



## Group Study Exchange

### Outbounders

Surita Maddox, Sonya Piercey, Nancy Power, Vicki Sheaves and team leader Joe Donachie have been chosen to represent District 7820 on the Normandy, France Group Study Exchange. The team will soon embark on what they call an “experience of a lifetime”. They leave in June to experience a four week vocational and cultural study exchange. While in France they will be guests in the homes of French Rotarians, living and experiencing the Normandy culture. They will live with four or five families during their stay and enjoy total immersion within the daily routines of a typical French community. All are appreciative to their Rotary clubs to be chosen for this exchange and they will share their experiences with their local clubs upon their return.



L->R... Judy McCann-Beranger, Outbounder Chair  
Team members: Vicki Sheaves, Surita Maddox,  
Nancy Power, Sonya Piercey and Joe Donachie.

The team has completed its orientation week-end and are working on all the details necessary for a successful exchange. It is imperative the group be compatible and ready and able to enhance each other's experience as a positive and successful one. They will have very close communication during their trip abroad and must be very supportive of each other.

Surita Maddox is the District Director for Spectrum Management for Industry Canada. Sonya Piercey is a Food Processing Specialist Inspector with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Nancy Power is a Citizen Service Agent with Service Canada, Vicki Sheaves is a Core French teacher and Rotarian Joe Donachie is a semi-retired physician. All team members have some French background. Congratulations and Good Luck!

*Judy McCann-Beranger  
GSE Outbounder Chair*



**District 7820  
Rotary Foundation  
OPERATION HUMMINGBIRD**

*How would you like to be apart of History and at the same time help make the world a better place to live?*

As of the end of January 2008 you as Rotarians and your clubs in District 7820 have donated US \$92,000 to the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund. All of these donations will come back to us for use as part of the District Designated Fund (international projects), District Simplified Grants (local projects) or the world Fund (GSE teams, scholarships, ECT. ) Your contributions will enable us to do things to make the world a better place that we couldn't do in previous years. Our district goal this year as set by DG Bette and each of your clubs is \$106,000 US and we are on track to reach or exceed that goal. Your clubs donated just short of \$100,000 US in 05/06, so lets work together to set the bar higher. Like the Humming bird in the story, one drop at a time, can make a difference.

Many thanks to those who have responded to the call to become members of the Paul Harris Society, to date we have nine Rotarians from across the district who have committed a \$1000.00 US a year to the APF of the Rotary Foundation. Thank you to each of them and to those of you who are still considering but have not yet contacted me. We will have a formal recognition of the PHS members at the District Conference.

We have had interest expressed many times this year in applications for Ambassadorial Scholarships and Grants for Teacher Scholarships. In the past few years we have not been able to consider these as there have not been sufficient funds donated to handle these and the requests for matching grants as well. Beginning next year, as a result of your generosity three years ago the money coming back to the district will enable the District Foundation Committee to set aside funds to handle an ambassadorial scholarship every two years and a Grant to Teachers. A resolution to

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this effect will be presented for your consideration at the AGM at the District conference.

District approves 4 matching grants for International projects and 10 DSG for locally based community projects. The Rotary Clubs of Charlottetown Royalty, Halifax Northwest, Kentville/Halifax, Kentville/Bedford/Sackville have matching grants approved at various stages for projects in Brazil and Gambia and Kenya. For those clubs who have had Matching Grants in the past year and haven't already done so, a report on the progress of the grant is due, as well as a final report once the project is complete. Please check with your foundation chair to ensure these are up to date.

The Foundation committee has developed terms of reference and a new application/final report form for the District Simplified Grants. These will be submitted to the AGM as resolutions for your approval.

