



## Annual District Assembly & Convention



From April to May, each president-elect and incoming club leadership team attends the district assembly, part of the District Convention. This meeting helps Rotary club leaders, including secretaries, treasurers, and committee chairs, to develop their skills for leading an effective club and allows them to meet the district leadership team who will be supporting their efforts throughout the year.

Participants are encouraged to read the appropriate manual before training so they arrive at the seminar prepared to discuss their duties and goals for the coming year.

Manuals in the Club Officers' Kit (225- EN) include:

- Club President's Manual
- Club Secretary's Manual
- Club Treasurer's Section

Club committee manuals for the following committees:

- Club administration
- Membership
- Public relations
- Service projects
- The Rotary Foundation

Incoming club leadership teams should further develop their annual goals using the Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs. Before the meeting, club secretaries and committee chairs should review discussion questions for the district assembly so they can think about their responses and be ready to participate.



District 7820  
Rotary Foundation

**OPERATION HUMMINGBIRD**

*The Rotary Foundation — the Future Vision Plan*

Over the years many Rotarians have commented that the trustees of the Rotary Foundation needed to step back and look at the way the Foundation does business and to create a future vision. The following is an overview of the new vision and proposed structure for the Foundation. An essential part of the restructuring is a new way of handling grants which will apparently simplify the process.

The Future Vision Plan is designed to:

- Simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission.
- Focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians.
- Offer program options to help achieve both global and local goals.
- Increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts.
- Gain greater understanding of The Rotary Foundation work and enhance Rotary public image.

With a goal of full implementation by 2012-13, the Future Vision Plan offers new models for:

- Grants structure
- Strategic cooperative relationships
- Distributable funds

Being everything to everyone has left the Foundation struggling to realize its mission. The new structure allows us to build on our strengths and realize more sustainable outcomes. - *Robert S. Scott, 2007-08*  
*Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair*

### **Grants structure**

Under the new grants structure model, the Foundation will provide two types of grants:

*The first type* allows clubs and districts to support their specific service interests and address immediate needs in their communities and abroad. Provided as block grants to districts, these grants are modeled after the current District Simplified Grants program. Districts will be able to use up to 40 percent of their District Designated Fund to support these grants.

*The second type* offers opportunities to participate in more strategically focused, sustainable activities with greater support from the Foundation. These grants will fund larger projects in a strategic area of focus — a priority world need identified by Rotarians in which the Foundation is directing its resources to have a sustainable and measurable impact. (Three to five areas of focus will be determined by the Trustees at their April meeting, based on demonstrated Rotarian interest and experience in current Foundation programs and considered at the June Board meeting.) Under this grant type, clubs and districts will select from two options:

- Club and district-designed projects
- Package projects with strategic cooperative relationship organizations

### **Strategic cooperative relationships (SCR)**

The Rotary Foundation will form strategic cooperative relationships with organizations that specialize in one of the strategic areas of focus. The SCR organizations would provide financial support, technical expertise, and/or advocacy efforts in projects and activities that are designed jointly with the Foundation and include Rotarian participation. In addition to increasing the impact of Foundation grants, these relationships will offer opportunities to achieve greater recognition of Rotary's work.

### **Distributable funds**

A distributable funds model is designed to simplify the funding process.

The first type of grants, or block grants, will be funded by a percentage of District Designated Fund (DDF). During the three-year pilot phase, districts may use up to 40 percent of their available DDF to support smaller local and international projects and broadened activities. This percentage will be reviewed annually by the Trustees.

Under the second type, club and district-designed grant projects will be supported by a World Fund match of DDF. Other alternatives are also being considered. Package grant projects will be funded through a competitive process by the World Fund, Foundation earned income, contributions from SCR organizations and other sources under consideration. Designed to achieve the most effective and strategic use of Foundation resources in reaching sustainable outcomes, the package grant projects will not require club and district financial support.

### **Implementation**


The Future Vision Plan will be implemented in stages as identified in the draft transition plan (to be finalized in April). In 2008-09, the Trustees will select approximately 60 geographically dispersed districts to

participate in a pilot program that will run 2009-12. The remaining districts will continue to use the current programs and grants processes.

Clubs and districts will receive more information about the program after the April 2008 Trustees meeting, and interested districts will be invited to submit applications in 2008-09.

*The District Foundation committee with the blessing of DG Bette and executive committee have submitted our district as a potential participant in the pilot project. We will keep you informed of the progress on our application and the pilot project.*

*PDG Duncan Conrad  
District Rotary Foundation Chair*



# Keep Rotary Fun!

Rotary District 7820 Convention • Amherst, Nova Scotia • May 29 to June 1, 2008

“Keep Rotary Fun” and join us at the 2008 District 7820 Convention. Not only will the programs entertain and enlighten, but you’ll leave refreshed and energized. Take the chance to get away for a weekend and visit with your friends of 7820. It was said at a recent Rotary meeting, “Rotary is an opportunity to have a meal and great conversation once a week with nice people who aren’t family!”

