

## THE LINK

October 2016 edition:

### President's Message



It has been a busy couple of months for Rotarians serving our community. It began with the successful 2nd annual City Fest celebration in August for which our club organized and staffed the popular vendor tent. We were able to donate table space to two veteran groups and the Red Cross and still stay under budget for our expenditure in support of the tent. The date for next year's celebration has already been set (August 12, 2017) and we plan to play a continuing role in the success of this new community event.

SB Rotarians have also been busy golfing to benefit area organizations, helping the South Burlington Cub Scout pack, cooking at the Hope Lodge and most recently, forming a club team for the Walk to End Alzheimer's in September. Thanks go to members, friends and the club who all supported this effort and helped raise over \$2,000 for the Alzheimer's Association of Vermont.

My focus over the next few months is centered on making the New Year's Eve Gala a success. We have the seeds of a great event and need it to succeed in order to raise the funds needed for our charitable efforts in the community. We are fortunate to have such a strong partner in the Vermont Foodbank but neither organization can afford to hold an event if it ultimately does not raise funds for our charities. The biggest call now is for sponsors and if you are willing or able to make a few requests, please let either Leslie or myself know.

Meanwhile, let's continue to enjoy these glorious colorful days of autumn and remember that I always welcome your questions or comments about what the club can do better to serve our community.

Yours in Rotary,  
Penne

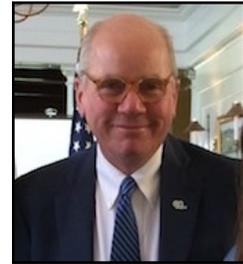
I slept and dreamt the life was joy;  
I awoke and saw that life was service;  
I acted and behold, service was joy!  
~Rabindranath Tagore

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## Membership Update

It is always a good day when we welcome a new Rotarian to the club. Lou Maguire. Lou was inducted in late August and we have Springer Harris of the Burlington Rotary Club to thank for sending Lou our way and Sue Wainer to thank for volunteering to help Lou get to know what we do in our Rotary club. They have plenty in common as Lou works at People's Bank where Sue worked for many years.



Kyle Nicholls is our newest South Burlington Rotary Club member. Our thanks go to Jane Mitchell for inviting Kyle to learn more about us and to Bruce Chattman for volunteering to be Kyle's mentor through the club's Red Badge program. I invite you to remember to greet Kyle the next time you see him, whether it is at a meeting or in the community.

Thank you to all the Club members who invited friends and attended the Rotary Club open house at Tuckaway's Pub in the Sheraton on October 13. It was a combined social and member generating event, co-hosted by the Burlington Sunrise Rotary Club and the South Burlington Rotary Club.

## New Year's Eve Gala

The New Year's Eve Gala Team has great plans in place for our new annual fundraising event. It will be a classy soirée that features exceptional food and fun, live music, dancing, and more, all to benefit the Vermont Foodbank and our South Burlington Rotary Club charities.

The festivities begin at 7 p.m. December 31 in the Emerald Ballroom at the Sheraton Burlington Hotel. This fundraiser will not require much in the way of volunteers on the evening, although we hope that many of you will come out yourselves for a very special evening. What we really need from all of our members is help spreading the word and getting sponsors!! Our sponsorship materials have already been sent to members and we would love for all of you to share these opportunities for folks to contribute to the success of our event. It would also make a wonderful evening for companies as a holiday party. Our goal is to raise at least \$15,000 to support the Vermont Foodbank and our work in the community.



Tickets are \$750 for a table of 10, \$100 per individual or \$175 for a couple. Purchase your tickets online at [Eventbrite](#). Join our [Facebook](#) event page too! Please reach out to Leslie or Penne with any questions we are happy to send over the sponsorship levels to anyone who has not yet received them!!



## Rotary Foundation (a glimpse at the process)

John and Nancy Simson (co-International and Foundation Committee chairs) remind us that, like any charitable institution, the Foundation has administrative expenses. When their conservatively managed investment earnings are not enough to cover expenses up to 5% of members' Annual Fund/SHARE contributions may be withdrawn to support administrative costs (among the lowest, if not the lowest, of any foundation of their size).

Here's an example: you contribute \$100 to the Foundation...\$50 goes to the District Designated Fund and \$50 goes to the World Fund. Up to \$5 (the 5% maximum of your \$100) will come from the World Fund. In other words, your \$100 is split between the District (\$50) and World (\$45) funds.

