



# Rotary Profile

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**LITTLETON ROTARY CLUB**

**Club #6418 ~ District #7850**

**Chartered July 1926**

**[www.LittletonNHRotary.org](http://www.LittletonNHRotary.org)**

*Meets at 12:15 pm on Wednesdays at  
the Topic of the Town Restaurant  
25 Main Street, Littleton, NH 03561*

## Officers 2016-2017

President	Bob Muh
President Elect	Chris Tyler
Vice President	Amanda Simino
Secretary	Richard Bielefield
Treasurer	Shannon McKee
Past President	Tina Lunderville

## Directors

Kevin Low	Russ Gaitskill
Heather Porter	Chris Knapp
Ray Dionne	Joe Ransmeier

*Sergeant-at-Arms*      *Rusty Talbot*

## Rotary International President

John F. Germ      Chattanooga, TN

## 7850 District Governor

Jay Polimeno  
Jamie Milne, ADG

## The Rotary Four-Way Test

*Is it the **truth**?*

*Is it **fair** to all concerned?*

*Will it build **goodwill** and **better**  
**friendships**?*

*Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?*

Proudly serving Bethlehem, Carroll, Dalton,  
Easton, Franconia, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton,  
Lyman, Monroe, Sugar Hill and Whitefield.

## PROGRAMS

### January 25<sup>th</sup>

Jon Freeman of NCIC; the Littleton-  
Southern Coos Initiative.

**Visitors and Guests:** Tracy Lockwood,  
**Birthday Boy TJ Ilacqua** (Lin-Wood).

### January Rotary Anniversaries:

Shannon McKee (2012), Tina Lunderville  
(2012), Mike Claflin (2001), John Malm  
(2014), Kevin Low (2013), Chris Knapp  
(2009), Heather Porter (2012)

### Member January Birthdays:

Chris Tyler (17<sup>th</sup>)

### Community Announcements, Brags/Senior Moments & Happy Dollars:

Nanci called to everyone's attention  
that Granite United Way/2-1-1 Get  
Connected, Get Answers was once again  
partnering with myfreetaxes.com to offer  
local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance  
(VITA), a free tax preparation program  
designed for low to moderate income

families who earn a household income of \$64,000 or less.

**Sylvie** celebrated the front page article in yesterday's CR sporting the headline: "Bob Muh Spends Retirement Giving Back to Community" by Leah Carey. In light of the extensive write-up, the membership felt the standard one dollar fine should be increased to five dollars.

The Boys & Girls Club of the North Country will be holding its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Casino Night on Friday night, January 25 from 6 to 10 pm. **Kathy** noted that the fund raising festivities include dinner, prizes, music, dancing, a cash bar and an excellent opportunity to join other Rotarians for a readymade social event.



## Rotary Business

**Cary** called attention to the email that went out to all hands on Friday regarding the member's only photo directory asking everyone to update and correct personal information and add cell phone numbers.

### Committee Meetings:

Administrative: February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Board: February 7<sup>th</sup>

Locations to be determined (Topic is closed).

Welcoming the club's newest member, Jill Kimball, Ammonoosuc Community Health Services ☺



Worth Remembering:

Lincoln, NH 2017 District Conference  
June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Registration is Now Open!!



Visit:

<http://7850conference2017.org/>

Program: Jon Freeman

Ray Dionne introduced Jon Freeman, President of the Northern Community Investment Corporation, who spoke about the Southern Coos-Littleton Area [Economic Development] Partnership, which was unveiled at last November's Littleton Area Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Celebration.

NCIC is a private, non-profit entity which supports entrepreneurial initiatives and seeks to advance employment opportunities in the North Country. One of NCIC's major roles is as a business lender, providing funding to develop and enhance critical infrastructure. NCIC has worked extensively with the Littleton Industrial Development Corporation for many years.

This initiative, proposed by Brien Ward, is intended as a conduit to foster the implementation of a regional perspective rather than strictly focusing on individual communities, and to build upon already-existing regional connections. The program has identified 15 substantially interdependent communities, with Littleton as the geographic and economic hub, ranging north to Groveton and south to Lisbon. (The target area roughly approximates our club's service area.) Littleton's abundance of quality lodging establishments, a robust healthcare network, educational opportunities, and the Littleton Industrial Park ("a 40-year overnight success") are complemented by - among many other area attributes - six great golf courses and a number of nearby ski mountains.

The central theme of this initiative seems to be "in unity, there is strength". In telling the story to potential funders, it is that much more powerful with the vision of

fifteen communities banded together in an endeavor, particularly if a substantial infusion of local dollars is in the mix.

About 15 people have attended each of the steering committee's meetings to date, and a concerted effort is continuing to engage representatives of all of the target communities. The committee has undertaken a "SWOT" analysis (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) and will meet again in February 2017 to enunciate clear do-able steps which, when achieved, are appropriately celebrated.