The Rotary Club of Amherst welcomes you for Home Hospitality on Thursday May 29th. Be sure to sign- up for it when registering.

It’s exciting how more and more convention registrations are received each day, and we really hope your name is among them!

## News Flash

*From the Amherst Newspaper:*

AMHERST - Bette Douglas just loves what she does - through her work with the Tantramar Theatre Society, with troubled youth and more recently as the District Governor for Rotary. "I love what I do," Douglas said. "I just feel that I was put here to help make a difference and that's what I try to do every day." Since last July, Douglas has been making a difference throughout the Atlantic Provinces on a Regional level as District Governor of Rotary District 7820.

"When I started out on this I wanted to be a District Governor who people didn't forget and I think I have accomplished that. I have made a lot of good friends and I think they all understood my message about how important it is to keep Rotary fun," Douglas said.

As only the second Amherst Rotarian to serve as District Governor (Norman T. Avard was the first in 1943), Douglas has seen up close just how relevant Rotary continues to be. From her visits to all 46 clubs in the District, she has seen a lot of excellent projects being done by Rotary Clubs in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador and the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon. From attending Bastille Day celebrations on St. Pierre in July to delivering Christmas presents with 10 other Rotarians to remote outposts along the Labrador coasts, Douglas recently completed a hectic four-month journey across what's thought to be the second largest Rotary district in the world.

"Rotary has given me a tremendous opportunity to meet and work with people from all over the world,

*"Keep Rotary Fun"*

places like Niagara Falls, San Diego, Salt Lake City and Halifax, where I received my training" she said. "The one thing I have learned is that Rotary is as relevant today as it was when Paul Harris founded Rotary just over 100 years ago. There are so many people working hard to make a difference in the lives of others through numerous special projects."

As District Governor, Douglas will bring Rotary to Amherst in late May when the community hosts the District's Annual Rotary convention for the first time.

Aside from Rotary, Douglas has seen her theatre grow from humble beginnings to become a centrepiece of downtown Amherst, occupying the former Post Office in Dominion Building and offering year round productions from the summer festival, to Christmas productions both downtown and at the Wandlyn Inn as well as Brown Bag Theatre and other special events. "It has grown and become a venue for young performers and actors," Douglas said. It's through the theatre that since 1987 Douglas helped touched the lives of countless at risk young people through Community Alternatives.

"That's my life's work," she said. "I say to my staff that when we get a call that someone needs to do community service that it's a gift. It's not an opportunity to get free labour, it's a gift. It's an amazing opportunity to help these young people and effect a change for the good in the lives of several hundred people."



### *World Peace Summit*



Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson has announced that on April 25th to 27th, 2008 Rotarians from around the world will gather on the border between the United States and Canada (Windsor, Ontario) at a Rotary World Peace Summit with the mandate of increasing awareness about Rotary International's role in fostering world peace and creating action steps to further its continued development.

One of our newer district Rotarians, Cheryl Hebert of the Rotary Club of Halifax Harbourside has been chosen to be one of the panelists during one of the discussion events at the Rotary Peace Summit. Cheryl is a graduate - our Canadian first- of the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program at Bangkok, Thailand. Congratulations to Cheryl who joins a tremendous cast of speakers.

One of Rotary's greatest goals is our platform of world peace through understanding. The event will gather thousands of Rotarians and community members to discuss how Rotary's contributions are manifested each day through Rotary's International Network, our International Project Emphasis (clean water,

health and hunger, and literacy opportunities for every human being) and our Peace and Conflict Resolution program.

The 1.2-million men and women who are members of Rotary believe that providing these basic human needs is the essential platform for creating stability, a necessity in fostering the “Absence of War”.

Conference attendees will hear from internationally renowned keynote and panel speakers, as well as attend a Peace Concert on the Saturday night.

The Summit is designed to attract attention from regional and international media and to assist Rotary in enhancing its reputation as a world leader in the furtherance of world peace and conflict resolution.

The location for the Peace Summit is strategic in that it physically and metaphorically connects people and ideals. The Ambassador Bridge spanning from Windsor, Ontario to Detroit, Michigan symbolically connects these two great nations and clearly punctuates the fact that Rotary exists without borders in more than 200 countries around the world.

Strategically located on the Detroit River, the Windsor-Detroit area is within 500 miles of 100 million American and Canadian residents. Known as the world’s busiest international trade corridor, this area also boasts a rich multicultural history and is a primary destination for many new immigrants.

