

DISTRICT 7850 – NEWSLETTER



District Governor, Stephen Dates

Newsletter #5 – November, 2013

This month I want to discuss our progress on Membership engagement and growth within the District. Before getting into the club by club details, let's look at the summary table below of the net monthly change from July 1, 2013:

7/1 (RI)	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Net YTD	Tot YTD
1,564	-12	-6	10	-3	-11	1,553

This year Rotary International has changed their measurement starting point from June 30th of the fiscal preceding fiscal year to July 1st of the current year. As you can see from the above chart, the second column (labeled 7/1 RI) shows 1,564 members when District 7850 began our current fiscal year.

One dynamic that we face each year is that the first 3-4 months of the Rotary year we generally show sizable membership losses. This is due to the reality that many clubs only purge their membership lists once or twice a year during their Club's dues cycle or the SAR process. For example, if a club bills their members in early June and they give the members a couple of months to pay before dropping them, it could easily be September or October before the "real" active member list is up to date in the District's ClubRunner website.

The table below shows the heavier losses in these early months, as well as the relatively steady gains from month to month. As we work to continually "engage" our members, these monthly losses will begin to reduce very soon and the membership gains will continue.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Net YTD
Losses	-22	-18	-6	-15	-61
Gains	10	12	16	12	50
Net	-12	-6	10	-3	-11

On the next page is the complete list by club for the first four months of our Fiscal year. Let's all do our part to meet our goal of a net +42 members. Have you brought a guest to your club this year? Give it a try...it doesn't hurt.

D7850 Membership By Club – as of 11/1/13

	Jul (RI)	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Net YTD	End YTD
Barre	33	-1	0	1	-6	-6	27
Boundary	19	0	0	0	0	0	19
Bristol	14	0	1	0	0	1	15
Burlington	67	0	0	1	-1	0	67
Burlington Sunrise	17	0	0	1	1	2	19
Cambridge	31	-1	0	0	1	0	31
Central Vermont	16	-2	0	1	-1	-2	14
Charlotte-Shelburne	54	-4	-2	0	0	-6	48
Colchester-Milton	38	0	2	0	0	2	40
Drummondville	33	0	-2	-4	0	-6	27
Drummondville-Malouin	24	0	0	0	0	0	24
Essex	46	0	1	0	3	4	50
Greater Sherbrooke	10	-1	0	0	0	-1	9
Hanover	103	0	-1	1	4	4	107
Lancaster	35	0	-1	0	0	-1	34
Lebanon	41	0	0	0	0	0	41
Lebanon-Riverside	26	0	1	0	0	1	27
Lincoln-Woodstock	30	0	0	0	0	0	30
Littleton	56	0	-3	0	0	-3	53
Lyndonville	30	0	-1	0	0	-1	29
Middlebury	38	0	0	1	0	1	39
Montpelier	70	0	-1	0	0	-1	69
Morrisville	22	0	0	0	0	0	22
North Conway	52	4	1	0	-1	4	56
Newport	52	0	0	0	0	0	52
Northfield	23	-1	-1	0	-2	-4	19
Ossipee	29	0	0	0	1	1	30
Plymouth	33	-1	1	0	0	0	33
Randolph	38	0	0	0	0	0	38
Sherbrooke	46	0	0	1	-2	-1	45
South Burlington	47	-1	0	1	0	0	47
St. Albans	47	0	0	0	0	0	47
St. Johnsbury	51	-4	2	2	0	0	51
St. Hyacinthe	11	0	-1	0	0	-1	10
Stowe	71	-2	0	1	-1	-2	69
Valley Rotary (Mad River)	55	1	-1	0	0	0	55
Vergennes	19	0	0	0	0	0	19
Waterbury	38	0	0	3	0	3	41
White Mountain	15	0	0	0	0	0	15
Williston-Richmond	37	0	-1	0	0	-1	36
Wolfeboro	37	1	0	0	1	2	39
Woodsville-Wells River	10	0	0	0	0	0	10
Total	1,564	-12	-6	10	-3	-11	1,553

Club Presidents & Secretaries: Please review the above numbers with your own records and contact :
 Sonny Holt (Membership Chair) at DebSonHolt@myfairpoint.net
 Stuart Anderson (Membership Statistics) at stuartjanderson@hotmail.com
 Steve Dates (District Governor) at sdates@comcast.net

Lac Mégantic Update: from D7850 Chair, Pierre LeBlond

I attended the District 7790 meeting for their Lac Mégantic. Here is a summary of what was discussed.

