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Milford Rotary Presents Paul Harris Award to Frank Saba



2015 Paul Harris Award Recipients: (l:r) Front Row: Allan and Lauren Villatoro; Frank Saba, CEO, Milford Regional Medical Center (retired); Mary Ann Mastroianni; and Susan McWade-Surapine. Back Row: Thomas C. Sawyer, Foundation Chair; Michael DiCicco; Jim Fusco, District Governor Rotary District 7910; Russ Dennett; Ralph Mastroianni; and Paul Surapine. (Photo Credits: Foundation photos taken by Harrison Diehl and Nicole Cella, Juniors at Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School in Upton, assisted by James Millette, Jr, an instructor in the school's Multimedia Communications program run by Adele Ellis.

When one thinks of Rotary, one might conjure up an image of old men sitting in a bar, a restaurant, or a businessman's office smoking cigars or cigarettes. That image might be a reflection of the way it was back in Chicago in 1905 when Paul P. Harris, a Chicago attorney, and three other businessmen formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships while doing what they could to improve their city. Rotary's name and subsequent logo came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

Like the rest of the world, Rotary is different today. However, the seeds of the basic ideals and vision of Paul Harris and his team have stood the test of time.

Today, men and women, young and older, meet weekly in smoke-free environments to share camaraderie and to discuss

how they can better serve their communities and the world. Like Rotary of old, we also leave the nest from time to time to go visit other businesses. You will see that throughout this publication. And we have been excited to welcome women into club membership for more than 25 years. Milford has been blessed with two great women Club Presidents, Vera Cassinelli (2000) and Jane Schroeder (2006).

Over time, Rotary has evolved into a world-wide service organization with 1.2 million members whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, to encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.

Inspired by Rotary's visionary motto back in 1917, Rotary President Arch Klumpp proposed to set up an endowment "for

the purpose of doing good in the world" in 1917. Eleven years later, the endowment was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. The Foundation made its first gift in 1929 when it donated \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children, an organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen that later became known as Easter Seals.

When Rotary founder Paul Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring in to Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation. Just ten years later, Rotary established "The Paul Harris Fellow Award" to recognize Rotarians, and friends of Rotarians who contribute, or those who have had contributions of \$1,000 made in their names to The Rotary Foundation.

Starting in 1979, the Foundation challenged each Rotary club to make one non-Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow. The Rotary Club of Pikesville, Maryland, USA, responded by making a donation in the name of Mother Teresa in 1980. Since then, many other notable figures have been named Paul Harris Fellows including President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and Dr. Jonas Salk.

Our Club's primary focus has been, and always will be, to give our highest effort and funds to support our local communities through programs such as those described in President Allan Villatoro's message on the next page. Rotarians support The Foundation's programs with a personal donation of \$100 a year, or more, to address the worldwide needs of Health, Hunger, Education and World Peace.

Through this combined effort, Rotary has done things as simple as building a well to serve a village in a third world country or shipping Crutches to Africa. However, Rotary's most notable effort began in 1979 when Rotary funded a project to immunize 6 million Filipino children against polio. In 1986, this effort exploded into a worldwide program known as Polio Plus with Bob Hope serving as honorary chairman for the United States.

Leveraging Rotary's close United Nations ties that date back to 1945 when 49 Rotarians helped draft the UN charter, Rotary and its network of worldwide clubs have reduced polio cases by 99.9%.

Since 1985, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.3 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy

efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments and partners like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to contribute over \$10 billion to the effort. Today Polio remains endemic in just three countries -- Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Rotary and its Partners will remain committed to this cause until Polio is completely eradicated.

In order to support Polio Plus and other programs, Milford Rotary members have donated over \$111,000 to the Foundation since 1978. And 93 Milford Rotarians and friends of Rotary have been recognized as PH Fellows since our Club was established in 1937. Our first PH Fellow was Daniel O'Brien (January 1978). O'Brien went on to be our Club's first and only Rotary District Governor. In keeping with the spirit of recognizing individuals who exemplify the Rotary Motto of Service Above Self, the Milford Rotary Club has presented "Honorary PH Community Service Awards" to William and Nancy Gannett (2012), Peter Filosa and Ronald Santacroce (2013 for their 40 plus years of commitment to the Rotary Swim Program), the Honorable Judge Francis J. Larkin (2014), and most recently, Frank Saba, recently retired CEO of the Milford Regional Medical Center. This year, the Foundation will celebrate its 100th anniversary and the Milford Rotary Club will hold its annual Foundation Luncheon on November 15th. (*More Photos Pg 17*)



