people get vaccinated, and we move into a post-pandemic world. Saying this, a few clubs are looking at keeping a hybrid model. This will allow people who cannot attend a meeting in person, those travelling (in the near future), etc. to still be a vital part of the club.

To come together across PEI as Rotarians, we did two events.

We hosted an all PEI Rotarian Zoom meeting in January. Each club gave an update on their activities. We also had a guest speaker from the District speaking on Corporate Memberships. One club has already adopted this model, and at least one other club is looking at it. We had about 70 members on this call.

For our second project, all five Rotary clubs on PEI are proud to partner with the PEI Women's Institute on their annual roadside cleanup on May 8. The Rotary clubs, stretching from Montague and Eastern PEI, to the Charlottetown area, to Summerside will have a group of Rotarians out for cleanup and fellowship. We are expecting about 70 members across the Island to participate. We hope to have good visibility as we will be wearing our bright red End Polio Now ponchos.

For the past few years we have been in a decline overall in members; primarily due to two large clubs losing members. We will work on and hope to reverse this trend in the coming two years.

Over all PEI Rotary held its own this Covid year. We are definitely looking forward to the coming years, as we are strong on PEI and hope to be stronger.

# Rotary



## District 7820 Annual Report - Club Reports

### Nova Scotia

#### Amherst

**Current Number in Club:** 50

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Active, dedicated, community driven.

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We are most proud to have kept one another safe while continuing our Rotary work. We have continued to meet by trying Zoom, hybrid models, and safe distancing models. We expanded/renovated Camp Tidnish while it was closed for use; updated our strategic plan; made efforts toward DEI planning & learning; started fundraising with a Rafflebox; and continued giving to our community! We are stronger together!

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year.?**

Biggest lesson: how deeply COVID has affected individuals and communities and how much kindness and support have been needed. Also, the importance of being flexible and adaptable in ways we've never been before.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Keeping members engaged and growing our membership

### **Bridgewater and District**

**Current Number in Club:** 7

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Vibrant, focused, caring

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We were able to complete our dictionary project which involved donating over 300 dictionaries to Grade 3 students which we completed with the contribution of the Rotary Club of Lunenburg. We were also very proud that we were able to meet in person once again. We were able to add new projects. In addition, we were very proud to have secured funding from the local community for this new work.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

We have learned that meeting virtually has its limitations. Initially we all enjoyed meeting on Zoom but then when we started meeting again in person, it released a lot of pent up energy that had been lacking on Zoom.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Our primary goal will be to secure other methods of fund-raising which we will also utilize to attract more people to our club.

## Dartmouth

**Current Number in Club:** 26

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Active - solid - old

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We were able to fill all of our commitments despite not being able to fundraise.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Zoom will always be a part of our club.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

We plan to run an altered fundraiser. We have started in person (hybrid) meeting and hope to continue.

## **Dartmouth East**

**Current Number in Club:** 12

**What are three words that describe your club?**

small, committed, welcoming

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

- a. We have found ways, even in these difficult times, to continue our support for the Metro Care and Share Society and Metro Turning Point.
- b. Carried out a hybrid strategic planning session to inform our club efforts in the coming year.
- c. Worked closely with the other Metro clubs to develop a joint project that we expect will be focused on the homeless crisis in Metro Halifax

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Collectively we have become sufficiently tech savvy to adapt to using Zoom for our meetings, while still holding in person and hybrid meetings when circumstances allow. Zoom has also allowed some members who are challenged in different ways to attend meetings that they would not otherwise get to. When the pandemic subsides, hybrid meetings will probably continue to be the norm.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

We continue to work to increase our membership.

