

# Rotary Club of Littleton New Hampshire

Club #6418 ~ District 7850 ~ Chartered July 1926

WEEKLY BULLETIN



SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

## COMING PROGRAMS

### October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rotary "Spin the Wheel", everyone gets to play while providing an informative and fun program and more! Bring an extra \$1 just in case...

### October 9<sup>th</sup>

Nanci will introduce our speaker of the day, Patrick Tuffs, CEO of Granite United Way

### October 16<sup>th</sup>

Boss's Day – Club member Kevin Low, CEO of SNS (Secure Network Services) SNS will update the advancement of Hi-tech service with new offices and expanding service throughout the North Country, plus great classification update!

### October 23<sup>th</sup>

To honor World Polio Day on the 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, how to get involved, and the RI impact on our club status.

### October 30<sup>th</sup>

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

## LAST WEEK'S ROGRAM



Kathy Meddings delivered a delightful classification talk evoking old and fine memories of a generational Littleton family (she is 5<sup>th</sup> generation mother's side) as well as her eclectic life- all done with her own style of humor to our enjoyment.

Kathy's oldest Littleton ancestor was a civil war veteran named Benjamin Sawyer, buried in an above ground grave out on route 135. Sawyer was Don Howland's grandfather, who married Mertie Lakeway, sister to Mildred Lakeway whom Littleton's elementary school is named after. Mertie and Don had a son, Roger Howland, and a daughter Edna who married Charles Kelly, the original owner of "Kelly the Florist and Museum". Edna and Charles Kelley had a daughter named Patricia, who met a young man, Graham Meddings, from Birmingham England that came over with his family and went to work ay Kelley's. Patricia and Graham married, had two daughters, Debbie and Kathy, and a marriage of 55 years until Pat's, passing. Kathy remembers in awe the impressive huge photo of President Lincoln lying in state that was in her grandfather's museum. Pat and Graham Meddings sold Kelley the

Florist, Graham had a shop called Hobby Land, while managing several hardware stores in the area. Pat was employed by Ammonoosuc Family Health for 35 years, Graham was involved with emergency planning and training, often playing the victim. The family enjoyed years in service with the Lions Club in Littleton, especially the annual Santa programs and as members of the original Littleton Squares Dance Club. The sisters were always doing things as kids, hockey and baseball games, and concerts, much with their parents and fun with the Hobby Land store. Trips to these events and vacation trips to Grandy Zoo among others produced a love of music, sports, theatre and building relationship bases with such luminaries as the Oak Ridge Boys, the Monkees, Kenny Rodgers, and a photo op with a chimp. Kathy's love of Hockey and the Bruins, NASCAR .and Jeff Gordon, the Patriots and 32 summers with Weathervane Theatre have led to several opportunities for special tickets, Broadway musicals, including a Tony Awards dress rehearsal, a Ride A-long at Loudon, trip to Las Vegas, Trip to Disney's Harry Potter World and a special thank you from Owen Wilson for her fan support and a meet up. Coming up on Kathy's Bucket list is a Micky (Beatles White Album) concert, a cruise to Cozumel , Swimming with dolphins/Busch Gardens and the Animals And oh, yes! Her career path is crossed with a diversity of lines and curves: Official scorekeeper for Littleton Men's Softball League, hair dressing school, two career stints with Littleton Coin Company (5 years FT, 4 years PT). college at Lyndon State graduating in 1999, working for Gary Goodwin (see Bulletin of 9/11/19), 5 years with Whitefield Power & Light, 7 years with World Trading Company designing gravestones, finally finding the perfect spot at North Country Charter Academy in 2016, replacing her mom's retirement position- perhaps a full circle indeed. Kathy has a full and happy life being a Rotarian and living with Molly- her 14-year-old fabulous cat and loving all animals.

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Becky** announced the Littleton Food co-op's pending Fall events: Harvest Fest and a Chili Cook-off this weekend, 9/27-9/29. Hope you caught it!
- **Chris** gave a great outline of coming events planned by LPD for Halloween 2019- a bigger and better **Great Pumpkin Challenge** with 15 spots this year, all month long, more prizes and looking for location suggestions. More is planned this year following last year's success. There are more activities and fun in the expanded celebration; family events including biking / hiking the Parker Mt. trail, Find complete details on the PD website – <http://littletonpd.org> and follow the team on Twitter and Facebook throughout the month!