Congratulations to the following clubs who are in hot pursuit of the top club in giving to the APF of the Rotary Foundation for our district. The Rotary Club of Hillsborough, in the #1 spot with US \$145.76 per capita, the Rotary Club of Charlottetown Royalty #2 spot with US \$143.50 per capita and the Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest in #3 with US \$142.15. Other clubs who are making their presence known include: Summerside at US \$103.85 per capita, Amherst at US \$103.26 per capita, Kentville at US \$103 per capita, Sydney Sunrise at US \$102.00 per capita. Of course we have others who are still working to educate and engage their members on the importance of their contributions and we look forward to their efforts.

### **Planning for 2008-09 Annual Programs Fund Contribution Begins Now**

Club goal setting is vital to the Every Rotarian, Every Year effort. As the President-elect/Secretary elect training seminars (Pets/Sets) take place, please be sure that your club sets its 2008-09 Rotary Foundation Annual Giving goal as soon as possible and sends it to your district governor-elect. An electronic copy of the 2008-09 Fund Development Club Goal Report Form is available at <http://www.rotary.org> and the hard copy (printed in triplicate) will be distributed to each club president-elect at PET/SETS. The club goal and percentage of goal achieved will appear on the District Monthly Contribution Report.

How much of a difference does club goal setting make? Plenty.

Here are a few reasons why:

- Over the past three years, the number of clubs that submit annual Programs Fund (APF) goals have grown more than 10 percent annually.
- In the same period, APF contributions have increased more than 30 percent a year in our district.
- Clubs that set APF goals participate three- to four-times more in Foundation programs than those without goals.

Your club can help get off to a strong start in 2008-09 by setting a challenging, yet realistic annual giving goal. Remember, reaching the APF goal is about more than funds raised. A US\$100 contribution, for example, can help provide school supplies for 15 students in Costa Rica; \$500, eyeglasses for 200 people in Nigeria and \$1,000, micro enterprise loans for 22 women in the Philippines.

Every Rotarian giving to the Foundation every year means putting into action the Foundation's mission of improving health, supporting education, and alleviating poverty.

Rotary International has responded to our concerns for the need to modernize the approach to grants and have recommended a new approach which will be piloted in 2008-09. This approach will simplify the grant process and enable districts to determine and utilize the funds for local and international projects. Our district leadership has volunteered to become part of the pilot project. In the next issue I will provide more details on the new Rotary foundation vision. You can read about it on line at <http://www.rotary.org>

Yours in Rotary , Have a Great Rotary Year

*PDG Duncan Conrad  
District Rotary Foundation Chair*

***What are you doing May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup>?  
"Keep Rotary Fun!"  
District Convention 2008***

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## *A Rotary Journey*

Tom McCaughey and Mark Brown from Rotary Club of St. John's Northwest left on February 4th on an exciting Rotary journey. They travelled to the Village of Chahalka near Delhi, India where they participated in the rehabilitation of two dilapidated buildings into a computer training centre and day care. The centre will be known as The Rotary Vocational & Computer Training Centre of Chahalka. The project will also equip the centre with ten computers, a computer teacher and staff. On February 10th, they participated in a Polio National Immunization Day. For some months, they were busy fundraising and preparing for the trip; Rotary clubs were very generous with their donations. They have set up two blogs:

<http://rotary-district7820.blogspot.com> and <http://rotarydreamteam-india2008.blogspot.com>

They returned to St. John's on February 20th, 2008.

The following is an article from The Telegram.

The Telegram, 3 Feb, 2008

To India with computers Connections to make big impact in small village

EVERTON MCLEAN

The village of Chahalka, with a population of about 3,000, will soon have a new computer school thanks to volunteers including four Newfoundlanders. The clean water supply shown here was provided by an earlier Rotary Club mission to the village.

For years, Mark Brown wanted to help people who are less fortunate - he just didn't know how to do it. He was finally given the opportunity in September, when a fellow Rotary Club member asked him to help complete a computer school to bolster the economy of a small village in India.

The longtime police officer and current employee of the province's chief information officer was in Halifax at a Rotary Club meeting when a colleague from Maine asked him to help construct and implement the school in Chahalka, India, 50 kilometres from New Delhi.