The people in Lac Mégantic are saying that they are well, but you can feel a fatigue or heaviness among them, which is normal and expected. Recent news has turned to the repair of the railway, which (obviously) worries people and concern for a probable expropriation plans for a new downtown area and access roads.

In some of the nearby surrounding towns, there appears to be a feeling of saturation in hearing about this. For those of you South of the Border, please keep in mind that in Québec, politics is a sport second only to hockey and that many, many politicians have used the Lac Mégantic situation to promote themselves.

Clean-up is currently still in progress. By clean up I mean the removal of debris on the surface. It is expected that this clean up will last until June. Once the surface clean up is completed, they can begin with the decontamination of the affected area. People are citing 8 to 10 months of decontamination work, but people believe that it will take the better part of 2 years.

The Red Cross has reportedly collected \$13M for Lac Mégantic. They have opened an office that they plan to keep open for 2 years. At the moment, whatever immediate needs the people in Mégantic have, they can get it from the Red Cross. The Red Cross is handing out coupons to use for food, clothing, basic supplies, etc.

The Provincial Government has promised \$60M and the Federal Government has promised the same, so to rebuild the infrastructure there is \$120M budget. The fact they need a new bridge and are planning to relocate the old downtown will take up this and much more.

The 'Fondation de l'Avenir du Lac Mégantic' is a group created by the Chamber of Commerce. They have accumulated \$2.3M to help business relocate, once a plan of action has been decided upon.

This is over and above a multitude of donations from a long list of sources and whatever insurance companies will cover.

Potential Projects: There was a very limited discussion on potential projects but here are a few.

The new library is scheduled to open on December 6th. They have plenty of books but might need help for furnishings and also want to install a digital library/reference section. Since this is new, it is not covered by insurance, however, the library is associated with the local College, so they could potentially find funding through that avenue. This library might also be moved in a few years depending on the future layout of the city.

The veteran's memorial park was destroyed. It was suggested that this could be a good Rotary project. The problem seems to be that the land it is currently on might require decontamination, but it is not certain that it will be covered by the main decontamination effort. The cost of which is very uncertain.

The town needs a new public market. This could be an opportunity for a good project.

The local food bank (Moisson) currently has excellent supply levels, however, once the Red Cross stops supplying food coupons, the demand will spike and they will probably need help.

Fundraising

Many people passed on the feeling of frustration from their clubs and club members that it appears the committee isn't doing anything tangible. It is also difficult to do fundraising without a specific concrete

project. That being said, they have accumulated over \$50,000 to date from Clubs on their district, neighbouring districts and even clubs from Western Canada. I must commend them on this excellent work. Many clubs have pledged additional funds, if the project becomes an Inter-district project supported at the district/RI level.

Mr. Laflamme has suggested forming a small 'executive' committee of 3 or 4 people and this committee would discuss with a few people on the ground (former Rotarians and government officials) with the intent of choosing a grassroots project by the spring. We have been invited to join them on an official level.

FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Escape Winter....Join us on a trip of a life time.... SOUTH AFRICA FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Leaving Friday, February 7, 2014 – Returning Saturday, March 1, 2013

Please consider joining me, my wife Peggy, Susan Donnelly, Ron and Marilyn Bedell, and Dick and Melanie Podolec on a Friendship Exchange to South Africa. I believe we can keep expenses to approximately \$5,000 for a couple. Our major expense will be airfare, and a few days of sightseeing in the Capetown area. Most of the trip will be spent staying with Rotarians on the East Coast of South Africa, Rotary District 9320. The Rotarians in this District really want us to come, and are already planning adventures for us...Their goal is to keep our expense to a minimum.

