



## Is Rotary Expensive?

This is a question I have tried to answer for a number of years. Unfortunately the answer is different for each Rotarian and also will change depending upon the Rotarian's current status in the workforce.

If you are employed with a good paying job and have excess disposable income, Rotary is not expensive.

If you are living under a fixed income or have kids in sports or university (or many other scenarios) then Rotary can be expensive.

That is from the individual Rotarians point of view.

If you were living in a 3rd world country and relying on your local Rotary club/The Rotary Foundation to fund a well for your community or provide the school library with books so your kids could get an education or do any of the thousands of things that Rotary does in communities, then the cost to any individual to be a Rotarian pales in contrast to the benefits that are provided to those in our world who would otherwise suffer.

The "sacrifice" that a Rotarian must make to afford to belong to Rotary is insignificant to the "sacrifice" made by those who need our help.

What is "Service above Self" if we cannot give up going to a fancy restaurant or keeping our car for one more year instead of buying a new one in order to pay for our Rotary membership?

This is what has to be "sold" to our current and future members. The "cost" is not our individual cost, it is what conditions would exist in the world if Rotary did not exist.

*PDG Gord Hankin, MPH  
District Foundation Chair*

## Clubs in District 7820

### Reach New Heights in Foundation Giving

Thank you to all clubs and individual Rotarians who made the extra effort this year to achieve or surpass the goals to support the work of the Rotary Foundation. Through your generous contributions this year we have set a district record in contributions to the Annual Program Fund and overall giving to The Rotary Foundation. Rotarians in District 7820 contributed \$99,664.70 US to the Annual Program Fund of The Rotary Foundation which means we will receive \$49,832.35 as our share in three years time, for use by the district to support clubs in their international programs and community service projects. We also contributed an equal amount for to the world fund for other programs which the district or clubs may access.

Clubs and individual Rotarians also contributed another \$136,760.63 US to the restricted fund which will be used to support programs like polio partners and other programs. The total giving for the district from all sources this year was \$237,013.12 US, an outstanding effort. Each of you has every reason to be proud and has blazed new trails for others to follow. Job well done !! Many Thanks.

*PDG Duncan  
Annual Giving Chair 20065-2007*

## August is Membership Month

### Lead The Way!

Many have expressed concern that we place an emphasis on Membership during a summer month. Does that make sense? The answer is yes! We have just begun a new Rotary year. We have a new President, a rejuvenated Club Board, and we have accepted our plans and designed our goals for what will be a terrific year. What better time to emphasize membership?

The question is, "What do we do about Membership?" The answer is really quite simple, "Lead The Way!" Presidents, ask each of your Club members to invite one prospective person to a meeting, before the end of September. Every member knows at least one person who has the potential to become a Rotarian. Membership begins with the person who is willing to Lead The Way.

*Successful* Club Presidents ask others to help make our dreams come true. *Strong* Club Presidents understand that each of us is willing to contribute if we know what is expected of us. *Impressive* Club Presidents ask us if we are able to achieve what is asked of us. The *best* Club Presidents make us feel proud of what we have achieved.

Membership is everybody's business. Be proud of this organization where you donate your time, effort and money. Share the fellowship, the fun and the opportunity to serve. Lead the Way! Ask a neighbour or a work associate to a meeting, before your Club President asks if you could help.

The District 7820 Membership Committee is ready and willing to assist with all Membership initiatives, from recruitment, to retention, to extension. We hope to hear many success stories this year!

*Dorothy Britten  
Membership Chair  
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## Why Join a Rotary Club?

*Professional Networking:* A founding principle of Rotary was to provide a forum for professional and business leaders. Members are leaders in business, industry, the professions, the arts, government, sports, the military and religion. They make decisions and influence policy. Rotary is the oldest most prestigious service-club organization in the world.

*The Opportunity to Serve:* Rotarians provide service at both the community and international levels. Service programs address health care needs, hunger and poverty, illiteracy, disaster relief, and environmental clean-ups to name a few. Members experience the fulfillment that comes from giving back to the community.

