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The Lighthouse

Newsletter of Rotary District 7820, Zone 22

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District Governor 2006/07 - Dennis Knight



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Message from the Governor



The Faces of Hope... investing in our most valuable asset.

My prescription for anyone feeling downhearted about the future of our broken world is to spend a little time with youth. For several years, I have been privileged to know and value the inspiring young artists of Susan's youth choir *Shalloway*. Their creativity, vigour and adaptability never fail to energize.

September is New Generations Month in the Rotary World; a time to celebrate and harness the power of youth. With most of them retreating back onto campuses this month, it is also a time to **Lead the Way** and begin implementing our youth programs for the 2006-07 Rotary year.

Rotary International's commitment to youth is reflected in a diversity of initiatives around the globe, including Interact (11,000 clubs), Rotaract (over 8,000 clubs), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and scholarship programs, together involving several thousands of young people annually.

Rotary's flagship youth program from a world peace and understanding perspective, is Youth Student Exchange (YSE), which each year enables over 8,000 young people to live in a culture other than their own, thereby changing both their lives and those of their hosts. Mahatma Ghandi once called travel the language of peace (bringing peoples of the world together to better appreciate and celebrate differences and similarities). This is nowhere better realised than in YSE.

We have exemplary youth work going on throughout District 7820 and I commend the legion of champions who devote themselves to this vital work. I will mention just two; John Bregante who heads the YSE program and Bob Munroe, District Chair of Interact, Rotaract and RYLA. These lads stand ready to answer your questions or otherwise assist you.

This month, why not give some thought to how your club could take a new step towards youth, either solo or in partnership with other clubs.

While we are doing a lot to serve youth, I think all would agree that we can do much more. For example, every community with a Rotary club has at least one high school where an Interact Club could be started (we currently have 10 Interact Clubs). There are around 20 university and college campuses in Rotary communities that could be Rotaract homes (we currently have 3 Rotaract Clubs). We sponsor around 20 YSE students each year and a handful of clubs participate in RYLA programs.

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One proven avenue of success you may want to consider, including for "youth at risk", is the arts. There are many examples of youth and the arts success stories within our District (eg, our Rotary Music Festivals) and internationally. Outside the Rotary world, I will mention two examples.

The Power of Hope; Youth Empowerment Through the Arts, www.powerofhope.org, is located in Washington State and British Columbia. The organization offers creative, arts-based programming for youth and youth workers year-round, including week-long retreats, workshops and after school events.

"Common People... UNCommon Purpose"

Shallaway, www.shallaway.ca, is a cultural institution located in St. John's, that expresses itself through choral music. In addition to receiving a grounding in their own culture and in global cultures, choristers benefit from several leadership development methods such as mentoring, chorister councils, community outreach and dialogue on current issues.

I invite you to keep working with "the Faces of Hope" – and if the path grows dark, walk beside one of them for a while; I guarantee you, it will put a spring in your step.

Have a good time *Leading the Way* through September (enjoy the Fall air, the Harvest Moon and the twilight dance of Venus and Jupiter).

DG Dennis

There is a lot of traffic at the moment from Clubs (especially South America) sending out mass e-mails looking for money for their projects. This is not permitted, as laid out on page 9, Manual of Procedure.

Page 9 of the MOP (2004) states: Circularizing Rotary Clubs

The limits of authorized circularization of Rotary clubs, as prescribed by convention action, are as follows:

- 1) A member club desiring to request the cooperation of other clubs in connection with any matter whatsoever shall first submit its purpose and plans to and secure the approval of the respective governor or governors.
- 2) No member club shall solicit financial aid from any other club or from individual Rotarians other than its own members unless and until it first secures an authorization from the RI Board. (80-102; RCP 11.040.1.) It has been a rule of practice that the official directories of RI or district or club lists of members should not be made available by Rotarians or by Rotary clubs or districts for the purpose of circularization. (RCP 11.040.3.)

