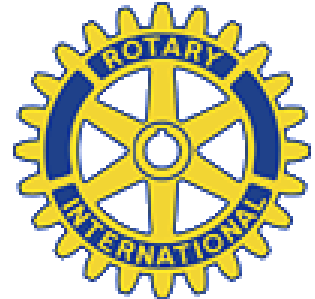


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Happy new year to all Rotarians

Six months have already gone by, but there are six more to come. And first of all, in this New Year 2009, I want to wish to all of you and your family health, happiness, joy and peace all around the world, a dream that may become reality some day - thanks to Rotary.

January is Rotary awareness month. But, how do we make people more aware of Rotary? It is by sharing our actions. These days we can

communicate easily but if clubs do not share real actions, what are we going to promote Rotary with? In the first six months, many clubs reported having participated in outstanding actions. These actions should be publicized. In the next coming months, you should think and make other clubs aware of your actions. To help you:

- 1 – First principle: SERVICE. Only God knows all the local and international needs;
- 2 – Polio: has the club contributed USD 1 000\$ as requested by the Rotary Foundation?
- 3 – Has the club promoted USD 100\$ per member to the Rotary Foundation?
- 4 – Has the club undertaken a local or international action?
- 5 – Has membership increased in your club?
- 6 – Will you and clubs members register to the District Conference?
- 7 – Has your club contributed to the District Governor's project? District project

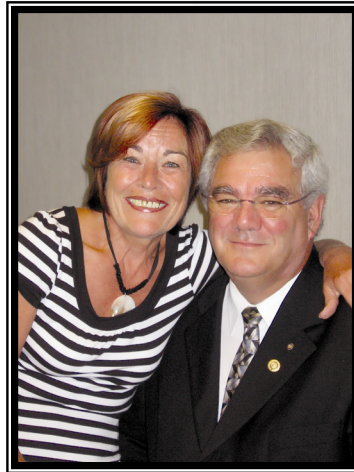
in Togo, Africa to help children get a better education.

If you have already participated in all seven points, you can prepare for next year. I can dream but I know that no club has realized all objectives so far.

The District is there to answer all your questions, do not hesitate to use it.

May all your dreams come true!

Yves Fecteau, DG 2008-2009

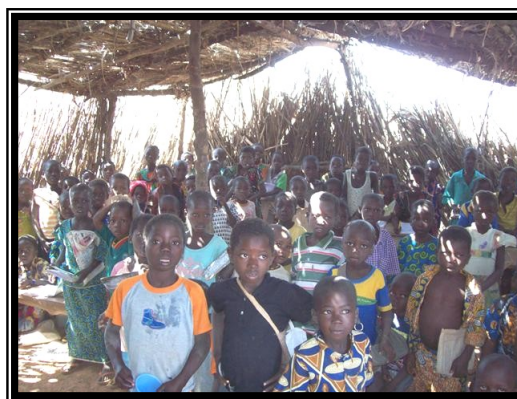


District project 2008-2009

Last November, I went to Togo in Africa with the intention of finding out how our District project could help the Togolese children get a better education. And I discovered that the needs were enormous. Togo is a country with no important natural resources and there is nothing we can do to improve the situation and help create jobs. Most of the people work for the state for very low salaries; others work for volunteer organizations. On the other hand, it is a peaceful country. During my stay I visited five of the fifty primary schools and one of the three secondary schools. I could figure out what was missing : school books, school supplies, desks, clothes. Some teachers were not even paid. After discussing with the leaders and local Rotarians, we agreed on a project to be done step by step. We would help children from primary and secondary schools as well as a group of women who have a sewing cooperative (microcredit loan).

Here is a list of what they need :

Furniture	35,000\$
Didactic material	2,000\$
Teachers' books	2,000\$
Textbooks	27,000\$
School supplies	9,000\$



Supplies for secondary schools	23,000\$
Clothes & School bags	25,000\$
Total	123,000\$

We should also include on that list salaries for teachers who have not been paid since last September. We hope that by providing schools with the required equipment primary schoolchildren will love to learn and will want to continue to a higher level of education. Recently, from 24,000 students attending primary school, only 9,000 showed up to the next level. We also would like to start a cooperative that could continue our work in the future. Many thanks. DG Yves Fecteau

Youth Exchange Program 2008-2009

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Again, this year, District 7790 is proud to rely on Rotarians and be sure that the Youth Exchange Program is under good care. In 2008-09, the District gave the opportunity to 17 youths to go to foreign countries and live a wonderful cultural experience for a year.

Seventeen students from Europe, Asia and South America were welcomed by sponsor clubs and host families; they are from such countries as Mexico (2), Germany (2), Finland, Argentina, Taiwan, Brazil (3), Austria and Chile. In 2009, 2010, the district will sponsor 18 students.

Clubs interested to learn more about the Youth Exchange Program can contact District Youth Exchange Chair Patrice Boudreau (patbou@ccapcable.com) for Quebec and Bruce Cole (bcole@midcoast.com) for Maine.

