



Grenfell College receives its charter from Rotarian Martin Steele (assistant to District Governor) left to right John Brothers, President, Rotary Club of Humber, Dr Robert Butt, Charter member, Paul Harris Fellow, Martin Steele, Katlyn Turner (First President) Ryan Belbin and Terry Randell members. We are thrilled to death about this. Great article in the local paper ...

New Rotaract Club of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

From The Western Star, May 9, 2008

New kids on the block; Grenfell's Rotaract Club aims to prepare young people for the future.

CORNER BROOK — A group of students at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College are finding themselves in a unique position. They form the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Rotaract — the only group of its kind in this area.

Rotaract is a branch of Rotary International which is open to young professionals or university students between the ages of 18 and 30. Kate Turner is the president of the Grenfell Rotaract. She says Rotaract operates on the same kind of ideas as Rotary. "It's really for us to get youth and students involved in the community, get them involved nationally, get them involved internationally. To be aware of what's going on in the world, but also to educate them with respect to potential careers." Essentially, she says, the idea behind Rotaract is to "prepare the young professionals for the future." She says Dave Carroll one of the faculty members at Grenfell originally approached some students about forming a Rotaract club late in the 2007 winter semester, and after word and interest spread, the club was officially started in September with the Rotary Club of Humber serving as sponsoring club. Carroll is a member of the Rotary Club of Humber and acts as advisor for the Grenfell club.

The group currently has a membership of about 14 and on Tuesday was presented with its official charter during a meeting of the Rotary Club of Humber. Turner says this first year has been a growing year for the club where members have worked to "establish ourselves" and complete the chartering process.

The club has been active around the campus and during the fall semester helped out with the Rick Mercer Spread the Net project. Turner says \$1,400 was raised for Spread the Net through a battle of the bands. Members have also attended meetings of Humber Rotary. Turner says the Rotaract has been well received on the Grenfell campus and she's looking forward to working on more community projects. In the future, she'd like to see both Rotary clubs in the city, the other being the Corner Brook Rotary Club, involved in sponsoring Grenfell's Rotaract.

She says having sponsorship from both clubs would open up more networks for the Rotaract members and provide them with a base of guest speakers. That way the club could get more involved in the educational aspect of Rotaract. "So that we can actually have meetings where we have a guest speaker come in and talk to us about opening up their own business or what it's like to be a lawyer."

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

Whether you're interested in golf, humanitarian service or gourmet cooking, connect with Rotarians who share your interests by joining a Global Networking Group. These groups include Rotary Fellowships, which bring Rotarians together for recreational and vocational activities, and Rotarian Action Groups, which unite members in the spirit of service.

Global Networking Groups allow individual Rotarians from several countries to join together to focus on common interests. Through these groups, you can:

- Share fellowship and friendship with thousands of Rotarians
- Meet other Rotarians with a similar hobby or vocational background
- Collaborate with Rotarians from around the world who are dedicated to a particular area of service

Leadership by Rotary - Sharing Rotary success stories with other Rotarians

Fellow Rotarians,

Rotary may be the greatest organization of leaders in the world. With 1.2 million Rotarians in 170 countries, we have an incredible asset of talent, wisdom and know-how in one organization.

It all started with Rotary's Founder Paul Harris, who this year celebrates his 140th birthday. He was born on April 19, 1868.

Paul Harris is well-known in Rotary, but what most Rotarians may not know is that Paul Harris made his main contributions to Rotary as a young man. He was only 37 years old when Rotary was founded. He was only 44 when his two year term as President of the International Association of Rotary Clubs ended in 1912 (later in 1922 renamed Rotary International).

After 1912, Paul Harris had no formal position in Rotary. He was the Founder of Rotary and continued to influence and inspire Rotary for the rest of his life until he passed away in 1947.

It is my opinion that Paul Harris' vision has created the spirit in Rotary as we know it today. Here are some examples of Paul Harris' wisdom:

- A well ordered mind is a possession more valuable than unlimited riches.
- It is just as easy to acquire the habit of speaking kindly as it is to acquire the habit of speaking unkindly.
- Perhaps dreaming is not so bad if one dreams good dreams and make them come true.
- Rotary brings out and develops the best there is in men.
- The Rotary of today is different from the Rotary of yesterday and the Rotary of tomorrow cannot, must not, be the same as the Rotary of today. Rotary will continue to evolve.

