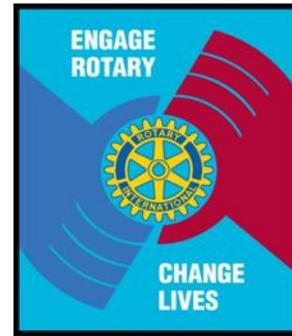


DISTRICT 7850 – NEWSLETTER



District Governor, Stephen Dates

Newsletter #4 – October, 2013

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Successful Lac-Megantic Concert:

On Tuesday, September 24th about 80+ Rotarians and guests showed up at the Saint Michael's College McCarthy Performing Arts Center for an outstanding performance by clarinetist Pietro Tagliaferri and pianist Francesco Attesti. The cost of the program was completely underwritten by the Sherbrooke Rotary Club. Club President, Maurice Busque and Philippe LeBlond (D7850's Lac Megantic Relief Coordinator), were on hand to give an update on the preliminary reconstruction plans to the audience. There are still checks coming in, so, the accounting is incomplete, but, it appears the event will net in excess of \$4,000 in aide to Lac Megantic. In the photo to the right are co-chair PDG Bill Thompson, DG Steve Dates, Francesco, Pietro and Past Essex Club President and co-chair Dave Johnson presenting Paul Harris Fellow Awards to Francesco and Pietro. Francesco is a Rotarian from Italy and fully understood the significance of the award. Thank you to all the clubs and individuals who contributed. Clubs who would like to contribute may still send a check to Philippe LeBlond of the Sherbrooke Club at 3390 La Verendrye, Sherbrooke, QC, J1L 126.



Club Visits:

Elaine and I have successfully completed our District 7850 Club Visits to all 42 clubs. Without a doubt we have the most welcoming and wonderful clubs in all of Rotary (at least in my opinion!!!). In last month's Newsletter I shared many of the innovative things that our clubs have done to keep their members "engaged". At the August 3rd Membership Seminar, four Club Presidents took it to the next step and asked me to bring my bagpipes to surprise their members when I came to visit them. This picture on the left appeared in the August 7th Caladonia Record during our visit to the St. Johnsbury Rotary Club. Another innovation



we noticed while visiting the Cambridge Area club. They “seed” their 50/50 raffle with \$500. This does a number of things. Members tend to purchase extra tickets each week as the pot starts off big. Second, if someone picks the appropriate card in the first week, they are still overjoyed as they still win a significant prize. As most PDGs I talked to before beginning my governorship remarked...”The best part of being a district governor was visiting the clubs”.

Awards District 7850 Received at Zone Meeting

District 7850 Captures the Peace Through Service Award:

Competing with twenty other districts, in Rotary International Zone 32, our district captured the Peace Through Service Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize the district which strived the most to achieve Peace Through Service through education and fellowship. It was presented to Sonny Holt by Rotary International Director, Bryn Styles at the Zone Institute in Cherry Hill, NJ. The following three activities contributed to our winning this award; The Peace Forum, our Group Study Exchange Teams, and our Ambassadorial & Peace Scholars

Peace Forum



Our district joined with Plymouth State University to sponsor the District’s Peace Forum, *“Managing International Conflict in a Transformed World.”* Our guest speaker was Dr. Richard Solomon, former President of the U.S. Institute of Peace.

Rotarians, Sara Jayne Steen (President of Plymouth State), Mike Carrier (Plymouth Rotary), David Wood (Littleton Rotary) and Stuart Anderson (Lincoln-Woodstock Rotary) and their respective clubs all helped to make this happen.

We filled Hanaway Theatre at the University to capacity with Rotarians and Rotoractors in attendance. After a 90 minute presentation by Dr. Solomon there was a panel discussion as well as participation by audience members. District 7850 presented Dr. Solomon with a Paul Harris Fellow award and donated \$1,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation in his name.

Group Study Exchange Teams



Our district took part in a Group Study Exchange program with District 1690 in Alsace, France

Our Inbound French team was hosted by the Stowe rotary club for their initial welcome to the district. Many other clubs also participated in this district-wide evening. After the Stowe Club meeting, everyone went to Rira’s in Burlington and was seen doing the electric slide to Irish Jig music. The French team was hosted by American as well as French Canadian families during

their 30 day stay in the district.