Milford Rotary Club Receives Award

Milford Rotarian and former Assistant District Governor Representative Vera Cassinelli accepts an award from DG Jim Fusco in recognition of the Club's on-going support of the Rotary Foundation. Cassinelli was named a Foundation Dove Award major donor several years ago and has orchestrated several Matching Global Grant projects for Rotary District 7910 which includes setting up a center for burn victims in the Ukraine as well as a local grant for "Bicycle Helmets For Kids" during her year as club president in 2000.

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A Message From The President: It was an exciting, fulfilling year

It has been an honor to serve as President of the Milford Rotary Club. I quickly learned that, by working with Club members and community leaders, Rotary can make a difference in the community and the world.

During my year, I wanted to maintain our traditional programs while continuing our recent focus on “food for the hungry” right here in our local community. Thanks to Rotary’s efforts, the Milford Area Humanitarian Coalition (MAHC), the Milford Youth Center, MPS Food Service Director Carla Tuttle, and many others, the Milford Summer Food Service Program more than doubled the number of lunches served this summer to help close the hunger gap that some children face during the summer months.

Rotarian Stephen Chaplin Rotary continued to develop the Rotary Interact Club at Milford High School as the Club Liaison. Rotary also cared for the grounds/landscape for the Safe House run by New Hope.

Under the guidance of Past-President Dennis LaPlante, Rotarians volunteered to help serve suppers at the Community Table program at the Trinity Episcopal Church for Thanksgiving and the Unitarian Church at Christmas. Rotary also donated a two-door, upright freezer for the Community Table volunteers at the Unitarian Church to help them store food. Milford National provided the funding and Western Equipment from Worcester provided the freezer at-cost.

Last October, three club members hosted six Rotarians from England under the Bandy Hefler program. Their visit added a nice international flavor to our meetings.

Thanks to your support of this publication, our annual Spring Wine/Micro-Beer and Food Tasting Gala, and our Summer Lobster Raffle, we were able to carry on a wide variety of community programs such as the Rotary Summer Red Cross Swim program that has helped 13,087 kids learn to swim since the program began 64 years ago at White’s Beach in Mendon.

Once again this past June, the Club awarded four \$1,000 college scholarships to area graduating seniors who embodied the essence of Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self,” while providing sponsorships for four area high school sophomores to attend the three-day RYLA conference at Fitchburg College in late June.

Your support also enabled us to continue to provide camper scholarships for the Milford Youth Center and the Salvation Army summer camp programs while continuing to support organizations such as the Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra.

It was exciting to have student members from the MHS Rotary Interact Club join with Rotary for the friendly “Salvation Army Battle of Bells Competition” between the Milford Lions and Rotary Clubs.

I am proud that Club members continued their support of the Rotary International Foundation thus enabling us to award a Community Service PH Award to Frank Saba, recently retired CEO of the Milford Regional Medical Center.

Many of the programs I have mentioned, and more, are featured in this publication. I hope

Sawyer Named Milford Rotarian Of The Year

During the Annual Meeting of the Milford Rotary Club in June, President Allan Villatoro presented Rotarian Tom Sawyer with the Club’s “Rotarian Of The Year Award”. During his presentation,



Tom Sawyer and wife Kathleen and President Allan Villatoro.

Villatoro presented Sawyer with a solar powered globe and noted, “It is with great pleasure that I chose Sawyer as Rotarian of the Year during my year as President. In an organization, which has as its motto ‘Service Above Self’, he exemplifies the true spirit of Rotary. His enthusiasm, thoughtful comments, suggestions and charitable spirit have contributed to the Club’s many community efforts.”

In addition to serving as Club President in 1991, Sawyer has served as Publisher of the Club’s Annual Fund Raising/Public

Relations Tabloid publication since 1986, is responsible for the Club’s social media coordination and is chairman of the Milford Rotary Summer Swim Program.

Sawyer has also volunteered for the past three years to help the Rotary Club maintain the grounds at the Project Hope Safe House, whose mission is to end deomestic and sexual violence in our community.”