## Halifax

**Current Number in Club:** 22 including 5 honorary

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Productive, Committed, Responsive

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

The ability to continue contributions to the community, global grants and Adventures in Citizenship

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

During our distribution of Christmas hampers, one of our members noted a woman with hardly any home furnishings. With contacts within our club and with other HRM Rotary Clubs, many of this woman's needs were able to be met through generous donations

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Anticipate merging with the Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside as the Rotary Club of Halifax Harbour

## Halifax Harbourside

**Current Number in Club:** 64

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Motivated, Diverse, Fun

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We are proud of nimbleness in finding ways to keep members in touch and continuing to support our projects. Switching to online mediums like Zoom allowed members to continue to meet and committees to continue. When possible we held in-person gatherings safely. Switching to bagged lunches in place of in-house suppers for Soul's Harbour and increasing our weekly School breakfast program all made possible by our Club members stepping up and reimagining our fundraisers so we didn't miss a beat.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

That addressing issues of racism is challenging for Rotarians who generally think of themselves as caring and generous and perhaps had not considered concepts such as privilege or unconscious bias. We also learned that there is more than one way for Rotarians to come together in a meaningful way and that being together in person is still so very important to our mental well being.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To be part of a new Rotary Club that will take the very best of our merging clubs and set a course for being open to new ways and welcoming to all across the spectrum of diversity and sensitive to challenges faced in our racialized communities.

## **Halifax Northwest**

**Current Number in Club: 30**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

**Diverse, Friendly, Inclusive**

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Holding together and keeping in touch through the medium of ZOOM meetings, advancing initiatives

Honouring Indigenous Peoples, Spearheading Diversity Awareness) in spite of the pandemic

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Spending time and effort in keeping each other informed and supporting each other

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022**

Improve revenue in order to better support outreach initiatives

## Kentville

**Current Number in Club:** 50

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Active, social, adaptable

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Our continued contribution to our community and beyond. We manage to get things done, despite the pandemic; through use of technology and our can-do attitude.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Hybrid live and virtual meetings. We also implemented live streaming of our meetings to our Facebook page.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Enhance member experience.

## Lunenburg

**Current Number in Club:** 12

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Caring, Community, Creative

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

The deepening of our commitment to the most vulnerable members of our community. We have continued our support for both the municipality's ProKids program and our local schools. The Support for Vulnerable Families project grew from our work with the Lunch program at one local elementary school. To date, \$20,000 has been raised to help children and families needing additional assistance. At Christmas, Gift Cards for Turkey dinners were distributed to families and seniors in need of support.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Impact of our ongoing engagement with each other and our community. We never missed a meeting, transitioning to Zoom mid-March 2020. We now do hybrids. Reinstating our community Flea Markets was key to supporting and engaging others. We began a new round of classification talks to rediscover each other. Virtual and in person Socials have kept us engaged.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To engage with our community on our legacy project - The Waterfront Pavilion. Excite others about joining Rotary to grow our work.

## Middleton

**Current Number in Club: 24**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Resilient, innovative, committed

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

How we overcame our inability to meet as usual and mobilized ourselves to respond to the pandemic. A small army of dedicated crafters made non medical masks for us which we donated to long term care facilities and anywhere else there was a demand. Afterward, while our Gold mine was stopped for health concerns, we continued to make masks but with various themes: NS Tartan, Rotary logos etc. which we sold around the province, enabling us to continue supporting projects in a meaningful way.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

This pandemic, while it slowed us down, has enabled us to reflect on our best practices and areas for improvements. Accordingly we have embarked on a strategic Plan review following our first SWOT exercises. We are in the process of putting the finishing touches. One of our areas for improvement is to lever more from our Club Runner account and increasing participation on My Rotary.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Implement the results of our Strategic review in order to face our future confidently.

**Current Number in Club: 16**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Hopeful, determined and community minded

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Our club has come together with 12 other clubs from Nova Scotia to organize a group fundraiser through Rafflebox. Such a great way to meet our fellow Rotarians across the Province. We are especially proud to pull this off during a pandemic and hope to have great success with this project.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

One of the biggest lessons learned is how important it is to be working on growth/new membership throughout the whole year. This will help to generate new ideas and projects so we can support local and international causes.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

"Grow Our Club" We are off to a great start with this goal, we have started promoting Corporate memberships and have successfully signed up five Corporate Members already, one of these memberships has donated \$10,000 to our Rotary Park. We hope with this growth we will be able to revitalize our club.