Our Outbound team was composed of French Canadian and US professionals. With the Team lead being a Rotarian from the Sherbrooke club in Quebec. We saw even more participation from the district as a whole because we were able to get more of our Canadian Rotarians involved in both the team leader and team member selection process. The team was well received in District 1690 Alsace, France, in part due to the French language proficiency of the entire team.



Ambassadorial and Peace Scholars:



Our district had an *Ambassadorial Scholar* in the 2012-2013 Rotary year:

Our Ambassadorial Scholar is Ellen "Stevie" Lewis (Rotary Club of Wolfeboro, NH) She is attending the University Edinburgh, Scotland.

Area of study: Masters in Environment and Development.



Our District also sponsored a *Peace Scholar* in the 2012-2013 Rotary year:

Our Peace Scholar is: Chelsea Keyser (Rotary Club of South Burlington) She is attending the Peace Center: University of Bradford (England)

Area of study: She is enrolled in the Peace, Conflict and Development Masters Program, which combines courses from the Division of Peace Studies and the Bradford Center for International Development to teach students about the important and mutually reinforcing interrelationship between development, conflict and security in developing and transitional societies.

District 7850 Receives Award for Fight Against Polio:

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International presented our district with an award in recognition for donating more than 20% of our District Designated Funds to help the children of the world in the fight against polio. District Designated Funds (DDF) are funds that are initially sent back to the districts for their discretionary use. As our DDF donation went forward, we received matching funds from the Canadian Government and the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation. Our initial \$10K donation ended up as a \$30K contribution in the fight against Polio. Sonny Holt was presented with the award at the Zone Institute.



Congratulations to Sonny On A Great Year!

CLUB SERVICE CHAIR
District Governor Nominee, Louisa Tripp



CLUB SERVICES

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) (Kiki Leech, Chair): April 12, 2014 in Hanover, NH

To ensure that our district RLI offers the Part I session it is important that interested Rotarians enroll.

It is early to think about next spring, but consider your plans for next April and consider registering for the **April 13, 2013** Rotary Leadership Institute(RLI) training at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital in Lebanon, New Hampshire. Join fellow District 7850 Rotarians in learning more about Rotary, ideas for your club, opportunities for yourself as a leader, in addition to the fellowship & networking. The determination whether sessions are is based on the # of enrollees as of Apr 3rd.

WHY ATTEND?

This is a prime educational opportunity not only for new members but for those seeking to learn more about Rotary and learning more about other district clubs (fund raising ideas, comm projects, etc...) as well those considering leadership positions in your club. DG Steve Dates recognizes the value of this training in building strong club members so much that the District is offering every club a \$75 grant to cover the registration for 1 person/club. Kiki has received several inquiries about the grant but no formal requests with the ALL of the information indicated below:

To apply for the grant or questions contact C. Kiki Leech at cateringbykiki@yahoo.com.

Subject: RLI Grant Request - Include club name, where **check should be mailed, registrant name,** and **Part they will attend** (I, II or III).

All Rotarians, newcomer and "old timer" alike, who attend RLI training programs become a more valuable, and a more dedicated, member of your Rotary club and member retention rate improves.

To Pre-register go to <http://www.rlinea.com/>. Find out who the potential leaders are in your club and sign them up for this invaluable leadership training.

ROTARY U.N. DAY

Saturday, Nov 2, 2013 is Rotary U. N. Day! Some Rotarians from our district are planning on attending this event where more than 1300 Rotarians including many Rotary International Directors, Foundation Trustees, past Senior Leaders, and guests come together at UN Headquarters in New York. The program

is designed to inspire and educate all participants as well as provide insight into the relationship between Rotary and the United Nations. To register for this event, visit <http://riunday.org/>

Rotary Awards

It is never too early to begin to consider who in your club or area might be a good candidate for RI service awards. Some significant dates are:

March 1 - Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award for non-Rotarian spouses/partners who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service through Rotary.

