



Rotary Profile

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LITTLETON ROTARY CLUB

Club #6418 ~ District #7850

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*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?*

PROGRAMS

May 17th

Nick Altonaga, NCC Planner, Ride-Share & Commute-Smart NH.

May 24th

Louisa Tripp, PDG "Rotary Foundation".

May 31st

Conservation Officer Bob Mancini, whose on the job activities were presented in recent episodes of Animal Planet's "North Woods Law - New Hampshire". K9 Ruger may or may not be there.

Future Programs: 6/21 Ken Kunhart, New Hampshire Community Loan Fund; 6/28 Change Over Dinner.

Visiting Rotarians: None

Guests: Resta Detwiler

May Rotary Club Anniversaries:

Marlene Gallinelli (1989), Nellie Nelson (1991), Andy Smith (1991), Dave Ernsberger (2015), Rusty Talbot (2016) Kate Vaughan (2013).

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

May Birthdays:

None on record

INVOCATION: Offered in memory of 66-year Littleton Rotarian Bob Whitney, who passed away on May 5, 2017.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kate Vaughan highlighted three upcoming events: 1) the Grafton County Senior Citizens' Council's annual Meals on Wheels Walkathon, scheduled for May 20, commencing at 10:00 a.m. with a choice of either a one-mile course or a three-mile course: walkers can fortify themselves with a buffet breakfast which will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A barbecue lunch (no charge for participants) will follow the walk. Kate is walking and is soliciting sponsors, whose contributions will be matched by a generous donor; 2) the North Country Chamber Players are presenting the gala "Evening in Paris" dinner and concert on May 21 at 5:00 p.m. at the Mountain View Grand Hotel, with musical offerings by French composers featuring guest artists Stacey Shames, harp, and Areta Zhulla, violin, plus French cuisine by Executive Chef Nate Varney; and 3) the North Country Chamber Players will also be presenting another "Explorers' Concert" sponsored by Dr. Howard and Amy Mitz and featuring harpist Stacey Shames, at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 20 at the Boys' and Girls' Club of the North Country.

Jill Kimball spoke about the Boys' and Girls' Club of the North Country "Pass the Hat" initiative toward sponsoring a local child for

BGCNC summer camp. Look for a distinctive blue hat at area stores, businesses and restaurants during the month of May - and give generously and often!!

ROTARY BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Russ Gaitskill expertly auctioned off several residual items from the April 28 auction event.

Bob Muh mentioned three Rotarians who are recovering from, or heading for, surgery: Carmen Menard, who will be heading back to work part-time on May 23 or 24; Tina Lunderville, surgery on May 12; and Amanda Simino, surgery on May 15.

Bob also noted that, in addition to the grants recently recommended by the contributions committee and approved by the board, the club is also making a donation of \$500 to All Saints Episcopal Church for the Food Cupboard and the Dinner Bell program.

BRAGS & SENIOR MOMENTS:

Jill Kimball snagged second place honors in the area Table Topics contest in Concord two weeks ago, an impromptu speaking competition in which she represented North Country Toastmasters in a six-way contest. The winner goes on to compete in the Division contest.

Kate Vaughan, on behalf of the Littleton High School band and chorus, bragged about the remarkable concert she attended which included performances by children of Rotarians: Rochelle and Quinton Eastman and Sofia Mendez, daughter of Steve and Elena Nilhas.

**GUEST SPEAKER: Craig Clemmer,
Director of Sales & Marketing, Omni Mt.
Washington Resort**

President-Elect Chris Tyler introduced Craig Clemmer, who has served as Director of Marketing and Sales at the Omni Mt. Washington Resort for the past ten years. Craig, who moved to the North Country 15 years ago, was previously employed by the Spalding Inn, and before that was the creative director for a marketing firm in Boston.

What is now Omni Hotels & Resorts had its genesis in New Hampshire with the Dunfey brothers' clam stand in Hampton Beach. The Mount Washington Hotel became an Omni property in 2015 when it was purchased - for cash - by Robert B. Rowling, a Texas billionaire who is the founder and owner of Omni's parent company, TRT Holdings. Among Omni's holdings are the Omni Parker House in Boston, the oldest continuously run hotel in the United States. Boston is also the site for a 1000 room convention hotel, a \$500,000,000 project scheduled for

completion in 2020. Omni currently has a complement of 28 or 29 hotels, with a total of 62 properties either currently operational or in development. During Craig's tenure at the Omni Mt. Washington, he has seen \$100 million in capital improvements.

Inspired by the book Leading With the Heart, Mr. Rowling implemented Omni Hotels & Resorts "Say Goodnight to Hunger" initiative. The "Say Goodnight to Hunger" program, which is affiliated with the Feeding America organization, has a mission of reinvesting in communities, giving back and making a difference to the underserved segments of America.

For every reservation made online, Omni Hotels & Resort makes a donation in an amount sufficient to feed dinner for a family of four. During the 2016 holiday season at the Omni Mt. Washington Resort, staff encouraged guests to contribute to a can drive, and in collaboration with the Coca Cola Co., constructed a giant Christmas tree in the lobby made of cans of Campbell's soup. After the holidays, the soup was distributed to seven Littleton-area food pantries, plus the Littleton Area Senior Center. Since its inception in June 2016, "Say Goodnight to Hunger" has provided 8 million meals to needy families, logged 7,530 volunteer hours, and donated \$35,576 in cash.

On June 11, 2017, the Omni Mt. Washington Hotel will sponsor the Sean Cottrell Open, a golf tournament in memory of a former employee. Last year's tournament, in which 154 golfers participated, raised funds for an athletic scholarship at the White Mountain School. Proceeds from this year's tournament will go to "Say Goodnight to Hunger" and local food banks. At the tournament, Harpoon Brewery will preview a signature beer. Cost for the tournament is \$300 for a foursome, \$75 for an individual and \$35 per person for just the post-tournament barbecue and beer tasting.

Mike Claflin thanked Craig for the hotel's support of our annual LobsterFest. Craig fielded some questions about ghostly activity at the hotel, and reminded those present to check the brettonwoods.com website for "just for locals" specials.

**Lincoln, NH 2017 District
Conference June 2nd - 4th Registration is
Now Open**



<http://7850conference2017.org/>

Please let Kathy know if you are able to represent the club and take a turn helping out at the Conference.