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Bonded by the sea.
Guided by the light.

The Lighthouse

Newsletter of Rotary District 7820, Zone 22

46 Clubs strong covering Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Iles de la Madeleine, Québec and Saint-Pierre et Miquelon, France.

District Governor 2006/07 - Dennis Knight



Creating reality
from dreams.

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Message from the Governor

Tell the Rotary Story



I hope you are having a rejuvenating holiday season. The start of the second half of our Rotary year and a new calendar year is a fitting time to think of raising awareness about the organization that we champion. I invite you to share the Story of Rotary International and its service to the human family.

After being a member of an organization for a while, we sometimes settle back into a regular routine and lose our desire to look beyond our acquired knowledge. The more I learn about Rotary International, the more astounded I become, which fuels the will to learn even more. The work of this organization runs deep into humanity's well of caring for each other and the extent of its commitment is just astonishing.

Sometimes it takes a new kid on the block to show the way. I was very impressed in November by Todd Goodyear, President-elect of the new Rotary club being formed in Deer Lake, and his enthusiasm to learn and share knowledge about RI. I was also excited to hear recently from AG Terry Miller that there is much enthusiasm amongst a group in Glace Bay about Rotary and forming a new Rotary Club. We look forward to hearing more from them.

District Governors have the special privilege of acquiring much knowledge and awareness of Rotary International during a couple of years of attending various seminars and institutes, capped by the international assembly (DGE Bette will soon be packing her bags for this year's spectacular event in San Diego).

In Districts such as ours, where widespread travel is a challenge, District Governors have the rare privilege of visiting all clubs and being inspired by all they are doing. I have the two great Labrador clubs yet to visit (and I unfortunately had to cancel out on this year's "Santa to the Coast" event of the Happy Valley-Goose Bay club) but the other forty-four club visits were totally inspiring. The range of work you are doing in the global and local community is just incredible. I just wish all members could see what I have seen, and I intend to share a reflection about the official visits with you at a future date.

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So I invite you this month to join with me in telling the Rotary Story. All of you are working to raise awareness about Rotary in your communities; keep up the good work! A few things to add to your resolution list are:

Promote the District Conference, May 10 – 13, St. John's, amongst your members www.rotary7820convention.ca. It is the best way I know of providing inspiration to Rotarians and at the same time, infuse them with learning and fun in abundance.

Include a Rotary Minute in your weekly meetings; designate a Rotary Information person in your club to tap into the wealth of Rotary knowledge available on www.rotary7820.com and www.rotary.org and from our Assistant Governors and District Chairs.

Above all, keep focused on the people we are serving; the children and individuals in our communities and around the world lacking in hope. It makes all the "fluff" disappear and everything worthwhile; trust me.

A Full and Fruitful New Year to all,

DG Dennis



"Serving the Region since 1913"

"Common People... UNCommon Purpose"



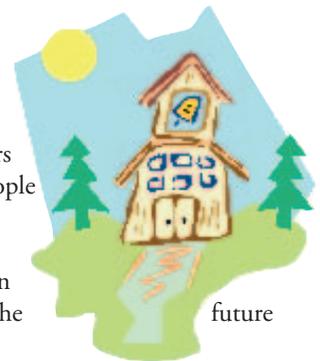
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Rotary Friends,
 I share with you a ten year tradition of writing a year-end heritage story and greeting.
 My very best regards to you all,
 Dennis

The One Room School; a community within

The voices still float in the air, transcending time... children's voices - laughing, teasing, playing – and then the bell calling us back inside. And in closer, the sounds of firewood cracking in the stove, lessons being read... and that universal classroom scent comes back; I have often wondered what odours combine to form that “classroom bouquet”; in our case, it was a mixture of dustbane, wood smoke, people but something else that I've never been able to isolate.

For my first day of school, the short trip from our house to the small building behind the church was filled with expectation. It had been built in 1912 as a school for the (then) Methodist congregation and my father had matriculated from there in 1932. From the outside, it gave no hint of the doors to the future it harboured and the life lessons that would be learned about community and contribution.