March 15 - Significant Achievement Award for recognition of one club project addressing a significant problem or need in the community

April 15 - is the last day to notify RI of the Presidential Citations.

May 15 - RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives for up to three clubs for implementing proactive and creative initiatives in three areas: attracting new members, retention of existing areas & sponsorship of new Rotary club(s).



MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Past District Governor, Sonny Holt

Membership Development:

Engagement & Attraction: Chair, Sonny Holt: Does your Rotary club engage in fun, fellowship and service? Do your meetings inspire, educate, and motivate? Has your club conducted a member survey to determine what kind of improvements your club could make to fully engage your members? The district has a membership survey (in French or English) that we can send to your club – just ask.

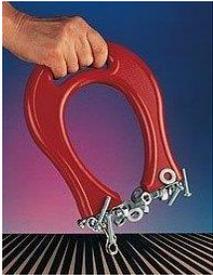
Service Projects Engage Members: Has your club converted from a ‘Check Writing Club’ to a ‘Service Oriented Club’? This club did a river clean up with their Interact Club:





Rotary Minute and Funny Stories: Some clubs are trying new things to make their club meetings more fun and more educational. At each meeting they now deliver a Rotary Minute and some are actually using the latest edition of someone’s book of jokes and funny stories. One club president has put a neat twist on telling these stories. He inserts the names of his club members into the story. If your club president would like a copy of this book, have him/her - just ask.

Magnetize Your Club: If your club has arrived at the point where it is like a magnet - attracting members to meetings and other members start to feel bad about missing a meeting, then you know you’re club is on its way to building a strong, dynamic club, providing value and inspiration to all members. If so, then it’s time to;



Double Your Membership: Move on out and kick start your membership drive into high gear. All members should be involved in attracting new members. What’s the best way to do this? Of course the “Young Leaders” plan and the “Family Members” plan will increase diversity and lower the cost of membership for new members and has the possibility of nearly doubling your membership overnight. We’ll provide guidance on how you can implement these plans - just ask. But satellite clubs are

also a way to rapidly grow membership and it’s quite easy to set them up. See Terry Smith’s discussion on Satellite Clubs that follows.

*** Fastest way to get new qualified members - just ask.

Satellite Clubs: Chair, Terry Smith, Satellite clubs provide a new way for a club to expand its reach and add new members. They provide options for members to attend meetings that better accommodate their work schedule or are focused on activities better suited to their needs. And most importantly members of your satellite club also remain members of your own Rotary club.



They are easy to start and unlike a chartered club the membership and titles are somewhat different and less restrictive. For the day-to-day governance of a satellite club, it has its own board of directors. The highest officer of the satellite club is the chairman. Other officers are the immediate past chairman, chairman-elect, secretary and treasurer. Need help to get started – just ask.

E-clubs: Chair, Stan Bradeen, We're looking at the possibility of an eClub that would operate as a sort of "satellite club" sponsored by a few clubs in an area such as the Chittenden county area where we could foster a sense of connection with eClub members to one of the "sponsoring clubs" and secondly foster connection between the sponsoring clubs that would announce opportunities to help at various activities of the "sponsoring clubs."



SERVICE Above Self

Also being explored are the manner in which the eClub meeting techniques might be used to help existing clubs in their regular activities, or maybe help an existing club to transform into a hybrid club with a certain number of physical meetings (likely on service projects) with the bulk of club business being conducted on-line through web-conference, and other bulletin board/blog applications to give flexibility while fostering attendance.

A key goal would be to become more 'young family friendly'; maybe having a regular online evening meeting so people could check in with each other but still be in their house. We could also play back a transcript of the on-line activity if they missed something.

Metrics: Chair, Stuart Anderson: We've worked out the kinks for gathering the monthly membership data. If clubs Email their data to me as soon as possible after the end of the month, I will compile the information so that a report may be sent out on the 10th of each month to each club. The report will show how each club is doing in relation to other clubs in the district. Send your data to me at stuart@lincolnwoodstockrotary.org with info copy to Sonny at Holt7850@Gmail.com

Club Extension: Chair, Past District Governor Bill Thompson: Assistant Governor Gilles Gravel continues our efforts to start a new club in Granby, Quebec. Following the same procedures we used to charter the second Drummondville club, the Rotary Club Drummondville-Malouin, we will begin by identifying a few key prospects.



