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District Governor Katie Burke

December is Family Month—Governor's Message

It is that time of year – the official club visits have been completed, the copy of the DG speech looking a little dog-eared (with apologies to dogs – this is not a negative comment on them ...) and there is a little down time before things pick up again.

It is December, Family Month, and good time for reflection. Our families sustain us – they are who we are and see us as we are, they provide support, they overlook our foibles and encourage us to do better. And like it or not, we have them for life. They will always be a part of us and we will always be a

part of them; we can't get away from them! When I set out on my European adventure with my sister many years ago, I was told that, at the end of the trip, I might not like her very much but because we had had many years of sisterly fighting, we would have a good trip. I thought the comment was odd but time proved it to be true. Fight we might, but family we would be forever.

Enjoy this season of holidays and whether you celebrate by faith or by tradition, may your family be an essential part of it and may past slights and hurts be forgiven and forgotten.



With love and best wishes,
Katie.

Montreal Rotary Plus by AG Bertrand de Cardaillac

The effects of the Montreal Area Development Committee (we have named this Rotary Plus) are being felt. Starting from spring 2009, Rotarians from the different clubs have given just enough support to the Montreal Club to regenerate enthusiasm and give a 25% increase in membership; organized the 2010 Foundation Walk last May; and are developing tools for better communications and visibility. They are now handling the creation of a new Noon Club to operate in French in Downtown Montreal, sponsored by Montréal Ville-Marie. Another

new Club, Laval Rive-Nord is also being created. Several members have added their participation to District committees. Montreal's Rotary Plus is not only getting things done that single clubs have difficulty handling; it is also generating many contacts between members of different clubs, promoting exchange of ideas, more visiting, more sense of belonging.

DG Katie's message that clubs must have fun is settling in deeper and deeper, at least in my mind. I can now use it as a

measuring stick. It is sure a powerful element of attraction for visitors (all potential members or sources of reference) but clubs, boards and presidents who have fun do move ahead smoothly. Struggling along is not fun and can sometimes result from members with great ideas and momentum who have a different vision from the President/Board and a little difficulty with teamwork. My AG's general observation/message is: Give full support to your President/Board and ask the question "Is it fun for all concerned?"

Congratulations from the District to Bernie Libiberté, president of the Rotary Club of Napanee – honoured with the degree of Doctor of Military Science at the November 19th convocation of Royal Military College - Kingston. Bernie was also the Convocation Speaker. Well done, Bernie !

Reminders for Club Presidents and Boards

As we start December, we want to remind you that there are a few administrative duties that you and your club need to perform in order to keep leadership information current.

1. Work with the club secretary or e-secretary to update membership information on the RI website. Do the same on the district website www.rotary7040.com.

2. Hold annual club election no later than 31 December.

3. 31 December is the deadline for reporting next year's club president and secretary to RI for the Official Directory (007-EN).

In our district you will also need to update your club profile on the district website to show President Elect as well as President Nominee, if possible.

If you are staying on as president for another year, you will need to list yourself as President Elect as well as President so that notices for the

coming year will go to you.

This is also a reminder that the deadline for District Governor nominations is December 31. The nomination form can be found at www.rotary7040.com, Documents, Forms.

Mail DG nominations to:
DG Katie Burke
435 York Street
Cornwall ON Canada K6J 3Z6

A fair is a fair affair!

For several years now, various project fairs have been taking place around the world – Uniendo America project fair in Central America, the West African Project Fair (which involves 4 districts and a total of 15 countries) and a new project fair was initiated in the Philippines in 2009.

The Rotary International website there is a description of the purpose of the fairs: "Project fairs are regional events hosted annually by Rotary districts worldwide to encourage international friendship

and collaboration on World Community Service efforts. They provide an opportunity for Rotary clubs in the host districts to exhibit their projects, and for international visitors to meet local project coordinators to find an effort that matches their club's goals. Attendees convene for two to three days to share their interests or concerns, discuss ideas, and establish partnerships."

Several Rotarians from our District will be wending their way to Panama in January to attend Uniendo



America in the city of David, Panama and will be returning with information re project proposals in Central America. This adventure is another opportunity for Rotarians to meet and work the magic that we do so well !

Quote of the Month



1912-13 RI President Glenn C. Mead

"A Rotary club gives us an opportunity that no social, political, or specialized business club can do.

It is strong on the human side; it stands for the individual, unfetters him, appeals to his originality, brings out his latent powers, and puts him at his best by extending him the full measure of his confidence and appealing to the best that is in him — 'service not self.' "

-- 1912-13 RI President Glenn C. Mead