DG Dennis

September is New Generations Month

Its Back To School!

(and an opportunity for starting an Interact Club)

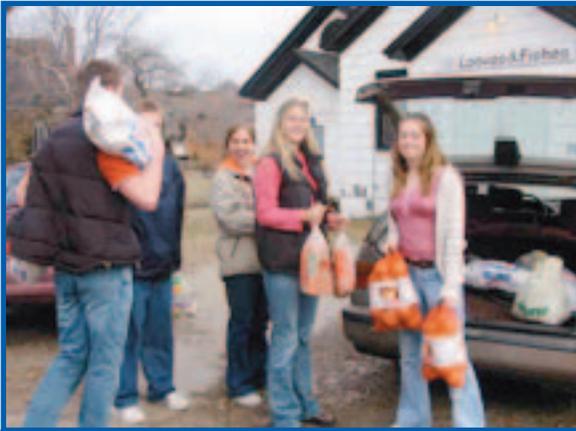
As the district chair for Interact, Rotaract & RYLA, I encourage all Rotary Club Presidents to give serious consideration to sponsoring an Interact Club. While not every Rotary Club has a University in their community to initiate Rotaract involvement, every community has a high school, which can provide the membership base for an Interact Club. Interact is one of the most significant and fastest growing programs of Rotary service. More Rotary Clubs in our district should become involved with Interact.

At the recent District conference, many of you had an opportunity to see some Interactors participate in the conference program and acknowledge the excellent job they did! Forming an Interact Club will offer an opportunity for your Rotary Club to further its youth related activities, as well as provide the youth with an organized structure to get involved with community service and gain the benefits of membership in a worldwide organization.

An early September start is critical to success.

The first step in achieving this goal will be to immediately appoint an Interact Committee from within your membership and charge that committee with the responsibility of getting ready to act as soon as school resumes in September. It is important for the committee to get an early start before prospective Interact members become involved in other school activities. The quality people we need and that Interact attracts will quickly find other areas to contribute their time and efforts.

Organizing an Interact Club is one of the most rewarding activities a Rotary Club can undertake in its community. In turn, an Interact club can bring new energy to a Rotary Club, inspire fresh ideas for service, increase support to projects, and spread knowledge of Rotary into other sectors of the community. Both Rotarians and Interactors will



Several Interactors are collecting food donations for a local food bank.

share in the success of this Club.

What will set you and your Rotary Club apart in your year as Club President? All too often we fall into the routine of carrying on the same committees, programs and projects that our own Rotary Club has been doing for many years. You as President must remember that this is **your** year and you have the opportunity to put forth your own goals and objectives. Perhaps the formation of an Interact Club could be a goal for your year. You will recall that chartering two Interact Clubs is one of District 7820 goals for this year.

The opportunity is there to leave a continuing reminder of your accomplishment as Club President. I encourage you to leave your mark on your Club and seize the challenge to charter another Interact Club in District 7820.

I would be very pleased to provide any interested Club with whatever assistance is possible. If you would like some information on what has worked in starting Interact clubs in other

communities, I would be pleased to share some ideas with you.

Interact, Rotaract & RYLA Chair – Bob Munroe
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Other News

What is PROBUS

Probus provides an opportunity for Retired and Semi-retired Professional and Business people to get together once per month for fellowship, to share a guest speaker and to plan many other club activities from hiking to Bridge, to Bowling to Visits to local companies and points of interest.

Most clubs have been chartered by local Rotary clubs but each club operates autonomously once chartered. It is not a service club nor do they do any fundraising and, in fact, it is interesting that less than 10% of the membership has any involvement with Rotary. Probus continues to grow across Canada with a target of 200 clubs and over 25,000 members by the end of this year.

PROBUS in Newfoundland

The Probus Club of St. John's Region was chartered by the five St. John's area Rotary Clubs in 2003. Past District Governor Trevor Atkin was the first Club President and it was he, together with Rotarian Herb Clarke, who took the initiative to organise the club beginning in 2001.