Telling Our Story: Earl Wertheim: Possibly an email campaign using constant contact. It may also be productive to Email the District newsletter to regional Chamber of Commerce members. For example the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce might be a possibility. They send out about 3000 newsletters weekly. See constantcontact.com



FOUNDATION CHAIR

Past District Governor, Marilyn Bedell

The Rotary Foundation News



Polio this week - As of 25 September 2013

From: <http://www.polioeradication.org/Dataandmonitoring/Poliothisweek.aspx>

- In the Horn of Africa, intensive outbreak response is continuing. The impact of the response is beginning to be seen, as the number of newly-reported cases from Banadir, Somalia (the epicentre of the outbreak) has declined. At the same time, operations are improving as more children are being reached, including in some inaccessible areas of south-central Somalia. The risk this outbreak poses for the entire region was again underscored this week; however, as two further cases from Ethiopia have been confirmed.
- In Pakistan, 12 new cVDPV2 cases are reported this week, the bulk in North Waziristan, FATA.
- In the margins of the UN General Assembly, Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan met with Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A number of development topics were discussed, including polio eradication. As polio eradication in the country showing encouraging progress, with a 50% decline in cases over previous year, Mr Gates commended President Jonathan's continued leadership and engagement: "Finishing the job of polio eradication is quite an undertaking, so having the President's support is a big deal," he said.
- The Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) is meeting next week (1-2 October) in London, United Kingdom.



Ambassadorial Scholar – Ellen “Stevie” Lewis



Stevie has completed her year in Edinburgh, Scotland. Below is the last post from her blog:

12 Thursday SEP 2013

POSTED BY [ELLEN S. LEWIS](#)

A year ago I started this blog with the intent of sharing my experiences with you. It has been an amazing and I feel so lucky. I would like to send a big thank you to Rotary District 7850 for their kindness and support in allowing me to have this incredible experience. A special thank you to Douglas and Wendy Osler who were such gracious Host Counselors. And a final thank you to my friends and family who supported me from home in this long time away.

The day I started this blog, I knew just how it would end. In the words of Robert Burns, my ending goes like this:

Auld Lang Syne

Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
And auld lang syne.
For auld lang syne, my jo,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne,
And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp!
And surely I'll be mine!
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.
For auld lang syne, my jo,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne,
We twa hae run about the braes
And pu'd the gowans fine;
But we've wander'd mony a weary foot
Sin auld lang syne.
For auld lang syne, my jo,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne,
We twa hae paidl'd i' the burn,
Frae mornin' sun till dine;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd
Sin auld lang syne.
For auld lang syne, my jo,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne,

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere!
And gie's a hand o' thine!
And we'll tak a right guid willy waught,
For auld lang syne.
For auld lang syne, my jo,
For auld lang syne,
We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
For auld lang syne.

If you want to see more of Stevie's blog go to: <http://ellenslewis.wordpress.com/author/ellenslewis/>

Matching Grants Update (Our Foundation Dollars at Work)

Guinea Worm Eradication Update from Walter Hughes (Rotary Club of Front Royal Virginia) – Our Grant Partner in South Sudan and Ghana

Fellow Rotarians,

Matching grant 78241 was approved by the Rotary Foundation trustees and funded by thirty-seven (37) Rotary Clubs from eight Rotary Districts. The grant is fully funded with a total budget is \$232,367. The first payment of \$29,788 recently arrived in South Sudan.



Highlights:

Rotary raised \$302,000 for two clean water projects in South Sudan to eradicate Guinea worm as part of matching grants 78142 and 78241. Guinea worm disease is **reduced by 81%** year-to-date in 2013 in South Sudan. Makoy Samuel Yibi is now a Rotarian & Director of South Sudan Guinea Worm Eradication Program. We have a lot to celebrate in South Sudan. Guinea worm disease is closer to being eradicated from

the world in part because of the Rotary humanitarian grants. This is a major achievement. Only eighty-nine people were sick with Guinea worm disease through June 2013 in South Sudan (74), Ethiopia (6), Chad (5) and Mali (4).