He has served as the Club’s Rotary International Foundation Chair since 1989 and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International in 1998 for his support of Rotary International’s Polio Plus Program.

Sawyer was also named Club Rotarian of the year in 1994 and in 1998 was named “Rotarian Of The Year” for District 7910 by District Governor Robert Cassidy.

Sawyer has been a member of the Milford Rotary Club since 1986.



Allan Villatoro
President
July 1, 2015 to
June 30, 2016

that, by glancing through this publication, you will get a real insight into the scope of Rotary’s projects within the community and beyond. We hope this publication also helps you capture the spirit of fellowship and fun that we enjoy at our weekly meetings thanks to the efforts of our program chair, Jane Schroeder, who scheduled a wide range of speakers to present their programs, ideas, and needs at our noon luncheon meetings.

Kudos also to Al and Marilyn Holman at the *Town Crier* for helping us publish last year’s Rotary Tab. Thanks to their help, the publication is now mailed to 13,000 homes in Milford.

The past year has been an exciting, fulfilling year and none of this could have been accomplished without the support of my fellow Rotarians and so many business and community leaders... and you, our readers and supporters.

Page 11 of the Tab presents a photo of each Rotarian and his or her profession. I encourage you to contact any member to learn more about Rotary and why you should join Rotary.

If you would like to become a member, please email John Peters III at iiijp@comcast.net and John will be happy to assist you in becoming a Milford Rotarian.

It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve as President for the past year, and I look forward to working with our new President, Mike Kaplan, as he embarks on his year.

We are proud to serve the Milford Community and appreciate all your support. I encourage you to stay informed by following us on Facebook at [Milford MA Rotary Club](#) or checking our web site at www.milfordmarotary.org



In keeping with past traditions, three area high school sophomores were selected by the Milford Rotary Club and their respective schools to attend a three-day leadership conference as guests of the Milford Rotary Club in late June at Fitchburg College. Upon arrival, 200 other sophomores sponsored by the 51 Rotary Clubs in the Central Mass District 7910 joined them. Students arrive as strangers and depart as new friends.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program for high school sophomores who are chosen for their leadership potential. Selectees are awarded the opportunity to attend an all-expenses-paid, three-day conference to learn new leadership skills and to enhance those new skills through practice activities. The days are long, but the rewards are many.

Following the luncheon, they shared their experiences and related how the conference helped them grow as a person, as a leader, and as a friend to others. One thing became very clear during their presentations - they got a lot out of the conference. Rotary can be very proud of the candidates selected.

The common theme seemed to be “I loved RYLA! It gave me new skills and helped me learn how to deal with being ‘alone’ with 200 strangers of the same age and the many facilitators.”

One RYLAN reported, “I must have introduced myself to other attendees 100 times during the conference.” Another reported that she enjoyed packing bags for the Hunger In Africa Program and another noted that one class really forced her to think out of her normal comfort zone and that really helped her consider how she might handle future challenges.

The RYLANs and their parents attended the luncheon as guests of Rotary.



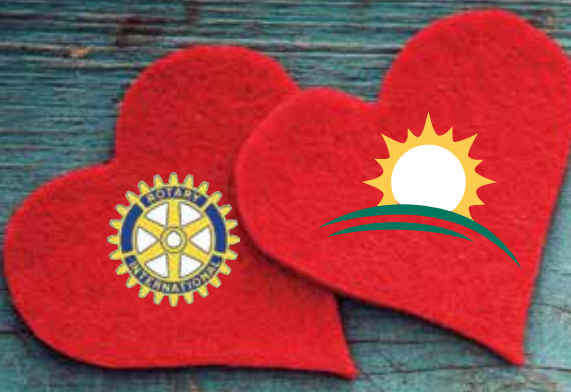
(L:r) Jennifer Holland, Hopedale High School; Mike Kaplan, current Rotary Club President, Ashlee Morgan, Milford High School; Allan Villatoro, Immediate Past President of Milford Rotary; and Ashley Round, Nipmuc Regional High School.