*Personal Growth and Development:* Membership in Rotary ensures continuing personal and professional development. Leadership, public speaking and communication, organization and planning, team-building, fundraising and teaching are just a sampling of the skills that can be exercised and enhanced through Rotary.

*Friendship:* Fellowship was a primary reason Rotary was started in 1905 and it remains a major attraction. Today, with more than 30,000 Rotary clubs in over 160 countries, Rotarians have friends wherever they go. Rotary helps to build community as well as enduring friendships.

*Cultural Diversity:* Rotary International is an association of local clubs in many countries. Clubs are open to members of every ethnic group, political persuasion, language and religious belief. Rotary clubs contain a cross-section of the world's leaders. They practice and promote tolerance.

*Good Citizenship:* Membership in Rotary makes one a better citizen. Weekly Rotary club programmes keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, the nation and the world. Rotary's expansive network of clubs and programmes provides extensive opportunities for service and interchange.

*World Understanding:* Rotary members gain an understanding of humanitarian issues and have a significant impact on them through international service projects and exchange programmes of RI and its Foundation. The promotion of peace is one of Rotary's highest objectives.

*Entertainment:* Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and activities that offer diversion from one's personal and business life. Conferences, conventions, assemblies and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education and service.

*Family Foundations:* Rotary sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange and scholarship programmes. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for future leaders. They involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

*Ethical Environment:* Rotarians practise The 4-Way Test that measures words and actions by their truthfulness, fairness, goodwill and benefit to all. Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days.

*From the bulletin of: The Rotary Club of Alstonville Inc., Northern N.S.W. Australia*

## Peace and Conflict Studies

### Call for Applications for Professional Training in Conflict Resolution and Mediation

The Rotary Foundation's new Short-Term Peace and Conflict Studies program provides professionals with the opportunity to develop their conflict resolution and mediation skills. The program is currently in need of applications for the program beginning January 2007. The intensive three-month course is delivered at the newly established **Rotary Center for Peace and Conflict Studies** at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

Offered in English, the program is aimed at mid-to upper-level professionals in government, nongovernmental organizations and private corporations. Round-trip transportation to

and from Bangkok is provided by The Rotary Foundation for all participants not currently residing in Bangkok.

The Foundation asks each participant's employer to cover as much of the program cost as possible. Those participants whose employer is unable to cover the full fee (\$5,000US) will be considered for a fellowship from the Foundation. Employers can commit to sponsoring any percentage of the program cost from 0 - 100%.

More information is available at the following website <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/rpcsp/index.html>

**Application Deadlines:** As soon as possible (for January 2007 session); 1 December 2006 (for July 2007 session).

If any club would like to put someone forward as a candidate, please contact PDG Wayne Hambly, District Scholarship Chair, [hwhambly@pei.sympatico.ca](mailto:hwhambly@pei.sympatico.ca)

## Other News



17 July 2006

### G8 commitments to infectious disease can improve global health security

ST PETERSBURG — Today, the Group of Eight vowed to improve the ways in which the world cooperates on surveillance for infectious diseases, including improving transparency by all countries in sharing information. The G8 also committed to continued support to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, and to eradication of polio.

The World Health Organization (WHO) heralds the focus on infectious disease at the G8 Summit, and the detailed health commitments in the outcome document. "Today the G8 spoke together on the essential need to tackle infectious diseases, because of their health, social, security and economic impacts," said Dr Anders Nordström, acting Director-General of the WHO. "The commitments are detailed and specific, and represent another step forward in G8 leadership on public health."

Dr Nordström led a senior WHO team at the Summit to contribute to discussions on infectious disease and he addressed G8 leaders, in the presence of the Heads of State or Governments of Brazil, China, Congo, Finland, India, Kazakhstan, Mexico and South Africa, and invited UN leaders. He underscored priorities for infectious disease, including the need to:

- \* Sustain the political and financial momentum for scaling up against the major infectious diseases and basic health services: HIV, tuberculosis, malaria, polio and immunization.
- \* Manage new disease outbreaks and threats - including a potential pandemic influenza outbreak.
- \* Improve access to existing and new drugs and vaccines through expanded markets and increased affordability.
- \* Ensure there are enough motivated health workers in

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health centres and hospitals and address the current four-million health worker shortage. The biggest shortages are in the poorest countries where the need is greatest.