Matching Grant 78142 Highlights:

We drilled five new boreholes and repaired twenty existing boreholes as part of MG 78142! 9,838 people have safe water to drink as a result of our new and repaired wells/boreholes. We raised \$70,142 for the first grant for South Sudan. The final report for the first grant has been accepted and closed. Our target communities for new boreholes in Eastern Equatoria State showed an increase in Guinea worm disease over the last several years from eight (8) cases in 2010 to twenty-four (24) cases in 2012. So far in 2013, these communities have **ZERO cases** of Guinea worm disease.

We weren't sure that it was possible to even drill one well in South Sudan. The Juba Rotary Club has proven to be a good partner. It is still difficult to get work done in South Sudan, but Rotary is making a difference. Thank you for your part to be involved in the story to eradicate Guinea worm disease from Ghana and now South Sudan. We still have a lot of work left to do in Ghana, but we are "this close" to ending Guinea worm disease in the world. Thank you.

Yours in Rotary,

Walter
Rotary District 7570 Grants Chair

Matching Grant for Irene Recovery

Marilyn Bedell and Jon Gilbert Fox (Rotary Club of Hanover) spent a day in September reviewing projects done in the State of Vermont with money from our matching grant for Tropical Storm Irene Recovery. Jon took photographs to chronicle their journey. The photographs will be used by Marilyn as she writes an article about our project.

Marilyn and Jon saw the following projects:

- Water Well installation
- Septic System installation
- Bridge and culvert repair
- Erosion control project
- Handicapped ramp installed by the Rotary Club of Brattleboro, VT.

Here's a whimsical picture of Marilyn accepting some thanks from two Vermont Army Veterans [Father – Iraq/Dessert Storm; Son – Afghanistan (now disabled)]. They lost their home during the storm. Our grant provided the fund for their new septic system.



PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

“Doing Good in the World”

Membership in the Paul Harris Society reached twenty-five members in July of this year. It is a great time to have reached this number as The Rotary Foundation has just made this an official program of the Foundation. The Society Recognizes Rotarians and others who have pledged to make it their *intent* to give \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundations Annual Programs Fund, Polio Plus, PolioPlus Partners or the Humanitarian Grants Program. In other words, you only have to intend to give annually at the Paul Harris Society level. If your circumstances change and prevent you from fulfilling your commitment the Foundation will understand. Each year giving to the Foundation is a personal decision for all Rotarians.

Here is a list of the members who have been inducted into the
Paul Harris Society in District 7850

Barre

George Milne

Colchester-Milton

Richard Kruger

Christine Leech

William Thompson

Earl Wertheim

Burlington

Edward J. Murphy

Hanover

Stanton Williams

Central Vermont

Harley R. Jordan

Lebanon-Riverside

Marilyn K. Bedell

Ronald J. Bedell

Littleton

Richard Bielefeld

David Wood

Middlebury

Elizabeth Smith

Northfield

Dexter Landers

Louisa Tripp

Plymouth

Kathleen Kearns

Randolph

Mona Colton

Wink Willett

Stowe

Robert Evans

Barbara LeFleur

Waterbury

Tom Badowski

William Kernan

Robert Siegel

Williston-Richmond

Barbara LeWinter

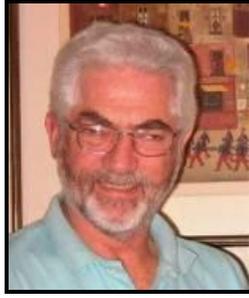
Wolfeboro

Joseph J. Balboni, Jr.

In addition there is one potential member who wishes to remain anonymous.

Congratulations to all of these members of the Paul Harris Society! If you think you have inadvertently been left off this list or if you would like make the commitment to join us please contact the District 7850 Chair: Ron Bedell at r.j.bedell@comcast.net.

Currently less than three percent of Foundation supporters give at the Paul Harris Society level. Yet this small but committed group represents more than 35 percent of all Annual Fund contributions.



