

DISTRICT 7790



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Claude Martel
District Gouvernor 2010-2011

Governor's message

(Excerpt from speech pronounced in Lewiston Saturday May 22nd 2010.)

« First I would like to tell you that this is an honour and a privilege for me as Governor 2010-2011 to serve you, clubs and members of District 7790. This is with humility that I have accepted the role of Governor, because the responsibilities of the District Governor are very important and the expectations of the clubs are often high. All my years in the Rotary and the District have taught me that a Governor can't do anything alone. He needs the help of a team and committees to response to all the requests of the clubs. It is with great conviction that the Assistants-governors and the committees have accepted to support me in order to serve you and answer all your needs.

In the Rotary, it takes leaders, changing agents, passionate people who want to improve their community in the respect and tolerance of the differences. It will be these kinds of Rotarians by your side next year.

At this moment I wish to thank the members of my club, Rotary Quebec-Val-Belair, for their trust in me and their unconditional support that they give me in order to accomplish my responsibilities of Governor to the best of my knowledge during next year. I say "the best of my knowledge » because like you : I am an ordinary person, but by, working in team with the same vision and the same conviction, we'll accomplish extraordinary actions. My personal motto: Do the best you can with the resources and the time you have. I firmly believe that if each of us in our clubs and in

our respective committees give the best of ourselves, together we'll accomplish great things in 2010-2011 and we will be proud of it."

Our international President 2010-2011

Mr Ray Klingensmith :



The theme of this year «BUILDING COMMUNITIES AND BRIDGING CONTINENTS». Our District is already applying this theme. We have noted this fact during the District conference in May (EGE Reunion Island and Maurice Island, Exchange Youth Program including 20 different countries, 17 visits of French Crest Rotarians and their spouses, District 1780). Our Governor Mr Claude Martel wishes to reinforce the bonds between all the clubs of District 7790 and bring them together, by being to the service of the clubs and our members. He wants to remind us that he is available with his two co-ordinators and the assistants-governors, PP Christopher Gaunce of Waterville club, for Maine, PP Marco Lemieux of Quebec-Val-Belair club, for Quebec. Many assistants accepted to assist in the accomplishment of this mandate : Mr Norman Angell, Mrs Marie Roberge, Mrs Sophie Ouellet, Mrs Mireille Rondy, Mrs Doris Bellemarre, Mr Mark Remick, Mr Stephen Johnson, Mrs Roberta Walker, Mr Larry Marcoux, Mr Clift Hannon and Mr Steve « Al » Feather. Claude sincerely thanks them and hopes that you will not hesitate to ask for their help and advises. Claude is already excited to go and meet with you in your respective clubs.

District 7790

Our district est particular. It includes a vast territory constituted of a land strip situated between the cities of Lewiston in Maine to Bar Harbor, on the Atlantic coast, on American side, between the cities of Trois-Rivières and Sept-Iles, including the region of Saguenay-Lac St-Jean and St-Laurent south shore all the way to New-Richmond, on the Quebec side. Our District accounts for two capitals : Augusta, capital of the State of Maine in United-States, and Quebec, capital of the province of Quebec in Canada; therefore, two languages are spoken, English and French. Our District includes 52 clubs, 29 in Quebec et 23 in Maine, regrouping close to 1850 members as of June 1st 2010.



The District Conference took place in Lewiston, Maine, on May 21st to 23rd 2010. We had the privilege to hear Mr Robert Menconi, Past RI Director, member of the Rotary Davie-Cooper club from Florida, which represented the President of Rotary International, Mr John Kenny. Mr Robert Menconi is a Rotarian since 1979. He was accompanied by his spouse Monica. He generously shared with us his vast experience of the « Rotarian family ».



The General Assembly confirmed the nomination of Mr Claude Martel as Gouverneur for the year 2010-2011 as well as the nominations of Me Louis M. Lavoie, lawyer, as District secretary and of Mrs Lyne St-Arnaud, chartered accountant, as District treasury. All three are members of Quebec-Val-Bélair Club.