**Current Number in Club:** 26

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Compassionate, Enjoyable, Dedicated

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We started the "Little Free Pantry" project in June 2020 and in small groups, built, painted and installed 2 of the 4 pantries in our small community. Each week two Rotarians are responsible for keeping the "Little Free Pantry" stocked with food and other essentials. Every Rotarian in our club has been part of this project.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

From the first of the pandemic we met by zoom weekly and had interesting speakers to keep our members engaged. We met in small groups when we were able too and went back to face-face meetings as soon as restrictions were lifted. We reached out to all of the members continuously throughout the year so we wouldn't lose touch. In the fall of 2020 we started having hybrid meetings and continue to do so. As many of our members are friends outside of the club there was more engagement in small groups.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To ensure that we engage more with the members that are on the edge and continue and to provide service to our community.

**Current Number in Club: 16**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Fellowship, Community and Commitment

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

In the year 20/21 our club is most proud of our involvement with the Hawkes Dream Field Project which will give complete accessibility and inclusiveness for both fans and athletes in the CBRM. We are able to do this with the major success of our number for life draw and the many things that we are able to contribute to in our community.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

While staying safe, we were able to carry on our rotary meetings with limited interruptions by using virtual meetings as well as following health protocols when meeting face to face.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Our goal for the coming year is to continue to serve our community and the greater world around us. As well, we hope to be able to do more for our seniors while maintaining our support of our youth. We also hope to secure funding through municipal grants which will able us to initiate beautification projects in our community.

**Current Number in Club: 24**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Dedicated, community minded, sympathetic

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

The decision of our Rotary Club to focus on the needs of our local community. COVID 19 produced unique challenges for our local food banks, children's organizations and school students. Providing a level of food security, helping keep doors open, to providing assistance to challenged children in need are projects we are proud of.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Needs change during challenging times, money is harder to raise, and the club is challenged to achieve its goals. Accepted practices and projects of the past have to be rethought and adapted for current times.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Support our local community.

**Current Number in Club:**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022**

### **Port Hawkesbury**

**Current Number in Club:**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

### **Sackville and Area**

**Current Number in Club: 18**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Small but Mighty

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We kept our stamina up & continued our meetings throughout the pandemic and kept up our commitment to Hunger and Homeless communities. Example, Donation and volunteers to Sackville Area Warming Centre, 4 School Breakfast Programs, to Freedom Kitchen and Beacon House. We completed Adopt-A- Highway. Our literacy commitment with 300 children's books at the Sackville Snow Days. Created a monthly fundraiser - Virtual Trivia Night. Christmas Wish Tree successful. Supported our local Interact Club

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Best practice was to continue to move forward with projects, initiatives and weekly meetings.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Continue to seek opportunities to help within our Communities.

**Sydney**

**Current Number in Club: 31**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Active Community Leaders

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

As we all know this past year was challenging to say the least. However, we were still able to provide funding for all of our annual local commitments. We were able to provide a Wellness Room for Crossroads (costing just shy of \$10,000). We had a successful Curling for the Cause event where we hosted 13 teams and raised about \$8000 for community youth. This upcoming weekend we will be honoring Earth Week with a Paper Chase jointly with Sunrise Rotary Club and some of our Interact students

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Although we are currently only meeting virtually, We did introduce the hybrid meeting when the COVID restrictions were lighted at times during the pandemic. This is a practice that we will continue to implement for all our meetings in the future when we are able

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

We will be pushing to not only increase membership but to increase the diversity of our membership