"I said, 'Yeah, I'm sure my wife would let me agree to do that,' thinking there was no way she would," said Brown.

"And when we discussed it, she said I should. ... I think she said, 'This is what you've done and this is what you work for. If you want to go, go.'"

The St. John's Northwest Rotary member said he is happy to be living up to the club's mandate to promote international peace and well-being.

"If you are Rotarian and you listen to our objectives, one of them being to develop international relations, going to another country in the world to do something good, it's why we're here," he said.

The group will refurbish two buildings and set them up with 10 computers, a computer teacher and staff in the village of 3,000 people.

The goal is to give the impoverished community the means to help itself, said Brown. In the community, people as young as 12 work to make some money for their families. Because of this responsibility, they don't attend school.

He said the idea to use computer education to help the community came from village leaders.

"Local elders feel that if they were to get basic computer skills they might be able to get entry-level jobs in the burgeoning computer industry in India to bring in additional income," he said.

The group, which is comprised of an international team of Rotary members and people associated with them or the project, will also bring sewing and weaving machines to the community to be used by members to produce commercial products.

As well, the group will participate in a national immunization day, administering polio vaccines to children.

"You put two drops (of vaccine) in the mouth of a child five or under and they will never get polio," said Brown.



Part of the project included raising money. Brown said Newfoundland Rotary Clubs and private business fundraised \$9,000 for the project. The cost of setting up and running the school is expected to be about \$50,000 US. Of that money, \$22,000 goes towards salaries for people teaching and running the schools for this year.

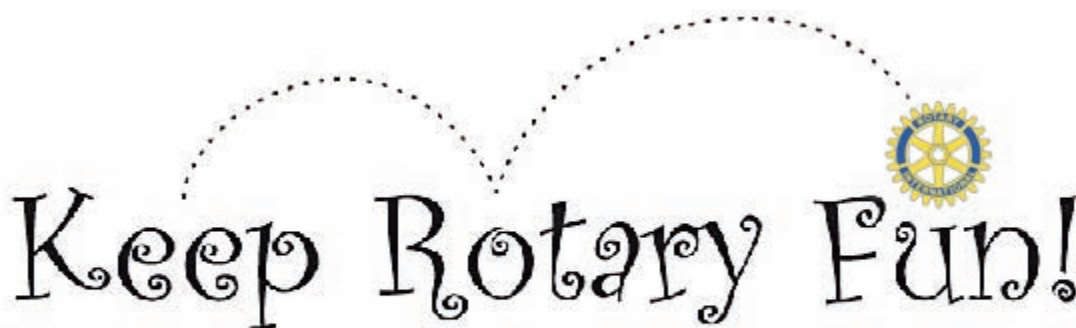
Brown said the group expects the Indian government to assume the ongoing cost of running the facility.

Brown won't be the only person from the province attending the project. His sister-in-law Catherine Coole, as well as fellow Rotary member Tom McCaughey and his wife, Shirley, are also going.

Both of the McCaugheys said this is their first trip to India, and their first time taking part in such an initiative.

They said they were happy to be lending a hand, and they were pleased by the local support. They said they were given hundreds of gifts, such as school supplies, art supplies, and calculators, to give to the children in the village.

This is the second Rotary project in the community. The first established a better water system for the villagers.



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

### *Memories in the Making*

There are many fun and exciting events planned for this year's district convention, and we don't want anyone to miss out. Please register today!

Which convention events are you looking forward to? The Golf Tournament perhaps? Pro's and Not-so Pro's welcome!

Would you enjoy home hospitality, sharing dinner and conversation with a local Rotarian, maybe even in one of Amherst's stunning historic homes? Just be one of the first 25 members or couples to register!

Curious what the Friday afternoon activity is that will include all 46 district clubs coming together to do an activity?

Would hearing a world-famous humanitarian, who was honoured by Nelson Mandela, interest you?

What about taking part in "Yee Haw It's Rotary!?" Or being entertained and having a good laugh with those who do!?

