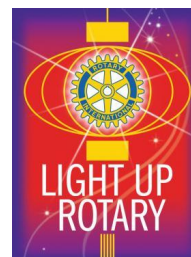


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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

By Val Callahan



Thank you all for your kind hospitality. It has been a delight to visit your Clubs. Thus far, I have gone to **86 percent of the Clubs** and have plans to visit all the rest before the snow sets in, to make driving dangerous.

One of the most exciting things has been to observe the creative ways that you are attracting, retaining and engaging new members. We discussed these methods at our recent **Membership Forum**, which was attended by **77 Rotarian leaders** throughout the District. Thank you to our Membership Chair, Dr. **Satya Mitra**, PhD, and the keynote speaker, Past District Governor **John S. Hall II**, for making this an outstanding Forum. In addition, thank you to all of our panel leaders, panelists and attendees for contributing to the success of this event.

Our next major District event is the **Foundation Forum** on **November 5** at the **Beechwood Hotel** in Worcester. Mark your calendar. This promises to be an elegant affair. A portion of your ticket price will be underwritten by our District. Ask your Club to pay for the ticket for your President and Foundation Chair. Also, we will give out **10 Paul Harris Fellow Awards** to the Clubs that provide the certificate to us. We will also present the **Major Donor awards** and **Bequest Awards** to recent recipients. Kindly let us know of the recent recipients in your Club.

Another exciting occasion will be the arrival of the **GSE team from Italy** to our district in May 2015, just in time for our Conference. In June 2015, we will send a **Friendship Exchange team to Italy**. If you are interested in being a **team leader, participant or host**, please contact **Indira Desai** of the **Rotary Club of Newton** at <http://bit.ly/1wNYct8>

We are going to relaunch the **Rotary Club of Auburn** and I am counting on your help. Stay tuned.

In the meantime, thank you for your time, talent and treasure in making District 7910 one of the most successful Districts in Zone 32.

You may contact me at Valentine.Callahan@gmail.com.

District 7910 'Best Club Award' Application: Your chance to show off your good work

By Klaus Hachfeld

Each year, our District Governor recognizes the **Best Club in District 7910** by presenting the **Best Club Bell** during the **District Conference** to a Club that comes out on top. The recognition is based on a point system calculated by a spreadsheet (see below).

The Bell is made available on loan to that Club for its use at meetings and special events for the following 12 months. The two runners-up are also recognized by receiving a special patch to attach to their Club banner.

Now is the time to review your Club's activities and see how you can make changes, to be in the running for these prestigious recognitions. You can download a **Microsoft Excel spreadsheet** (<http://bit.ly/1qygF7o>), which calculates your score when you enter your information into the yellow cells. You can also download a **PDF file** (<http://bit.ly/1ust4kN>), which serves the same purpose. While the Excel file will do calculations for you, the PDF file will not.

Please complete either form and e-mail it to me with copy to our Co-Chair, PDG **Bob Cassidy**, at rac011846@comcast.net by **April 15, 2015**.



Klaus Hachfeld is a past governor of District 7910 and a member of the Rotary Club of Sturbridge. You may contact him at laserklaus@gmail.com.

NICview Update

By Ron Goodenow, PhD

NICview, now renamed to **NICU Webcams**, was an exciting joint venture between District 7910 Rotary Clubs and a successful pre-natal program at **UMass Memorial Hospital** and **UMass Medical School**, both in Worcester. The effort was directed by Dr. **Alan Picarillo**, MD, during the 2013-14 Rotary year.

The webcams, provided with the help of Rotary, allowed parents and friends of young babies and their families to view the child 24/7 from anywhere in the world. This local Worcester project has now impacted family members in more than 200 Massachusetts towns, 47 states, 30 countries and five continents.