**Current Number in Club: 36**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Caring - Resourceful - Flexible

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Despite a pandemic and public health restrictions, we continued to meet regularly using a hybrid Zoom/in-person model. After canvassing local needs, we created a Covid relief fund to provide financial support to address community needs in the face of the pandemic. We modified activities to enable us to honour our commitment to a number of longstanding projects e.g. serving meals at the local food bank and supporting regular social events for residents at a local long-term care facility.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

The Rotary motto of service above self continues to be relevant especially during these unprecedented times. Individuals and communities have been impacted by the pandemic and related public health restrictions but Rotarians are adjusting and continue to serve. In addition, in an era of social distancing and isolation, Rotary's quick transition to on-line meetings and learning provides a sense of community for many and gives us increased access to the broader Rotary world.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

We will focus on community relationships by 1) following up on the corporate/community membership initiative to broaden our membership, 2) incorporating the recommendations of the Systemic Racism Task Force, and 3) working closely with our Rotaract club.

**Current Number in Club:** 61

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Homogenous, Generous, Supportive

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Our Bollywood fundraiser was the first "to go" fundraiser our town saw, and we still raised ten thousand dollars! It was a resounding success.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Zoom meetings have been in place for over a year now, and though some members choose not to participate, and a very small number are unable to, many do. Zoom has made meetings more accessible to many and has allowed us to have speakers from all over.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To continue to attract new members.

**Current Number in Club**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022**

**Current Number in Club:**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Aging, Busy, Active

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Most proud that we were able to adapt. We started having Zoom meetings very early on and our attendance has been generally good. Most of our activities are in-person fundraising so most things were cancelled this year. So I challenged Rotarians that, instead of a Christmas Party, we would donate the cost of the party to Rotary and the club would match and give a gift to the Foodbank. In addition we set up a one-time COVID Fund to fund local organizations in need of funds at this time.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

I think that it was the realization that many Rotarians still want to be involved. Even though it was difficult for some to navigate online meetings we have had good attendance. In the couple of months that we were able to have social meetings it was a relief for many of us to be able to see fellow Rotarians in person.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To get back to "normal" operation in our activities and to boost membership. We have a declining membership, we have lost 5 members this year and I know of at least one other that is moving from the area soon.

**Wolfville-Mud Creek**

**Current Number in Club: 23**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Engaged, Relevant, Committed

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Our only funding source that funds our commitment to the community is the Toonie Toss. After a brief hiatus the club was able to develop a strong on line presence for the draw. This proved quite successful until conditions eased. During the period meeting attendance via ZOOM was excellent and the club was very engaged. Committees remained active and new plans were developed for a new charity initiative connected to the Toonie Toss

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

We learned the importance of having to keep in touch with members. It would have been a big mistake to have stopped meetings during the pandemic. Attendance was about the same or better than in person, we welcomed two new members and two hooray members virtually. We used ZOOM to meet with a former exchange student from Paris. Technology was well accepted and the option will continue.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To continue to make a difference in our community by identifying partnerships and remaining committed to the principles of Rotary here and around the world. Meeting in person, not just for meeting but social interaction is something that will be a big priority.

**Current Number in Club: 9**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

proud, giving, loyal

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Even though we have very limited funds we were able to meet our commitments and then some.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

We have branded ourselves as the Club that helps those that slip through the cracks when it comes to community assistance.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To meet in person again as fellowship is very important to us, but our members' safety is first and foremost.

## Yarmouth

**Current Number in Club:** 41

**What are three words that describe your club?**

sparse, adaptive, connected

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

This year, we chose one focus project. Meals on Wheels delivery/management became a paid position, thus employing a single part time person and meeting the requirements of Public Health as a pilot project. We continue to support this project by coordinating employees, grant / funding applications and fundraising.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Our biggest take away was the importance of connectivity. Although our club is well established ( 100 yrs) and a long serving membership, the simple fact that we lost our weekly meetings for 6 weeks brought a disconnect. The re-connect is much more difficult. We continue to make changes, assess, re-adjust, re-assess so that we can still provide some sort of continuity for our members and keep them attached until we are all able to fully re-engage.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To survive as a club, and to find a way to thrive in the changing social environment.