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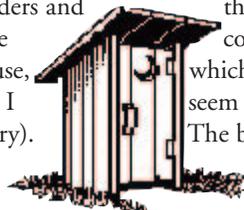
For a substantial part of my life, I have been a member of Rotary International, which holds high the principle *Service Above Self*; the giving of your time and talent to build community and serve the needs of the underprivileged. In fact, I was indoctrinated into this approach to people and community a long time ago, by my Grandfather Warwick, my Mom and Dad, Nita and Lester, and by the community of Jackson's Cove at large.

But within our community lay another less-obvious one; of thirty-five students, age six to seventeen, all grades in one room, with a teacher's desk at the front and a pot bellied stove in the centre. Rooms like this one were scattered throughout Newfoundland and Labrador at the time (66% of all schools in the province) and they persisted in significant numbers into the late 1960s. These tiny, “sole charge” institutions therefore played an important role in the development and preservation of our culture.

Educators tell me that (despite the obvious lack of facilities and space), there are many positive things to be said about the one room school as a learning venue (depending hugely of course on the skills and experience of the teacher). The job of being an effective educator in this multi-grade setting was obviously a challenging one, requiring many professional and personal skills. The situation was even more acute however with the fact that many of the teachers were not long out of school themselves, with little or no training or experience.

But the fact that the system failed many students aside, it was, in fact, a community where caring went both ways. For the younger grades, there was motive to learn and measure up and for the older ones, the opportunity to take responsibility, show leadership and develop independent thinking.

With a yard outside for playing rounders and concerts in which to participate, it was the also equipped with the mandatory outhouse, which, I didn't quite get to when I needed it most. I room (or that remains my “stick to it” story). The evidence underneath my feet.



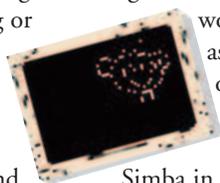
the like, woods and trails nearby for hanging out and Christmas complete multi-use learning and activity centre of its day. It was which, to return to my first morning “on the job”, I unfortunately seem to recall it had to do with shyness around asking to leave the The blush of my embarrassment was probably reflected in the pooled

A Mid-winter Day in the Life ...

The typical mid-winter school day would have a Spartan beginning with a leap out of bed into a frosty room. Mom would be up before us and have the fire going, so there was a push to haul on some clothing on the way to the kitchen, where we would finish dressing next to the stove.

After breakfast, it would be off to school, sometimes with a chunk of wood underarm (depending on whether supplies were running low in the wood box). The room would usually be fairly cold at first, so most of us would all sit with winter coats on. As the stove spit and wheezed its way to the top of its game, the coats would come off and, for those whose desks ringed the stove, it would become quite tropical.

During the day, the room would be abuzz with activity. The teacher would be either at in front reciting or reading their assignments or down helping students out individually. day at our desks reading or working individually on “seatwork”. In the squeak of chalk on slate time, except for the as some of us took notes or doodled. occasional passing of notes and jokes.



I remember enjoy- ing the solving of algebra problems, Newfoundland history and stories from other lands such as, in the Arctic and Bunga and Simba in Africa.

Simba in Africa.

her desk with a class lined up We would spend much of the early years, I remember the There would be little idle learning poetry, reading Grade Four, Netsook and Klaya in

After the school day was over, there would be some time to play – to skate, if the pond ice was right or to drive downhill in our homemade snowmobiles, (complete with skis and steering wheel, they could reach eye-watering speed on frosty evenings).

“Common People... UNCommon Purpose”



But we also always had after-school work to do for our families. My parents were clever in assigning my brother Jim and me tasks based on our interests. My primary task was looking after the firewood; making sure the woodbox was piled high and that splits were “made” to start the fire in the morning. Jim was very good with the barn animals (horse, cows & sheep), so their care became his job. In his younger years, he was once called upon to take over the wood from me for a few days while I was sick, but he maybe wished he had better negotiated his contract. When once asked to refill the wood box, his classic reply was, “Sure Mom what’s the point; you keep burning it!”

We always had the woodhouse stacked full of dried wood, which gradually got emptied as winter wore on. Looking back on it, I always enjoyed my wood work; I think that contributing directly to the household was what made it so satisfying. I also learned how to fall into a “thinking space” while doing repetitive work. As the wood got sawed or split, you could be off in another place entirely.