I would suggest Googling Addo Elephant Park for information about this site we will be visiting along with information about the Garden Tour to Capetown is on there. Another site is www.sunshinecoasttourism.co.za

For more information...call me (603) 381-8988 or e-mail me at bsahlman@gmail.com

Bill Sahlman, Friendship Exchange Chair





MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Vice Governor, Sonny Holt

Engagement & Attraction: Chair, Sonny Holt:

Has anyone ever asked you, “Why should I join Rotary?” Here are twenty reasons.



1. Friendship

A basic human need: One of the two reasons Paul Harris began Rotary in 1905.

2. Business Development

The second original reason for Rotary's beginning. Everyone needs to network.

3. Personal Growth

Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.

4. Leadership Development

Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education in Leadership.

5. Community

Membership and involvement in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen.

6. Continuing Education

Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to inform and enlighten.

7. Fun

Rotary is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. And the service is fun.

8. Public Speaking Skills

Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication, and the opportunity to use it.

9. Citizenship in the World

There are few places on the globe which do not have a Rotary club - instant friends in both the local community and in the world community.

10. Travel Assistance

Rotary clubs everywhere may assist in quickly obtaining services of a doctor, lawyer, dentist, etc., while traveling.

11. Entertainment

Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide social fun and camaraderie.

12. Develop Social Skills

Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social and people skills.

13. Family/Youth Programs

Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians, and youth leadership programs. .

14. Vocational Skills

Rotary fosters growth and development in each person's profession or vocation and encourages sharing this development with others

15. Ethics Reinforcement

Rotarians practice a 4-way Test which governs ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.

16. Cultural Awareness

Rotary is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians learn to love and work with people everywhere.

17. Prestige

Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world.

18. Nice People

Rotarians are important people who adhere to the policy that while it is nice to be important, it is more important to be nice.

19. No "official creed"

Rotary is an open society of men and women who simply believe in helping others.

20. The Opportunity to Serve

Rotary is a service club. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else.

Membership Tips and Rotary Minutes: These are sent weekly to the Club Presidents. The first Rotary Minutes have been about the life of Paul Harris. I hope someone in your club has been reading these at your meetings. If your missing either the Tips or the Minutes, let me know and I'll send you the back copies. They are in French as well as English. Holt7850@Gmail.com



Satellite Clubs: Chair, Terry Smith, *Randolph Rotary will be starting a Satellite club at Gifford Medical Center.* It will be a morning club and they should be on line by January 1st. Satellite clubs are one of the quickest ways to build your club's membership because satellite club members also become members of the sponsoring club.

They also provide options for members to attend meetings that better accommodate their work schedule. If you'd like to stay abreast of happenings with Randolph's Satellite club initiative, Email Holt7850@Gmail.com and he'll also provide help if your club wants to start a satellite club . Terry's Email is stowelady@gmail.com



E-clubs: Chair, Stan Bradeen, If you have ideas for an E-club or would like to volunteer to assist in the establishment of an E-club, Email Stan at: smbradeen@stenford.com



Metrics: Chair, Stuart Anderson: We're now able to collect monthly membership data from club runner. For those clubs without a club runner web site your President or Secretary can still input your membership data at <http://www.crsadmin.com/Gen/District/AttendanceStatus.aspx?aid=50051> on club runner. Email me or Stuart stuart@lincolnwoodstockrotary.org if you need help.

Club Extension: Chair, Bill Thompson,



Telling Our Story: Earl Wertheim: Earl is looking at the possibility of an email campaign using constant contact. See constantcontact.com



FOUNDATION CHAIR
Past District Governor, Marilyn Bedell

The Rotary Foundation News



November is ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

In this season for giving thanks, I am grateful for the work that is done by Rotarians through the Rotary Foundation.