## Newfoundland and Labrador

## Avalon Northeast

**Current Number in Club: 34**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Engaged, Committed, Enthusiastic

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We have given back to the community in many ways through Foundation Donations to Food Banks, Choices for Youth and others. But one project we are proud of is our Partnership with Choices for Seniors and Manuels River, is our Meals Ready to Go program whereby we have members volunteer (and also donated a lot of money towards and have received donations from other clubs) to prepare home cooked meals and deliver them to seniors in the CBS, Paradise St. John's Metro region.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Biggest lesson is despite the pandemic, members still want to meet regularly whether that is through zoom or other platforms and still be engaged in the community. We've found some ways to continue our involvement in programs and it's amazing how people can adapt to change and continue to make things happen. We actually had grown our membership this year which is great considering the pandemic.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

One big goal is to strengthen our social media/public relations. We have a new member who is well experienced in that area and has taken that role on.

## Clareville

**Current Number in Club: 13**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Interactive, engaged, community

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We are so proud to have adapted our most lucrative fundraiser, which is providing moose burgers during a municipal event into a take home option! It allowed us to actually fundraise more than we have in the past and continue with the tradition that people in the area have come to enjoy.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

We learned that even though we were unable to have people physically visit our club we could adapt and set up meetings to keep our club engaged with the community via online platforms. We have also shared more discussions amount our own membership

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To reach out to the community to engage our younger community and attempt to increase our membership as well as increase corporate memberships

**Current Number in Club:** 23 with 6 honorary members so 29 members

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Conservative, established, collaborative

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

The Club is most proud of two activities. In October, tulip bulbs donated from purchasers of bulbs bought in the End Polio Now project were planted by Rotarians and city officials in a central city green space. Now though Rotary, flowering tulips will enhance and uplift the community. The other is the involvement of all Rotarians in preparations for its June on-line fundraiser auction. The fundraiser will be organised and executed by a combined club effort to benefit all.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

At the beginning of the covid pandemic regulations meetings were tried using zoom. This was difficult for many older members and those who were over zoomed from work. The Club started biweekly in-person meetings as soon as these were allowed which has kept members in touch and kept the club membership active. Rotary Club of Corner Brook thrives on in-person contact

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Recruitment of new members needs to be actively addressed particularly in the 35- 55 year age group and corporate membership will be investigated further

**Exploits**

**Current Number in Club: 25**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

fun, fellowship, & philanthropic

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Growth and retention of membership in adverse times. Being a positive bright light in some very dark times. I am most proud of our Clubs members : in so many ways.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Covid responsible in person meetings.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Engaging our new members by restarting in person fundraising events

**Current Number in Club:** 41 +1 Honourary

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Steady She/ He Goes

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We continued to meet through the Pandemic. We had a successful Food Drive in December. Only lost 2 members. Our Community park foundation continues to plan for the future and has established a 5 year Plan in conjunction with our municipality.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Biggest lesson learned is that succession is a very important part of every current Board.....we had a very weak transition from 2020. to 20-21. This was mostly due to Covid but it still could have been better

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Resume our fundraising and meet in person as often as possible

**Happy Valley-Goose Bay**

**Current Number in Club**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

**Current Number in Club: 6**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Community, Engaged, Service

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Humber continued to sponsor the Gallipoli Army Cadet in their effort to engage their young members by funding a Zoom account for them. Not only were they able to communicate with members' parents but they conducted zoom cadet activities monthly, including band music lessons, parade uniform competition and fitness. They did not lose members but gained a couple ending the year this month, May, with 28 members.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Communication, via email primarily.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Have more members take part in Rotary District zoom events.