The club began with 25 members and is now up to 75 and still growing. In fact, there has been increasing interest this year with an article on the club appearing in the St. John's Telegram and, soon to be broadcast, an interview with the current President, Andrew Grant and Trevor on VOWR a local volunteer radio station.

Apart from the St. John's club there are three other Probus clubs in District 7820, the Probus Club of Halifax and the two clubs in Charlottetown one of which is for women only and one for men. These 4 clubs have a total membership in excess of 300.

For more information on Probus check on the Canadian Web site at www.probus.org.

PDG Trevor Atkin

*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.

"Common People... UNCommon Purpose"

Rotary District Simplified Grants

The District Simplified grant deadline is fast approaching - October 31, 2006

We have had two applications so far and two others are in the works. This year we have \$6,000 available. If you have local community projects that can be helped with a match of \$500 - \$1000 please send your application to:

Stella Roy
902 472-3036 tel/Fax 902 832-1374
roystella@hotmail.com

The application forms were in the packages at the Convention and at PETS and SETS.

Stella Roy, Grants Chair

Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute will be holding its next session on Saturday, October 21, 2006, at the New Brunswick Community College in Moncton, New Brunswick. This is a full-day session and Levels I, II and III will be offered. The day begins at 0800 and finishes at 1600 hours - breakfast and lunch are included. More information including a registration form will be circulated to you for interested members of your club.

The Institute was founded to assist in improving the Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of future leaders in our Rotary clubs. We believe that excellent leadership is the key to successful service to our clubs, to our communities and the world. Rotary is blessed with members of high quality, but all Rotary Clubs depend on outstanding leadership to harness the talents and skills of our members to high levels of accomplishment.

“The rapid turnover of leadership positions in Rotary caused by annual elections requires constant effort to prepare more and more Rotarians for the responsibilities of leadership. Through the dedicated efforts of our officers, executive committee and faculty, the Rotarians of our member districts have a unique opportunity for quality Rotary education. We invite all of the clubs of our member districts to join with us to build a better and greater Rotary.”
(David Linett, PRID, Founder The Rotary Leadership Institute)

We are encouraging each club to consider sending two members to the Institute. While the registration fee is nominal there will be expense for travel and, in some cases, accommodation.

The District encourages you to do what you can to have someone participate. For those who have attended in the past, please ensure they are informed so they can avail of the next level on this date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Mark Brown (markbrown@nl.rogers.com) or PDG Dorothy Britten (thepond@accesswave.ca).

If you have someone who would like to advise of their attendance prior to the registrations going out please notify me.

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Group Study Exchange

A Trilogy – Adventures of a Lifetime ***“Incoming GSE Visits”***

To bring us up to date, the District Governor has agreed on a District with which an Exchange will occur. Our District now has a Team Leader and a Team, eager and well prepared to depart on their *Adventure of a Lifetime*. Good Luck!

But what about we devoted Rotarians at home? Well, it's now the responsibility of the District to arrange an itinerary of host Rotary Clubs and vocational visits for the Incoming GSE Team. The most important consideration is that we now, thoroughly prepare to receive the Incoming GSE Team.

How do we prepare for an Incoming GSE Team?

Once an Exchange has been arranged, all Rotary Clubs are advised of the pending visit. A decision is made at the District level determining precisely which area of the District will be the focus of the Exchange visit. The District now determines this by concentrating on the location of the District Convention and areas of particular interest in our District, in relation to the vocations and wishes of the visiting GSE Team Members.

After a route is determined, host Rotary Clubs are sought who will provide a period of 3 or 4 days of hosting and vocational visits for the Incoming GSE Team. This is where the “adventure” begins for hosting Clubs and individuals. As with any event, the success is directly proportionate to the effort put into the understanding of the program, the organization of the visit and the enthusiasm in hosting.

