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The Lighthouse

Newsletter of Rotary District 7820, Zone 22

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District Governor 2006/07 - Dennis Knight



Creating reality
 from dreams.

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Message from the Governor



Concerning the Fourth Object

I have often wondered why the human brain, with its infinite capacity for innovation and renewal, continues to revert to schoolyard levels of conduct. We see it in our own “yards” and around our fractured globe with its many religious, ethnic and nationalist tensions. It is understandable that people sometimes despair of the situation ever improving, with widening gaps between rich and poor and multiple injustices. Rotary International a global well-spring of hope that entrenched patterns can change.

February is **World Understanding Month** on the Rotary Calendar. It begins with the annual RI International Assembly in San Diego, where District Governors-Elect and Rotary leaders from around the world will gather to learn from and inspire each other. It is a spectacular demonstration of Rotary’s international character and vision that I just wish more Rotarians could experience.

The engine that drives Rotary International and the watchword of The Rotary Foundation is the Fourth Object of Rotary; *The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.* It was adopted at the 1921 Edinburgh RI Convention and authored by Atlantic Canada’s Donald MacRae.

Three years before the Edinburgh convention, in a speech to the Kansas City RI Convention, Donald made some profound statements. He referred to “the lasting peace of co-operation, as opposed to one imposed by imperial powers”. “The ultimate and final security of peace”, he said, “is to be found in individual hearts and minds. The spirit of good will, the spirit of sympathy, the spirit of trust, *the spirit of service*, are things that must have their birth and growth in the minds and hearts of individual men and women.” A wise man, whose journey began in Canoe Cove, Prince Edward Island.

Today, the many programs of The Rotary Foundation – humanitarian, educational and cultural – are making a difference around the world by building person to person trust, friendship, cross-cultural exchange and growing expertise in peace building. They include:

- Rotary Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution,
- Group Study Exchanges,
- Thousands of Project Grants, and
- Rotary International’s Award for World Peace and Understanding (for non-Rotarians), presented since 1980 to notables such as Jimmy Carter, Nelson Mandela and Sadako Ogata, UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

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On February 23rd, we will observe **World Understanding and Peace Day** (in addition to celebrating RI’s 102nd birthday).

I believe in the power of one... the ability of one person, one organization, one community to make a difference in improving the human condition. Paul Harris would no doubt have agreed; he once said, “The path to peace is walked one step at a time and one person at a time.”

During this month, consider carrying out a “power of one” initiative:

- Encourage greater ethnic diversity in your club membership,
- Develop weekly club programs around the world peace and understanding theme,
- Welcome immigrants and help them adapt to your community,
- Do something special on the day or week of February 23rd – a letter to the editor, a media interview or presentation of an award,
- Organize a local “cultural exchange” to foster better community understanding within your community or region.
- Above all, continue to *Lead the Way*. Have a good month.

DG Dennis



There are four people who would like to meet you.

Yes, meet... you.

They are *Mark Cook, Susan Dyer Knight, Dr. Bruce Aylward and Andrée Cazabon*

Mark Cook was a UN Commander serving in the former Yugoslavia in 1993 when 60 homeless children from a destroyed Croatian orphanage changed his life.

He founded the charity "Hope & Homes for Children" in 1994. His advocacy for children in war-torn regions now helps 2,000 children in 13 countries by feed-

ing, housing, clothing, and educating them.

Susan Dyer Knight is a devoted Newfoundlander with an international reputation as musical innovator, Susan Knight has gained many accolades since forming the Newfoundland Youth Symphony Orchestra Choir in 1992 (re-named Shallaway in 2005). This choir has grown into a highly-acclaimed 220-voice choir for youths aged 7-18 years.

Dr. Bruce Aylward is a graduate of Memorial University's Medical School (1985) and his professional excellence and distinction in community health and preventive medicine in an international medical career have distinguished him in many ways. Most noteworthy is his work as Co-ordinator of the Global Polio Eradication Program of the World Health Organization, based in Geneva.