**Current Number in Club:**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

**Current Number in Club:** Approximately 73

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Passionate, changing, re-defining

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Acutely aware of community need in food insecurity our club had engaged in non traditional ways to fund raise due to pandemic. Conducted a virtual auction resulting in our club presenting \$50,000 to Bridges to Hope. This on top of additional \$26000 for 350 Christmas hampers.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

We are an older demographic. Smaller fireside groups continued to meet during pandemic and were instrumental in maintaining club engagement. This combined with embracing technology ie: zoom meetings, we were able to continue our community work and make a difference .

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Re- define our club, re- engage , re- envision our club and recruit like minded individuals who share in core principles and community service.

**St. John's After Hours**

**Current Number in Club: 12**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Innovative, Doers, Friends

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Our club is most proud of continuing our meetings via Zoom, keeping our connections with our community groups throughout Covid-19, giving back during financial hardships and growing our membership despite a pandemic. Our members grew closer as friends and we strengthened our bonds with our organizations. We kept up our meetings and socials as well as a few service projects within our community. We gave back to the food bank and helped those in need during Covid-19.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

We have learned many things; no matter where you are you can still get business done because of the internet. You can grow membership and strengthen partnerships despite financial difficulties and the state of mind during a pandemic. You can do anything you put your mind to and persevere through hardships. It could always be worse, don't take anything for granted.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

One goal we have is to better help our communities through these ever changing times.

**Current Number in Club:** 41

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Welcoming Passionate Dedicated

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Last Summer our Club was able to organize a bicycle project collecting approximately 150 bikes, ensuring all were mechanically safe and sound, purchasing helmets to go to each recipient and delivering them to mostly newcomer families in our community. It was truly a heart warming experience to see the reaction of all members of the families who received the bikes and helmets and we look forward to doing it again this year.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Our biggest lesson was having to focus more on member engagement and seeing the need to mix in as many social gatherings as was safe and practical with our Zoom meetings. We learned that many members would mostly show up to the social events as they may either work all day on Zoom or prefer not to be in that type of setting

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Maintain and grow our membership by 5-10%

**Current Number in Club:** 64 Active and 14 Honourary

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Supportive, Committed, and Community Oriented

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Our club has been able to make the most of this year through meeting online through Zoom and by phone. We changed our Food Drive to be the most successful yet, with 20,000 lbs of food collected and over \$7000.00 in cash. We have raised over \$80,000 if you count our Trip of the Month Sales, Online Auction, Grant Applications, Members contributions and donations. We have put out this much money into community resources that need it the most and have worked as a team to decide where it will go!

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

We are committed to making our community a better place to live despite the pandemic. We strive to make a difference in our local and international communities. We wish to foster continued great friendships and fellowship with Rotarians in our local and district network. Together we can work together to improve the Rotary impact in this world. We really miss seeing each other and cannot wait to build further fellowship and fun in person when it is safe to do so!

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To build a stronger connected club who will continue to do great work in our local, national and international community through Rotary!

**Stephenville**

**Current Number in Club: 19**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Resilient, Dedicated, Diverse

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We have stepped up to continue our Service Above Self by doing weekly physical volunteering at our local Emergency Food Services. In addition, we are growing our club scope by pursuing two long-time pending projects: Corporate Memberships and a Community Project or Partnership.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

I would have to say that staying connected has been paramount!, and secondly, this year has challenged us to be creative!! We meet regularly through Zoom or hybrid. That has kept focus on our reason for being Rotarians - to serve our community. Smaller fundraisers have allowed us to respond positively to requests for financial support, and we have found ways to fund-raise in a Covid-friendly manner, while realizing fellowship opportunities - a backbone of any Rotary group.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

We are working hard to increase membership and to help current members become more engaged!

