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**District Governor
2009-2010
CAROL TOOMEY
Rotary District
7910**

Message from the GOV

It was a busy week again. However, when I reflect on it, I immediately think of the foundation dinner. It was a wonderful night. This is what teamwork looks like. Ralph ran a grant meeting at 4 PM for those who were interested in having an international grant this year. It was a large turnout with well thought out questions and answers. Thanks Ralph and Vera for getting us back on track. People really appreciated the information you gave. Thanks Tom Polito for working with the hotel.

A social hour followed with a chance for everyone to get reacquainted with friends from other clubs. Next came a showing of The Final Inch, an academy award winning film about Polio, Paul McNurty with grace, Governor Elect Mike Ellis with song, and PDG Greg Roche with a welcome. Awards to the various clubs who gave so much to foundation last year were given by our foundation chair Greg Roche and Immediate PDG Klaus Hachfeld. In addition to the awards, recognition was given by PDG Roy Gilbert to Valentine Callahan and Aisha Jones for joining the Paul Harris Society. PHS members agree to give \$1,000 per year to the foundation. Some do it monthly by having \$84 taken out of their bank account or charging their credit card. After the food, fun, and fellowship, Carol (me) introduced the speaker, Caryn West. Caryn gave an inspiring talk about how she came to write, illustrate, and publish her book, The Trouble With the Alphabet. The evening was a great success. Thanks Larry for passing the "change" can around for the End Polio Now fund. An astonishing \$490 was collected and will be sent to TRF. This was a good night.

I don't want to forget my first Rotary event of the week. I went to the Reality Fair in Marlborough for the first time. I had heard about it but being there is so much better. A brain child of Peggy Thorsen, it is a wonderful way for young people to recognize how they spend their money will effect their life in many ways. I was assigned to sell pets. It was amazing how many people came and bought their pet before they got an apartment. This is a project that should be done in every high school. Peggy has great material. Ask her for help.

Monday night, our own Governor Elect Mike Ellis did another webinar. This one was on taxes and club finances. This was full of information that every club president and treasurer should be aware of. For those who missed it, you will be able to see it later. When it is linked to the web site, we will let you know.

Tuesday night, the Trustees met. After interviews, Jane Mitchell was chosen to handle the funds invested for the district. She will be working closely with the finance sub committee of the trustees. On the weekend, I attended the PETS planning committee on Saturday and the steering committee on Sunday. Things are going well.

District Governor

\$200,000

NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH

The fact that November is Foundation Month in Rotary is no accident. November is traditionally a time for reflection and as the calendar year winds down to a close, Rotarians often find themselves asking, "Have I done enough? What more can I do to help?"

Your simple gift to the Annual Programs Fund provides hope and opportunity to people in worldwide, in nations where little hope and opportunity exist. If by your birth, you were born in a shanty, sent at the age of three to forage in the garbage dump for food to help feed the family, and were lucky to live long enough drinking contaminated water, what kind of a life could you expect to lead? Without an opportunity for basic education, how would you even know that another world existed outside of your realm?

UNICEF, one of our partners in the global eradication of polio, publishes the fact that over one-half of the world's population (three billion people) live on less than US\$2.50 a day. Too, we often hear in Rotary that most of us are quick to spend more than that on a cup of Starbucks coffee every day or we spend our money on something else that we really don't need. Maybe we can think about question number four on the Four-Way Test, "Is it beneficial to all concerned?"

In Rotary, our motto is to do good in the world. You can do just that by making your gift to the Annual Programs Fund before 2009 comes to a close. By doing so, you will provide a source of funding from which all Rotarians can work together to save lives and change lives through our Rotary Foundation.

"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands." So is the life of someone in need. Concern yourself with being beneficial by being extraordinary this year. Make your annual gift today.