The planning committee is pleased to announce that we are very fortunate to have two exceptional Past Rotary International Directors as Event Co-Chairs - PRID John Eberhard and PRID Mike McCullough. They are providing exceptional leadership!

Equally exciting news - Canada’s UN Ambassador (2004-2006) Allan Rock has agreed to be our Honourary Chair. He has already opened many exciting doors in terms of the “world class” speakers for the event.

This three day event will showcase all that we do as Rotarians to foster world peace through understanding. Highlights will include open-air opening ceremonies on the Detroit River overlooking Canada and the United States.

Friday afternoon will feature our Peace and Conflict Resolution Scholars and a session on becoming a Rotary International Peace City/Community.

Saturday will include a panel discussion in the morning with world renowned speakers and the afternoon will feature Rotary stories. The evening will culminate with a Peace Concert that will be open to the public as well!

Sunday wraps up with a Faith Service and Closing ceremonies.

There will be many exciting receptions and additional sessions - along with a World Food Pavilion.

As you can see, it is truly going to be a legacy event for Rotary and for President Wilf Wilkinson!

A very exciting part of the event website will be called the “Rotary Peace Challenge” and will encourage Rotarians and clubs to submit entries about what they are doing to foster world peace and understanding. These submissions will be placed in an online logbook that will be accessible to all visitors.

We have the opportunity to really make this a Public Relations dream for Rotary - not to mention what better way to attract new members!

***Have you visited the convention website? Check it out for all things relating to the convention including detailed descriptions of the guest speakers and information about Amherst, Nova Scotia!***

***[www.amherst.rotary7820.com/convention1.html](http://www.amherst.rotary7820.com/convention1.html)***





Boys Choir, Natalie Cole, the Pasadena Symphony Orchestra and many many more.

Not registered for LA yet?  
Go to <http://www.Rotary2008.com>.

Zone 22 Rotarians are registering in record numbers for the convention.  
So far more than 800 Rotarians from Zone 22 districts are registered.

**Zone 22 LA Convention Paid Registration by District as of February 25, 2008**

D5010 - 28	D5370 - 64	D7010 - 35	<b>D7820 - 7</b>
D5020 - 76	D5550 - 11	D7040 - 26	D7850 - 4
D5040 - 38	D5580 - 13	D7070 - 124	
D5050 - 56	D6290 - 29	D7080 - 48	
D5060 - 26	D6330 - 16	D7090 - 32	
D5080 - 52	D6380 - 19	D7790 - 6	
D5360 - 56	D6400 - 23	D7810 -	TOTAL - 794



# Spread the word!



Invite someone to become a  
**Rotarian**  
today.

## District Attendance

Be sure to get your clubs attendance to the District Secretary by the 10th. of the month (Bill Kendrick: [billkendrick@island-images.ca](mailto:billkendrick@island-images.ca)). It is a requirement of Rotary International that **all** clubs report their attendance to the District secretary monthly. Only 31 clubs provided an attendance report for the month of January (67% of 46 clubs). The average attendance of those clubs reporting in January was 71%.

Congratulations again to the **Rotary Club of Hillsborough** for having **100%** attendance for the month of **February**. Only 17 clubs were at or above 70%.

How did your club fare? Check out the attached *District Attendance Report*.

## Rotary - Service Above Self

Please contact us with your questions, suggestions and articles...

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Check out our District Web Site at

<http://www.rotary7820.com>

**just a reminder...**

**May is Mental Health Month.  
Have you booked your speakers yet?**

## Zone 22 Northern Lights Brunch

You are invited to join us during the 2008 Rotary International Convention for the annual *Northern Lights Brunch*.

Meet, mix and mingle with your Rotary friends from Zone 22 including our own RI President Wilf Wilkinson, President Elect DK Lee, Foundation Chair Bob Scott and RI Director Monty Audenart.

The brunch will be held in conjunction with the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles on June 15, 2008 at 10 AM.

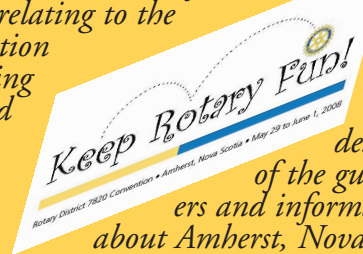
This has always been a popular, sold-out event.

BRUNCH FEE:

CDN \$40 through May 15, 2008

CDN \$45 after May 15, 2008

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## Rotary Dates to Remember

**10th. of the month** - Attendance reports to Bill Kendrick.

**15th. of the month** - Club News to *The Lighthouse* editor.

**April 1, 2008** - *Outstanding Club Recognition* deadline.

**April 15, 2008** - *Presidential Citation* deadline.

**May 29 - June 01, 2008** - District Conference - Amherst N.S.