You can't forget about your invitation to District Governor Bette's historic century old farm home, for a "night cap!"

All these "Fun" Rotary fellowship activities will take place all before the Friday night of the convention is even over!

March is typically a busy month, but don't let the early Convention registration deadline pass you by. After March 31st, 2008 the registration fee increases to \$300 rather than \$250.

## Service Above Self



**Kathryn Atkin** received the very prestigious *Service Above Self Award* from PDG Dennis at the regular club meeting of Avalon Northeast on Wednesday February 13th. The meeting was attended by representatives of other clubs in the area as well as colleagues in the various voluntary organization in which Kathryn is involved. Kathryn is the first Rotarian in Newfoundland to receive this award and only the third in the district (as far as we know).

Kathryn's career has included progressively responsible administrative assistant positions with Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro, St. John's Nursing Home Board and latterly as Executive Assistant to the COO Long Term Care with Eastern Health. Kathryn is a Certified Professional Secretary. Kathryn is now the Executive Director Shallaway Youth Choir and Opera Company

She took over, and as President, completely revitalized the Avalon Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Assistants and was recipient of an award as the best and most improved Chapter of IAAP in North America. She then went on to be Treasurer of that organization for Eastern Canada

Kathryn joined the Rotary Club of Avalon Northeast in 1996, and served as Secretary and then President in 2002-2003. In her role as President she founded the Interact Club of Avalon Northeast based at Holy Spirit High School. Kathryn represented her Rotary Club on the CBS Community Policing Committee and as Chair developed its role eventually involving the town of Paradise.

Her connection with the police in which she recognized a need for facilities for youth in Paradise led Kathryn to begin work on the Rotary Paradise Youth and Community Centre involving the youth of Paradise in its development. This facility will be opened within the next few weeks.

Also she began work with the RNC on the DARE Program which provides programs for Grade 5 and 6 students in local schools on Drug Awareness and Recognition Education. Kathryn is now treasurer of DARE.

Kathryn was a Founding executive committee member of the Avalon chapter of United Way. Kathryn will be chair of this group next year

In Rotary after her year as Club President Kathryn became Assistant Governor for three years for the Avalon area including the five local clubs plus Clarenville and St. Pierre et Miquelon. Last year, 2006-2007, Kathryn served as District Secretary. Kathryn has served on the Rotary Zone 22 Conference Committee and many local Rotary Conferences, Rotary Youth Leadership Committee, the Group Study Exchange Committee and is a Faculty member of the Rotary Leadership Program. She has been awarded Three Paul Harris Fellowships by Rotary Zone 22, District 7820 and the Rotary Club of Avalon Northeast.

In 1998 Kathryn met Colonel Mark Cook Retired British Army who is the founder of Hope and Homes for Children. Last year she was invited to visit Rumania with that group and continues to advocate for this International Charity based in England but with connections with 13 countries in Africa and Europe

Kathryn hails from Harbour Grace but has lived in Topsail for the last twenty two years.



*The small country of Nepal boasts eight of the ten highest mountains in the world. But the very mountains that give Nepal its grandeur provide a challenge to building a sustainable infrastructure. Most of the population lives in rural areas where no phones, roads, clean water, or schools exist. Where government schools exist in the countryside, they are underfunded and overcrowded, with only rudimentary levels of equipment and textbooks. Without creative, colorful books in the language they speak, it is difficult for children to learn to love reading and exploring the world through a book.*



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***Dr. Margaret Chan***

As director-general of the World Health Organization, Dr. Margaret Chan will talk about future steps to eliminate polio. Her presentation will be during the plenary session on Tuesday, 17 June.

***Natalie Cole***

Eight-time Grammy Award-winning singer Natalie Cole, daughter of icon Nat “King” Cole, will appear at the new NOKIA Theatre L.A. LIVE as a part of the “California Experience” event put together by local Rotarians on the Host Organization Committee.

