



# 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

### Today

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

### May 24<sup>th</sup>

Louisa Tripp, PDG "Rotary Foundation".

### May 31<sup>st</sup>

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:** 6/7 Lyn Winter; 6/21 Ken Kunhart, New Hampshire Community Loan Fund; 6/28 Change Over Dinner.

**Visiting Rotarians:** None

**Guests:** Laura Cruickshank

**May Rotary Club Anniversaries:**

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

**May Birthdays:**

None on record

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

On behalf of Pastor Shannon, **Kathy Jablonski** noted that Littleton's First Methodist Church would be holding a 1940's themed dance on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Opera House. Music will be provided by the *Swing North Big Band* and proceeds will benefit the church's Veterans' Ministry.

**Rusty Talbot** called attention to a special presentation of the Jeff Lowe documentary "Metanoia" at the Colonial Theater at 7:30 on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. All ticket proceeds go to the Jeff Lowe Special Needs Trust. The film has been described as: "...an inspiring account of a visionary climber's life... It is a tale of heroism and redemption, set against the colorful canvas of mountains."

**Bob Muh** reminded members of the upcoming 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.

Another reminder to consider supporting the "Pass the Hat" initiative to underwrite the sponsorship of a local child for the Boy's and Girls' Club of the North Country 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**

**President-elect Chris Tyler** announced a last minute request for volunteers to help with the Lakeway Elementary / Safe Routes to School Program annual Bike Rodeo being held Saturday, May 20, 2017.



**Bob** shared thank you notes from Head Start, Mt. Eustis, Friends of the New Hampshire Drug Court, and Circle Program.

**The memorial service for Bob Whitney has been scheduled for Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am at the Sugar Hill Meeting house and all Rotarians are encouraged to attend.**

**BRAGS & SENIOR MOMENTS:** Silence on (and in) the Topic.

**GUEST SPEAKER: Nick Altonaga,  
Planner, North Country Council**

Nick Altonaga (whose mother is a Rotarian in Melrose, Massachusetts) gave a brief overview of CommuteSmart North Country, a North Country Council Program in coordination with CommuteSmart New Hampshire, which is a partnership of regional planning agencies and local and regional transportation providers. At the local level, CommuteSmart North Country is a revival and rebranding of RideShare North Country, which languished a few years ago due to a shortage of funding. CommuteSmart North Country seeks to increase sustainable transportation options and mobility for all residents in the North Country, thereby saving money, limiting vehicle wear and tear, lessening environmental impacts and reducing stress. The CommuteSmart concept advocates for carpooling, ridesharing, walking and biking as alternatives to single-occupant vehicle use and is patterned after similar movements in other rural areas. Within our area, the focus is on Littleton, Plymouth, Berlin, Gorham, Lancaster and Conway.

Conceptually, the mechanism by which this program operates is a ride-matching

Members who enjoyed today's meeting:

Mike Claflin  
Kate Vaughan  
John Malm  
Chris Tyler  
Doug Menzies  
Dick Bielefeld  
Kathy Jablonski  
Jill Kimball  
Ray Dionne

Cary Clark  
Nanci Carney  
Joe Ransmeier  
Sylvie Weber  
Dave Adams  
Bob Muh  
Chrissy Smith  
Steve Nilhas  
Rusty Talbot

web portal on which those with available transportation, and those seeking transportation, can connect. Potential users can create an account on the **NH Rideshare Portal**. Contacts within the portal are confidential and only the contact information that users choose will be distributed to other users. Users can arrive at mutually agreeable arrangements for cost-sharing if they wish to do so.

This revitalized initiative is still in its infancy, and will benefit from substantially more data-gathering and analysis.

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Ruth Hamilton has been proposed for membership in the classification *Real Estate* by Cindy Sparks, and Timothy Wennrich has been proposed by Bob Muh in the classification *Agriculture*.

Members have seven days in which to object in writing to the Secretary.

**Lincoln, NH 2017 District Conference**  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>**



<http://7850conference2017.org/>

Mary Doherty  
Chad Stearns