Andrée Cazabon has built on her own experiences with life on the streets as a 13- to 14-year-old and in a teens' group home, to become an accomplished young Canadian filmmaker. Her initial film, *Letters to a Street Child* (1999) was based on the letters an anguished father wrote while his 13-year-old daughter took to the streets.

So where are you going to meet these common people with an uncommon purpose?

You will meet them in St. John's, Newfoundland from May 10th-13th 2007 when you come and join hundreds of your fellow Rotarians at the Rotary International District 7820 Convention 2007.

Mark your calendars and come for an inspiring weekend of fun and fellowship. This convention is being planned for every Rotarian and your partners in the district. Details are on the District 7820 Website... www.rotary7820convention.ca.



The Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation

While all donations to the Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund are appreciated, a recognition program has been established to acknowledge significant commitment to the fund. There are two types of recognition:

BENEFACTORS

You may become a Benefactor to the Rotary Foundation by making the Permanent Fund a beneficiary in your estate plans or by making an outright gift of US\$1,000 or more to the Permanent Fund. All you need to do is notify the Rotary Foundation that you have made a provision in your will. Benefactors will be presented with:

- a commemorative certificate
- an insignia that may be attached to a Rotary pin or Paul Harris Fellow pin
- a letter of appreciation



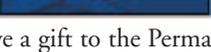
BEQUEST SOCIETY

Donations of US\$10,000 or greater qualify the donor for membership in the Bequest Society. There are six levels of recognition for which the donor receives

a trophy



and a pin

	<i>Level Six</i>	<i>US\$1 Million or greater</i>
	<i>Level Five</i>	<i>US\$500,000</i>
	<i>Level Four</i>	<i>US\$100,000</i>
	<i>Level Three</i>	<i>US\$50,000</i>
	<i>Level Two</i>	<i>US\$25,000</i>
	<i>Level One</i>	<i>US\$10,000</i>

Next time I will explain how to leave a gift to the Permanent Fund in your will.

*David Muise
Permanent Fund Chair*

"Common People... UNCommon Purpose"

World Community Service

Our Rotarian Cameroon friends thank all from D7820 for stepping forward and helping to cover the cost of RIMES seventh container of humanitarian equipment that has been sent to West Africa. It has arrived in Douala and will be transported to the Rotary Club of Limbe this weekend. The eighth container will leave shortly from our new storage location in Bedford and will contain hospital beds, computers and sewing machines. There are sufficient funds in the RIMES account to cover this shipping cost, however fundraising will have to take place to cover the ninth container which will hopefully be sent this summer allowing us to start gathering equipment again.

On February 19, 2007 I travel again to Cameroon to meet with the Minister of Health, Minister of Customs and President Biya, along with the Canadian High Commission. While there I will also assist the District Foundation Chair for D9150 to clear up the backlog of Matching Grant reports which TRF are waiting on. Until this is done their district cannot participate in any Foundation Grants, which is unfortunate but mainly due to very poor communication networks.

During my stay I will be visiting some of the recipients of our donated medical equipment and school supplies. This is always beneficial since I am often asked if our equipment really gets to where it is intended. After my return it would be my pleasure to visit your club and show what difference Rotary can make in the lives of the impoverished with very little funding.

PDG Pete Smith

TRF Canada Director

Lead the Way, Create Awareness & Take Action

Other News

Dear Past District Governor Conrad,

This thanks is long overdue. I was one of the team members who had the extraordinary opportunity to visit your beautiful district in May 2006. The beauty was much more than the fishing villages, beautiful shores of jewel tones and vineyards of the valley. The people, and especially the Rotarians, of your district were all beautiful. I've never felt more welcome and inspired.

The experience in NS/PEI opened my eyes to all the wonderful things that Rotary does and encouraged me to apply for the Ambassadorial Scholar Program. I'm thrilled beyond measure to say that I was chosen to go to South Africa in January 2008. I am overwhelmed by the opportunity to work with other Rotarians to make a difference during my year as a scholar.

