

# THE WHEELHOUSE

## SPRING EDITION



Districts 7810 & 7820

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# Welcome from the Editor



**Martine Babineau**

**Director Of Communications District 7810**

**Rotary Club of Atlantic International Passport –Foundation Chair**

The Rotary year is almost at an end. Like most years, Spring is filled with excitement and preparation. As this year's club and district officers celebrate, next year's counterparts plan for the future.

In this edition we travel both east and west to see how the money raised here is put

to work by our fellow Rotarians afar. We bid farewell to old friends and see how new generations in Rotary are finding ways to support their communities. Finally we get a glimpse into the amazing things to come with new conference formats and district committees.

I want to take this opportunity to welcome those who have joined and rejoined Rotary in the past year. It is my belief that the struggles of the last two years have not only shown us how much Rotary is needed in the world, but also the value that it can bring to our lives. Our Vision Statement says it perfectly: *Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.* With this I add, if you have an idea, a passion, a cause, share it with your fellow Rotary members. You will find others that share your passion and want to take action with you.

1.4 million friends you haven't met....

Any Rotary member, club, or committee, is welcome to share their story in the Wheelhouse. Articles for the Summer edition of the Wheelhouse are due by June 15th, to allow time for editing, for a release in July. Please remember the following guidelines:

- 350 to 500 words of original content in Word format (not previously published)
- Include pictures for club events
- Make sure to include: the history of the event, the number of members involved, any partner organizations, volunteer hours spent, cost (if appropriate), and results
- Please include a headshot of yourself or the author (for new submissions)

Note: For the sake of fairness we only *advertise* District events and Foundation fundraising efforts

Submissions can be sent by [clicking here](#) and filling out the form.

Thank you all for reading,



Martine Babineau



# Standing With Ukraine



**Erin Hansen**

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Many Rotarians around the world have been donating to the Rotary Foundation's designated fund in support of Ukraine. As of March 11, over \$2 million had been received to support humanitarian efforts of Rotary Clubs that are geographically closer and able to provide grassroots support. Here are just a few examples...



Gerti Gruber from the Rotary Club of Olsztyn reports that her club has been collecting and managing donations for refugees staying at Ostridge Camp. Most of the refugees are unaccompanied children. Donated items like food, clothes, bedding, personal hygiene products, and even some toys have all been provided.

A Rotary Supply Chain has been created in Kosice, Slovakia, says Gerti Gruber. Blankets, clothing, diapers, hygiene supplies and associated items are being sorted, labeled, wrapped and cataloged. They are then loaded onto a train bound for Chok, Ukraine. Several shipments have already been deployed.

Rotary friends in Poland's District 2231 are making use of a Global Grant to help Ukrainian mothers with small children who are stranded at their border in cold weather. They have distributed over 1000 humanitarian packages so far.



Lviv International Rotary Club has initiated a project called "Medical Aid to Ukraine". Along with their Rotary partners in Warsaw and Denmark, they have supplied items like mattresses, hygiene products and humanitarian aid to help Ukrainians.

Iryna Bushmkna (District 2232 in Ukraine) reported that the Russian army has been blocking aid groups from bringing humanitarian aid to civilians at risk of dying from dehydration and hunger. Helmets, thermal imagers, and body armour are needed to provide defense for support workers. They are working on this.

Iryna also explained how Rotaract Europe quickly mobilized an online platform to help Ukrainians flee the country. Instead of having to stay in hotels, refugees can stay for the night at the homes of Rotary and Rotaract families along multiple escape routes. They have organized more than 2000 host families to take in refugees. What a great reminder that Rotary International really is a like big family!



Click the image to link to the fundraising page

Did you know that:

- Giving through our fundraising page is the same as giving directly to the Rotary Foundation. If you or your club have given (or plan to give) by cheque in the mail, or through [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), you can let us know and we will add your donation to the tally of our online giving page.
- Gifts to this appeal earn you Paul Harris recognition points. Simply ensure that you use the same email address as you would use to log in to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and your gift will be linked to your profile for Paul Harris points.
- You will receive a Canadian tax receipt issued by The Rotary Foundation Canada.
- Anyone can give through this fund – it's not just for Rotarians. Please share the [link](#) widely.

And there's something else...

Once the immediate crisis needs have been met in the region surrounding Ukraine, other places around the globe that are accepting Ukrainian refugees and displaced people will be able to apply for a grant from this fund. That means, that we can come together and apply for up to \$25,000 USD to directly impact refugees and displaced people in Atlantic Canada. So our gifts are helping in Ukraine but also close to home.