Rotary Global History Fellowship publishes a weekly newsletter called "What Paul Harris Said", which many thousand Rotarians read every week. It provides inspirational quotes by Paul Harris every two weeks. You can sign up for this newsletter free of charge at <http://www.whatpaulharrissaid.org>.

Rotary Global History Fellowship is probably the most successful fellowship in Rotary with approximately 1 million visits every year to their websites at <http://www.rotaryhistoryfellowship.org>, <http://www.rghf.org> and <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org>.

Rotary Global History Fellowship has a lot of information about Paul Harris. You can read about the life of Paul Harris at: <http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/presidents/1910harris/paulharris/index.htm>.

Believe me, it is a very interesting life. Paul Harris was a prolific writer all his life. You can read many things that Paul Harris wrote at <http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org>.

There is more information about Paul Harris at:

<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/presidents/1910harris> and

<http://www.rotaryfirst100.org/presidents/1910harris/paulharris/gateway/index.htm>

There is also a recording of a speech by Paul Harris which he made during the Rotary Convention in Boston in June 1933. You can listen to it at <http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/1933.htm>.

When you listen to this speech, you will notice how optimistic Paul Harris was, which is remarkable as his speech took place at a time when both Hitler and Stalin were in power and America went through its deepest depression in history. Despite this reality, Paul Harris held up a strong vision of tolerance, peace and friendship to be realized through Rotary.

I believe that being able to present a strong vision, which inspires others to make it a reality, is what great leadership is all about. Hitler, Stalin and the Great Depression are all gone, but Rotary is still going strong.

Here are some examples of visionary statements by Paul Harris:

- The spirit of tolerance which has made it possible for Rotary to form a worldwide fellowship of business and professional men will make all things possible.
- Rotary allows ordinary people to do extra ordinary things.
- War is always a ghastly blunder, even the winners loose.

At the Rotary Convention in Chicago in 2005, I met Retired Professor Robina Quale-Leach from Albion, Michigan. She knew Paul Harris when she was a little girl at the age of 12 in 1943. Paul Harris and his wife Jean used to rent a summer house next to her parents. Paul Harris tried many times to convince Robina's father to join Rotary, without any success. "Little did he know that he convinced me instead," said Robina. So in 1990, when her

local Rotary club accepted women, Robina was able to join Rotary.

During 1943, Robina asked Paul Harris what he thought about the ongoing World War Two. Paul Harris responded to her that he looked forward to the end of the war so that Rotary could be revived in Germany, Italy and Japan. Paul Harris also told her that he would like Rotarians around the world to make sure that such a war would never happen again.

Later in November 1943, Rotary sponsored a conference in London with ministers and observers from twenty-one governments. This group began laying plans for what was to become UNESCO.

During the foundation of the United Nations in 1945, forty-nine Rotarians helped to draft the United Nations Charter in San Francisco and many of the international delegates from around the world were Rotarians.

At the beginning of the organization conference of the United Nations in San Francisco, the United States delegation invited Rotary International to appoint consultants. Twelve prominent Rotarians served in this capacity with resulting influence on the humane aspects of the Charter. Rotarians at San Francisco helped re-write the preamble (We the peoples rather than we the states). The U.S. government had called upon Rotary to become involved in the founding process during 1945. The Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. wrote:

“The invitation to Rotary International to participate in the United Nations Conference as consultant to the United States delegation was not merely a gesture of good will and respect toward a great organization. It was a simple recognition of the practical part Rotary’s members have played and will continue to play in the development of understanding among nations. The representatives of Rotary were needed at San Francisco and, as you well know, they made a considerable contribution to the Charter itself, and particularly to the framing of provisions for the Economic and Social Council.”

Upon founding the United Nations, Rotary became one of the original 42 Non Governmental Organizations that were invited to participate. Rotary still maintains this position.

I believe that a strong positive vision is necessary in order to get great things accomplished. Paul Harris once wrote: *In the battle between the “cants” and the “cans” in Rotary, the “cants” have never won a single permanent victory to my knowledge. The broad visions, the nobler purposes have always won.*

Happy 140th Birthday to Paul Harris! His spirit lives on and I believe that it will continue to influence Rotarians for many years to come.

