



March 2000 Bulletin

From the President

Welcome to our two new members in February, John Cameron and Larry Seider. They are both returning members to this Club. I hope that each of you will make them welcome back.

Please remember that the **District Conference** will be hosted by our Club, this coming May, and plan to attend some if not all of the events. Further on in this bulletin is an agenda and an item on home hospitality. Please take note and plan for the conference, you will be hearing more as the time approaches.

The end of the month will see the kickoff to this year's **Easter Seals** campaign, chaired by Angus Orford. Please give him and his committee your support if and when you are called upon. Of course I am sure that Angus would be more than happy to put you to work if you want to volunteer for something a little extra. Relative to this, Betty Praught will be at the front desk starting next week selling tickets to the Easter Seals Telethon on April 10th. Tickets are only \$5 each, a bargain, so pick some up for yourself and maybe even for some of your staff at work as a thank-you.

Attendance issues: Most of us are fairly familiar with the attendance "rules" as spelled out by Rotary. However I have been getting a number of questions around attendance, termination, senior active, past service, attendance exempt, etc. Therefore to help you the following is a brief summary of some of the more commonly raised attendance issues.

Membership in the Rotary Club can be terminated when the individual no longer meets qualifications such as no longer living in the area serviced by the Club. Failure to pay dues is of course justification for termination, however reinstatement is possible when all dues are paid or reintroduced as a new member.

The most commonly quoted and used rule on attendance relates to attendance at meetings. Regular attendance is critical to the Club and its activities. Without regular attendance the individual will not be aware of the work needed to be done or on the activities which the Club is undertaking. Rotary has set the attendance level at 60% or more in each half of the Rotary year, either as attendance at the home club or as a makeup (although 30% are to be at the home Club). Nor is one suppose to not miss four consecutive Club meetings. Rotary is nearly everywhere and as such makeups are relatively easy to come by, noting that according to Rotary the makeup is to be within 14 days (before or after) the missed meeting. Failure to meet these attendance rules are grounds for termination of membership. Attendance at conventions, RI committees, District committee meetings held by the DG, or some club service projects authorized by the board can also apply as makeups.

Individuals can be excused from attendance when traveling to an area where there is no Rotary clubs (more than two weeks) to make the make up, noting that this would only apply if the travel in the area was prolonged as there is almost 28days available for making up a meeting. In addition the Board can provide a leave of absence for personal or business reasons or for medical reasons. In these cases a letter should be sent to the Club secretary indicating the request.

A Rotarian can be **exempted from attendance** where the aggregate of member's years of age and years of membership in one or more Rotary club is 85 years or more, and the member requests exemption in a letter to the Board of Directors.

There are five basic membership types for Rotary clubs: active, additional active, senior active, past service and honorary. I will not deal with the honorary membership. Most members are brought into the Club as Active members, unless they have retired. Active just means that they are still active in their profession/classification, it doesn't relate to their involvement in Rotary. Additional active members are those who are members of a Club where their classification is already taken by someone else. There can be one Additional Active for each Active member. Our Club as seldom made use of the Additional Active membership.

A Rotarian should go to Past Service when they retire or there is a loss of classification, such as a change in job. Rotarians normally become part of the Senior Active category when the following conditions apply:

- a total of Active and Past Service in 1 or more Rotary clubs is 15 years
- as above, but 10 years service if older than 60
- as above, but 5 years service if older than 65

The Senior Active member has all the same rights as an Active member (except when it comes to proposing an Additional Active member), and by going to the Senior Active status it opens up their "old" classification for another person.

Calendar Watch: March - July, 2000

March 6 Classification Talks* Speakers: Jennifer Evans, Gerry Gabriel, Patty Sue Lee
Chairperson: Harry Love

Song leader: Ken MacKenzie

March 13 East Timor* Speaker: Sharon Knox

Chairperson: Bud Whalen

Song leader: Lloyd Palmer

March 20 Blueberry Industry* Speaker: Dr. Wilhelmina Kalt
Chairperson: Jim Smith
Song leader: Darren Ings
March 20 Board Meeting (Boardroom of Seaman's Beverage - 5:30 PM)
March 27 Easter Seals "Kickoff" * Chairperson: Angus Orford
Song leader: Ken Campbell
April 3 Classification Talks*
April 10 TBA*
April 10 Easter Seals Telethon* (evening)
April 17 Maritime Electric*
April 24 Easter Monday (No meeting)
May 1 TBA*
May 8 TBA*
May 15 TBA*
May 15 Board Meeting (Boardroom of Seaman's Beverage - 5:30 PM)
May 22 Victoria Day (statutory holiday - no meeting)
May 25-27 District Conference
May 26 Regular meeting during Conference (note no meeting following Monday - May 29th)
May 29 No meeting (moved to previous Friday as host club for District Conference)
June 5 Easter Seals "wrapup"*
June 12 TBA*
June 19 Board Meeting (President's home, incoming and outgoing board members)
June 26 Change over*
July 3 Canada Day long weekend (no meeting)