As I have stated in the past, “Like many of you, I may never drink the water from the well that is dug by my fellow Rotarians; I may never have the opportunity to go to Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, Somalia or Syria to give polio vaccine but I know that other Rotarians will do this for me; I may never help a child in a third world country read a book, but other Rotarians will do this for me; I may never be the one to solve an international conflict, but I pray one of our Peace Scholars or Ambassadorial Scholars will learn to do this for us.”

Past RI President Kalyan Banerjee wrote, “In Rotary, we are all aware of the great needs in so many parts of our world. And we know how much we can do to help through our Foundation. We can change lives, we can restore hope, and we can build futures – if we choose to.”

I hope you all will do your part to support the Rotary Foundation during this Rotary year.

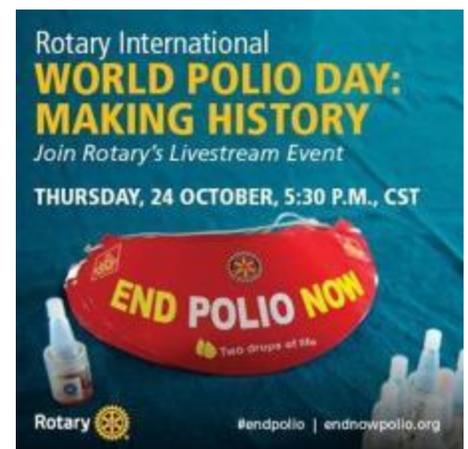
I hope your holiday season will be peaceful, safe and full of joy.

Marilyn

World Polio Day [News from The Rotary Foundation]

Rotary helped put polio eradication on center stage on the day best known for rallying support to finish the job – World Polio Day, 24 October. A special presentation

[\[http://new.livestream.com/rotaryinternational/worldpolioday\]](http://new.livestream.com/rotaryinternational/worldpolioday) – World Polio Day: Making History – showcased the progress of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Co-hosted by Rotary and the Northwestern University Center for Global Health, the 60-



minute program took place before a live audience at the John Hughes Auditorium on Northwestern's Chicago campus and streamed online to viewers worldwide.

RI President Ron Burton kicked off the event by noting that Rotary began immunizing millions of children against polio in the 1970s, first in the Philippines and then in other high-risk countries.

"Polio rates in those countries plummeted," Burton said. "As a result, in 1988, Rotary, the World Health Organization [WHO], UNICEF, and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention came together to launch the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#). More recently, the initiative has benefited from the tremendous support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation It is so very important to finish the job."

[Dr. Robert Murphy](#), director of Northwestern's Center for Global Health, emphasized that polio eradication "is completely doable. . . . [It] will result in preventing billions of cases of paralysis and death, saving billions of dollars, assuring that no parent in the world will have to worry about this terrible disease ever again."

[Dennis Ogbe](#), polio survivor, Paralympian, and ambassador for the United Nations Foundation's Shot@Life campaign to promote child immunization, spoke compellingly about the challenges of living with the disease and the opportunity to protect people from it for all generations to come.

"I have learned not to look at anything as impossible, and that includes, especially, the eradication of polio," said Ogbe, who was born in Nigeria. "We have come a long way since the start. So let us finish strong and End Polio Now."

[Dr. Bruce Aylward](#), assistant director-general for Polio, Emergencies, and Country Collaboration at WHO, emphasized that the global fight is winnable, noting that the number of cases in the endemic countries – Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan – is down 40 percent in 2013, compared to the same period in 2012. He also said that the type 2 wild poliovirus has been eradicated, and said November will mark one year without a case of type 3 virus anywhere in the world.

Aylward also pinpointed challenges to the global initiative, including the outbreak in the Horn of Africa with 200 cases. Because of the strong response to the outbreak, however, the region "is again rapidly becoming polio free," he said. Moreover, the [polio endgame strategic plan](#), if fully funded, is equipped to stop such outbreaks.