So, as a thank you, and to express briefly my experience as a GSE Team Member to your district, I would like to share with you a poem that was inspired by my experience. And please know that while I am representing my district, 6580, in South Africa, I will also feel as if I am representing your district as well.

Thanks again for the positive impact that you and your district has had on my life.

Sincerely,

La Shona Donica

Embraced.

*By the cool breeze off the ocean
and the hug of yesterday's strangers.*

Surrounded.

*By the sights and sounds of the Maritimes
and the generosity of others.*

Engulfed.

*In the traditions of lobster boils, and kitchen music
and the unselfish services of dedicated people.*

Inspired.

*By Canadians,
my fellow Americans,
and Rotarians.*



Jason Meredith giving a helping hand to La Shona while visiting a local wood-working shop near Bridgewater during their GSE in 2005.

World Understanding Month

Understanding and goodwill are essential for world peace. To honor World Understanding Month in February, consider inviting an international scholar, a Rotary Youth Exchange student, or a speaker from abroad to your club meeting. Consider discussing international issues or presenting entertainment with a cultural theme.

"Common People... UNCommon Purpose"

A few years ago, T.A. Loeffler went to Argentina as part of our GSE Team. She has since become an adventurer and inspirer of young people and has said that her GSE experience had a dramatic impact on her life. She has now been named to the national list of *"The Most Influential Women in Sport and Physical Activity"*.

TA Loeffler, St. John's, Newfoundland...

Described by CBC Radio Host Anne Budgell as "One of Newfoundland's Most Adventurous Women", professor, hockey player and outdoor educator, TA Loeffler has been inspiring and supporting students, team-mates, players, and friends in their personal pursuits of sport and physical activity for many years. TA has always been a leader, quietly and supportively encouraging people, and especially women and young people, to try new things and take on new challenges, whether that be doing an Eskimo roll in a sea kayak, backpacking for eight days in the Grand Canyon, or learning to play ice hockey as an adult. She leads by example, showing great strength and determination in whatever she tackles, but also by sharing her own fears and vulnerability in taking on new challenges. In 2006, she presented messages of hope, dreams, physical activity, and mountain exploration to over 4000 children and 600 women. She also launched Everest-007, an initiative to inspire the youth of Newfoundland and Labrador to become more physically active. She was named a "Class Act" by the Globe and Mail in their University Report Card and received the 2006 Association of Atlantic Universities Distinguished Teacher Award.

The Most Influential Women in Sport and Physical Activity List is compiled by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS). Twenty women were named to the 2006 list.

She joins such notables as:

- Wendy Bedingfield, Dean, Acadia University; Wolfville, NS
- Cindy Klassen, Athlete, Speed Skating, Winnipeg, MB & Calgary, AB
- Silken Laumann, Author and Children's Advocate; Victoria, BC
- Nancy Lee, Broadcaster, Olympic Broadcast Services Vancouver ; Toronto, ON
- Beckie Scott, Athlete, Cross Country and Athlete Advocate; Vermillion, AB
- and
- Xiuli Wang, Speed Skating Coach, Calgary, AB

The list recognizes women who have made a significant impact as athletes, administrators, advocates, board members, coaches, executives, officials, policy makers and volunteers

For more about T.A Loeffler go to <http://www.taloeffler.com>.



District Attendance

Be sure to get your clubs attendance to the District Secretary by the 10th. of the month (Kathryn Atkin: kathryn.atkin@easternhealth.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 21 clubs provided an attendance report for the month of December. This is 46% of the 46 clubs in the district. The average attendance of those clubs reporting was 70 percent. 21 clubs were above 70%.

Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Charlottetown** for having **93%** attendance for the month of December

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

Note re Attendance figures for December

Some figures may have been missed due to Kathryn Atkins being on leave. I will try to update them in the March Newsletter.
Peter Stuempel

Rotary Dates to Remember

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

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

Feb 14, 2007 - Rotarians Have a Heart Project.

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 10-13, 2007 - District Convention - St. John's, NF

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

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Check out our District Web Site at
<http://www.rotary7820.com>