* Regular lunch time Charlottetown Rotary Club meetings

Notable Celebrations

Birthdays - March 2000

March 1 Miller MacLean (65th)
March 6 Cec DeLong (75th)
March 13 Kevin O'Brien
March 14 Jim Cumming
March 14 Kevin MacRae
March 15 Paula Willis
March 17 Claude Whitenect
March 17 Phil Bower (80th)
March 18 Dale Mader
March 20 Jane Brewster
March 23 Irwin Jenkins
March 27 Lloyd Palmer (75th)
March 22 Fos Fisher
March 31 Jeane Coburn (55th)
April 1 Norman MacLeod

Many happy returns - remember the Foundation (\$5 plus 0.10 per year) - and don't forget to renew your drivers license.

Anniversaries

In case you ever wondered, according to our records August is the month with the most members celebrating wedding anniversaries (24) and March has the fewest (1)

March 29 Dale and Jean Marie Mader

Congratulations and Best Wishes to all.

Rotary Service

(years of service as of this month)

Stu Brummond 33
Jack Bigelow 31
Tom DeBlois (jr) 27
James Macnutt 25
Irwin Jenkins 20
Wilson Ross 20
Ken MacDonald 19
George Guimond 16
Al Rodd 15
Peggy Coady 10
Ron Profit 10
Paula Willis 8
Jane Brewster 9
Regan Lewis 7
Ray Loxdale 6
Sandra MacKay 4
Bennett Carr 3
Alan Buchanan 1
Gerry Gabriel 1

We recognize birthdays and anniversaries and once a year those with perfect attendance. However it is also important that we recognize the years of service that Rotarians have given to the Club and community. These Rotarians are recognized on this week's anniversary of their induction into our Club.

Greeters for the coming weeks

Please be early, and if you can't make it please find a replacement.

March 6 Glenda Frizzell and George Guimond
March 13 Fos Fisher and Alden O'Brien
March 20 Gaie Orton and Harry O'Connell
March 27 Chris Severance and Don Anderson
April 3 Dale Murphy and Harry Kennedy
April 10 Valerie Downe and Charlotte Comrie

April 17 Bud Whelan and Bush Dumville
April 24 Easter Monday (No meeting)
May 1 Ivan Morrison and Kevin O'Brien

Makeups

for Previous Month

Dale Mader (8), Jack Cutcliff, Jennifer Evans (2), Tony Sosnkowski, Richard Veinot (3), Stan Woodman (2), Jane Brewster, Kim Griffin, Ray Loxdale, Walter Cox (2), Don Anderson (2), Don Thompson, Carl Bagnall, Tom DeBlois (Jr.)

Resignations

It is with a note of sadness that the Board of Director's noted the resignation of three members:

Rundell Seaman (22 year member)
Howie Jamison (2 year member this time around)
and **Dan Fenety** (4 year member)

GSE - Exchange

District 1220 UK and our District
September 23 to October 28, 2000

District 7820 is now seeding applications from young professionals to travel to District 1220 U.K. (Birmingham/Manchester area of England) during the period September 23 to October 28, 2000.

All applications must be endorsed by a Rotary Club and should be received by the District chair person by March 17th, 2000. Applications are available from President Richard if you know of a potential candidate for this exchange, but you will have to act fast.

No particular vocations are required by the visited district. Applicants should have been working in their field for a minimum of 2 years and cannot be more than 40 years old. They should be representative of the Rotary Club, District and Canada. In addition they cannot be a Rotarian.

While the call for members to the GSE to District 6900, Georgia, have not been called you can also be giving this some thought. This exchange will be April 7 to May 5, 2001.

Previous Meetings

February 7 - Rotary Foundation

A special cake was provided for today's meeting to celebrate Jim Montgomery's 98th birthday, and 59th year in Rotary. A group photo of Jim and Walter Cox and Randy Manning (50 and 54 years membership respectively) was taken, to be forwarded on to the Rotarian.

Kevin O'Brien ended the Queen of Hearts elusive stay in the deck, winning the 30/30/40 jackpot of over \$1700, congratulations Kevin (and don't forget the Foundation on your birthday this month).

The meeting today revolved around the Rotary Foundation. This Club has 121 Paul Harris Fellowships, 36 sustaining members and 2 benefactors.