"Today, all children everywhere can have a better future, not just against polio, but against every disease . . . if we as a global society get behind the vision of Rotary 25 years ago to reach every child with something as simple as polio vaccine."

The World Polio Day event also featured a short [video](#) showing the tireless efforts by health workers and Rotarians to immunize children in Pakistan. "We are very optimistic that the challenges will not be able

to deter us and soon Pakistan will become polio free,” said Pakistan PolioPlus Committee chair Aziz Memon in narrating the video.

Emmy Award-winning actress [Archie Panjabi](#), *The Good Wife* spoke passionately about why she is so committed to her work as a Rotary ambassador for polio eradication.

“When I was a child 10 years old, I went to India. As I walked to school, I would see children younger than me with no [use of their] limbs, begging for money,” Panjabi said. “It broke my heart.”

Inspired as an adult to learn more about polio, she was “amazed by the amount of work that Rotary has done,” in helping India be free of the disease since 2011, and joined a team of Rotary volunteers to immunize children there last year.

“I will do whatever I can to support Rotary and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative And if you do whatever you can, then together we can eradicate polio forever.”

Jones challenged the audience and online viewers everywhere to share their voice for polio eradication with friends and followers on social networks and encourage them to do the same. “And write or email your government officials to urge them to commit the resources we need to finish the job,” she said.

“We need you – and we want you to help us make history!

Outbreak of Polio in Syria (10/30/13)

Bob Scott, Chair, Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee Chair, wrote: “Polio was recently confirmed in Syria, a country that has been free of this disabling and potentially fatal disease since 1999. In response, health authorities in Syria and neighboring countries have launched urgent, large-scale, multi-country immunization campaigns to ensure that every child is reached with the polio vaccine. . . . We know that if polio remains endemic, outbreaks will continue to occur, and that’s why the progress being made in the three remaining polio-endemic countries (Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria) is encouraging. Polio cases in the endemic countries are down by 40% compared to the same time last year. We, as Rotarians, remain steadfast in our commitment to a polio-free world, and we will continue ~~our efforts until polio is gone~~ forever.” Read more at:

Waiting for Vaccine in Syria

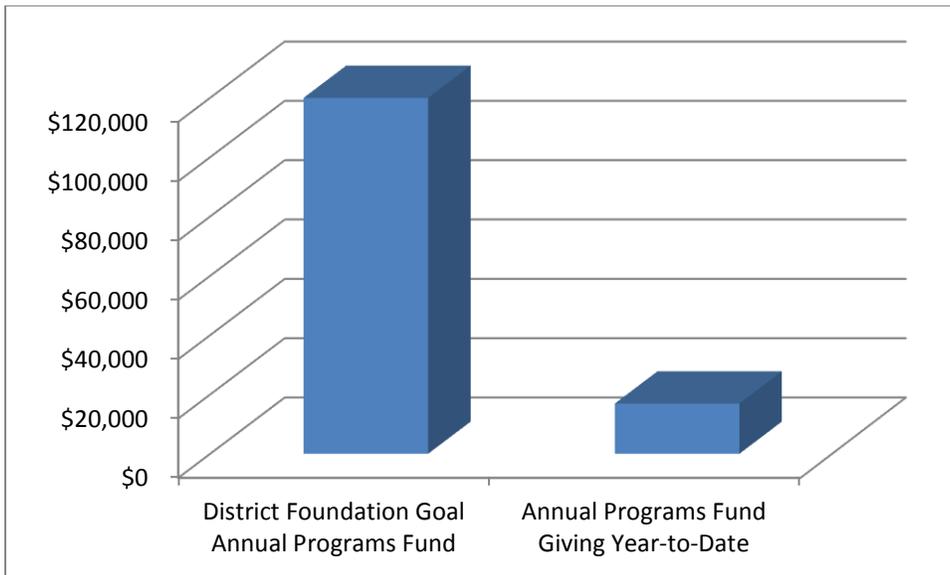
<http://www.endpolio.org/news/search/blog/polio-eradication/2013/10/30/rotary-responds-to-the-polio-outbreak-in-syria>



Foundation Giving Year-to-Date:

District Goal Annual Programs Fund – **US\$120,000**

Annual Program Fund donations 1 July 2013 to 31 October 2013 = **US\$16,936.0**



PolioPlus donations 1 July 2013 to 31 October 2013 = **US\$4,477.00**

Help Wanted - District and Global Grant Review Committee

We are looking for 2-3 more people to add to the District and Global Grants Committee.