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Taking The Next Step (l:r) Kendra Currie, Milford High School attending Quinnipiac University Major-Criminal Justice and Accounting; Karin Plante, Nipmuc Regional High School attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute Major –Biochemistry; Maia Banayan, Hopedale High School attending George Mason University Major-Environmental and Sustainability Studies; Carson Hope, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School attending University of Maine/Farmington Major –Early Childhood Special Education. Pictured with the scholarship recipients are Steve Ellis, left, and Rotary Club President Allan Villatoro.

Milford Rotary Awards Four \$1000 Scholarships

Rotary Scholarship Chairman Steve Ellis was beaming with pride when he addressed Rotary members, scholarship recipients, and their guests during a June noon-time meeting at Restaurant 45 in Medway.

Ellis noted, “Each year, the selection process is very difficult and the quality of applicants is exemplary not only in their academic achievements, but also in their high level of community involvement and extra-curricular activity.” Ellis also complimented the parents on their guidance and support of their students and noted, “We all know they can’t do it alone.” During his presentation, Ellis shared that he had contacted four scholarship recipients from five years ago and asked what they are doing now compared to their career goals when they started

their college journeys. Ellis noted that three out of the four were following their original career plans and the fourth decided on a totally different career in which he was “very happy and successful.”

Ellis reminded this year’s Rotary scholars that college offers a great opportunity and asked them to approach the opportunity with passion and an open mind. Following the introductory speech, each scholar was presented with a \$1000 check.



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Holiday Desserts: (l:r) Lynne Ellis, Heather LaPlante, and Kathy Sawyer bring out the desserts at the Community Table suppers when Rotary helped serve meals at the Trinity Episcopal Church for Thanksgiving and the Unitarian Church at Christmas time.



Important Rotary Educational Award Dates

Scholarships: Seniors in Hopedale High School, Milford High School, Blackstone Valley Tech and Nipmuc Regional High School should check with the Guidance Department in March or April of their senior year.

RYLA: Sophomores should check with the Guidance department in January/February of their sophomore year.

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Time To Pack The Boxes: Last November, a group of Rotarians joined other community volunteers at the Salvation Army on an assembly line to pack 250 Thanksgiving Boxes. Major Irwin shared with the volunteers that the boxes will provide food to over 1000 people for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was very impressive to see so many YOUNG volunteers working to help others. Please contact the Salvation Army (508-473-0786) if you would like to be part of this holiday effort. Volunteers are also needed to ring bells.



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Getting Ready: Our dedicated Rotarian Jane Schroeder snapped this photo of our out-bound exchange student Cassidy Rodrigues and her parents Michael and Stacy from Hopedale at the farewell picnic for all District 7910 Outbound ESSEX students just before Cassidy left for Thailand on August 23rd. "We wish her a great year." Rotary is proud to be part of this life-changing event.



Welcome to America: On September 27, Club Youth Exchange Officer Jane Schroeder and host parent Leanne Velky escorted Caroline Stein to a club luncheon to share her story and report on how things are going as she adapts from one country to the next. She quickly noted that school days are longer in Germany. Caroline also said she has made a lot of new friends and is staying in touch with old friends back home.



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Student Exchange Program Builds International Bridges of Cultural Understanding in Spain, Thailand, Germany, Hopedale, Upton & Milford

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In August, Cassidy Rodrigues – a senior at Hopedale High School – left to spend her senior year in Thailand where she will live with three families, attend a Thai high school, learn the Thai language, and enjoy participating in the Thai culture and customs. Cassidy is hosted by Rotary District 3360 in Thailand.

Later in August, the Milford Rotary welcomed Caroline Stein from Woerstadt, Germany. Caroline will spend this year at Hopedale High School as a member of the Junior Class. Her first host parents are Leanne and Matt Velky; Leanne is a new member of the Milford Club and jumped at the opportunity to participate in the exchange. Youth Exchange Counselor Jane Schroeder will oversee Caroline's stay in the US; she will meet with the HHS administration, arrange for host families, and provide monthly reports on Caroline's stay.

In early July 2016, 17 year-old Kaitlyn Denson of Upton flew to Valencia, Spain, to spend a month with Helena Bailach Adsura and her family. In August, Helena flew with Kaitlyn to the US and spent a month with Kaitlyn's family. Both girls attended a Milford Rotary meeting and talked about their exciting exchange summer.