The dynamic presence of the young people of the Youth Exchange Program was felt at the District conference. Two of them, Mr Tobias Ertl of Austria and Mrs Daina Sidaras of England gave us the pleasure of hearing them play in duet the piano and violin during Saturday dinner's gala.



Mr Robert Menconi and Mrs Sylvia Plourde reward Mr **Steve « Al » Feather**, responsible of Youth-Exchange Program with a plaque in recognition of his nomination as Rotarian of the year 2009-2010 for the District 7790. All are congratulations to « Al ».

At the District Conference ,
There is not only meeting,
There is also place for relaxation.



MASKED BALL



DANCING NIGHT



CLASSIC CONCERT



A special thanks to Mrs Sylvia Plourde (already PDG!!!) for all her accomplishment in our District during her mandate.

She works without a break for our District, for our clubs and for our members who are being part of it. Congratulation and tanks to all her team.



International Conference 2010

The Rotary International conference took place this year in Montreal, on June 20th to 23rd 2010. It was for all of us a privilege that this major event of the Rotary International was held so near from our home. Many Rotarians of our District participated in this celebration. We can't wait to update you with a short resume in our next issue.

THE GOALS OF OUR GOUVERNOR CLAUDE MARTEL FOR THE YEAR 2010-2011

1- Leadership plan:

« In the clubs, the participation of the members has to bring to them the effect of belonging and pride. To realise that, the clubs have to be sure of their conduct and have to endow clear and precise goals, known and shared by all the members”.

Claude quotes our President International Mr Ray Klingensmith : « We have to pass in review our traditional practices and not hesitate to make new ones, more efficient. »

Claude invites us to dare. « You shall not be afraid. You shall be ambitious, visionary and aim high. Also sometimes, you have to take risk, this will be your club’s heritage. »

2- Membership

Since 6 years, the number of membership in our District is decreasing (300) pass from 2 200 to 1 900. Less members mean less services to the community, less revenue for the club, for the District, the Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. We have to welcome new generations and create new bonds with them. We’ll realise that they have a lots to teach us. There are hundreds of people waiting for our invitation. We must dare to ask them. We have to create new clubs that responds to the values of those young professionals and think about new ways of doing our weekly meetings. A club in action and motivated keeps his members. Also, we have to create new Interact and Rotaract clubs.

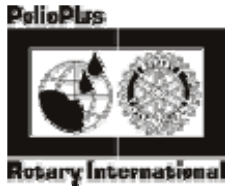
3- Rotary Foundation

The Vision Plan for the future will be in force officially in 2013-2014. One hundred (100) Districts have been selected for 2010-2013 to test the new formula. This plan has the specific purpose to make the Foundation more efficient and decreased administrative weight. During the next 3 years, formations will be given for us to be prepared..

Claude invites us to contribute to the EREY program (one donation a year) with the goal of 100\$ per member. He gives also to all the clubs a contribution goal of 1 000\$ per club at Polio Plus (100\$ for the clubs of less then 10 members).

HIS STRATEGIC PLAN

Claude also gave area goals to the assistants-gouverneurs : Commons and/or complementary activities and goals, publish the Rotary's presence, PHF-Benefactors, Rotary programs YEP and RYLA, partners in international projects, international disasters Haiti – Chili..., presidential citation and the Governor's citation.



DISTRICT PROJECT

In 2010-2011, it's the 2nd year of the 3 years program engaged in the town of Cojimies in Ecuador. It's the carrying out of the project engaged in 2004 by the PDG Gary Walker (3 wells and one water tower and supply a part of the town with drinkable water). This year we'll bring drinkable water to a new area of the town that was not deserved yet. During PETS 2010, 29 clubs have confirmed their commitments to this project for 28 500\$. We need approximately 90 000\$. The District 7790 Foundation and the Rotary International Foundation will add 25 000\$ each. With the enthusiasm of the District clubs, our Governor is convinced that we will succeed together in changing the world there, in Ecuador.

ACCORDING BILL GATES :

« THE ROTARY IS THE BEST ORGANISATION IN THE WORLD. »

BE PROUD AND HONOURED TO BE PART OF IT.

GOOD ROTARIAN YEAR 2010 – 2011 !