Yours in Rotary Service,

*Matts Ingemanson
Chairman 2004-2006, Rotary Global History Fellowship
District Secretary 2005-2006, Rotary District 7230
District Chairman, Public Image Committee 2005-2006, Rotary District 7230
District Chairman 2002-2004, Group Study Exchange, Rotary District 7230*



Group Study Exchange



Members of the Amherst Rotary Club at a recent meeting. They wished Dr. Joe Donachie (centre) good luck as he prepares to go off to France with 4 representatives from the Atlantic Provinces for a Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange. Dr. Donachie will supervise the group as they make presentations to other Rotary Clubs in France and meet with French professionals to learn about their cultures and talk about their culture.

The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers.

The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas.

In a typical four-week tour, applicants participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the District Conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

For each team member, the Foundation provides the most economical round-trip airline ticket between the home and host countries. Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging and group travel within their district.

Group Study Exchange - Japan (April 2009)

TEAM LEADER Selection

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) for 2009 has been confirmed. Our exchange partner is District 2610 in Toyama, Japan. The clubs that will be visited from this district will be determined at a later date. The GSE Team representing District 7820 will be traveling to Japan in the month of April as it is the most beautiful time of year in Japan when the cherry trees blossom. Toyama is on the northern coast of the country.

The process to select the Outgoing Team begins with the Team Leader selection. The Team Leader must be an experienced, energetic, Rotarian knowledgeable about the district, Canada and Rotary. The leader will take full responsibility for team development, meeting requests and deadlines as determined by RI. The Team Leader will be the representative of the District Governor while in Japan.

Characteristics and duties of the Team Leader include the following:

- Participate in the selection of Team Members
- Assume complete charge of the team, ensuring responsibilities are honoured
- Possess outstanding interpersonal communication skills
- Act as an advisor, counselor - inspiring the team to present their best
- Act as a liaison between host clubs, the district at large and the team
- Remain with the team for the full duration of the tour

- Be willing and able to keep pace with a vigorous program
- Assist team members with development and delivery of quality presentations
- Take an active leadership role in the pre-departure preparation of the team
- Assure each member is thoroughly acquainted with the ideals and aims of Rotary
- Instill a sense of pride and a sense of mission in the team members
- Has time to commit to the 8 month process, honouring district and RI deadlines.

A great Team Leader enables the Group Study Exchange to be fulfilling and rewarding for all participants. The Team Leader may not be accompanied by a spouse, companion, fiancée or any other relative during the tour. Arrangements for pre or post GSE travel can be made.

Applications for GSE 2009 Team Leader will be accepted until June 27, 2008

Selection of the Team Leader will be made in August and Team Members in September.

Submit completed applications, available from the RI website, with appropriate and necessary signatures, by email to:

Judy McCann-Beranger
GSE Chair, Outbounder Team
E Mail: judy@peopleconcepts.ca

Group Study Exchange - Japan (April 2009)

TEAM MEMBER Selection

The team member selection will be completed by late September, 2008. The Selection Committee will include the Team Leader for 2009.

Group Study Exchange Applicants:

- Must be currently employed in a recognized business or profession on a full time basis
- Must be between 25 and 40 years of age and are Canadian citizens
- Must be in good health, be open minded, patient, altruistic, dependable, positive and flexible
- Must be interested and clearly enthusiastic about their chosen vocation
- Must be willing to commit to the 8 month process, honouring all requests and deadlines
- Must understand and recognize the significance of their selection for the GSE
- Must be available to attend an orientation.

Group Study Exchange Applicants:

- May not be a Rotarian or Honourary Rotarian
- May not be a member of a provisional Rotary club, or an employee of a Rotary club
- May not be a spouse, parent or lineal descendant of a Rotarian
- May not be a spouse or partner of another team member

Great team members enable the Group Study Exchange to be fulfilling and rewarding for all participants. Team members may not be accompanied by a spouse, companion, fiancée or any other relative during the tour. Arrangements for pre or post GSE travel can be made.

Applications for GSE 2009 Team Members will be accepted until August 25, 2009

Selection of the Team Members will be made in September.