YOUTH SERVICE (NEW GENERATIONS) CHAIR

District Governor Elect, Bruce Pacht

DISTRICT 7850 ROTARY

YOUTH EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES: 2013 -2014

The following are **required attendance** activities for each student.

Nov. 1-2 Halloween Party – Evening of November 1; sleepover and leave morning of Nov. 2. Location: Montpelier

Dec. 6 Movie Night – Evening of December 6; possible sleepover and leave morning of Dec. 7.
Location: Waitsfield Area

February 14 -15 District Reveal – Evening of February 14 and day of February 15. Location: Waterbury

March 14-16 Ski/Snowshoe Weekend – Evening of March 14 through March 16 (afternoon). Location; Sugarbush – Warren

April 25-26 District Conference. Evening of April 25 and all day April 26; Location: Burlington

June 6-8 Camping and Outbound Orientation; Evening of June 6 through June 8 (afternoon): Location: Waterbury

CLUB NEWS



Plymouth Rotary Club

For Immediate Release

September 2003

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Plymouth Rotarian Receives Highest Honor from Meredith Rotarian

Plymouth, N.H. –

Scott King, a long-time Plymouth Rotarian from Holderness, was recently honored by **Meredith Rotarian Bonnie Hunt** when she named Scott a *Paul Harris Fellow*, one of the highest honors that Rotary International offers its members. Paul Harris founded Rotary in 1905, and Harris spent much of his life trying to discover what makes people “do good” for others. Harris’s philosophy was that every worthy action and good deed must pass Rotary’s Four-Way Test by asking: 1) Is it the **truth**? 2) Is it **fair** to all concerned? 3) Will it build **good will and better friendships**? 4) Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

Bonnie Hunt and her fellow Rotarians from Meredith joined the Plymouth Club for breakfast at the Common Man with the idea of surprising Scott King with the Paul Harris Award since Scott’s life and actions have demonstrated the very best of Paul Harris’s dedication to “doing good.” Bonnie said, *“I want to give a special shout-out to someone who is always there with a smile and a big hug for me..., and for his ‘we-can-get-it done attitude’... that gets whatever ‘it’ is done.”* Bonnie went on to describe Scott’s long list of accomplishments -- all of which meet and exceed the Four-Way Test -- such as his work on the Rotary Riverfront Amphitheater, his extensive service and assistance to veterans, and special projects he has spearheaded such as the Wounded Warriors Program on Little Squam, the Holderness War Memorial, and the Holderness Historical Society Building.

Scott’s love of his country and dedication to service goes all the way back to high school when he successfully lobbied to have the American Flag flown 24/7! He has decorated many funeral homes to honor veterans who served in the Tenth Mountain Division, so that when their family members arrived for a viewing, the home was proudly dressed to honor their loved one for their ultimate sacrifice to our country. As one of Scott’s fellow Rotarians said, *“He is one of those guys who would give you the shirt off his back. He helps anyone in need...you want this guy in your foxhole. His is an example of how we should all behave – caring, concerned and compassionate.”*

Bonnie summed it up, *“For my part, Scott’s the guy who gave me a rose – that doesn’t die – when he showed me the stone he had engraved for my daughter and then built a beautiful spot in a stone wall [in her*

memory]...for which I have no way to repay him – except to honor him through Rotary, and through the Rotary Foundation with the Paul Harris Award. Of all the people I know in Rotary, Scott King exemplifies “Service Above Self” – in all walks of his life; and he epitomizes the spirit and intent of the highest award that Rotary has to bestow.”

Thanks to Bonnie Hunt, the members of the Plymouth and Meredith Rotary Clubs enjoyed the camaraderie of the morning, and then collectively stood and applauded Scott King for his dedication to humanity and the Greater Plymouth community-at-large. The clubs are planning another get-together to exchange ideas and consider the possibility of a joint community service project in **the future**.



Bonnie Hunt with Scott and his wife Ellen King



Wounded Warriors: Friends of Art Harriman, Plymouth Rotarians Doug Willet, Moe Lafreniere and Scott King Along with Scott's brother Nat King, man the barbecue For the Wounded Warrior day on Little Squam