Information on Short term Exchanges:

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(On the picture, we can see the 2008-2009 Inbound students sponsored by Quebec clubs)



District Conference 2009 Trois-Rivières —May 15 to 17

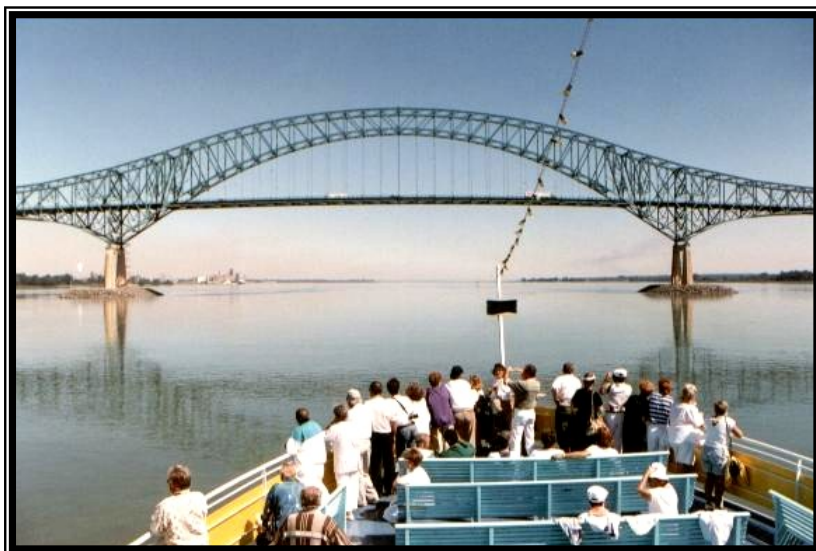


Trois-Rivières is located on the north shore of the Saint-Lawrence River precisely at the mouth of the St-Maurice. This river before flowing into the St. Lawrence forms three channels – that is why Trois-Rivières got its name.

Directly on the river, downtown Trois-Rivières by its charm and typical features invites to many cultural and historical festivities through its numerous attractions : bars, cafés, restaurants, promenade on the river, art galleries and music.

The District Conference will be held at the Trois-Rivières Delta Hotel from May 15 to 17 2009. DG Yves Fecteau and the Conference organizing committee invite you to reserve the dates to attend this important Rotary event : training, motivation and Rotary friendships will be there for you!

You should be receiving soon all the information regarding registration, hotel reservations and entertainment.



Sylvia Plourde, DGE
2009-2010



Sylvia was born and raised in Lewiston, Maine

Sylvia has joined the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club in 1996. She holds a Bachelor of Education with a specialty in accounting and a Bachelor degree in administration from University of Maine

She has been the Club president in 2002-2003. In 2003-2004 she was Polio Plus committee Chair for 25 Maine clubs. In 2004-2005, she had been Group Study Exchange Team leader in France. She was also Group Study Exchange Chair in District 7790 in 2005-2008.

From 2006 to 2008, she has been Assistant District Governor for Zone 11 in Maine.

She is a Paul Harris Fellow and RI Foundation Benefactress.

Sylvia accepted to replace Peter Garrett as DGE . Unfortunately , Peter had to resign due to health problems.

.Our best wishes to Sylvia and a quick recovery to Peter.

District 7790: Our membership

IN MEMORIAM

It is with sadness that we have learned the death of two Rotarians from our District.

Dr. Gilbert Bérubé from the Beauceville Club passed away on July 20, 2008 at the age of 71.

Rotarian Donat Gilbert from Club St-Georges passed away on August 3, 2008 at the age of 90.

The two Rotarians served their club and Rotary with passion and generosity for many years.

Each of them held functions in their respective clubs and participated actively to the District activities.

We all know that our members are very important and that it is everyone's responsibility to make sure that fellowship is present in our clubs. Our members must feel they are useful and participating in keeping our clubs alive. If our members are happy, they will be able to share that happiness and bring in new members so that Rotary and its Foundation can pursue and succeed in achieving its/our goals. Rotary's survival depends on membership!

In September, District 7790 along with its two Membership Chairs Peter Garrett for Maine and Stéphane LeBlond for Quebec organized two seminars on Membership to talk about recruiting, retention and creating new clubs. By a beautiful sunny day of September, DG Yves with Claire, members from Auburn Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor, Bangor Area, Bar Harbor, Ellsworth, Farmington, Lewiston-Auburn, Old Town, Unity Waterville, Waterville Sunrise, West Bay and Winthrop gathered in Waterville to share why they became Rotarians, why they are still Rotarians and why they are so eager to find ways to convince friends and relatives to join.

Then, it was Quebec's turn with members from Club de Québec, Québec Centre, Québec-Limoilou, Québec-Val-Bélair, Chicoutimi, Rivière-du-Loup, Ste-Foy, St-Nicolas-Chutes de la Chaudière, Beauport, Rimouski, Trois-Rivières, Thetford Mines and guests from District 7850 to meet in Quebec City. How did you find out about Rotary, who invited you to join, and why are you still a member, were among the questions that were discussed.

Two interesting meetings where the importance of recruiting was very well understood by all attendees. Thanks to all who have chosen to give time and energy to help Rotary be the great organization it is meant to be - since its creation more than 100 years ago!

PDG Elaine Toussaint

Regional Rotary International Membership Coordinator – Zone 22 (24) - RRIMC

Important dates

February 23: Rotary Anniversary

March 20-21: PETS (St-Georges-de-Beauce)

May: GSE team from Gernany in town (Maine & Quebec)

May 15-17: District Conference (Trois-Rivières)

June 21-24 : International Conference Birmingham (UK)

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