Submit completed applications, available from the RI website, with appropriate and necessary signatures, by email to:

Judy McCann-Beranger
GSE Chair, Outbounder Team
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The Group Study Exchange is a unique opportunity for a social, cultural and vocational experience. The program is designed to assist young people develop vocational and leadership skills within their chosen career path.

Taj Hosting & Fellowship Society



District 3110, Uttar Pradesh, India along with some prominent Rotarians of Agra have made a Taj Hosting & Fellowship Society to host International Rotarians for 1 or 2 days in the Historical City of Agra which has the 1st Wonder of the World and a World Heritage Site... the "TAJ MAHAL".

If Rotarians and friends visit India from any district as a GSE Team, a PolioPlus Team or for any other purpose and want to see the "TAJ MAHAL" and other nearby places, the Rotarians of Agra will be happy to host and assist them. Through 2001 to 2007 the Society has hosted many Rotarians who came from different parts of the world on Polio Immunization Surveillance Days, Friendship Exchanges and on general pleasure trips. They all were hosted by Rotarians of Agra who provided them home hospitality. Visit our website at <http://www.tajhostingagra.com>



If Rotarians want to participate in Polio National Immunization Days, our society will love to host them. The following are dates for Polio Surveillance Days for 2008/09 assigned by the local Chief Medical Officer:

- 24th August 2008
- 14th September 2008
- 19th October 2008
- 30th November 2008
- 28th December 2008
- 11th January 2009
- 22nd February 2009
- 29th March 2009



If an individual or a group wish to celebrate New Year's or any other festival in a big way and see other parts of India apart from Agra, they are also welcome by the Taj Hosting & Fellowship Society.

If you accept our society's invitation please inform us accordingly and be a partner in promoting Friendship and Goodwill of Rotary. Hope to meet you and your club members in the near future.

With Regards,

Rtn Sunil Kumar Jt Sec THFSA Agra India
Email: polio@thfsa.com or agra@tajhostingagra.com

Ambassadorial Scholar Reflective



My name is Willow Jackson and I was an ambassadorial scholar in 1997/98. Since it's been a decade since that experience I thought I would write a reflective article on how the scholarship has affected my life and career...

It is hard for me to believe this spring is exactly ten years since I was a Paul Harris Ambassadorial Scholar in District 1040 (in northern England).

So much has happened in that decade that I thought I would share my reflections of where life has taken me and how Rotary's scholarship has had an impact on my life.

Ten years ago I studied in the Masters of Conflict Resolution program at the University of Bradford in West Yorkshire. As part of my ambassadorial duties I gave many talks to Rotary clubs all over the district – from York to Scarborough. I gave slide presentations on Newfoundland and Labrador and I answered questions about my country and my studies. It was an incredible opportunity to see Yorkshire, meet local people and hear about the service work that various clubs were engaged in. In every club I visited I was met with friendly faces, generous hospitality and a wonderful sense of humour (something as important to Yorkshiremen as it is to Newfoundlanders).

"Keep Rotary Fun"

My studies were also inspiring. I had amazing professors with hands-on experience in conflict resolution and peace building. My fellow students were intelligent and engaging people from around the world and I loved the multicultural atmosphere surrounding the campus. In this environment I was able to reach a new level of vigour for my studies and I consumed my readings at a rate I had never imaged possible as an undergraduate — often skipping non-Rotary social engagements for the companionship of my books (and willingly, I might add).

Some ten years after completing that degree the experience I had in Yorkshire (both cultural, social and academic) has not left me. I have visited my host Rotary Club in Elland and my host family several times since and, inspired in large part by Rotary, I have integrated volunteerism into my daily life. Among other things I mentor a young woman as part of Big Brothers Big Sisters and have met with her for several hours a week for almost three years now. Finally, after a ten year hiatus from academia I have decided to return to university and in August I will begin a PhD in Communication at the University of New Mexico.

I wanted to write this article for two reasons. Firstly I wanted to thank both my sponsoring and host districts (7820 and 1040 respectively) for assisting me in preparing for my departure for England and also for being such generous hosts. I will never forget the kindness of the clubs of St. John's (NL) and Elland (West Yorkshire) in particular. Also, I want to express my strong support for the ambassadorial scholarships. That scholarship made my Masters studies possible. The Masters studies, among other things, showed me what I was capable of and gave me the drive to "do more" with my life. Before then I had never considered pursuing a doctorate, but that graduate experience pushed me past both the financial and psychological barriers I was facing. That is my personal experience, but I know those scholarships have had a great impact on many individuals' lives — and by extension a great impact on their communities.