### ROTARY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- **Dick** announced last call for special price of \$52 for riding The Cog RR to the top of Mt.

Washington with our RI Friendship guest from Alberta, Canada. (**Ed. Note:** Judging from my trip to North Conway on Sunday, safe to say this October may be the most spectacular peak color of 2019. Hope you have a ticket!

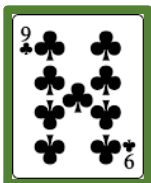
**HAPPY DOLLAR\$\$**

- **Nanci** was dollar happy to announce her coming trip to Tuscany with her alum collage friends, now that's a reunion!
- Yours truly gladly paid \$1 to wish **Schuyler** a Happy Birthday and would have had us all sing Happy Birthday – **NOT** - because I know better! I hereby attest to having nothing to do with any repercussion that may result from this happy dollar carrying over to Schuyler's next attendance.
- **Becky** offered a Happy Dollar to share the UCC Church's new food pantry – bring in what you can, take out what you need...
- **Mary's** \$1.00 covered the announcement of Sister Monique's transfer to France for 6 years while announcing that the going-away party to be held in Sister's honor has been set for Sunday, October 6th from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on the rectory lawn, weather permitting, otherwise moving to the Parish Hall. This party is open to all. The parish will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages. They are asking everyone who attends to bring a side dish if your last name begins with A - M and a dessert between N - Z. If you're interested in helping, please contact Don Pelletier at 444-3964.

**SAA**

**Chad** announced that 9-25 was **National Lobster Day!** Therefore, as our Club is famous for its **Lobsterfest fundraiser** for years and many have served, the challenge to avoid the fine was to have served more than **Greg** Eastman's 15 years of working the festival, mainly with the famous steak cookout crew. **Kathy** was trying to do the numbers, but dollars poured forth quickly which had much to do with the absence of member attendance of the week, compared to the time of the festival's origin and originators at the Cannon Mt. venue. The challenge did evoke grand memories, a true Rotary family event – weeks of hard effort and work that became famous throughout. Today's NFL's special teams has nothing compared to ours in the Lobsterfest days.

**50/50**



The weekly 50/50 draw has become more dramatic and fun with this pot. Fate and the gambling odds continue to energize and encourage my prognostication skills. If you read last week's bulletin you will understand. **Schuyler** was off fishing (or absent for other reasons) and **Doug's** ticket hit for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time to match Schuyler's and the race is on! At this rate, a spoiler surely lurks in the ranks among our weekly number of attendees (less than 50% of our members) who will do the math, "be here to win it" and win a 200% + investment of a single dollar. Will this be YOU? For the curious, Doug's 3 changes occurred on 6/19, 7/24 and 9/25. Schuyler's chances were 7/31, 9/11 and 9/18. Who said writing the bulletin is all work and no play? *Hmmmm*, maybe my ticket will win just for the irony. 😊

**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2nd**

International Day of Non-Violence.....*Cause*  
 National Custodian Day.....*Career*  
 National Walk and Bike to School Day.....*Health*  
 National Name Your Car Day.....*Fun*

*Food for thought for the day*

**OCTOBER CELEBRATION**

*Member /Spouse Birthdays*

7<sup>th</sup> Tim Vaughan  
 27<sup>th</sup> Chrissy Smith

*Rotary Anniversaries*

10/04/2017 Kim Doolan  
 10/17/2012 Russ Gaitskill



*If I had 9 hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend the first six sharpening my ax"*

**~ Abraham Lincoln**

**Members attending Kathy M's Classification talk at our 9/25 Meeting ~**

Barbara Ashley | Dick Bielefield | Nanci Carney | Mike Clafin | Becky Colpitts  
 Pierre Couture | Mary Doherty | Greg Eastman | Ruth Hamilton  
 Kathy Jablonski | Kathy Meddings | Doug Menzies | Chad Stearns | Chris Tyler



**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.**

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