



Rotary Club of Merrimack, N.H. Newsletter

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Message from the Club President:

Dear Fellow Rotarians, I was asked to add a President's Message for our Clubs News Letter. I decided to take a shortcut and provide the message I gave the Club about 16 years ago when I was President the first time for our Club. I think it is exactly appropriate today as it was back then.

With service above self,
Steve A. Russell

President's Corner

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It has been a goal of mine to establish a monthly Club Bulletin to keep you informed of the on-going activities of the Merrimack Rotary Club. It has occurred to me that we have tried to do too much with this Bulletin in the past and it does not really matter about format and all inclusive content. All that really matters is to do something consistently and in so doing keep information flowing no matter if it is incomplete.

It is with this in mind that I launch this first Bulletin of the 1996-97 year. I have borrowed the bulletin name, "Wheels At Work," from the Bulletin done many years ago by Bob G. Going forward with this bulletin will require some support from a Rotarian. This brings to mind what I was told many years ago when I joined Rotary and many times since then. "All you have to do is ask and you will be surprised how a Rotarian will come through for you." Well, my fellow Rotarians, I am asking. If anyone wants to be the editor of this Bulletin, to be published once a month, please let me know. As I see it, it takes an evening to type on a PC. Articles and information can be had for the asking from other Rotarians if you are willing to spend the time following up with them or taking notes from a conversation with them. The most important way to succeed is to keep asking for information and follow-up with phone calls.

I want to thank all of you for making my year as president, so far, a success. I attribute this to the Rotary spirit of "service above self." Let us look to make the rest of the year just as successful.

In your service,

Steve A. Russell

Events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Events</u>
Jan. 16	Board Meeting at 6pm @ home of Ron Douville.
Jan. 31	Club welcomes new member Brian Snow.
Feb. 9	Mid-Winter Open House at 6:30pm @ home of Steve & Joyce Russell.
Feb. 14	Club welcomes new members Bob Freed and Bob Best.
Feb. 15	Subcommittee on 4 th of July at 7 am @ DW Diner.
Feb. 15	Anti-Bullying Seminar for 7 th and 8 th graders at 9 am @ Merrimack Middle School.
Feb. 20	Board Meeting at 6pm @ home of Pat McGrath.
Feb. 24	Rotary's birthday in Chicago, Illinois – 2/24/1905.
Mar. 1	Subcommittee on 4 th of July at 7 am @ DW Diner (this meeting repeats every two weeks)
Mar. 14	Celtic Crossroads at 7:30 pm @ St. Anselm's Dana Center.
Mar. 26	Villa Banca dinner at 6pm @ Villa Banca restaurant in Nashua.
Mar. 20	Board Meeting at 6pm @ home of Jane & Mike Hoover.
Apr. 17	Rabies Clinic – 8:30 am @ Ambulance Garage
Apr. 18	Board Meeting at 6pm @ Swan's Chocolate (upper room).
May 15	Board Meeting at 6pm @ home of Ron Douville.
May 23	Rotary & Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at 6pm @ O'Leary Center. (No morning Rotary meeting).
June 19	Board Meeting at 6pm @ home of Lynn & Chris Christensen.
July 4	Pancake Breakfast & Merrimack Family Fun Day (www.merrimack4th.com).

Featured Topic: Foundation

by Andy Steeves, President-Elect

This year there will be big changes in Rotary Foundation Grants . These changes will effect every district and every club . It sounds like the future will be very positive giving control on the local level rather than from the central office in Evanston , Illinois . Coming out of the Future Vision Plan , the new grant model will give local clubs the ability to make decisions on the use of the substantial Foundation recourses . We will decide which local and international projects we want to support .

We have many sustaining members in our club . There are almost 16,000 companies that match their employees contributions dollar for dollar. Rotarians can find out if their employers participate by checking www.rotary.org/matchinggifts.

I look forward for our club participating . We should all start thinking about what projects we want to be involved with so that we can start the planning process to apply for 2013 - 2014 year .

In service ,
Andy

Membership:

The Rotary Club of Merrimack is a volunteer organization of business people and professionals supporting the community. Merrimack Rotary projects have included scholarships, reconstruction of Kids' Kove Playground, support for Merrimack flood relief, the Merrimack July Fourth festivities, the Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest, Interact Club, lighting at Reeds Ferry fields and more. The club works with other clubs on international projects like eradication of polio, Pure Water for the World, and hurricane relief in Honduras. To RSVP for a breakfast meeting or for information about membership, contact Chris Christensen at [603.424.2542](tel:603.424.2542) or Chris@ChristensenNH.com or visit www.merrimackrotary.org.

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Meetings:

The weekly meetings are held every Thursday morning at 7:15 am at the John O’Leary Adult Community Center (4 Church Street, Merrimack) with the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of “You’re A Grand Old Flag,” and recitation of the “Four Way Test” and invocation. Breakfast was catered by the Stocked Fridge (www.thestockedfridge.com).

Guest Speakers:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker/Topic</u>	<u>Host Rotarian</u>
Jan. 3	Club Assembly	Steve Russell
Jan. 10	Sharon Nista Sales Manager for the new Holiday Inn Express and Suites that opened in Merrimack last November.	Chris Christensen
Jan. 17	Laurie-Ann Murabito of LA & Associates (Leadership Development). Presentation: Rethink Leadership.	Peter Giacapuzzi
Jan. 24	Tony Deblasio – Home information.	Tony Deblasio
Jan. 31	Shelley Proulx – NH Association for the Blind.	Maureen Mooney
Feb. 7	Anita Creager – Merrimack Historical Society.	Andy Steeves
Feb. 14	Dr. Ron Douville - Dinosaur eyesight capabilities.	Peter Flood
Feb. 21	Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest Winners.	Pat McGrath
Feb. 28	Captain John Fisher, US Navy (retired) who will speak on his experience as the Commanding Officer of a Navy fast attack submarine, USS Ray.	Joe Mitchell
Mar. 7	Club Assembly – Community Service	Steve Russell
Mar. 14	Carol Powis from Search Pro Systems “Driving Business Through Online Visibility”.	Peter Giacapuzzi
Mar. 21	TBA	Mike Hoover
Mar. 28	TBA	Bill Wilkes
Apr. 4	U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte	Dick Hinch