Summer Short Term Exchanges Students Visit Rotary: (l-r) Rotarian Jane Schroeder; Bernadette Denson, mother of Kaitlyn; Helena Bailach Adsura, Essex Exchange Student from Valencia, Spain, Kaitlyn Denson, Essex Exchange Student from Upton; Kaitlyn's brother Sam; and Steve Chaplin, President-Elect for 2017. The students shared a heart-warming report on "what the summer experience meant to them"



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Music To Our Ears: Rotary was honored to welcome thirteen members of the Milford High School Percussion Ensemble on December 15th. The students and their teachers provided us with a wonderful rendition of holiday music and then joined us for a joyous holiday lunch at Restaurant 45. Front row (l:r): Jake Petersen, Joe Doderer, Emily Smith, Brigit Thomas, Amanda Soares, Ben Howard. Second row: John Giacomuzzi, Ryan White, Nick Carey, Griffin Bertonazzi, Matt Hildebrand, Kate Donahue, Sara Pinto, Music Teacher Jill Boday, and Nadine Pomeroy, Director of Music.



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Rotarians Enjoy Playing In the Sand Box At The Milton Cat Training Center

In mid-May, Rotarians visited Milton Cat and operated 5 different pieces of heavy equipment in an area Rotarians described as the biggest "sandbox ever." It was a great event hosted by our friend Steve Frohbieter-aka-Froh, Eric, Adrienne, and the rest of Steve's outstanding team who assisted in the Sandbox Experience. What a wonderful host and an amazing company that is a major employer as well as a major supporter of the Milford Regional Medical Center! Everyone involved in the event was so gracious, and it truly was an amazing day for Rotarians.

Many Rotarians showed up in their business suits to drive the "Big Toys" and the ladies were eager to get behind the controls too. The "Flat Sandbox" was a busy place. After driving our "childhood Tonka Toys," we were taken on a bus tour of the multi-acre facility.

Following the tour, Rotarians enjoyed a great lunch with members of The Milton Cat host team who got a first hand look at Rotary in action when we conducted our weekly meeting in the Milton Cat cafeteria.



Team Leaders: Eric Griffin, Trade Show Event Manager; Steve Frohbieter, our gracious host; Jane Schroeder, our outstanding Program Chair; Adrienne Currin, Trade Show Event Coordinator; and Rotary Club President Allan Villatoro.



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Ready To Serve-Front row: (l:r) Mikayla Sousa, Donna Williams, Shannon Nisbett, and Amelia Walters.
Back row: Jen Ward, Director Youth Center, Rotary President Mike Kaplan; and Volunteer John Dulude.

A big "Thank You" to all the volunteers and businesses who made this important summer program a huge success.

Following last summer's success with the Meals For Kids Program, the Milford Area Humanitarian Coalition and the Hockomock Area YMCA partnered to operate an official USDA/MA Department of Education summer meal program this summer. The combined organizations were able to significantly expand their services to provide nutritious lunches for children and youth during the summer months when school is not in session. In keeping with Rotary's commitment to help address humanitarian needs here in our own community, the Milford Rotary Club was proud to donate \$1500. Thanks to the efforts of 185 volunteers who gave over 2100 volunteer hours, over 6300 meals were served in three locations in addition to the 1152 healthy snacks and meals served at the Milford Youth Center. During Rotary's visit to the MYC, members were served the same summer meal that the kids enjoy. Rotary is proud to participate in this important two year-old humanitarian community effort.



Many thanks to the Milford Rotary for all you do.

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Team Rotary 2016 - 2017: We hope you enjoy a “Glimpse of Rotary” as you flip through this year's Tab. It is a reflection of Rotary In Action since we last published in October of 2015. And as we do most years, we flipped the switch in June and welcomed new leadership. This year’s annual meeting was held at the Trattoria Bar 89 Centrale in Downtown Milford. In keeping with past traditions, our second most senior member Russ Dennett, who joined Rotary in 1976, conducted the installation ceremony.
Front Row (l-r): Tony Gallo, Club Treasurer; Stephen Chaplin, President Elect 2017-2018; Michael Kaplan, President 2016-2017; Allan Villatoro, Immediate Past President. Back row: Dennis LaPlante, Club Secretary, and Tania Medina, Sgt.-At-Arms. Michael DiCicco, Executive Secretary, was unavailable when this photo was taken.