The following depiction tells much of the story:



13 Rotary Clubs
Donated Cameras:

- Worcester
- Shrewsbury
- Southbridge
- Uxbridge
- Westborough
- Wachusett Area
- Marlborough
- Marlborough Rotaract
- Montachusett Area
- Hudson
- Leominster
- Fitchburg
- Sturbridge

8 Rotary Club Co-Sponsors
Donated Cameras:

- United Lens
- Southbridge Savings Bank
- EvvGirl Foundation
- Marlborough Savings Bank
- Bay State Savings Bank
- Webster Five
- Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare
- The Guru Tax & Financial Services

49 Incubators /Cameras
6 Existed/Upgraded
43 Rotary & Co-Sponsors

Look carefully at the above graphic and you will learn some fine lessons. One of the greatest is that coalitions of Rotarians, Rotaractors, businesses and a private foundation banded together to support the project. In so, they doing created excitement, new members and much more. NICview enthusiasm was evident at the celebratory UMass Gala last March 13, sponsored by UMass Medical School. Visit <http://bit.ly/1vjgGBx> to enjoy photos of the event.

Where do we go from here? The project has expanded beyond District 7910.



Ron Goodenow is a member of the Rotary Club of Westborough, past president of the Rotary Club of Northborough and web editor of NICviewRotary.org. You may contact him at ron.goodenow@gmail.com.

Rotary In 100 Seconds

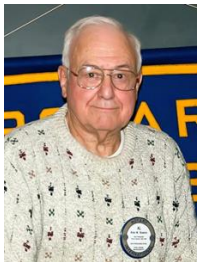
By Alan Bowers

Rotary Foundation chairs: Please present 100 Seconds to your members each meeting using as examples of short paragraphs, several of which are shown, below. Visit <http://bit.ly/1pelpyn> for the complete set of examples.

- Clubs in our District enjoyed grants from the RI Foundation: Athol/Orange sponsored a cancer survivor project. Brookline joined Boston in a literacy project. And Bedford provided their community with a bicycle safety training and helmet program. Every Rotarian every year. Thank You.
- Worcester Hospital was the beneficiary of a healing garden from the Worcester clubs

sponsorship. And the Franklin Rotary club led an effort to restore a town War Memorial with the aid of a foundation grant, while Southboro got a refrigerator for the food pantry. Every Rotarian every year. Thank You.

- Your annual donation of \$100 to the Rotary foundation can assist local projects. Peace and vocational training for Gardner parents, Dictionary project in Leominster and Worcester, coats for the needy in Uxbridge, a joint project for the Concord River Boater and Stewardship Trail Map for the Concord and Bedford clubs. Those are your dollars at work in our district. Every Rotarian every year – Thank you.
- With a Rotary foundation grant, the Nashoba Area club led a domestic violence education program; the Brookline club provided a computer to the mental health center, and Waltham Rotarians worked with Rotaract on a Soccer project for their community. Every Rotarian every year. Thank you.
- The Rotary Foundation is a strategic partner with “Mercy Ships.” The Foundation offers Rotary clubs and districts global grants to assemble training teams and medical professionals. The Jacksonville Florida club partnered with the Rotary club of Monrovia, Liberia to support eye and facial surgeries for more than 1,200 patients. That is your \$100 working. “Every Rotarian Every Year.” Thank you for making a difference.
- Examples of projects within our District include: Food pantry in Dedham; dictionary project in Natick; Northboro’s Child Car Seat project; Acton’s Heating Oil Assistance project; and Waltham’s Kindergarten Lending Library. That is your \$100 at work right here in our District. EREY and Thanks.



Alan Bowers is the Foundation Committee chair for the Rotary Club of Athol-Orange, and a member of District 78910’s Foundation Committee. You may contact him at TheBowers2@verizon.net.

Spotlight On An Outstanding Rotarian: Sanjay Deshpande of RC Wachusett Area



Sanjay Deshpande (shown, second from right) had an early introduction to the Rotary way of life. He was the charter Secretary of the **Interact Club of Hyderabad**, India in 1966-‘67. Then, he became the charter President of the **Rotaract Club of Hyderabad** for 1968-‘69, the second year after Rotaract was established by Rotary International.

In 1970-‘71, Sanjay was elected District Representative (equivalent of District Governor now), but RI had yet to approve the DG office for Rotaract, which was only the fourth year of Rotaract’s existence for District 315, now is now

District 3150. During that year, the number of Rotaract Clubs in D315 grew from seven to 18 and he visited all of them. This was in spite of D315’s boundaries stretching 400 miles north-south and 300 miles east-west over two states.

