



# 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
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Vice President	Amanda Simino
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Kevin Low	Russ Gaitskill
Heather Porter	Chris Knapp
Ray Dionne	Joe Ransmeier

*Sergeant-at-Arms*      *Rusty Talbot*

## Rotary International President

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## 7850 District Governor

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## 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?*

## PROGRAMS

**Today:**

**Rusty Talbot**, Who and What goes into a White Mountain rescue: a recent case study on Mt. Lafayette;

**6/21 Ken Kunhart**, New Hampshire Community Loan Fund;

**6/28 Change Over Dinner:**

**7/5 \*\*\*\*\*No Meeting \*\*\*\*\***



**Visiting Rotarians and Guests:** none

## June Rotary Club Anniversaries:

Pete Aydelott (1975), Karen Matthews (2005), Kim Shillieto (2008), Dave Ernsberger (2015), Rusty Talbot (2016) Kate Vaughan (2013).

## June Birthdays:

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

Shannon McKee (1<sup>st</sup>), Bob Muh (3<sup>rd</sup>), Dick Bielefield (7<sup>th</sup>), Heather Porter (16<sup>th</sup>) Mary Doherty (24<sup>th</sup>).

#### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Sugar Hill community Tea on Saturday June 17, 2-4

#### **ROTARY BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ruth Hamilton** has completed orientation and will become a Rotarian

**Chris Tyler** reported that we have received 12 Thank You notes thus far from scholarship recipients. He passed out the cards for review.

**Chris Knapp** held the Annual Meeting today for the Littleton Rotary Club Charitable Foundation. There are 4 slots available. The nominees for vacant slots were: Russ Gaitskill, Kate Vaugh, Doug Menzies 3 year terms, Tonya St. Cyr for 1 year term. Club voted unanimously to approve the above nominee

**Heather** is looking for 5 volunteers for the next Rotary roadside cleanup on **Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** at 8am, meeting at Profile High School.

#### **BRAGS & SENIOR MOMENTS:**

**Heather Porter** bragged that her son received a social studies academic award today.

**Chris Knapp's** wife gave birth to child #2. Everyone is happy and healthy.

**Shannon McKee-** daughter Lauren received numerous academic awards today.

**Chris Tyler** reported that he was glad that today was the last day of school so that he

didn't have to continue with this morning nag ritual.

**Sargent at Arms:** Rusty said that if you didn't even think about putting on your air conditioning this past week, you don't have to pay a dollar. In today's Caledonian, on page A3, there is a photo of **Schuyler Sweet**. Schuyler owes a dollar.

#### **TODAY'S PROGRAM:**

Ray said that Rusty needed no introduction for his presentation "Anatomy of a Search." A Pemi-Valley Search and rescue case study. An extensive search in late spring on Mt. Lafayette.

Pemi-Valley has about 60 volunteers, generally about 20-25 members are active. Members have to live within 50 miles of Cannon. They actually work under the direction of NH Fish and Game. The volunteers are called by NH Fish and Game when needed, to retrieve an injured hiker or rescue a lost hiker. Founded in 2005. For the most part they get called out during summer months but calls are increasing for winter. Most cases are on this side of Mt. Washington, to Cannon, unless major emergency occurs on other side of Mt. Washington, or other parts of the state that require a large presence.

**Case Study:** Pemi Loop Solo Backpacker left Lincoln Woods on a Friday with plans for a 4 day hike. Late Monday night, a 911 call came through that there was a hiker last seen at north Twin Trail. Went off trail and fell in stream. Day 5 (Tuesday) is when Fish and Game takes action, identifies individual. Calls Pemi-Valley. Day 6. Pemi-Valley dispatched, Androscoggin Vally dispatched, and national Guard got involved. Weather was awful, rain,

sleet, snow and freezing at night. By end of day, every trail in Pemi wilderness had been searched. No sign of hiker. Thursday weather broke. Weather improved. Rusty joined search. There were 7 different search teams, each team had a least 1 fish and game officer, and at least 1 volunteer. Rusty started at top of Mt. Garfield and was transported via BlackHawk helicopter. Thursday afternoon 911 call came in again from Hiker. He was alive, call was about 10 minutes. Cell phone carriers pinged his cell phone and were able to tell Pemi-Valley that they thought he was on top of Franconia Ridge. Gordi Johnk is captain of Pemi, Rusty is a captain. Rusty and Gordi get to top of Franconia ridge via black hawk. 5 fish and game folks, 3 Pemi rescuers did line searches. Blackhawk finally locates hiker and retrieves hiker, transports to DHMC. Hiker recovers from extreme hypothermia. When rescued hiker had no distal pulse and weak carotid pulse. Core temp of 82 farenheight. The national guard medic said that the guy was the closest to dead of anyone he ever treated who didn't die.

After action review: What went wrong? Hiker lost trail and kept going instead of turning around. All clothes were brown, not bright colored. Luckily had a head lamp that he flashed to helicopter which the helicopter saw and discovered him. Cell phone triangulation was not accurate. What did work? Hiker had enough gear, he left his itinerary with family, he had a cell phone/solar charger, good weather on Thursday, and a will to live.

This year's annual/changeover dinner will be held at **Chef Joe's in Franconia on Wednesday, June 28** (as usual, there will be no luncheon meeting that

day). There will be a social hour with cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres commencing at 5:30 pm. and a buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

The program for the evening will commence at approximately 7:15 p.m. The cost per person is \$35.00. You may pay in advance if you wish; otherwise, Shannon McKee will add the charge to your next quarterly invoice.

**Please let Bob know if you will attend, and if you will be bringing one or more guests, no later than noon on Monday, June 19**, because he needs to give Nancy Peterson a final headcount by June 20.