Please continue to spread the word.

Let's aim for a bold new goal! At time of publication we are at \$187,261. There are two weeks left! How far can we make it!

Let's come together as Rotarians in Atlantic Canada, North Eastern Maine, and St. Pierre and Miquelon and show what it means to see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

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# ShelterBox Update

April 2022



## SHELTERBOX AND ROTARY PARTNERING AGAIN IN RESPONSE TO THE UNFOLDING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE.

ShelterBox is responding to the Ukraine crisis with the help of countless Rotarians. We are working with the UN, other humanitarian partners, and Rotary to deliver aid to people both in Ukraine and the 3.2 million, and counting, refugees fleeing to neighboring countries, like Moldova.

The humanitarian needs in Ukraine are significant and dramatically increasing as a result of the escalation in conflict. Winter temperatures fall as low as -8 °C, causing additional severe challenges. We are focusing our attention and resources in countries that require most support for their humanitarian response. Learn more **about the response here**.

Rotarians are playing a pivotal role in the Ukraine crisis response; helping us fundraise and supporting on the ground logistics in Eastern Europe. We are closely liaising with Rotary District 2231 in Poland and with wider regional coordination framework under RI Director *Katarina Kotsalis*. The President of the Rotary e-club of Moldova International, *Luminita Gavriluta*, has introduced the team on the ground to the *Moldovan Minister for Labour and Social Protection* and Rotarians in country. They have helped to deliver crucial information on urgent needs and make senior level introductions for ShelterBox.

Canadian Rotarians have also been busy fundraising in their local communities; *at hockey games and flower shops, in their retirement homes, and among friends*. The donations we are receiving now will go directly to our response in Ukraine. Any additional money raised beyond what is needed for this response will help ShelterBox provide emergency shelter to families affected by disaster around the world. Help fundraise to **support those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine, visit our Rotary Action Toolkit here:** <https://www.shelterboxcanada.org/ukraine-response-rotary-action-toolkit/>

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ShelterBox and Rotary are official project partners in international disaster relief. ShelterBox is a registered charity independent of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.





# Feel Better. PERIOD!

**Emma Rogers**

**Bathurst High School Interact**

**Grade 12**

The latest initiative of the Bathurst High School's Interact Club (Rotary Club of Bathurst) recognizes the struggles of unprepared young girls without adequate feminine hygiene resources in our project, "Feel Better. PERIOD!".

Inspired by a similar project in the Miramichi, Rotarians Audrey Ronalds and Silvana Bosca sought to extend the opportunity for those dealing with menstrual cycles to be prepared for their 'time of the month'. After consulting with schools in the Chaleur region, it was determined that girls in middle and high school are still unprepared for their first period. The goal of the project is to provide support in the form of period care packages to those who need them.

On two Wednesday Interact meetings, the collaborative effort of the club members saw 100 "period packs" prepared. Members worked together in an assembly line format. At about \$15 each, the packs include and information sheet, a travel bag, 6 ultra-thin teen pads, 6 panty liners, 6 wipes, a bottle of hand sanitizer and a stick of deodorant. The packs will be delivered to the guidance counselors of 8 school in the region.



Openly addressing the difficulties of growing up and dropping the shame attached to it is a necessary measure to support young teens experiencing new struggles. Interact aims to cultivate a welcoming and inclusive environment for all, and by providing resources for young girls going through puberty, we challenge the stigmas that often shame them and push them into silence. We hope that this project reassures teens from all backgrounds that they are heard and understood, and deserve the appropriate assets needed to feel comfortable in their own bodies.

This project was funded by a District Grant and the Rotary Club of Bathurst.



**Harvey Bass**

**District Governor Elect District 7810**

**Rotary Club of Florenceville**

The countdown is on!

We are now less than 2 months away from District Conference 2022. This historic event for Rotary District 7815 will be held the weekend of May 13-14.

For the first time, the new District will be gathering together as one bringing together roughly 2,000 Rotarians throughout Atlantic Canada and the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon!! If that doesn't call for a celebration, we don't know what does.

The challenge for this important event is to find a way to make participating a reality for every single Rotarian in this new District. That means eliminating geographical barriers and lessening the financial burden that comes with travel, lodging, meals and even time off work for those who would need to travel great distances. In addition, the goal is to overcome all of these obstacles while still attracting amazing guest speakers, world class entertainment and enabling Rotarians from far and wide to interact with each other and come away with new ideas as we learn from each other's best practices.