**Waterford Valley**

**Current Number in Club: 17**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Resilient Welcoming Approachable

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

The progress we have made working with Eastern Health and The Canadian Mental Health in the development of the HI Program. View the HI program on our Waterford Valley FaceBook page. The HI program is our main focus as it is focused on helping parents understand problems that their child may be experiencing and provides 24-7 access to professional help online via mobile tablet, phone or computer as long as there is a signal. Our goal is to make the HI program available to everyone anywhere.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

2020 was a rough year leaning into the same for 2021. The one thing that rings clear is that it has been of vital importance to stay connected, but not to a point where people feel overburdened dealing with their own issues.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To see the Eastern Health HI Program ( Health Information ) become a reality

## Charlottetown

**Current Number in Club:** 76

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Diverse, adapting, focused

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Our response to the pandemic by forming an ad-hoc committee to distribute food hampers across the Island to those in need.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

We learned that you don't have to meet in person to get things done.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

We are working toward a major project

## Charlottetown Royalty

**Current Number in Club:** 58

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Highly experienced, hardworking, congenial

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We maintained regular club meetings all throughout and most of our committees stayed active, serving the local community and beyond.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

The biggest lesson learnt was the agility of the club to adapt in times of disruption and to never underestimate this strength.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To work closer with the local community so that required support is quickly identified and provided.

**Hillsborough-Charlottetown**

**Current Number in Club:** 35 plus 2 honorary

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Need to change!

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Maintaining our community presences and carrying on our meetings using a hybrid of Zoom and in person as allowed.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Flexibility is the key to survival or success.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Develop a strategic leadership plan.

**Montague and Eastern PEI**

**Current Number in Club: 34**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Resilient, Caring & Productive

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

I am most proud of our Club for putting the proper COVID procedures in place to allow us to continue the work of our Rotary Gold Mine fundraiser- this allowed us to take care of those in need in our communities- we were also pleased to be able to meet in person under the PHO guidelines which allowed our fellowship & friendship to flourish during the pandemic.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

We learned that we are better as a group when we actually have meetings (via zoom or live) and that we can work through most obstacles put in our way- the pandemic has taught us all how to be more resilient.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To grow our membership.

**Summerside**

**Current Number in Club:**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

**Saint Pierre and Miquelon**

**Current Number in Club: 16 + 2 (honneur)**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

dynamique, amical , représentatif de la population

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Le club de Saint pierre et Miquelon a non seulement su traverser la crise du covid-19 en maintenant des actions régulières tout en ayant des réunions et des rencontres actives , de plus le club à participé activement à la campagne de vaccination(COVID-19)

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Le club de Saint pierre et Miquelon s'est adapté rapidement à la situation difficile sur le territoire en organisant des réunions via zoom tout en réfléchissant ensemble a des nouvelles actions. Nous avons réussi à maintenir voire même augmenter notre activité et l'implication de nos membres. Notre effectif est presque resté le même, nous avons réussi à recruter un nouveau membre.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Maintenir une forte activité et rendre le club encore plus attractif afin de tenter d' accueillir d'autres nouveaux membres.



## Interact

### Citadel Interact

**Current Number in Club:** 12

**What are three words that describe your club?**

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

The club was unable to run at Citadel High School until January 2021. To date they have had a St. Patrick's Day candy gram and have collected funds for Adsum House.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To increase activity at Citadel High School despite the limitations of COVID restrictions.

## **Cobequid Education (CEC) Interact**

**Current Number in Club:** 30

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Community and international focused

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

CEC Interact has been on pause for the 2020/21 school year

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

N/A

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To become active once again.

## **Glace Bay High School Interact**

**Current Number in Club: 7**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Engaged, active, motivated

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We have completed many of our yearly projects with reduced membership and are proud of this fact. We are currently working on a schoolwide food drive that is headed in the direction of being one of our most successful to date.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Our club has learned the importance of keeping things going even though membership is low. We have continued to gain new members over the school year and as recently as 1 month ago had a new member join our club.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

Our membership has decreased significantly as a result of the pandemic and so it is our goal to increase membership in September.

## Gonzaga Interact

**Current Number in Club:** 19

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Ambitious, outgoing, diligent

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Everyone in our club are fresh new members. where most of us were not involved in the previous Interact Club. So we were not familiarized with what this club often did, nonetheless, the club was brought back in December. COVID-19 has made us face a variety of predicaments as most of the usual club activities done in previous years would not be allowed. I am proud of our club for being able to start in these difficult times and still have lots of fun together while helping our community!