So in a couple of month's time I will embark on my next big adventure. My fiancée and I will pack our things and head to the south western United States. My focus of study will be intercultural communication and how the field might aid in settlement and integration issues in culturally diverse neighbourhoods. After my studies I hope to use what I've learned to help build stronger and happier diverse communities here in Canada and around the world.

A big thank you again to Rotary for its support and I wish you all the best in your important work.

*Willow Jackson
Paul P. Harris Ambassadorial Scholar
St. Johns, NL, Canada*

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND

High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



Rotary Shares

Special friends of Rotary International President, Wilf Wilkinson are contributing to the Permanent Fund to honor Wilf's many years of leadership and dedication to Rotary. You are invited to join in this special tribute to a friend who has inspired so many Rotarians around the world.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International



Wilfrid J. Wilkinson
R.I. President, 2007-2008

A designated fund in Wilf's name has been created within the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation. The Permanent Fund is an endowment, which will be invested and will be used for many years to come to support the Foundation's programs.

All contributions are welcome. And with an initial contribution of US\$1,000 or more, to the Permanent Fund (in honor of Wilf Wilkinson) you are eligible to receive Benefactor recognition of The Rotary Foundation. Each Benefactor receives a distinctive certificate, as well as an insignia which can be worn in conjunction with a Paul Harris Fellow or other appropriate pin.

The earnings from your gift will go to support *Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution*. Upon the fund reaching US\$500,000 it will establish and endow Rotary Centers Peace Fellow in honor of President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson.

*Make a contribution to the Wilfrid J. Wilkinson Endowed Fund today.
Join us in saying,*

“Thank You, Wilf, for over 40 years of Rotary service and leadership.”

Please enclose the following form with your contribution.

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Note: This contribution will be placed within The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund and is not eligible for Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

Thanks for the memories submissions!

This is my final publication as editor of *The Lighthouse* and *Clubs in Action* for District 7820. I would like to thank DG Bette Douglas for inviting me to continue providing this service to our district. I would also like to thank all of you who have contributed to *Clubs in Action* by informing our members what your clubs are doing to provide Service to your communities and internationally. Thanks also to my wife, Lea, for proof-reading the Newsletter for me and making me look good.

I have had some excellent and positive feedback concerning the information and layout of our Newsletter, and I thank you for those kind words.

If you attended the District Conference you will know that the district is taking a close look at com-

munication. Please provide any concerns and ideas to Bill Kendrick (billkendrick@island-images.ca). How would you like to see communications from district to members handled in the future?

Peter Stuempel
Editor, July 2005 - June 2008



Sign of the times

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 \$45

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). It is a requirement of Rotary International that **all** clubs report their attendance to the District secretary monthly. Only 27 clubs provided an attendance report for the month of March (59% of 46 clubs). The average attendance of those clubs reporting in March was 70%.

Congratulations again to the **Rotary Club of Sydney Sunrise** for having **95%** attendance for the month of **April**. Only 14 clubs were at or above 69%.

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

Rotary Dates to Remember

- Prior to DG visit** - Name for *True Rotarian Award* to Dist Sec.
- June 27, 2008** - GSE Team Leader deadline.
- July 1, 2008** - RI Semi-Annual Report and District dues due
- July 1, 2008** - *Planning Guide for Effective Rotary Clubs* due.
- July 31, 2008** - Club Foundation Chair name to Duncan Conrad.
- Aug 25, 2008** - GSE Team member deadline.
- Dec. 31, 2008** - Election of officers for 2009/10 by this date.
- Jan 1, 2009** - RI Semi-Annual Report due.
- Jan 31, 2009** - *Rotary Club Officers Report Form* due at RI.
- March 1, 2009** - *Donald MacRae Peace Award* deadline.
- April 1, 2009** - *Outstanding Club Recognition* deadline.
- April 15, 2009** - *Presidential Citation* deadline.

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

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