What do these funds support? The District Designated Fund primarily supports projects at either the local or international level which have been launched by clubs on their own or in concert with other clubs. The World Fund supports larger projects to meet world needs in a partnership between a district and the Foundation. An individual club may initiate an application.



### EXPLORE THE HISTORY OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

In 2017, Rotarian Arch Klumph had the idea to create an endowment fund that would be dedicated to "doing good in the world." The story goes that Arch had \$26.40 (\$5,383 today; thanks, Google) leftover from a Rotary project and he used that money as the initial contribution, setting in motion a powerful force for good that has transformed millions of lives around the globe.

### HOW WE CAN HELP THE FOUNDATION MEET ITS GOALS?

Rotary celebrates its 100th birthday this year and the Foundation has set a \$300 million goal to help it have an even greater impact in its second century. It's really easy! Just visit [www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give](http://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give). Wouldn't it be great if every one of us made a contribution (no amount is too small!) as you think about it, here's a thought from Arch Klumph: **"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the job in doing good for others."**

### RECENT GRANTS TO OUR DISTRICT

Our District received 13 grants in fiscal year 2016. Here's a sample of just three:

- Burlington Sunrise received a \$4,000 grant for a drinking water project in Kenya, in partnership with the Kisumu Winan Club (Kenyan). The Sunrise and Essex clubs are also contributing a \$6,000 for the \$10,000 project.
- The Colchester Milton club received a \$1,1570 grant to support a literacy project in the Winooski and Milton school districts.
- Middlebury's club received \$3,775 to help a local organization expand its Farm to Table program. The Club is matching the district grant for this \$7,500 project for a tool shed that will be stocked with tools. Club members are also contributing 3 work days.



## Fred Tuttle Award seeks nominations

The Fred Tuttle Award recognizes individuals who go above and beyond the expected, bringing their extraordinary zeal and integrity to everything in which they are involved while enhancing the South Burlington community at large.

The criteria for this award derive from Tuttle's example and include high standards exhibited in the recipient's personal and professional lives, recognition as a role model for others, and significant contributions to their vocation and to the community. Most significant to this Club, award recipients exemplify the Rotarian ideal of "Service Above Self."

The first recipient of the Fred Tuttle Award (1994) was Stuart "Red" Martin, founder and owner of WCAX-TV. Past recipients, in chronological order:

Stuart "Red" Martin • Skip Farrell • Tom Hubbard • Linda and Rene Leberge • Tony Cairns • Ted Manazir • Peter Jacobs • Jim Condos • Jake Cuenvalis • Fred Blais • Pat Nowak • Tim Comolli • Betsy Yung & Jerry McDougal • Susan Merrick • C.J. Knudsen • Todd Goodwin • Judy Kearns • Anne Corley • Jake Agna • Pat Burke • Sally Borden

[Read more](#) about the full history of the Fred Tuttle Award. [Submit your nomination\(s\) using this form.](#)

Questions? Contact Jay Pasackow at [jaypasvt@gmail.com](mailto:jaypasvt@gmail.com) or 802-343-0362

The award is open solely to non-Rotary Club members and will be presented at the Club's annual Holiday Dinner. Stay tuned for more details.



**On August 5th**, our Rotary Club sponsored a hole at Rocky Ridge as part of the Turning Point Center's annual golf tournament. This lovely picture of Chuck helps remind us that Chuck volunteers at the Center where he does job counseling, and counsels people on resume writing, interviewing skills and life skills. The Center is a safe space for addicts in recovery to spend time, receive support and to attend meetings in the heart of downtown Burlington.

*Our Rotary Club is one of a kind,  
For here are a few things that come to mind.  
It starts with fellowship in this beautiful setting,  
Enjoying the nutrition that we know we are getting.  
The company's not bad; Did I forget to mention?  
Then the president rings in to get our attention.  
Outside these walls we do our best to give back,  
To our town and beyond to pick up the slack.  
For the world can be a cold and cruel place,  
We help best we can with wit and grace.  
So, Club, be proud of all that you do...  
And, hey, you're not bad for a motley crew!*

~ Courtesy of Don Jenkins



South Burlington Rotary Club volunteered and raised over \$2,000 for the 2016 Walk to End Alzheimer's. (L to R) Sandy Walsh, Molly & Jon Bucci, Penne Tompkins & Nancy Simson. Not pictured: Leslie Mercy & Thomas Chittenden