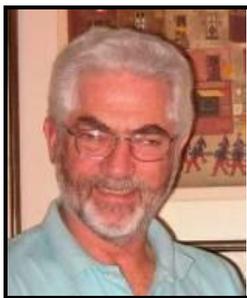
Commitment: Read and review grants; vote to if the grant should or shouldn't be supported by the District; help determine allocation of District Designated Funds.

Meetings: One meeting in Lebanon in April, May or early June to review District Grant applications (participants can review grants prior to the meeting and submit their recommendations prior to the meeting if they are not able to attend.) Anticipate receiving approx 10-15 grant applications

Other Work: Review proposals for Global Grants (these can come in anytime during the year). Approval process may require participation in a conference call.

If interested in doing this work, contact District Foundation Chair, Marilyn Bedell at m.k.bedell@comcast.net or call her at 603-653-5396





YOUTH SERVICE (NEW GENERATIONS) CHAIR

District Governor Elect, Bruce Pacht

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Judith Christensen (jachrist@uvm.edu), District RYLA Committee Chair

1. Meet your District RYLA committee members:

We have an active committee with three members in their early to mid-20's serving as program leaders: Hussain Boxwala, John Szewczyk, and Sam Titus. Sam was unable to attend RYLA 2013 because of a conflict that came up when his company, MYWEBGROCER.COM was purchased. Sam is a Rotarian and former RYLarian and was in on advanced planning and follow-up.

The rest of the committee is committed to producing a youth-run program with Hussain, John and Sam as key players: Larry Vars, registrar; Kathy Geraghty, counselor coordinator; program coordinators Phil LeBlond and Roger St. Aubin; program supporters Sue Donnelly, Mark Smith, Rolf Zuk, Sue Shaw, and Melissa Neun; Al Marin, program supplies; Ian Clark, photographer. We welcome additional members to add to our solid base.

2. Program fees to remain the same as 2013

We are strongly considering supplying RYLarians with breakfast when they arrive on Friday morning. We've noticed that participants are extremely hungry by lunch, given that they arrive at 8 AM and engage in some very demanding activities. Also, we would use breakfast time as a team ice breaker.

We also hope to send our program leaders to the National RYLA Conference in August. The event takes place in Washington, D.C. This is a wonderful opportunity for our program leaders, and a great chance for the District to enrich its RYLA program.

3. Counselors

Planning for 2014 counselor recruitment is well along. The 2013 counselors will play a role in this process. Our intention is to increase counselors' involvement in running RYLA.

Committee meeting

I am planning a full committee meeting by conference call in November to review the above issues .

ROTARACT PROJECT

Nicole DiDomenico (ndidomen@norwich.edu), Rotary Club of Northfield, VT

The Rotaract Club of Norwich University (NU), sponsored by Northfield Rotary, invites all Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs in our District to consider making *Upendo Mmoja* their International Project this year (2013-14) or next!

The group was formed in part by D7850 Rotarians Nicole DiDomenico and John Szewczyk along with NU Rotaractors and local residents of Pommerin, Tanzania. The group is led entirely by local leadership with the financial support of Rotary Clubs, Rotarians, and other individuals. The group's goal is to build a residential and vocational training center for orphaned youth, where carpentry, welding, masonry, tailoring, sustainable agriculture and animal husbandry will be taught along with other vocational and transferable skills.

The main building is currently under construction, scheduled for completion in December 2014. To date, just over \$11,000 has been raised. Completing the main building/residence, the carpentry workshop and the multi-stall barn will require another \$55,000.