While community service offered plenty of opportunities locally, and many small projects with that focus were undertaken, international service always appealed to Sanjay. Therefore, he supported several projects to make life in Hyderabad easier for the foreign students who were studying in India - mostly from African and Middle-Eastern countries.

After completing his BS (Chemical Engineering) degree from Osmania University in Hyderabad, India in 1973, Sanjay came to the United States and studied at UCLA for his MS (Engineering) in 1976 and MBA in 1977. He moved to Philadelphia in 1977 and married Smita in 1980. They have a daughter, Ankita. He then moved to Chicago, Atlanta and Chicago (again) for work, and finally set down roots in 2003 in Reading. While he has always lived his life the Rotary way - service above self, the Four-Way Test and doing good in the world - he did not join Rotary in the U.S. until 2004.

Sanjay joined the [Rotary Club of West Reading/Wyomissing](#) in 2004. He focused on international service right away, completing a matching grant in 2005 and then securing for [District 7430](#) a very rare 3H project in 2008.

The project focused on villages in India that needed to harvest rainwater, to provide clean water to the inhabitants. Easy access to water then allowed the villagers to focus on other uses for their time, such as literacy projects.

Sanjay's work at [EnerSys](#), one of the world's largest industrial battery companies, became integral to part of this 3H project, when the company was determining ways to provide lighting to the villages in India. As part of the project he introduced solar lights, since there was no other light source at night.

Sanjay has served on District 7430's Matching Grants Committee for the last eight years. He has been the D7430 DGSC twice. He is a proud contributor to The Rotary Foundation because he believes the Foundation is admirably doing good in the world.

In 2013, Sanjay was awarded **The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service**. This recognizes individual Rotarians who have demonstrated outstanding active service to the Rotary Foundation for more than one year.

After retiring from EnerSys in 2012, Sanjay and Smita moved to Boylston in 2013 and his membership was transferred to the [Wachusett Area Rotary Club](#) (WARC). Sanjay is presently president and CEO of [BST Systems Inc.](#) in Plainfield, CT. BST is a small, private battery company focused on safe, high-energy silver-zinc batteries for aerospace and defense application.

At District 7910, Sanjay has been active in the Rotary Foundation activities. He is the Club Foundation Chair and the District Grant Team Leader for Area C. At WARC, he has led the Club's 2014-'15 District Grant and Global Grant projects. In D7910, Sanjay and Smita are the District's **newest Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation** (see article, below).

Major Donors Hall of Fame

The following **Rotary Club members** within **District 7910** are **Major Donors**, meaning each one has donated a total of at **least \$10,000** to [The Rotary Foundation](#). They are shown in alphabetical order, by Club name.

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- **Acton:** Carol M. Toomey
- **Acton:** Edith A. Hill
- **Ayer:** Norman D. Tucker Jr.
- **Ayer:** Peter C. Burk and Karen M. Burk
- **Bedford:** Lawrence H. Carlton
- **Bedford:** Milan Jackson
- **Bedford:** Nathaniel K. Brown and Judith R. Brown
- **Bedford:** Ralph M. Hammond and Jean O. Hammond
- **Bedford:** Susanna M. Natti
- **Concord:** David J. Winstanley
- **Concord:** Middlesex Savings Bank
- **Concord:** Thomas R. Huckins
- **Fitchburg:** Ashwin Patel
- **Fitchburg:** Bharti Bhakta
- **Fitchburg:** Marcia D. Bellermand
- **Fitchburg East:** Carol L. Schwarzer and Peregrin F. Schwarzer
- **Fitchburg East:** Ralph P. Fortin
- **Framingham:** Richard E. Manelis and Ardis Manelis
- **Gardner:** James O. Garrison
- **Leominster:** Ashwin Patel Mr. Patel
- **Leominster:** Victor Bhakta
- **Littleton:** Carol L. Schwarzer and Peregrin F. Schwarzer
- **Lowell:** Doris D. Williams
- **Lowell:** Ernest G. Dixon Jr. and Jacqueline Dixon
- **Maynard:** Winfield W. Bemis and Marion E. Bemis
- **Milford:** Vera Cassinelli
- **Nashoba Valley:** Carol M. Toomey
- **Needam:** Richard D. Burnham
- **Needham:** Ted Shaughnessy Jr. and Marilyn Shaughnessy
- **Neponset Valley:** Thomas R. Polito Jr.
- **Newton:** Richard T. Hardaway
- **Southboro:** Richard F. Dietz Jr.
- **Southboro:** Robert Paul Tallman
- **Sturbridge:** Lorraine H. Herbert
- **Wachusett Area:** Sanjay and Smita Deshpande
- **Wellesley:** John A. Robbins
- **Wellesley:** Robert Paul Tallman
- **Westboro:** Alfred E. Horka and Jean L. Horka