What Rotarian doesn't love a challenge! And we believe we have found a way that covers all those bases! Although every Rotarian in District 7815 will be able to join the District Conference from the comfort of their own home – via Zoom – we are encouraging clubs to host "Watch Parties", where they can get together as a group to experience all we have planned for the weekend. Those watch parties can include members from one or multiple clubs. This can provide a great networking and fellowship opportunity between clubs. The format of individual 'Watch Parties' is totally up to you – as long as each has the capability to connect to the District Conference through Zoom – and we look forward to seeing the creative ways Rotarians get together that weekend. Clubs can also get sponsors for their "Watch Parties", to help cover the cost of things like refreshments, room rentals, etc.; and they will be recognised during the conference itself. Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.

In keeping with our promise to keep costs down, registration will be done by each club at a cost of just \$10/member. We have also secured some corporate sponsors from a handful of great community minded business in our region.

Finally – check out our program.

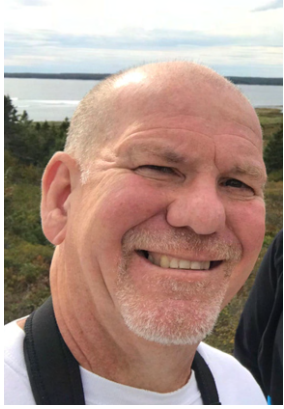
Friday evening - world renowned comedian, actor and playwright Marshall Button will host an evening of comedy and trivia as his signature character Lucien.

Saturday's Keynote speaker - Jahmeelah (Jam) Gamble is one of Toronto's gifted leaders and encourages everyone to #SLAYTHEMIC!

We're excited about this year's District Conference and can't wait to see you that weekend.

For now, please spread the word and help us engage District 7815 – as we get together to celebrate NEW BEGINNINGS!

# Rotary Day of Service



**Shayne Mann**

**Rotary District 7810 Chair of Environmental Committee**

**Rotary Club of Sackville NB**

**Chair Youth and Vocational Services**

The 7810/7820 joint Environment Committee is focused on our two major initiatives for 21-22 (Day of Service and a new environment focused e-club) but we continue to work to support clubs in their efforts to do work that supports the environment. As well, we are looking forward to the inaugural year of District 7815 and are planning an exciting project to launch environmental efforts in the new district.

## Rotary Day of Service June 4-5

The Day of Service initiative now has more than 25 clubs from across 7810 and 7820 signed on. Clubs will be doing a variety of projects that support the environment, all on the same weekend. This will draw public attention to Rotary and the fact that the environment is now an area of focus for us. It will also be a great opportunity for engagement in a hands-on community project for members and for potential membership recruitment. Most importantly the Day of Service will result in action that supports the environment.

The committee will bring clubs who are involved together so that we can support each other in our projects. It's not too late for clubs to sign on. If clubs are looking for an opportunity to engage their members in a meaningful initiative that involves Rotarians from across 7810 and 7820, reach out to the environment committee. We would love to hear from you.

## New Rotary Environment-focused E-club

The committee is leading efforts to establish a new Environment-based E-Club. There are many reasons this might be a great fit for people, and we hope to attract new Rotarians through this initiative. We've made significant efforts to get the word out through environmental organizations and social media. Assistance in getting the word out through clubs and individual Rotarians through your community networks would be most helpful. Follow us on social media and share information out from there.

Follow us on Facebook [here](#) and on Instagram @RotaryAtlEnv

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# Planning for Tomorrow While Acting Today



**Morris Haugg**  
**Rotary Club of Amherst**

In January 1998, when an ice storm knocked out electrical power in many areas of Quebec, our club sent \$5000 to the Rotary Club of Granby to use at their discretion. They mostly used the money to buy generators for families in the greatest need. Our club realized that in the future we might not always have surplus funds to help in the case of a disaster. This resulted in the establishment of a "Disaster Fund" within our financial plan.

The complete wording of the policy is too long to set forth here, but it provides that: "the greater sum of \$1000 or 2% of the budgeted expenses spent on Club projects shall be placed into the NDF annually and invested separately." (Feel free to contact me if you would like to have the full wording of this fund policy) Over the years, this fund has been used to help with the tsunami in Southeast Asia, flooding in Newfoundland and on the Mississippi in the U.S., and the earthquake in Haiti.



Photo of one of the five families who each benefited from a \$ 1,000 gift certificates made possible by our donation.

In the wake of the flooding in November we contacted the Rotary Club of Abbotsford, B.C. and asked how they were their community was coping. Learning of their involvement in the affected communities, our club decided to send \$5,000 from our disaster fund. They in turn matched our money and purchased gift certificates for building supplies that were handed out to families who were rebuilding their homes, without benefit of any insurance coverage.