Thank you. Stephanie Kuta

INVESTING LESS THAN US\$2 A WEEK THROUGH THE FOUNDATION CHANGES LIVES



By Antoinette Tuscano Rotary International News -- 10 November 2009

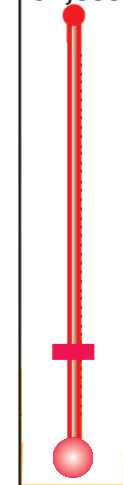
A child bathes in Río Bajabonico in La Grúa, Dominican Republic. Rotary club members have helped install 19,000 bio-sand filters, which make water safe to drink, through the Rotarian-led Children's Safe Water Alliance. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson

Worldwide, Rotary Foundation Matching Grants are saving and changing lives. Since the first Matching Grant was awarded in 1965, more than US\$335 million has been distributed through more than 30,000 grants.

This is a tremendous achievement for Rotarians, who have made these grants possible through their generous donations to the Annual Programs Fund, and dedicated their time and talent to help carry out projects that put Service Above Self.

By giving \$100 a year -- less than \$2 a week -- to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative, Rotarians become part of the Foundation's mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

\$54,000



**Polio Plus
\$8,445
Thanks Needham**

**APF
\$30,707**

**Fitchburg East -
Exceeded there goal!!!**

EVENTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

November 18 Assistant Governor Meeting

November 18 2010-11 Presidents Meeting

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**LAST CALL
GSE Team Member
A trip to
South Korea
Contact
stxx@aol.com for
information
calendar**

**- November 17 -
RYLA Meeting**

**- November 18 -
Assistant Governor Meeting**

**- November 18 -
2010-11 Presidents Meeting**

**- November 22 -
Breakfast for the Bands
Sponsored by the Fitchburg
and Leominster Rotary
Clubs**

**- November 27 to
December 31 -
Voting for Beautiful Baby,
Uxbridge Rotary's
Proceeds to Smile Train**

**- November 31 -
RLI New Haven, CT**

**- December 1 -
District Conference
Wicked Early Bird Deadline**

**- December 1 -
Deadline for Signing up for
Bus Road to Montreal**

**- December 5 -
Uxbridge Rotary
Participation in Uxbridge
First Night. Free Polio-Free
teddy bears given out.
Rotary Teddy to ride in
parade too. Participation is
to Rotary and to give some
publicity about polio Plus.**

**- December 6 -
Tree Lighting Festival
Sponsored by Dedham
Rotary**

**- December 15 -
1st Registration
Discount ends for
Montreal Convention**

**- December 20 -
District Holiday Party**

**- JANUARY 5 -
RYLA Meeting**

**- JANUARY 6 -
Pre-PETS for Presidents
Elect**

**- JANUARY 12 -
District Conference Meeting**

**- JANUARY 21 -
Foundation Committee
Meeting**

**- JANUARY 31 -
Death by Chocolate, Newton
and Waltham Clubs**

**- February 6 -
Annual Wine and Chocolate
Tasting, Uxbridge**

**- February 26 -
District Project Expo
& PR Awards Dinner**

**- March 19 -
Beantown Concert
Rotary Club of Chelmsford**

CLUB HAPPENINGS:



The Dedham and Westwood Rotary Clubs, at a joint meeting on Thursday, had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Masaru Tsuji, Consulate General of Japan. Pictured here; President Mike Razza, Mr. Tsuji and Marie-Louise Kehoe, President Dedham Rotary.

THE MAYNARD CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Maynard Christmas Parade takes place in downtown Maynard on December 6th at 2:00 P.M.

The theme of this years parade is "A Parade of Trees" We have Miss Massachusetts, Wally the Green Monster and the grand Marshalls will be Mr. and Mrs. Jo Jo White.

Clubs are invited to participate with a float, band or march as a group. Those who wish to participate should contact Nancy Quinn at 978 897-2781

AYER ROTARY CLUB ANNOUNCES THE 20TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS KICKOFF OF THE GREAT DUCKY WUCKY RACE!

