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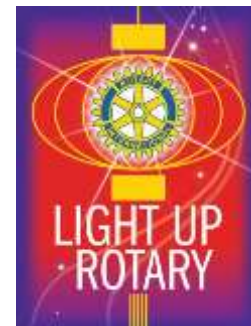
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Governor's Message: Outstanding District Conference

By Val Callahan

What an outstanding District Conference we had! Assistant Governor **Satya Mitra** of the Worcester club introduced Rotary International Representative and Past District Governor **Deepa Willingham** (*shown, below right, on the right with me during the event*), who electrified the audience with three wonderful speeches. Her first speech told about her school in **Piyali Junction, West Bengal, India**, where District 7910 is doing a Global Grant. She also addressed the plight of women and children living in poverty around the world, and explained various levels of poverty. ([Click here](#) for **photos** and **videos** of the District Conference by **Skip Doyle, Ron Goodenow** and **Steve Jones-D'Agostino**.)



Congratulations to **John Peterson** (*shown, left*) of the Billerica club, who won Rotary International's **Citation for Meritorious Service**, and to Past District Governor **Mike Razza** (*shown, right, at podium*) of the **Westwood** club, who won RI's **Service Above Self Award**. Mike is the fifth Rotarian in our district to receive that prestigious award. Eleven members of Mike's family were on hand to help us all celebrate his distinguished award. PDG **Doug Detweiler** of the **Concord** club spoke eloquently about Mike's many accomplishments throughout his Rotary journey. In the next issue, I'll have details and photos of the three D7910



Best Club Award winners and three RI **Presidential Citation** recipients: the Rotary clubs of **Concord, Bedford** and **Nashoba Valley**.

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THE FIX IS **FREE** AT THE REPAIR CAFE

Most items are welcome, but we specialize in mendable clothing, lamps, small appliances, bikes, toys, jewelry, outdoor power equipment, and dull blades. If your item needs a part, save time and bring the new part with you.

Enjoy a free drink and a snack, have fun, and work with a volunteer to repair your broken item.

For information or to volunteer:
www.nashobarotary.org, www.boltonlocal.org,
www.repaircafe.org,
www.facebook.com/nashobarotary

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You know all about the small print, right? But our small print says the same thing as our big print: There is no charge...really! You just pay for any needed parts.

An all-volunteer project of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley with support from Bolton Local

May 30, 2015
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Davis Hall at the
First Parish of
Bolton Church

673 Main Street
Bolton, MA.

Please park and
enter at the rear of
the building.



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We were treated to a delightful presentation by our Global Student Exchange Team from District 2060 in Northeast Italy. GSE Chair **Indira Desai** (*not shown*) of the **Newton** club introduced the Team leader **Elisabetta Fabbri** (*third from left*) and her wonderful colleagues: **Giuliano Bordigato** (*second from left*), **Caterina Boschetti** (*second from right*), **Philipp Breitenberger** (*far left*) and **Katia Carron** (*far right*). They discussed their careers and their district in Italy in an informative and entertaining presentation. They are shown posing with **Deepa Willingham** (*center*) and me (*third from right*).



Shown, front, left to right: Richard and Deepa Willingham, and WPI Rotaractors Rita Newman, Mike Figueroa and Nithin Das. Shown, rear, left to right, are: Val Callahan, Carl Gomes, and Satya Mitra.

Prior to the presentation by the **Rotaract Club of Worcester Polytechnic Institute**, **Deepa Willingham** told a moving story of a child crippled by disease transported by contaminated water. This was a fitting way to introduce WPI students **Mike Figueroa** and **Rita Newman**, who are working with a recently obtained Global Grant to help villagers harvest and filter rainwater in a remote village in Guatemala. Introduced by Rotaract Chair **Carl Gomes** of the **Nashoba** club, Mike and Rita did a superb job explaining their project and the vital importance of clean drinking water. Mike will bring his outstanding presentation to the world stage this June at the Rotary International Conference in Sao Paolo, Brazil. ([Click here for video of Mike and Rita's presentation, with an introduction by Deepa.](#))

In the lobby throughout the weekend, we had a **ShelterBox** on display as a visible reminder to folks to donate to ShelterBox in order to help victims of the recent **Nepal earthquakes** (*see story, page 6*).

Also throughout the weekend, PDG **Ralph Hammond** (*shown, right, at far right, in riding shorts*) of the **Bedford** club rode 105 miles on his stationary bike, to raise awareness of **The Rotary Foundation Global Grants**. He did this in the same room where Rotarians bid on items in the Silent Auction. They all cheered Ralph on his journey, which was carefully mapped out in a display he had created.



At the nearby Solomon Pond Mall, 60 Rotarians from the District Conference worked with the **End Hunger New England** meal-packaging service project. That effort, which produced 12,144 packaged meals, was coordinated by PDG **Carol Toomey** of the **Concord** club and Assistant Governor **Steve Sager** of the **Westborough** club (*see photo, page 5*).