Lloyd Patriquin talked on how the funds we raise for the foundation are spent. The Foundation is unique in that every cent donated is used for relief work, etc. Each year all funds collected are invested by RI for 3 years. The investment income is then used to cover administrative costs. Lloyd outlined how through the humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation, Rotarians are working towards the noble objective of world understanding and peace. This thru programs that promote people to people contact, self help and long term sustainability. They share the caring, goodness, efficiency and effectiveness that is common to Rotarians around the world. Lloyd described a number of examples of programs around the world including the major campaign to eradicate polio.

Allan McLeod talked about the Group Study Exchange Program of the Rotary Foundation. The GSE being a tool to help raise ourselves to a higher level of international understanding, goodwill and friendly relations. The program started in 1965 and has so far provided over 32,000 young men and women with inspiring vocational, educational and cultural experiences. The Foundation pays for return airfare for the team members with host clubs and families providing the rest. Allan talked about how the exchanges are put together and discussed some of his experiences as a team leader to New Zealand. Later this spring we will be participating in an exchange with France and then in the fall one with England.

Ron Orton gave an overview of the Rotary Foundation and in particular the Paul Harris Fellowships, and on how the funds are raised for the Foundation's work. These thru Paul Harris Fellowships, Benefactors, major gifts and in our club's case birthday contributions. A letter has gone out to all members of the Club indicating some of the ways that contributions can be made.

February 14 - Erskine Smith (Story Teller)

This week's meeting was a departure from our usual meeting, and if you weren't there you missed a good meeting. Katherine Coll and program committee invited Erskine Smith to address the club. Erskine is the artistic director of the Victoria Playhouse, for the past 19 years, chair of the community council in Victoria and a story teller. It was in this latter role that he entertained the club with a number of stories. Members seemed to enjoy the departure for the norm, and perhaps we can have more meetings in this type in the future.

February 21 - YEP

Today's quest speaker was Jeanette Poulsen, our exchange student from Denmark. Jeanette gave an excellent presentation on her country and home, highlighting the similarities and differences with PEI. Some of the comparisons were very enlightening, and we got an insight

into Denmark. Her comparison of the schools in Denmark and PEI was of interest. The classes are shorter in Denmark, with more classes in a day. There is no candy or pop at school, and there are no clubs or sports teams at the school (a big difference compared to PEI schools). She noted that school spirit is much higher in PEI schools and that Canadians take school more seriously.

Well done Jeanette.

February 28 - Mayor of Charlottetown

Cara Thompson started the meeting with a presentation on her year as a youth exchange student to France. Needless to say she gave an excellent presentation which summarized her major experiences during her stay in the Beaugeney Meung region in France. She extended a thank you to the Club for helping make her exchange a reality.

Mayor George MacDonald present the major address of the day. Mayor MacDonald talked about making Charlottetown a better place to live, visit and/or work. The city, he said, has lots to be proud of. He described many aspects of development in the city and some of the directions the city will be going in in the future. Mayor MacDonald talked about the hiring of a full time economic officer to help with development in the city. He discussed the parking issue, tourist destination issues, new infrastructure for the future, providing for a positive business environment, and about getting full access to the residential tax base. The mayor also presented directions for the future including sidewalks, improved storm sewers, water treatment improvements, recreational needs, etc. He concluded by stating that the city will be what we make of it.

**Rotary International District 7820
85th Annual Assembly and Conference
24 - 28 May, 2000
Delta Prince Edward Hotel**

A unique program is being planned for the conference and there will be ample opportunity to mix, and exchange ideas with Rotarians from other Clubs in the District. Our Club is the host for this year's assembly and conference, as home club for this year's DG. As such we will be hosting one of the lunches, on May 26 (no meeting the previous or following Monday).

Day 1 (May 25) will focus on the PETS and SETS (President and Secretary training).
Day 2 (May 26) will include a District 7820 "Town Hall" and the annual business meeting.
Day 3 (May 27) will include a Plenary Session and the District Assembly.
Day 4 (May 28) will be a church service and change-over ceremony.

Single day registrations will be available for Day 2 and 3

Stay tuned for more information in the months ahead. Please remember that you are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bob Moffat is chair for the organizing committee.

Home Hospitality

As part of this year's District Conference agenda, visiting Rotarians will take part in a Home Hospitality Evening hosted by PEI Rotarians. The evening is a chance for fellowship and for visiting Rotarians to experience some true Island hospitality. Island Rotarians are encouraged to team up with two other Rotarians and offer an evening of informal food and fun! If you are interested in participating please contact Jennifer Evans at 892-1066. We need your help to make this event a fun filled success!

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