

# ROTARY ANCHOR



**New London Rotary Club**  
**District 7980 Club 6741**  
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"America's Tall Ship" USCG Barque *Eagle*

2010/2011 Rotary Theme

**Meeting Thursday January 27, 2011**  
**New London AM Group 7am Thursdays!**

## Jan 27 Scroll of Naska author talk (Martin Shapiro)

Feb 3 Employee of the Year - Denny Hicks

<b>Reporters:</b>	Jan 27	Mark Patnode
	Feb 3	Lorraine Allen
<b>Greeter:</b>	Jan 27	Julia Kushigian Secor
	Feb 3	Dave Goebel
<b>Invocation:</b>	Jan 27	Mary Lenzini
	Feb 3	Leon Lehrer
<b>Song Leader</b>	Jan 27	Chris Neilan
	Feb 3	Millie Devine
<b>Birthdays</b>	Jan 29	Millie Devine
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Feb 2	Myron Hendel & Rita

A letter from Past Vice President Abe Gordon to our district Rotarian Cathy Forsberg. We are fortunate to have Cathy and Mike in our area of the world working on pure water initiatives.

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January 14, 2011

Dear Cathy:

A dozen years ago I was honored by our Rotary District 7980 when they created an award for International Service in my name. In 2008 I was truly honored when you were named to be the recipient of that award because of the outstanding service you and Mike have given - and continue to give - in providing pure water in India. At the time of your award you and Mike made a vow that if you could find the strength and funds to do another village in India you would do so and "name" it for me. A grand gesture which I did not believe could be done. I was wrong.

This project is not an easy one as it requires continuous travel to India, arranging for the construction and erection of the water purification systems, education of the residents not only in the use of the facilities but also in sanitation generally. This is an incredible undertaking. I am so proud of you and Mike.

In today's mail I received a photo book from you with many pictures of "my" village of Hodalavadi, Kolar Tq., in India showing the bio-sand water purifiers in place. The water purifiers are there to be seen as are the many smiling faces of the residents. They are apparently grateful to you for the ability to have pure water for their daily needs, free of the potential diseases of diarrhea, malaria, dysentery, and more. *You have achieved another miracle.* I was especially impressed with the "before" and "after" photos of dirty, contaminated water and the pure water. You have created the gift of good health.

We Rotarians often say that we help people who we will never meet and who will never meet us. This is one time when the beneficiaries have met the two of you and their joy - and yours - is apparent from the glow which shows through the photos.

To help you with your next village to have pure water I enclose a check. I am asking our Rotary Governor to publicize what you have done so that other Rotarians and our many Rotary Clubs can join with you so that you can continue to be the Pied Piper for Clean Water in India. We all benefit as we live in aura of your shadow. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Abraham I. Gordon

## Rotary Program from December 30, 2010

By Barry Runyan



PDG Rick Benson has been a Rotarian since 1989 in the Westport, CT club. He was Club President from 1994-1995, served 6 terms as Assistant District Governor, and served as District Governor from 2008-2009. He currently serves as District Foundation Area Representative, Coordinator, and Webmaster. Rick is a Major Donor, Bequest Society Member, and Paul Harris Society Member.

Currently, District 7980 is a pilot district for the implementation of "Future Vision." Consequently, Rick's purpose in talking to the club was to give a brief history of The Rotary Foundation, its new genesis in "Future Vision," and why "Future Vision" came about. Specific information on "Future Vision" can be found by visiting [www.ctrotary.org](http://www.ctrotary.org) or [www.rotary7980.org](http://www.rotary7980.org).

The Rotary Foundation is the largest philanthropic organization in the world. One of the most notable projects of The Rotary Foundation is the world-wide eradication of polio. While now under control in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria, there have been new flare-ups of the disease, most notably in Tajikistan. The Foundation has grown significantly over the past 50 years. From 1965 to 2000, there were 10,000 matching grants awarded. However, it only took from 2000 to 2004 to award another 10,000, and then another 10,000 from 2004 to 2008.

In anticipation of The Rotary Foundation's 100-year anniversary in 2017, the Trustees set out to develop a plan to move the Foundation toward its second century of service. The "Future Vision" Plan updates the Foundation's mission and creates a more effective and efficient way to help Rotarians develop diverse projects with greater impact and sustainable outcomes. 100 pilot districts will give "Future Vision" a 3 year test from 2010 to 2013, with full implementation across Rotary International on July 1, 2013.

The new mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Future Vision Plan is designed to simplify Foundation programs and processes consistent with the mission; focus Rotarian service efforts where they will have the greatest impact by addressing priority world needs that are relevant to Rotarians; offer program options to help achieve both global and local goals; increase the sense of ownership at the district and club levels by transferring more decisions to the districts; gain greater understanding of The Rotary Foundation's work and enhance Rotary's public image.

Areas of focus toward which grant requests must be directed are peace and conflict prevention/resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and economic and community development. PDG Rick concluded his presentation by talking about the importance and responsibility of Club Foundation Chairs. Bill Schmidt is the Foundation Chair for the New London Rotary Club. To inquire further about the Rotary Foundation or "Future Vision," you may email [futurevision@rotary.org](mailto:futurevision@rotary.org) or [contact.center@rotary.org](mailto:contact.center@rotary.org).