After supper, there would be homework, first by the amber light of the kerosene lamp and in later years, the white flood of the Aladdin lamp. Time has undoubtedly gelled the lens a little, but I recall enjoying homework for the most part, well-coming the challenge of figuring out Algebra theorems (with Dad coming to the rescue here and there) or the thrill of learning about other lands.

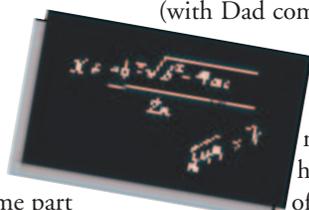
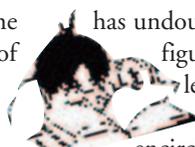
In remembering our little school, I would like to pay tribute to the one room schools that encircled Newfoundland and Labrador for generations, where thousands of teachers did great work moulding young lives, nurturing talent and helping to fashion dreams of what is possible. Their contribution to The Place has been largely unheralded.

Our school building was later launched down the cove to become part of Les Knight’s store and was replaced with a modern two-room structure. Sadly however, there hasn’t been a school on that site, or any other in the cove, for many years.

But the voices still linger around the former school yard and the memories still dance, fuelling both the present and the future.

Susan and I wish you health, contentment and above all, a welling-up of hope inside you throughout 2007.

*Dennis and Susan,
December, 2006*



Dave Muise from the Rotary Club of Sydney-Sunrise elected District Governor Nominee 2009-2010

The nominating committee for D 7820 is pleased to announce the selection of Dave Muise as the District Governor Nominee 2009-2010.



David Muise BA, LLB

David was born in Sydney, NS and is a graduate of Mount Allison University and Dalhousie University Law School. After nearly 30 years of law practice, David changed careers in 2001 and became Executive Director of Family Service of Eastern Nova Scotia, a family counseling and education agency. He is the President of the Nova Scotia Council for the Family and Vice Chair of Family Service Canada. He has also served a term in the Nova Scotia Legislature and is a former Mayor of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality.

As a cancer survivor, David is a dedicated Cancer Society volunteer and has served as Provincial President and as a member of the National Board. He is currently Vice Chair of Cancer Care Nova Scotia.

David joined the Rotary Club of Sydney in 1975 and was co-founder of the Rotary Club of Sydney-Sunrise in 1995. He was made a Paul Harris Fellow in 2000. He has held several offices in both clubs (Sgt-at-Arms for over 20 years!!) and was President of the Sunrise club in 2005-2006.

David is married to Deborah George and has four children and five grandchildren.

*Duncan Conrad
PDG Chair D 7820 District Governor
Nominating Committee*

New Year’s resolutions go in one year and out the other!

“Common People... UNCommon Purpose”



Mushin Wells

Here are photos sent to us by Dayo Aiyeola, President-elect of the Rotary Club of Mushin, Nigeria, D9110 of the dedication of the wells bored at the school in Mushin. The funds for the four bore holes were contributed through matching grants from D7820 and Rotary Clubs of Summerside, Corner Brook and Mushin. This is one of several projects that have grown out of Rotarian Derek Key's time in Nigeria as the GSE Team leader.

Bill Kendrick



Rotary Friendship Exchange

The Rotary Friendship Exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to experience other cultures firsthand, by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries and their families. Introduced in 1984, this program aims to advance international understanding among Rotarians. It provides Rotarians with the opportunity to form personal contacts and make long-lasting friendships while exploring different areas of the world.

Types of Exchanges

There are two main types of Friendship Exchange, the visitor exchange and the team exchange. The number of people or couples participating and the length of stay are flexible. Rotary Friendship Exchanges are expected to be reciprocal.

Visitor exchange

The visitor exchange gives individual Rotarians, who may be accompanied by family members, the opportunity to spend a few days in the home of a Rotarian in another country. The typical visitor exchange ranges from three to seven days.

Team exchange

The team exchange provides the opportunity for several Rotarians or Rotary couples to travel to different communities in a host district. Our district has participated in several of these exchanges.

Univocational exchange

The univocational exchange, in which both guest and host Rotarians are of the same profession, can be incorporated into either the team or the visitor type of exchange. A univocational exchange gives the Rotarians involved the opportunity to expand their views on a common interest.

Exchange Participants

Only Rotarians and immediate family members (partner and children) are eligible for the visitor exchange.