\* Invest in innovative financing. The United Kingdom's support for the Immunization Financing Facility, and the France/Chile/Brazil/Norway plan to fund HIV/TB and malaria drugs through airline ticket taxes are very promising.

The 12-page health outcome document includes G8 country's commitments to: strengthen the global network for surveillance and monitoring; increase global preparedness for a human influenza pandemic; combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria; eradicate polio; make progress on measles and other vaccine-preventable diseases; ensure access to prevention, treatment and care including through research, the use of Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) flexibilities and strengthened health systems; and to address the health consequences of natural and man-made disasters.

The Russian Federation carried on the G8 tradition of supporting polio eradication. The Russian Federation made a specific funding pledge for polio eradication, committing US\$18 million to the programme, as did the United Kingdom in Gleneagles in 2005.

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E-mail: [mcnabc@who.int](mailto:mcnabc@who.int)

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## Rotary E-Clubs

Rotary International's pilot project of establishing e-clubs throughout the world has been quite a success.

If you would like to know more and see what these clubs are doing, visit one and spend some time learning.

The Rotary International e-club project comprises the following 14 clubs, listed here by district, with the email addresses of their IPPs and their websites:

1130

England

Rotary E-Club of London Centenary

Stella Russell

[stella.russell@btconnect.com](mailto:stella.russell@btconnect.com)

<http://www.erotarylondon.org/>

24/05/2006

1420

Finland

Rotary E-Club of Verkkorotary.fi

Matias Johannes Castrén

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<http://www.verkkorotary.fi/>

24/05/2006

2280

Norway

Rotary E-Club of Norway

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24/05/2006

2470

Greece

Rotary E-Club of Zante

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<http://www.rotaryclubzante.gr/>

26/05/2006

3310

Singapore

Rotary E-Club of 3310

Shirin Rustom Ghadiali

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3450

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3500

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Kuang-Kao Wu

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4200

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4500

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Brazil

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5510

USA,AZ

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6950

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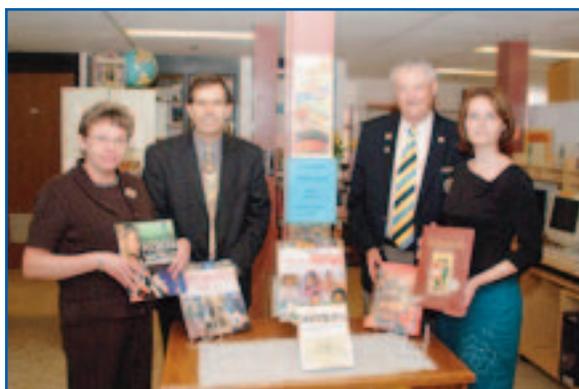
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## Rotary Supports International Children's Book Collection



*Carolyn Ledwell, Coordinator of the UPEI Education Resource Centre, Graham Pike, Dean of Education and Coordinator of the Specialization in International Education Program, Duncan Conrad, District Governor of Rotary International and Lisa MacLeod, a 2006 education graduate* were some of the people who took part

in a special ceremony held at UPEI in May to officially launch the International Children's Book Collection.

The resource centre purchased books for the collection with the help of financial support from several of the member clubs in Rotary International District 7820. The new international and multicultural resources will be used by education students working in Island classrooms to promote a knowledge of world cultures and an appreciation for the diversity of the world's peoples. The gifts from Rotary clubs are recognized as contributions to the UPEI Building a Legacy Campaign.

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## Memorial University Honourary Degrees - May 2006 -

### *Susan Dyer Knight*

Susan Dyer Knight is the founder and artistic director of the Newfoundland Symphony Youth Choir of St. John's. She is also the founder and artistic co-director of Festival 500, an acclaimed biennial international choral festival inaugurated by

Queen Elizabeth II in 1997.