- **Westboro:** Lawrence Ware and Evelyn Ware
- **Westboro:** Milton H. Steen and Berit A. Steen
- **Weston:** Gregory & Letitia Cooper Trust
- **Weston:** Stanley M. Lewis
- **Westwood:** Alexander A. Courtney Sr.
- **Worcester:** Edward C. Hall and Dottie Hall
- **Worcester:** Valentine Callahan

GEMINI Beer & Wine Tasting On October 8 In Westborough



Beer & Wine 

Tasting

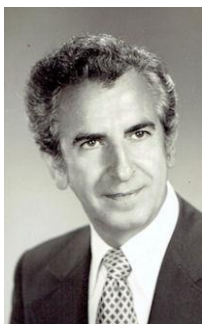
In support of the
Global Emergency Medicine Initiative (GEMINI)



A fun, elegant evening sampling a delectable variety of beer and wine paired with delicious appetizers

The [Rotary Club of Westborough](#) will host a [GEMINI Beer & Wine Tasting interclub social](#) on Wednesday, **October 8** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at **Westborough Country Club**. It will be a fun, elegant evening, sampling a delectable variety of beer and wine paired with delicious appetizers. **Tickets are \$20** per person. They may be purchased [online](#) through **Julio's Liquors** and will be available at the door. For more information, check the [event flyer](#) or contact **Don Bouffard** at BouffardD@WestboroughRotary.org.

Our Deepest Sympathy



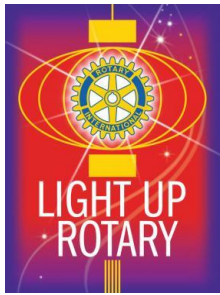
District 7910 extends our heartfelt condolences to the family of **John Markarian**, a longtime, active member of the **Rotary Club of Westwood**. He passed away peacefully on August 9 at his home in Foxboro, surrounded by his loving family. Visit <http://bit.ly/1vkEiF4> for his obituary.

Speakers Who Have Presented At District 7910 Rotary Clubs



- **Speaker:** Lindsay Morand, great niece of E.B. White, who was author of "Charlotte's Web," and president of [E.B. White Memorabilia Inc.](#)
- **Subject:** Life history of E.B. White
- **Rotary Club Presentations To Date:**
 - [Montachusett Area](#) (9/18/14)
 - [Fitchburg](#) (9/23/14)
- **Contact:** 978-697-7951; Lindsay@EBWhiteNiece.com

Save The Dates



- **Oct. 24 & 25: Purple Pinky for Polio**
- **Nov. 1: Rotary Leadership Institute**, Holiday Inn, Boxborough
- **Nov. 1: Rotary UN Day **SOLD OUT****
- **Nov. 5: Foundation Forum**, Beechwood Hotel, Worcester
- **Dec. 7: Holiday Party**, Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston

For More Information



Questions? Have something you want to share? Contact Governor **Val Callahan** at Valentine.Callahan@gmail.com. To learn more **about District 7910**, visit our [website](#), and join us online at [Facebook](#), [Google+](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).



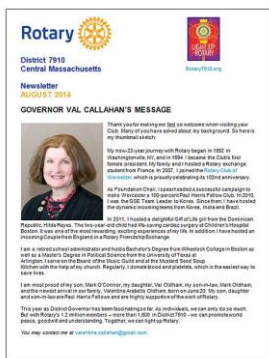
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