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**The Fellowship & Fun Golf League of District 7910
Is Ready to Tee Off!**

*Have fun, meet other Rotarians, and play golf
at courses throughout our District!*

OUR SCHEDULE



Wednesday, June 17, Butter Brook Golf Club, Westford
Hosted by Steve Levitsky, Rotary Club of Concord



Thursday, July 16, Sterling Country Club, Sterling
Hosted by Jean Sifleet, Rotary Club of Clinton



Thursday, August 20, *To Be Determined*



Friday, September 18, Monoosnock Country Club, Leominster
Hosted by John Sbrogna, Rotary Club of Montachusett Area

If interest is high enough, more dates may be added.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Meet Rotarians from other clubs
- Play courses you've heard of, but never before played
- Registration is open to all Rotarians - and your spouses/partners
- Individual golf registrations are accepted because the host will make the pairings of 4-somes
- Space is limited - so payment in advance is required
- Fun ... Fun ... Fun!!!
- Non-golfers are welcome to join for "After-Golf" Fellowship at the "19th hole" - hors d'oeuvres; dinner; drinks on your own

**Interested in participating?
Contact Steve Levitsky at stevey50@aol.com.**

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On Saturday evening, **Ken Harling** (posing on left with me) of the **Worcester** club was presented the **Rotarian of the Year Award** for his 30 years of outstanding, dedicated service to Rotary. Music for both evenings was beautifully performed by the **Jazzed Up** trio led by **Mauro DePasquale**, also of the **Worcester** club. **Deepa Willingham** spoke about membership goals for Rotary International and punctuated her talk with fun facts about Paul Harris and Rotary history.

On both Friday and Saturday nights, Rotarians were treated to food and beverages provided by nine Rotary clubs. Many thanks to the Rotary clubs of **Acton, Boxborough, Brookline, Dracut, Marlborough, Nashoba Valley, Northborough, Southborough** and **Worcester** for their splendid generosity and gracious hospitality.

On Sunday morning, Assistant Governor **Dean Benedict** of the **Concord** club and **Emily Buresh** of the **Worcester** club concelibrated the Memorial Service dedicated to celebrating the lives of 16 Rotarians in D7910 who passed during the past year. All in attendance participated by lighting candles in their honor. We are deeply grateful for their service and know they led the path for the success of our distinguished district.

I am deeply grateful for all of the people who made our District Conference a complete success - especially Conference Chair **Peggie Thorsen** of the **Marlborough** club and District Governor Elect **Jim Fusco** of the **Montachusett Area** club. Jim finalized all of the numerous details while Peggie recuperated from surgery. Thank you a million times!

You may contact me at valentine.callahan@gmail.com.

Here are many of the 60 Rotarians who volunteered to pack meals for End Hunger New England, at the Solomon Pond Mall. They were photographed by Northborough Rotarian **Skip Doyle** (inset), who in turn was photographed by Westborough Rotarian **Ron Goodenow** (on far left of middle area, in tan jacket, holding up camera).





Rotary International District 7910
and the
Rotary Club of the Montachusett Area

Cordially invite you to attend the
Installations of

James A. Fusco

Governor, 2015-2016
Rotary District 7910

Assistant Governors

2015-2016
Rotary District 7910

and the
Installation of

Leslie J. Storrs

President, 2015-2016
Rotary Club of the Montachusett Area

Friday, June 19, 2015

Great Wolf Lodge
150 Great Wolf Drive
Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Reception and Cocktails: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Dinner and Program: 6:30 p.m.
Black Tie Optional
\$35.00 per Person

Great Wolf Lodge is at the intersection of Route 2 and Route 31:
Exit 28 on Route 2.



NEW ENGLAND MINDFUL KIDS



YOGA THON

JUNE 21, 2015

'EVERY CHILD IS A SUPERHERO'

DATE:

June 21, 2015
International Yoga Day!

TIME:

1pm – 5pm EST

LOCATION:

**Worcester State
University**

John Coughlin Memorial Field

OUR VISION

Raise awareness of mindfulness and yoga across New England by creating an annual event in support of Ivy Child's mission to help communities flourish.

DETAILS

Through multicultural programs and workshops, participants will have a chance to learn different yoga styles through a 'YOGA-DVENTURE AROUND THE WORLD'. Featured fun also includes multicultural entertainment and food, vendor tables, and interactive sessions.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Open to everyone in the community! This is a family event - all ages are welcome. **No yoga experience necessary.**

GET INVOLVED

Sponsor, donate, register or volunteer for the Yogathon! Visit ivychild.org/yogathon or contact Shan Koay at skoay@ivychild.org for more info.

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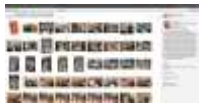
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