Following her early musical studies with the Sisters of Mercy and Andreas Barban in St. John's, she studied at the University of Toronto, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Hamline University and the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota, where she serves on the summer faculty.

Ms. Dyer Knight holds a specialist diploma in the Orff-Schulwerk, a master of arts in music education and is currently a doctoral candidate at the University of London, England.

An editor with Oxford University Press, Ms. Dyer Knight is active internationally as a guest conductor, adjudicator, lecturer, clinician, and advocate, and has served in executive positions with provincial and national music and educational organizations. She was recently awarded membership in the Order of Canada, the country's highest honour for lifetime achievement and was named Memorial University's alumna of the year 2000.

Ms. Dyer Knight received an honorary doctor of laws degree at the session of convocation on May 26.

She is the wife of our own District Governor, Dennis Knight.

### *Bruce Aylward*

Dr. Bruce Aylward's work as the co-ordinator of the Global Polio Eradication Program of the World Health Organization (WHO) has helped to all but eliminate polio from the planet. The model of polio vaccination that he helped to develop is now being adapted by health agencies to deliver other forms of preventative medicine to remote and disadvantaged areas around the globe.

Dr. Aylward said Memorial was hugely important to his career and he credits Dr. Ian Bowmer with getting him interested in infectious diseases.

Dr. Aylward is the first winner of the Memorial University Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement. Dr. Aylward received an honorary doctor of laws degree at the session of convocation on May 28.

## THE FOUR WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do.

1. *Is it the TRUTH?*
2. *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?*
4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

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## About Rotary HomeExchange

Rotary HomeExchange operated by The Rotary Home Exchange Fellowship in association with [HomeExchange.com](http://HomeExchange.com).

The Rotary International Home Exchange Fellowship is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting Home Exchange as an opportunity for fellowship and service.

This Fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

We established this relationship as a way to offer a world class internet site exclusively to Rotary Members because of our belief in Home Exchange as a comfortable alternative to high priced hotels and typical tourist vacations, and a way to experience an area as a local, not a tourist. Along the way, we have found Home Exchange to be a great way to travel with children, to take local and weekend trips, and a source of friendships and cultural experiences not available with any other kind of vacation. The exclusive [RotaryHomeExchange.com](http://RotaryHomeExchange.com) website provides Rotarians the comfort and security of knowing they are exchanging with fellow Rotarians, but also allows them, at their option, the opportunity to post their homes on [HomeExchange.com](http://HomeExchange.com) and exchange with their Members at no additional charge.

It is our goal to continually add new listings from around the world and to provide the most comprehensive, feature rich and simple to use home exchange website on the Internet. To do that, we are constantly implementing new features on the website, streamlining current functionality, and always on the lookout for new ideas and suggestions. Many of our recent web site enhancements have come as a direct result of feedback from our website visitors and members. We take all suggestions very seriously.

Our marketing and advertising expenditures are focused on increasing our pool of members to give you the widest choice of locales and the most opportunities to experience the home exchange vacation of a lifetime.

We are committed to delivering the highest quality customer service and to show our dedication to our members by pursuing every avenue to broaden your home exchange possibilities.

Revenues in excess of operating expenses will, at the discretion of the Home Exchange Fellowship Committee, be used to assist with humanitarian projects recognized by Rotary International.

We welcome your comments.

Bon voyage,

*Joe Donachie  
Rotary Home Exchange Fellowship Committee  
Rotary Club of Amberst  
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## Group Study Exchange

### *A Trilogy – Adventures of a Lifetime “Getting On Board”*

When we read, see or hear the word “adventure” we automatically think of far away places, danger and exotic music. In fact, crossing the street can be an adventure, attending an ethnic festival can fill the senses and, as parents will attest a summer vacation is always an adventure.