The Ayer Rotary Club is pleased to announce the kickoff sale of special Christmas tickets for the 20th Annual Ducky Wucky Race. Grand prize again this year will be "Dinner For Two" anywhere in the world and includes roundtrip transportation and two nights lodging! This year's Apple Blossom Festival/Ducky Wucky River Race is shaping up to be the biggest and best ever in its 20-year history! In addition to the grand prize, more than 60 additional prizes will also be awarded. This year the Ayer Rotary Club will be selling a limited number of special Christmas tickets which are priced at \$20.00 for 5 ducks and which will include a beautiful and unique "Duck" Christmas tree ornament that will sure to please a loved one! What a great stocking stuffer for your friends and relatives this Christmas! These special tickets are sure to sell fast so be sure to get yours early. In addition, early purchasers will also be entered into a special raffle with a chance to win \$100.00 in lottery tickets. Additional raffles are scheduled for February 14th (Valentines Day) and April 15th (Tax Day). By purchasing your ticket now, you'll be guaranteed to be entered into all three raffles! The special Christmas "Duck" tickets will be available after December 1st at www.AyerRotary.com or you may also call Bill Ennis at 978-302-9224 to reserve your tickets. Other ticket prices are \$5.00 for one duck; \$10.00 for two ducks; \$20.00 for five ducks; and \$40.00 for a box of 13 quackers! Don't be left out, order your "Duck" tickets today!

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CONCORD PREPARES FOR FIRST ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WREATHS

The Rotary Club of Concord has delivered the wreaths and the decorators are at work. On Monday, November 2, Rotarian Phyllis Mauer picked up 40 wreaths from Rotarian David Gurleo of Colonial Gardens and delivered them to various establishments in Concord who will decorate them for the First Annual Festival of Wreaths. This holiday event will be held Saturday, December 5 at Monument Hall, 62 Monument Square in downtown Concord from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The wreaths will be displayed for the public's enjoyment and for purchase by the highest bidder. In addition, a Gift Tree embellished with over \$1,000 in gift certificates will be raffled. (The winner takes all!)

Proceeds from the sale and raffle will benefit the Gift of Life New England, a program that addresses the medical needs of children who suffer from congenital heart defects and other similar conditions through the efforts of Rotary Clubs in District 7910 and worldwide.

Plan now to attend this unique event where you can pick up some original holiday decorating ideas, bid on your favorite wreath, and support Rotary in helping needy children from around the world to secure a lease on life through the miracle of open-heart surgery. Admission is free.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Concord, visit www.concordrotary.org.

Picture: Carrie Flood (L) Managing Director of Emerson Umbrella Center for the Arts, receives wreaths from Phyllis Mauer of the Rotary Club of Concord. Artists at Emerson Umbrella will use their creativity to decorate wreaths for the Annual Festival of Wreaths Dec. 5.



ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR FABIAN MÜLLER

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Fabian Müller is presently studying epigenetics at the Harvard Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology and the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard. He is an engaging young man seeking opportunities to speak to Rotary Clubs. He hails from the Bonn, Germany area and is a graduate student in bioinformatics in Saarbrücken. As his Scholarship requires him to speak at ten to fifteen local Rotary clubs he would like to visit and be the program at Rotary clubs in D7910. If clubs are interested he can be reached at fm.mueller@web.de or his Host Counselor, Doug Detweiler, President of the Concord Rotary Club (rotary@detweiler.org). This is an excellent opportunity to see your Rotary Foundation at work.

AREA ROTARY CLUBS HOLD OPEN HOUSE NOVEMBER 4

The Rotary Clubs of the Acton, Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Sudbury areas held an informational open house on November 4, 2009 at the Colonial Inn in Concord. At 5:30 p.m., guests and Rotarians gathered to enjoy informal conversation and light refreshments, and to share information about Rotary. In addition to a short video about the history and mission of Rotary International and a continuously running slide show about Rotary activities in the community, District Governor Carol Toomey gave an overview of the many ways local Rotarians fulfill their mission of Service Above Self while enjoying the fellowship of other Rotarians. We hope to see the twelve guests who attended at future Rotary meetings.



THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL LUNCHEON

Newton - Brookline, Rotary Club's 25th Annual Thanksgiving Football Luncheon Tuesday November 24, 2009

Brae Burn Country Club, West Newton, MA. 02465
12:00 Noon

Come & Cheer Our Head Coaches
& the Team Captains for Football & Cheerleading!