Here is portion of the report from the Director of Community Service of the Abbotsford club:

*"We experienced every emotion , from hugs to tears. All the recipients were extremely thankful to your club for the much needed assistance. I can honestly say I was brought to tears listening to each of them....Your Club can be extremely proud of how they helped complete strangers, not just with a monetary donation, but with kindness and generosity".*

It is nice to share a good-news story. We hope that rather than being perceived as "showing off" this will be seen as an example of what gets done when we look at the world around us with the eyes (and heart) of a Rotarian. We raise money, so we can add substance to feelings of sympathy and empathy when misfortune and disaster strikes, near or far away.



# Essential Indigenous Info

- ▶ There are four First Nations in Maine (Wolastoqiyik, Mi'kmaq, Penobscot and Passamaquoddy)
- ▶ Fifteen in New Brunswick (Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik),
- ▶ Thirteen in Nova Scotia (predominantly Mi'kmaq),
- ▶ Three groups in Newfoundland and Labrador (Innu, Inuit and Mi'kmaq)

These are part of the more than 630 First Nations communities in Canada and Eastern Maine and totalling 1.67 million people (2016 Census).

They are the fastest growing population in Canada (up 42.5% from 2006-2016) and the youngest group in Canada (44% under age 25 in 2016).



The new District 7815 is a wonderfully diverse group of people. The Diversity Equity Inclusion and Accessibility Committee wants to celebrate this diversity! So, we're looking for Rotarians from all corners of the new District (which combines the former D7810 and D7820), who are enthusiastic about all forms of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility to be part of a celebration video. Can you give us a few seconds of time to highlight your own wonderful individuality? Are you ready to let your unique light shine? Interested individuals are asked to contact Cherdmc85@gmail.com or call (902) 631-4851 as soon as possible.

# Kit Payn - A Life Well Shared



C.E. (Kit) Payn (1937-2022), Rotarian Kit, pictured below with his wife of 58 years, Lynn, joined the Rotary Club of Saint John in the summer of 1996 and remained an active member until his passing.



Recently, the Rotary Club of Saint-John said goodbye to one of their beloved, long-time members, C.E. (Kit) Payn. Here is a collection of tributes written by the members who knew him best.

*Kit was an avid golfer and during the years when Rotary ran the Paul Grannan Annual Golf tournaments at Riverside Country Club, Rothesay, NB and The Algonquin Golf Resort, St Andrews NB, he participated on the organizing committee to make sure the events were successful.*

*One year there was a hurricane during the PGA tournament at Saint Andrews (maybe 2014?). As I recall, he camped out at a par 3 and challenged participants to a "beat Kit Payn" contest. The weather worsened and most of the golfers called it quits and headed back to the club house. Some of us were doing tearing down the tournament tents & signs, etc. when I wondered if anyone had gone to pick up Kit. There he was at the par 3 soaking wet. There were a couple of die-hard teams still coming along, but Kit was bound and determined to see it through. I drove him back to the club house despite his protests to the contrary..... (Rod Flood)*

*Kit was instrumental in providing support for so many fundraisers. Rotary Golf Tournaments, Receiving Cultural groups (such as our group from India)- Kit and I were on the Committee. Kit was a long-time supporter of our Gala Dinners and was always involved on those Committees and a financial contributor!*

*Kit's golf swing was described by his brother as some kind of "scientific anomaly"- and I played with Kit a couple of times at our Rotary events- so I can attest that his swing had its own "characteristics "- analogous to my lifetime of poor golf swings! Kit loved to tease me at meetings and always trying to increase my "happy buck" fines- but always in a good spirit! I will miss Kit and our Club is definitely at a great loss in his passing! (Don LeBlanc)*

*In 2013 Kit was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship at the club's annual charter night celebration. This was a complete surprise to Kit, and he was for once speechless. Lynn and family were in attendance and the smile on Kit's face was one I'll always remember. (Norm Purdy)*

*Kit was always a welcome guest at Anna's and my chili and rib events. As everyone knows these were a BYOB event and while others brought beer and wine, Kit brought scotch. He wasn't content to drink from the plastic glasses, the old codger insisted that I go get him a proper crystal glass! Demanding but always a gentleman. (Gary D)*

Kit served on the board for Club's 100th year at right he is with Club President Kent MacIntyre and Rod Flood, below is Kit serving meals for kids at Christmas at the Boys & Girls Club



District Governor 2012/2013 Allan MacLellan awarding Kit Payn his PHF at the club's charter night.