Every effort is made at the District level to anticipate special needs of a GSE Team and to design a visit itinerary commensurate with the Team’s composition. When determining the route of the visit, consideration is given that some Rotary Clubs have been perennially requested to host. The District does not wish to unduly burden any particular Club due to its geographical location and will discuss these situations with the particular Clubs.

Our District is the second largest District geographically in the Rotary World. As such, it is virtually impossible for a Team to experience the complete District in an efficient and inexpensive way. Therefore, designing the route begins where it ends – at the District Convention. We then work our way backwards ultimately determining a point of entry to, and exit from, the District. Normally we select Halifax and St. John’s for either of these destinations and Rotary International must agree.

Expenses – Who is Responsible?

The participating Rotary Club is responsible for any expenses of food or travel while actually hosting. They also must arrange the vocational visits for the Team during their visit with the Club. The District is responsible for any fees for ferries and accommodation expenses for the Team’s break period (normally one or two days). Each Club who is involved creates its own experience and autonomously determines how to entertain their guests.

The hosting Club will arrange transportation while the Team is their guest. This can be done in an innovative way by arranging a vehicle from a dealer, a donated vehicle or a schedule of volunteer drivers. The Team should never be allowed to “fend for themselves”. This can be ensured by remembering these folks are our guests and our hospitality is world renowned.

What Is Considered a Vocational Visit?

Ideally, a vocational visit would consist of a trip to a business which provides the opportunity for the Member(s) to see how their own profession is conducted in District 7820. The Leader can accompany any of the Members on their vocational visit. A secondary type of vocational visit would be to any business which the hosting Club would like to highlight. For example, a Team visit to a winery, a movie production centre, a local Rotary project, a mussel farm or a trip on a lobster boat, a boat building factory. It is difficult to not duplicate vocational visits if we always take a lawyer to a lawyer’s office; why not take him to our forensic center or visit the local RCMP office.

We Want to Host a GSE Team – Whom Do We Contact?

A Club President would first identify a willing Club member to act as their GSE Coordinator and then communicate the Club’s desire to participate in the Exchange as a host, to Rotarian **Jim Britten**. He is our **District 7820 Incoming GSE Chair**. His contact information is: jbritten@accesswave.ca 1-902-889-3755 (h); 1-902-889-3618 (f); and 27 Alvewa Dr., Head of Jeddore, NS, B0J 1P0. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Dartmouth East, NS and a past Team Leader to Normandy, France.

The Club’s GSE Coordinator will arrange the visit with the help of his/her fellow Club members. The District Chair for Incoming GSEs should be considered a resource and accessed as often as possible. The actual itinerary is the responsibility of the Coordinator and the Club. Transportation and the designing of the “Team delivery” between hosting Clubs is set up by the applicable Coordinators and agreed to by the District Incoming GSE Chair (this to ensure a smooth transition).

We hope this information enables your Club or yourself to participate or support either a Team Member, or a Team Leader or, host a visiting Group Study Exchange Team. You will never regret your decision.

A brochure including the entire itinerary for the visit will be coordinated and prepared by the GSE Incoming Chair. He will provide each hosting coordinator with a copy and the Team members with a copy upon their arrival.

Look for our third portion of this trilogy in next month's issue of *The Lighthouse*. It will reveal the intricacies, joys and pitfalls of organizing an international Exchange.

Jim Britten
GSE Inbound Chair
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Letters

I was reading Jim Axell's letter and I agree it would be preferred if we did not have to go up and down to read the story. Hope you can consider changing the format. Thanks.

Wendy Keen

Please change the format, I agree it is a true pain in the %\$Y^& to go up and down the page to read the two column format.

Frank DeMont

Thank you for your responses. As you can see. I've changed the format. Please let me know if there are other changes you'd like to see.

Peter

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). 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 24 clubs provided an attendance report for the month of June. This is 52% of the 46 clubs in the district. The average attendance of those clubs reporting was 64 percent. 7 clubs were above 70%.

Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Hillsborough** for having **95%** attendance for the month of July.

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.

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

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?**

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

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