Often, we are touched by a Youth Exchange Student visiting our Club or a District Convention or assisting us with a local project. Another source of “adventures” is the **Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE)** – the oldest Rotary Foundation funded program and the only one in which Rotarians can fully participate on many levels. It is segmented with Outbound and an Inbound Exchange visits.

A Group Study Exchange is organized to benefit both hosting Districts and the Outbound Team Members, although the Team Leader will undoubtedly be enriched by the experience. It is an educational Exchange for Team Members, who are relatively new in their careers and is designed to develop world peace through communication and understanding. The Exchange can last from 3 to 5 weeks but normally is 4 weeks in duration.

Our District 7820 has a varied and interesting history with both Incoming and Outgoing Group Study Exchanges. We have recently exchanged Teams with India, the Philippines, New Zealand, Argentina, France, Great Britain, Nigeria, Indiana and soon – Cameroon. Unfortunately, we were unable to send a GSE to Indiana but their Team was exceptional.

#### *How Does It Begin?*

Our District Governor decides on which District we will “exchange with” during his/her Rotary Year. This normally occurs before or at the Rotary International Training Convention. Once the decision is made as to where the GSE Team is going, all Rotary Clubs in our District are informed and a search begins for applicants from interested Rotarians, for the *only position a Rotarian can hold – that of Team Leader*.

Applications for this position are reviewed by a group of Rotarians designated by the Outgoing GSE Chair. Having chosen the Team Leader, the District must now busy itself in filling the four GSE Team positions and a fifth “stand-by” position. A call goes to all Rotary Clubs to consider mentoring local individuals in the selection process. These non-Rotarians are younger, up and coming individuals in their fields who express a desire to visit the destination District. Some restrictions may be imposed, e.g. language or security or health advisories from either Rotary International or our Canadian Foreign Affairs. Again, a Selection Committee is organized by the Outgoing GSE Chair.

#### *How Does It Work for an Outgoing GSE Team?*

The Team Members and Team Leader have sponsoring Clubs, in District 7820, who normally help to defray some of

the expenses. Clubs autonomously decide how much they will finance their candidate, although, a minimum of \$500 is the norm. The individual is responsible for their own health and travel insurance, their own souvenir expenses and the cost of medical vaccinations. The RI Foundation covers the expense of round-trip travel for the Exchange and makes all arrangements between the two involved Districts. Extensions to the Exchange must be approved by RI before the Exchange begins. The Team Members and Team Leader are normally hosted during their Exchange by Rotarians. Sometimes, the hosts are not Rotarians but Friends of Rotary.

The Exchange consists of the Team visiting Rotary Clubs, possibly a District Convention, sites of interest, Rotary projects, scenic and historical highlights. Each Team Member will visit their vocational counterparts. The Exchange is an experience of a vocational, social, educational and cultural nature. Teams are required to make presentations to various Rotary Clubs and must be prepared with varying lengths of presentations.

Friendships are often created both at home and in the hosting District with both Rotarians and non-Rotarians. Each Team Member prepares a formatted report on their GSE experience and submits it to the Team Leader who must prepare a general report to RI, the District Governor and the District Outgoing GSE Chair. It should be noted that the Team Leader is a direct representative of the RI President while functioning as the Team Leader and has full authority, dealing directly with RI if necessary, during the Exchange. The Team is also an ambassador for both Rotary and District 7820.

*We Have a Potential Leader or Member .  
Whom Do We Contact?*

District 7820 **Outgoing GSE Chair** is, **Marilyn Brown** of the Rotary Club of Truro.

Her email is: [marilynbrown@eastlink.ca](mailto:marilynbrown@eastlink.ca) .