For the team exchange, only Rotarians and their partners are eligible.



District 7820 Rotarians prepare for Brazil exchange. Some of the members of the Rotary Friendship Exchange team to Brazil met recently to discuss the trip. Pictured in the back row, left to right, are Jim Axell, Elva Heyge, Diane Power, and Bob Power; front row Muriel Axell, Elke Cummings, and Dianne Legard.

Current Plans

A group of Rotarians from our district will be participating in a Friendship (team) exchange to District 4480 in Brazil, for two weeks in March. The inbound team from Brazil will visit our district in June 2007.

Future Plans

In what type of exchange would you like to participate? What part of the world would you like to see? Let District RFE Chair Gordon Harper know.

For More Information refer to Rotary International's information on Friendship Exchanges at <http://www.rotary.org/programs/rfe/participate.html>. Here you will be able to download the RFE Handbook and read responses to Frequently Asked Questions. You can also contact, Gordon Harper, at gharper@pei.sympatico.ca.

Gordon Harper
District RFE Chair



“The Pride of all Amherst”

All the world's a stage

Bette Douglas honoured as life achiever

BY RAISSA TETANISH

Amherst Daily News

AMHERST — Decades of working in theatres lead on local woman to ask 'why me' when chosen to receive the town's Life Achievement Award.

"I was very flattered," said Bette Douglas from Tantramar Theatre upon receiving the award, "but I haven't been the single force behind the success of the theatre. I've worked with a great group of people."

The Town of Amherst named Douglas as recipient of the award during Cultural Awareness Week.

"This is a wonderful town. I love working on the main street in our town. I open my office at 10 to eight every morning, not because I have to, but because I want to," said Douglas from the Town office yesterday morning.

In nominating Douglas for this award, Charles Follini, a band, mu-

sic and drama teacher at Halifax Grammar School, he recalls the 10 years he spent working under Douglas's direction, and how his first encounter with her made him feel like a celebrity.

"I was hired by her, sight unseen, to act in a play. She is always able to see the best in the people she encounters, and thus, they see the best in themselves as well."

Follini says that because of the efforts of Douglas, the town has been able to flourish with an amazing slate of cultural activities.

She's encouraged countless budding actors, directors, musicians and playwrights, and has also contributed to at-risk youth in the community. Because of this effort, Follini thinks all communities need a Bette Douglas.

"They need a Bette Douglas to help them understand that to find purpose and meaning, you must find it within yourself, and not wait for some external force to dictate

your place in life. They need a Bette Douglas to show them how to raft down the tidal bore of life rather than just sit and watch."

The award has been given out for the past seven or eight years, and Roger MacIsaac, director for Community and Economic Development. The development will review each nomination for the award before recommending a winner to the mayor and councillors.

"Dwight Jones made a recommendation this year, and it was a no brainer," said MacIsaac. "What Bette's done, she could have won this award last year, the year before, or the year before."

When nominations for this award, as for the Volunteer of the Year award, come in, there's a certain criteria that must be met. Community and Economic Development will go through all nominations received in both cases, before letting the town make the final decision.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER...

Important changes to The Rotary Foundation Canada - New "Contact Centre"

Do you have a question about the Rotary Foundation?

The Rotary Foundation's new "Contact Center" began answering questions posed by Rotarians in Canada and the United States via a toll-free telephone number:

1-866-9ROTARY (that's 1-866-976-8279)

or e-mail: contact.center@rotary.org

to check on your donations to PolioPlus and PolioPlus Partners, recognition points, Paul Harris Fellowship problems and any other TRF questions.

This pilot project, currently available only in Canada and the USA, will enable Rotarians to get their Foundation questions answered promptly. The Center will be staffed by Foundation personnel experienced in Humanitarian and Educational programs as well as Fund Development. Rotarians seeking contribution reports, questions on Matching Grants, Paul Harris Fellow recognition and other general Foundation questions should call the toll-free number first. The Centre will answer calls Monday through

Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time and currently only available in English.