The facility will house 16 youth at a time and will be self-sustaining after the first three years of operation. If every club in the district were to donate \$1,000 this year or next, we will meet our goal and make this dream a reality for our Tanzanian friends! To learn more or to schedule a presentation for your group, please contact Nicole DiDomenico at ndidomen@norwich.edu.

A special thank you to all the clubs and individuals who have already contributed to this project! As you can see in the photos, the project is well underway; the District of Kilolo in Tanzania has given this group full permission to move forward! The Rotary Club of Iringa is in partnership with this effort, so the project has the potential to be a wonderful international partnership for years to come!

We're sending a group of interested Rotaractors and Rotarians to Pommerin next summer, (June 25-July 15, 2014); applications are now available to anyone interested in going to help build the main building. The trip will cost \$2,500 including flight, visa, food, lodging, ground transportation and a full-day safari! Interested folks should also contact Nicole DiDomenico at ndidomen@norwich.edu.

CLUB NEWS

Cambridge Rotary Club: Water Project

Matt Byus, of our Cambridge Area Rotary (CAR) club, has been working for some time with Jack Maxwell, the District 6110 Chair of Water and Health Concerns, to bring clean water to Belize. The project has been working with Sawyer Filters and has developed a filter that removes 99.99999% of all bacteria, Cholera, Typhoid, E. Coli, Ameba and Protozoa from water. This amazing filter is being offered to this project for only \$25/filter. Begin gravity operated, it is "installed" in minutes, has a life of 20-30 years and the only regular maintenance is to backwash the filter. To date this project has already sent about 5,000 filter kits to Belize. Matt's desire is to raise the funds for the remaining 5,000 filter kits that would provide clean water to the remaining communities without clean water. The math is simple: \$25/filter x 5,000 filters shows the need for \$125,000. Matt is currently reviewing two main avenues for funding:

- (1) Seek \$250 per club from 500 clubs or
- (2) Seek a multi-district Global Grant from 3-4 Districts.

An example of option (2) could be D7850. If each club within the District were to give \$125 x 42 clubs = \$5,250. Then, if D7850 were to approve \$15,000 of its Global Grant funds that would raise the total to \$20,250. Now apply the RI Global Grant matching dollars (1:1 for every District dollar and 0.5:1 for every club dollar) our district could total about \$38,000.

Matt will be pursuing both options and will be back with us next month with a recommendation. In the meantime, if each club might want to discuss and see if this is a project they would like to be part of. For more information on the Cambridge Water Project visit www.rotarycambridge.org and click on Water Project at the top of the page.

The Boundary Club – First Annual District Curling Bonspiel:

Our friends from the Boundary Rotary Club have offered to host the 2014 First Annual District Curling Bonspiel. This event will take place on January 25, 2014 and will include:

- Beginners Welcome
- 4 "end" games and 6 "end" championship games
- Lunch & Banquet Dinner
- Cost: \$50/curler and \$30 per non-curler
- Teams must enter no later than December 4th
- Location: Border Curling Club, 26 Rue Principale, Stanstead, Quebec
- Contact: Don Patterson at 819-849-7915 or Bob Richardson at 802-334-4560
- If your club can't field a full team, join with another club. If that fails, you can register as a single and will become be paired with others.



Hanover Rotary Club: Hanover Fall Fest

The Hanover, NH Rotary Club recently sponsored and managed an inflatable obstacle course at the recent Hanover Fall Fest. The event was organized by the Hanover Recreation Department for local school age children. This Rotary community relations effort included cooperation with the newly formed Interact Club at Hanover High School.



Ossipee Rotary Club: Food Drive



On Friday October 11, 2013 the Rotary Club of Ossipee Valley held it's 3rd. annual "Help the Rotary Club of Ossipee Valley Fill the Truck Food Drive". We contacted the 4 local food pantries to get the items most needed in their pantry. We parked the big yellow truck in front of Hannafords in Ossipee where we distributed the grocery list. When they came out of the store they just had to hand us the food we purchased. We collected over 110 large, heavy boxes of food. The food pantries were thrilled. The food drive delivered the food on Saturday to Madison, Tamworth, Ossipee and Freedom.