*Jim Britten, GSE Inbound Chair, District 7820*

### **PDG Dr. Fred MacKinnon**

*Sadly, Fred passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 at the age of 94. He was a long-time member of the Rotary Club of Halifax, serving on several International Committees and as our District Governor in 1958 - 1959.*

*With the death of Dr. Fred MacKinnon, Nova Scotia has lost a pioneering and loyal public servant, and a major force for good in the lives of his fellow citizens for decades.*

*Dr. MacKinnon came from humble beginnings. Born and raised on a farm in Pictou County, he enrolled as a student at Mount Allison University at age 15, later graduating with honours. He accepted a teaching position near the village where he had grown up. But teaching proved to be only a passing phase for the farm boy, who obtained a master's degree from Harvard University prior to joining the public service.*

*Dr. MacKinnon was a trailblazer on many fronts. He was always active in the life of his community, the Province and on the National scene. He served for many years as: an elder of Fort Massey United Church and Superintendent of the Sunday school; a found-*

*ing member of both the Maritime School of Social Work and the Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers. Dr. MacKinnon served as National President of the Vanier Institute of the Family, the Canadian Council for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled and the Canadian Bible Society. Locally, he served as Home and School President, President of the Nova Scotia Bible Society, of the Easter Seals Campaign, the March of Dimes and the North British Society. He served as President of the Mount Allison Federated Alumni and was honoured by that institution with the Charles F. Allison Memorial Award. In the 1960s he was active in the formation of the Human Rights Commission and was a member of the Commission until 1990. His varied contributions to society earned him three honorary degrees and membership in the Order of Canada.*

*Dr. MacKinnon retired in 1980 but refused to be put out to pasture, soon being named director of the province's Seniors Citizens Secretariat. He spent the next 15 years developing programs for the province's seniors. It was fitting, indeed almost natural, that a public servant who had begun his career looking out for the interests of the very young, on the staff of the Children's Aid Society in Colchester County, would end his career tending to the aging.*

Excerpts of Dr. MacKinnon's life from The Chronicle Herald

### **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.*

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***Have you checked out the District website lately?  
You can link to some of our clubs which have their own sites to learn more about their projects and activities.  
Go to <http://www.rotary7820.com> to learn more about these clubs.***

### ***District Attendance***

Be sure to get your clubs attendance to the District Secretary by the 10th. of the month (Kathryn Atkin: [katkin@sjnhb.nf.ca](mailto:katkin@sjnhb.nf.ca)). It is a requirement of Rotary International that *all* clubs report their attendance to the District secretary monthly. The District Secretary is then required to forward this information to RI.

Only 22 clubs provided an attendance report for the month of June. This is 48% of the 46 clubs in the district. The average attendance of those clubs reporting was 67 percent. 9 clubs were above 70%.

Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Summerside** for having **90%** attendance for the month of June.

If you take a look at the *overall column* you'll see that there were 4 clubs from whom no attendance information was received. By using only the numbers received, congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Bridgewater & District** for not only providing monthly statistics but also for having the highest overall attendance for the 2005/06 Rotary year... **88%**.

Thanks to all the secretaries who provided the attendance information last year. Can this year's secretaries give us a higher percentage of returns? Can this year's clubs give us a higher percentage of attendance?

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

### ***Letters***

Hi Peter,  
Have just read the July Lighthouse and enjoyed it. I like to read it on the screen and not run off a paper copy. I would prefer not to have the 2 columns to avoid having to move the screen up and down which I find a nuisance.

That's the only suggestion I have. Keep up the good work.

*Jim Axell, RC of Halifax.*

*Thank you for your suggestion, Jim. I appreciate your problem. Are there other members who have a similar concern? If so, please write me and I'll consider changing the layout similar to "Clubs in Action".*

### ***Strange Sightings***



*Contributions from PDG Gord. Recognize anyone?*

### ***Rotary Dates to Remember***

**10th. of the month** - Attendance reports to Kathryn Atkin.

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

**Dec 31, 2006** - Election of 2007-2008 Officers by this date.

**Jan 31, 2007** - *Club Officers Report Form* to RI by this date.

**Jan 1, 2007** - RI Semi-Annual Report due.

**March 1, 2007** - Deadline for "*Donald MacRae Peace Award*".

**April 1, 2007** - Deadline for "*Outstanding Club Recognition*".

**April 15, 2007** - Deadline for "*Presidential Citation Award*".

**May, 2007** - District Convention - St. John's, NF

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

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