

Rotary Club of Littleton, NH WEEKLY PROFILE

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THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM



Rotarian Kevin Low, Founder & CEO of Secure Network Services (SNS), will be talking about the new advancements his company has made in bringing more and better IT services in surrounding areas and towns in our mountainous North

Country being made by his company. Kevin's team of innovators, and problem solvers continues to rise to the challenge helping people and company staffs develop the perfect IT solutions. Kevin's talk qualifies as a classification update in business growth and service area.

LAST WEEK'S PROGRAM



Nanci introduced her "boss", Patrick Tufts, President and CEO of Granite United Way. Patrick received his Bachelor Degree in Sociology from Missouri State University and his Masters Degree in Social Work and Administration from the University of NH. He worked in a Psychiatric Unit facility following his graduation from UNH. Patrick was Vice President of United Way of Greater Portland for three years before taking on his current position with Granite United Way in 2005. His talk detailed the history and accomplishments of Granite United Way, the first one established in NH

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in 1928. In the last few years, Granite United Way has grown to 10 locations across NH that work together under a Board of Directors representative of each area. Bill Bedor of Creative Financial Strategies, Inc. serves as Secretary. The locations are staffed by 60 people, Nanci being the Area Manager North Country whose office is in Littleton. All are committed to advancing the common good. Together they mobilize people, organizations and resources in a focused effort to advance education, income and health throughout NH and Windsor County, Vt. United Way fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in every community, currently providing funding to 685 charities and helping 350,000 people a year. United Ways across New Hampshire rely on the generosity of corporate and individual donors, local and national foundations and contracts. Funding sources for United Way rely on the generosity of corporate and individual donors, local and national foundations and contracts. One major campaign is held every Fall that guarantees money every year as an out-sourced fundraiser for all- one gift helps all. There has been a significant change in giving and volunteering in the last 10-20 years. 4 or 5K is today's 12K. Colleges and hospitals do their own fundraising, Volunteers for United Way have a flexibility between money donations on a payment schedule, one-time donation, or donations of product/goods. More than 22,000 donors and volunteers working together provide nearly \$14 Million in support to 350,000 individuals across NH and Windsor County, Vt. United Way is a coalition of charitable organizations to pool efforts in fundraising and support. Its mission is to improve the quality of people's lives by bringing together the caring power of communities. It is working together under the umbrella of Granite United Way of a wide range of viable charitable non-profits that meet growing needs such as the opioid crisis and recovery, provide life coaches for life issues, helping to grow economies, provide educational opportunities simple to difficult, working united from solid to turning around a wrong direction. A 1K loan may be a tip over edge that makes or breaks a need. Payback may be a payroll deduction to savings that continues

beyond for a savings account for the recipient. The default rate for these transactions is 2%, verification of the program's success. For more information and news, go to <u>http://www.graniteuw.org</u> Stay up to date on new and approved programs through Granite United Way throughout NH and its remarkable success stories. In closing, Patrick spoke to the job Nanci is doing as the North Country Regional Manager in raising 150K last year, with a promise to reach 200K this year!

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Nathan announced three chamber events coming up- (1) LACC's Business After Hours on Wed. 10/16 to be held at AHEAD / Mt Eustis Commons 262 Cottage St., Suite 116. AHEAD will update all the businesses and services created within the former Littleton Hospital building that are available under AHEAD's umbrella and their impact throughout the North Country. (2) The Gathering of the Jack-O-Lanterns floating down the Ammonoosuc River and Fall Festival, Saturday, October 26th with additional events Friday and Sunday. (3) The chamber's 2019 Economic Luncheon will be held November 25th at the Opera House. The main speaker this year will be Frank Edelblut, NH Commissioner of Education. Tables may be purchase for groups or businesses; contact the chamber.

ROTARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Bob** announced that our club will again sell Rotary potatoes and Chili on River Glen Lane near the Senior Center during the Gathering of the Jack-O-Lanterns. We need lots of volunteers, time shifts, set-up and production will be announced soonest. Contact Bob.
- Bob also announced schools have been contacted for students interested in the Rotary Speech contest. Anyone interested in preparing interested candidates, please contact him.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schuyler made a special presentation in absentia to **Marlene Gallinelli**, the first woman to join our club following the May 4, 1987 US Supreme Court ruling that Rotary Clubs could no longer exclude women from membership based on gender. Marlene was inducted a year later, May 1,1989, though a few members were still insistent that Rotary should remain a businessmen's club including dear friends and cohorts in her classification of banking. She was a Trust Officer with the former Lafayette National Bank (formerly Littleton National Bank) through mergers, including Indian