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

Anything can be accomplished with the right motivation and compromise. One of our biggest fears was that most of the club activities would be cancelled due to COVID and we would not have any activities to partake in. The key lesson learnt here is to not freight on the missed opportunities. If an opportunity is not presented, try to create a new one. Even if it doesn't seem that great at first, try and think outside the box. Our club faced a lot of challenges for sure but we prevailed through!

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

One goal from our club is to be able to make an activity that we can continue on every year that is original and ours. Every time we come with an idea and prepare, a new COVID protocol is always placed and we have to push our activities further and further away. Furthermore, I hope that we will be able to be more active and make a good impact on our school community. Rather than popularity, I wish that people will appreciate our efforts and that our actions are carried through years after.

## **NNEC Interact - New Glasgow**

**Current Number in Club: 15**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Inclusive, Determined, Organized

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

We are most proud of our Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Shoebox project. In prior years, we reached out to businesses, went shopping together and held fundraisers. This past year things were different, as a "school club" we were not allowed to fundraise. So we had to think of different methods to collect donations & pick up the items. In the end, we pulled it off and managed to fill 50 shoeboxes! Our club also volunteered at the Drive In during the pandemic which was a lot of fun.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

The biggest lesson learned would be the importance on having good organization. With all the events we have done, we try to include everyone and divide up the tasks based on the member's interest. Distributing jobs makes everyone more focused on their specific task and creates a stronger group because everyone is included. It's important to integrate everyone's ideas & opinions. All projects and events run smoother with an organized team.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

As President, I will not be in the club next year as I am attending StFX, but I really hope the Interact Club continues at NNEC as well as the Samaritans Purse Shoebox project. I definitely will join a Club at University.



## **Rotaract**

### **Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture**

**Current Number in Club: 13**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

dedicated, supportive, kind

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Rotaract members met virtually and in-person for specific events; members came together to sew purple face masks as a fundraiser for Polio. Members participated in Christmas Index Program, Bollywood and Swim for Polio.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

In-person meetings are far more effective for this club. Members are all students, taking courses online and struggled having additional screen time in their calendar. Moving forward as guidelines permit in-person will be of preference.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To increase awareness of the club, to provide recruitment opportunities.

## **Rotaract Club of Halifax**

**Current Number in Club:** 12

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Welcoming, entrepreneurial, passionate

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

The Rotaract Hat Project. We created a fundraiser that could be done within social distancing guidelines and raised \$1155 for Out of the Cold.

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

We've learned that many of our members value connections made within the club, even more so with classes online, and we are trying to maximize that aspect of Rotaract as much as possible.

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

We want to bring structure back to our club and create a clear path for future presidents so we can move the club forward.

## **Rotaract Club of St. John's**

**Current Number in Club: 15**

**What are three words that describe your club?**

Adaptation, inclusion, enthusiastic

**This Rotary year has been unique in many ways and clubs have adapted to continue serving the communities we live in. What is your club most proud of for the 2020-2021 year?**

Our club is most proud of taking advantage of the covid 19 pandemic and transforming our club to a paperless virtual model! We were able to host many more online initiatives such as giveaways, fundraisers, recruitment commercials as well as connecting with international clubs from all over the world from cultural music exchanges to online conferences as well as letterhead exchanges!

**2020-2021 has been a Rotary year like no other. What has been your biggest lesson learned or best practice your club has implemented this year?**

That our Rotaract club needs to fit the needs of our members and not the needs of our board! By doing this we gained much more interest and helped accommodate individuals who had work or school to still give back to their community

**As we approach the end of this Rotary year and begin a new one, what is one goal your club has for 2021-2022?**

To implement a new model for our members and for our board, we hope to introduce new board positions and new projects for the next year