Please use the following link for instant online credit card donations in Canadian funds: <http://www.trfcanada.org>

Send contributions and donations by mail (in Canadian or U.S. dollars) to:

The Rotary Foundation (Canada) Box B9322

P.O. Box 9100,

Postal Station F

Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3A5

Send membership dues and payments to:

Rotary International Box B9330

P.O. Box 9100,

Postal Station F

Toronto, Ontario M4Y 3A5

Donations by courier:

The Rotary Foundation (Canada) Box B9322

Wholesale Lockbox Dept.

325 Front Street West, 4th Floor

Toronto, Ontario M5V 2Y1



PDG Duncan Conrad
Annual Programs Chair 2006-2007

News Flash

I have just received notification that the following three clubs led the District last year in per capita giving to the Annual Fund.

• **Port Hawkesbury - \$552.04**

• **Charlottetown Royalty - \$136.51**

• **Hillsborough - \$128.88**

Congratulations to these clubs and to all who contributed to the 2005-06 successful effort. Banners will be presented at a future date.

DG Dennis

The Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation

GREAT NEWS! The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund has achieved an important milestone. In September of this year the fund reached a total of more than \$505 million! Thanks to the contributions of dedicated Rotarians and supporters from around the world we are halfway to our goal of \$1 billion in assets and expectancies by the year 2025. It is expected that when the fund reaches its endowment goal, approximately \$18 million in earnings will be available for the foundation's programs.

You can become part of this exciting program and help in setting the future course for Rotary by donating to the Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund. There are many ways to contribute:

Cash donation- contribution made in the usual way to the Rotary Foundation but designated to the Permanent Fund

Proceeds of life insurance - you purchase a life insurance policy and name the Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund as beneficiary

Charitable trusts - assets are transferred to the Rotary Foundation which invests them as a separate fund



Named or endowed - opportunities exist for individuals or corporations to endow a Rotary program such as Ambassadorial Scholarships, Rotary Centers for International Studies and Peace Fellowships to name but a few.

Bequests - you may leave a gift to the fund in your will

There are many other ways to donate to the Foundation and as tax laws vary from country to country, you should discuss any donations with your own tax advisor in order to determine which program best suits your tax situation.

NEXT TIME - we will discuss the recognition program of the permanent Fund.

*David Muise - Sydney-Sunrise
Permanent Fund Chair*

New Club-level Training

As of its November 2006 meeting, the RI Board encourages clubs to:

- Appoint a club trainer to focus on the club's training needs
- Implement a leadership skills program to develop club members' personal leadership skills, enhancing their professional lives and developing future club leaders

Work with your assistant governors and district training committee to ensure clubs have a training plan ensuring that:

- Club leaders attend district training meetings
- Orientation is provided for new club members
- Ongoing educational opportunities are available for current club members
- A leadership skills development program is available for all club members



District 7820 Convention

St. John's, NL
May 10-12, 2007

*Look across the room at your next
Rotary meeting.*

*Is the wall on the other side of the room the length of your
Rotary World?*

*In the time you have been a member of Rotary, how many
"make ups" have you done at other clubs?*

*Have you ever gone to a Rotary meeting in another country?
(Under the "old rules of Rotary International" we were all expected
to do "make ups" in the same week that we missed our home club
meeting.) That certainly encouraged a wide variety of diverse
Rotarians visiting their fellow Rotarians throughout the world each
week.*

By this simple introduction, we want you to know how welcome you will be to come and join us in St. John's, Newfoundland for the District Convention in May. The theme is **Common People. UNCommon Purpose.** We are gearing for a large group and we want every Rotarian in District 7820 to consider joining us. Yes, incoming Presidents and Secretaries are expected to be there. But our whole effort, our program and our activities are all aimed at "Joe and Joan Q Rotarian" who are "common" Rotarians (and their partners) who will come and join us from May 10-13 in St. John's. The program details, registration forms, etc are found on the District Website: www.rotary7820convention.ca.

There is only one place like Newfoundland.

Do come and experience it. Write with any questions.

*Bruce Templeton
Convention PR
btempleton@nl.rogers.com*

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.

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?*

Spread the word!



Invite someone to become a
Rotarian
today.

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: 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 30 clubs provided an attendance report for the month of November. This is 65% of the 46 clubs in the district. The average attendance of those clubs reporting was 73 percent. 21 clubs were above 70%!! More than double from October.

Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Hillsborough** for having **100%** attendance for the month of November.

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

Rotary Dates to Remember

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

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

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

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

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>