When this sweet little girl (picture at left) and her mother arrived at the food drive, her mother explained to her what the food drive was about and they were in the store quite a while. When they came out, they had bought one of everything on the list - It does your heart good with moments like this.

Ossipee Rotary Club: Golf Ball Drop

On Saturday September 28, 2013 at Indian Mound Golf Course the Rotary Club of Ossipee Valley held it's first annual Golf Ball Drop. We sold almost 2000 golf balls (450 of which were sold on that Saturday alone). We sold every ball that we had in our possession. The balls were brought up in a helicopter and dropped on the golf course. The ball closest or in the cup won \$1,000. Second prize was \$300, third was \$100 and 4th and 5th were bikes donated by Top Cat Car Wash. The event far exceeded our expectations raising net about \$5,500. The helicopter and pilot was donated by Whirlybird Farm in Effingham, NH.



Carol and Paul Pfister with their helicopter

Rotary Club of Lebanon: "Flavors of Africa" Benefit Event

November 17 for Clean Water in Ghana ... One Well at a Time



Women wash clothes in "IT". Children swim and play in "IT". Cattle defecate in and drink from "IT". People walk miles to get containers filled with "IT" to be used for drinking and cooking. We wouldn't be caught even wading in "IT"! The "IT" is contaminated water throughout much of Africa! Once it was figured out that "IT" was the cause

of many horrible diseases, one being the Guinea Worm Disease, Rotary Clubs world-wide partnered with Rotary Clubs in Ghana, to work on projects that would bring clean water to people. In February, 2014, two members of the Rotary Club of Lebanon, Steve Usle and Bill Babineau, will join members of several other clubs from Virginia and South and North Carolina, and visit Ghana for two weeks. This team will visit Kumasi, Sunyani, Bolgatanga and Tamale Rotary Clubs to provide on-going support to those who oversee the drilling, building and using of these water projects. This trip will be led by Walter Hughes of the Rotary Club of Rocky Mount, Virginia, who passionately provides clean water to over 250,000 people in communities with the highest incidence of Guinea worm disease in

Ghana and South Sudan. He leads a partnership of 80 Rotary Clubs from Switzerland, Ghana, South Sudan, 18 U.S. states and two Canadian provinces. The end of Guinea worm disease in Ghana was celebrated in 2011 (the last case of Guinea worm disease was found in May 2010) due in part to the clean water projects. But, it is still found in South Sudan, Ethiopia, Mali and Chad. In support of this clean water endeavor, the Rotary Club of Lebanon is presenting a benefit event called "Flavors of Africa" on Sunday, November 17, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Hotel Coolidge in downtown White River Junction, Vermont. One "flavor" will be unique hors d'oeuvres using genuine African recipes prepared by Coventry Catering of White River Junction, with family ties to Africa. Another "flavor" will highlight African culture through displays and photographs. An important "flavor" of Africa is its music, and Hafiz Shabazz, master drummer, Dartmouth's Adjunct Assistant Professor of Music, and Director of the World Music Percussion Ensemble, will present a live demonstration of his music. He has studied at the University of Ghana. A huge "flavor" of Africa is the artistic talent of the people. Products of Africa will be on display and for sale, such as colorful hand-woven baskets by women of Zimbabwe, thanks to the Zienzele Foundation headed by Jim and Nancy Clark of West Topsham, Vermont. Jim is a past member of the Lebanon Rotary Club.

Space at the event is limited to 150 people. Tickets are \$30 per person, and should be purchased prior to the event. For further information or to purchase tickets, please call Betsey Child at 603-632-9307. So, the next time you turn on your faucet and take it for granted that pure, clean, water will flow out, remember that a large part of the world does not enjoy this "gift". Please join Rotary in helping reach its goal of seeing the day when all of the world community can take having clean water for granted!