Tickets for non Rotarians - \$15

REALITY FAIR PHOTO



Deadline for sending news items, pictures, and events for this newsletter is Sunday at 6 PM
**Carol Toomey, DG; Action Unlimited, 100-1 Domino Drive, Concord, MA 01542
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Rotary International Monthly Attendance Report for September, 2009 District 7910

Club Name	Members as of June, 2009	New Members This Month	Terminations This Month	Total Members This Month	Number of Meetings This Month	Gain/Loss This Month	YTD Gain/Loss	Attendance Percentage
Acton-Boxborough	28	1	2	28	5	-1	0	72.00 %
Ashburnham-Westminster	27	0	2	22	4	-2	-5	62.00 %
Athol-Orange Area	30	0	0	26	3	0	-4	88.00 %
Auburn	17	2	0	18	4	2	1	86.00 %
Ayer	45	2	0	42	4	2	-3	64.00 %
Bedford	30	3	5	27	5	-2	-3	77.03 %
Billerica	25	0	0	25	4	0	0	66.00 %
Brookfields,The	23	0	0	24	4	0	1	64.58 %
Brookline	59	0	0	59	4	0	0	54.00 %
Charles River	14	0	0	14	4	0	0	63.00 %
Chelmsford	41	1	1	42	3	0	1	69.00 %
Clinton	48	0	0	46	3	0	-2	88.40 %
Concord	72	0	0	72	3	0	0	68.06 %
Dedham	37	0	0	37	4	0	0	58.00 %
Dracut	26	0	0	0	0	0	-26	0.00 %
Fitchburg	29	0	0	0	0	0	-29	0.00 %
Fitchburg East	25	1	3	23	5	-2	-2	72.90 %
Framingham	54	0	0	51	2	0	-3	58.82 %
Franklin	31	0	0	32	4	0	1	80.00 %
Gardner	28	0	0	29	4	0	1	78.00 %
Groton-Pepperell	22	0	0	18	3	0	-4	56.00 %
Hudson	33	0	0	33	5	0	0	54.00 %
Leominster	14	0	0	0	0	0	-14	0.00 %
Littleton	28	1	0	29	5	1	1	58.04 %
Lowell	31	0	0	33	5	0	2	62.20 %
Lunenburg-Townsend	13	0	0	12	3	0	-1	83.00 %
Marlborough	47	0	0	0	0	0	-47	0.00 %
Maynard	0	0	0	14	0	0	14	80.00 %
Merrimack Valley Rotary	18	0	0	18	5	0	0	68.00 %
Milford	32	0	0	29	5	0	-3	59.23 %
Montachusett Area	30	0	0	33	4	0	3	92.97 %
Natick	43	0	1	46	5	-1	3	55.00 %
Needham	41	1	1	40	5	0	-1	61.34 %
Neponset Valley Sunrise	24	0	0	29	5	0	5	52.41 %
Newton	34	0	1	33	0	-1	-1	65.00 %
Northborough	28	0	1	30	5	-1	2	75.00 %
Shrewsbury	25	0	0	23	3	0	-2	77.78 %
Southborough	0	0	0	12	0	0	12	53.00 %
Southbridge	42	0	0	39	4	0	-3	70.00 %
Sturbridge	23	0	0	24	3	0	1	86.00 %
Sudbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Tewksbury	17	1	1	16	4	0	-1	85.00 %
Tyngsboro-Dunstable	10	0	0	10	4	0	0	67.50 %
Uxbridge	20	0	0	19	5	0	-1	47.00 %
Wachusett Area (W.B.H)	35	0	0	35	4	0	0	75.00 %
Waltham	56	0	2	55	5	-2	-1	62.99 %
Watertown	52	0	1	49	5	-1	-3	80.18 %
Webster-Dudley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Wellesley	52	0	1	50	5	-1	-2	66.46 %
Westborough	43	0	0	48	5	0	5	75.00 %
Westford	31	0	0	31	4	0	0	61.80 %
Weston & Wayland	44	1	1	44	4	0	0	0.00 %
Westwood	21	0	0	21	4	0	0	51.00 %
Worcester	68	0	0	56	4	0	-12	34.52 %