***Stephen Lewis***

Formerly the special envoy to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Stephen Lewis is co-director of AIDS-Free World, a new international AIDS advocacy organization, based in the United States.

***Steve Tyrell***

Opening for Natalie Cole is Grammy Award-winning vocalist Steve Tyrell. He has achieved great success as an artist, producer,

songwriter, music supervisor and performer. His work in the studio has included collaborations with such diverse and legendary artists as Rod Stewart, Diana Ross, Dolly Parton, Elton John, Bonnie Raitt, Burt Bacharach, Bette Midler and Stevie Wonder just to name a few.

Not registered for LA yet?

Go to <http://www.Rotary2008.com>. Registration fees increase in March!!

Zone 22 Rotarians are registering in record numbers for the convention.

So far more than 700 Rotarians from Zone 22 districts are registered.

**Zone 22 LA Convention Paid Registration by District as of January 28, 2008**

D5010 - 23	D5370 - 59	D7010 - 30	<b><i>D7820 - 5</i></b>
D5020 - 71	D5550 - 6	D7040 - 26	D7850 - 4
D5040 - 37	D5580 - 11	D7070 - 104	
D5050 - 53	D6290 - 41	D7080 - 46	
D5060 - 25	D6330 - 14	D7090 - 28	
D5080 - 55	D6380 - 19	D7790 - 6	
D5360 - 51	D6400 - 24	D7810 - 4	TOTAL - 742



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

25 February 2008



Dear 2007-08 Rotary Club President;

I want to thank you again for your support of our "Sharing the Magic of Rotary" Presidential Conferences in North America. There is nothing more important than growing our organization if we want to continue Rotary's great work throughout the world.

Growing our membership is all of our responsibility (Member Recruit Member) and we must get that message across to our club colleagues. Through the first six months of this 2007-08 Rotary year (July through January, 2008) we have experience a slight increase of 1,240 net new members.

I challenged every Rotarian to bring in at least one new member. Have you met my challenge? Have you served your club or district by promoting membership growth whenever you can? We need your continued good efforts if we are to achieve our goal.

Most clubs lose 5% to 10% of their members each year so we must replace those we lose and add new members to reach the membership growth Rotary needs to succeed.

As a reminder, my Presidential Citation requires each club to gain one net new member by March 31, 2008. It would be a shame for the rest of the good work your club is doing to not be recognized because this membership goal was not met!

Let's continue to wave the flag of EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR for membership just like it has been with The Rotary Foundation. We all need to become major donor's for membership.

Thank you for all you are doing to make Rotary the premier Service Organization in the World.

Yours in the Service of Rotary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilf Wilkinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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## *Congratulations on your 50th. Anniversary*

*On behalf of all Rotary Clubs worldwide, but especially the 30,000 Rotarians in clubs from Far Eastern Russia, Alaska, Canada and the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon in Zone 22, we send to you, the **Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest**, congratulations on your **50th year in Rotary**.*

*We are proud of all in your club who have lived Rotary and continue to show that Rotary Shares.*

*Enjoy your celebration. Thank you for what you do for Rotary.*

*Monty Audenart*

*Rotary International Director 2007-2009*

## *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 30 clubs provided an attendance report for the month of January (65% of 46 clubs). The average attendance of those clubs reporting in January was 73%.

Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Dartmouth** for having **100%** attendance for the month of **January**. 22 clubs were at or above 70%.

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

# *Rotary - Service Above Self*



**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

*New resources are available to help Rotary clubs and districts with financial management.*

*The Club Treasurer's Section includes information about the club treasurer's role and responsibilities and helps with creating budgets.*

*The District Finance Committee Resource Guide is a general guide for financial practices. The four-page document explains how the district finance committee should work with the clubs in its district.*

## *Rotary Dates to Remember*

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

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

**March 1, 2008** - *Donald MacRae Peace Award* deadline.

**March ??, 2008** - *PETS and SETS*.

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

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

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

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

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