Head Banks Inc., retiring from the last merger with Fleet Bank. Marlene was involved in several banking and chamber of commerce events, and even more so with her support of everything Rotary, offering her financial trust skills in many ways. She served on the Board of Directors for several years, yet always declined serving any office. She did accept the role as one of the founders of our Charitable Foundation where her skills were welcomed and needed. Five things Marlene loved about Rotary- (1) Sponsoring other professional women to join Rotary (2) The Annual Telephone Auction when she helped tally and encouraged all, making sure to always outbid everyone for the full membership to Bethlehem Country Club even if it meant going over value- it was good for Rotary and a tradition for her as a longtime member of BCC. (3) Near perfect attendance every week at a table famous for its mixture of men & women. (4) Starting a women's Rotary Golf Team that competed with our men's team in our annual competition against the Lancaster Rotary Club, though, as Schuyler explained, the real competition was our men's team against our women's team! We succeeded in beating the men, until it was pointed out that one of our teammates was the wife of a Rotarian, therefore, disqualified. (5) Most importantly, being an originator of the Charitable Foundation Club. Schuyler presented an engraved crystal pillar to Marlene in grateful appreciation for all that she accomplished as the first woman in our club, but mostly for all that she accomplished for our club as a Rotarian.



Dick announced that Brenda Corliss-Simon has been proposed for membership in the classification Real Estate. Members have seven days in which to object in writing to the Secretary.

HAPPY DOLLAR\$\$

• Nanci was happy to donate a dollar for her happy return from 12 wonderful days in Italy!

• **Chrissy** paid a happy dollar to celebrate the happy celebration for her dad's 80th birthday. He was sure no one would come, no big deal said he, but 84 people showed up. Chrissy's cake was a success as was the entire celebration that her dad thoroughly enjoyed!

• **Kim** gave 3 dollars to (1) thanks everyone who helped make the Friendship Exchange a success, (2) to thank Schuyler for making the announcement and presentation to Marlene, (3) to announce to us that she is headed to Kentucky for a few days and may come back with an investment horse, stimulating questions as to what an investment horse is.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

And now for the goof-up of the week (or one of them if others have been discovered, in which case...) Somewhere between my notes on Happy Dollars and the 50/50, everything was missing except the cryptic - \$ - SSA. Sans any attempt to explain the days following Wednesday through the weekend, I do remember fishing out my dollar in response to Chad's usual sweep of reading the crowd with his effectiveness in wording the challenge to assure 0% of avoiding the fine. Duty accomplished! YAY!

50/50 DRAW



The lucky ticket drawn was Steve's. The unlucky card he found was a red one, the 5 of hearts. The pot as of the 9th is \$220 unless my math is off. There are 23 remaining cards still harboring the money card as the excitement builds toward April. Can the elusive card survive the winter?

Members attending our 10/09 Meeting ~

Barbara Ashley | Nanci Carney | Becky Colpitts | Brenda Corliss-Simon Pending induction) Pierre Couture | Mary Doherty | Kim Doolan | Greg Eastman | Ruth Hamilton | Allison Jackson Nathan Karol | Shannon McKee Doug Menzies | Bob Muh | Steve Nilhas | Chrissy Smith Cindy Sparks | Chad Stearns | Schuyler Sweet

COMING PROGRAMS

October 23th

To honor World Polio Day on the 24th, Schuyler and I will deliver a two-part program, (1) BA- Update on the RI history and achievement worldwide. (2) SS- Our club history and drive on Paul Harris Fellowships- EREY, how to get involved, and the RI impact on our club status.

October 30th

Allison will introduce Donna Potter, Director of the Littleton office of Granit State Independent Living.

November 6th

Pierre Couture will deliver his classification talk.

OCTOBER CELEBRATION

Member /Spouse Birthdays

7th Tim Vaughan27th Chrissy Smith

Rotary Anníversaríes

 10/04/2017
 Kim Doolan

 10/17/2012
 Russ Gaitskill

OCTOBER AREA OF FOCUS Economic and Community Development Month

Of all the hundred and one ways in which men* can make themselves useful to society, undoubtedly the most available and often the most effective are within the spheres of their own occupations.

> Paul P. Harris *The National Rotarian* January 1912

* men and women - updated in 1987 per order of the U.S. Supreme Court



The heart of Rotary is our members, dedicated people who share a passion for community service and friendship. Rotary members share ideas, make plans, hear from the community and catch up with friends during club programs that fuel the impact we make.

Meet with us every Wednesday - Topic of the Town Restaurant - Main Street - Littleton, NH 03561

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