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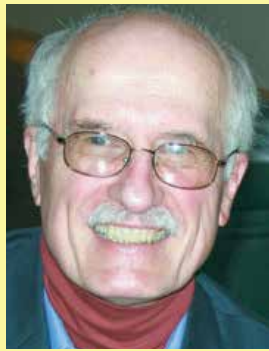
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Joined Rotary 11/10/76



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★★ **John Peters III**
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★★ **Vera Cassinelli**
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★★ **Paul Surapine**
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Music Performance Foundation
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Growing Green: Thanks to the generosity of Rotarian Ben Demeo and his employer, Bartlett Tree Experts, the Milford Rotary Club was able to hand out over 800 young trees at this year's Celebrate Milford Day.



Roving Rotary Lobsta (Aka Tom) puts a big squeeze on Rotarian David Condrey to buy one more ticket. A big thanks to all who supported this year's raffle and congratulations to Paula Cassinelli, the winner of a bushel of lobsters.



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Rotary Celebrates Tenth Anniversary of Milford High School's Outdoor Classroom

In May, the Milford Rotary Club paid a 10-year anniversary visit to the Outdoor Classroom at Milford High School where Rotarians enjoyed sandwiches and snacks with members of the Milford High School Interact Club and other faculty members. Rotary funded the outdoor classroom back in 2006 with a \$10,000 donation. The Outdoor Classroom was the Club's Rotary Centennial Project. Former MHS Art Department Chairman Roland St. Jean proposed the idea of an Outdoor Classroom, located in the MHS courtyard, to the Rotary Club. He was assisted in building the area by Thomas Jump, another former MPS staff member and former Rotarian Henry Papuga. Rotarian/Architect Ralph Mastroianni was instrumental in the design and placement of the Rotary logo on the brick wall and was on hand for the 10-year anniversary. Interact is a high school level Rotary Club and was started two years ago through the efforts of the Milford Club and direct mentoring by Rotarian Steve Chaplin. Interact conducts its own community project's and also assists the Rotary Club with projects such as Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas Time. This year, Interact members also assisted with the booth at the Celebrate Milford Park event.

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Interested students can contact Stephen Chaplin at schaplin@schaplinlaw.com



Milford High School Interact Club Members: (l:r) Stephen Chaplin, Rotarian/Interact Liaison; Blake Hill; Tony Mobilia; Zach Van Buskirk; Alec Salamone, Vice President; Riley Burns; Anthony Arcudi, Secretary; Zach Tamagni, President; Luke Allegrezza, Treasurer; and Christian Kelley, MHS Faculty Advisor.

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Today seems like a good day to give a special shout-out to the team at Gateway Liquors, including Tony and John Khoury (owners Gateway Liquors) and Jorge Valez, who not only assembled an amazing group of wine and beer vendors for our Spring Gala, but also donated a lot of door prizes and silent auction items which added to our success and hopefully your enjoyment. A special thanks is also due to the owners and staff at the Crystal Room who did so much to make our event successful. And a big thank you to all the businesses that bought ads in our 10th Annual Wine/Micro Beers and Food Tasting Booklet designed by Al Holman and his wife Marilyn at the Town Crier.

We also want to thank our food vendors who are an important part of this major Rotary Fundraiser, including The Alamo, Alicante Restaurant & Lounge, Oliva's Market, Restaurant 45, Pandolfi's Fine Chocolates Hens and Chicks Cookie Company, and The Cupcake Girl.

Last but not least, we want to thank all who came to support our sponsors, our vendors, our raffle, and our auction. We hope you had a great time.

You all made a difference and your support will help us fund our annual High School Scholarships in June, the Red Cross Certified Swim Program in July at the Fino Field Pool, and a host of other projects throughout the year.



A big shout-out and huge thank you to Rotary's Gala Event Committee and our sponsor Gateway Liquors: (l:r) Club President Allan Villatoro, Ann Gonyea, Paul Tamagni, Tania Medina, Mel McKee (event chairman), Tony Khoury, Michael DiCicco, John Khoury and Gateway Liquors employee Jorge Valez.



Two great Rotarians/two crazy guys, Mel McKee (left) and Mike Kaplan, whoop it up at The Alamo Restaurant stop.



After enjoying a few chocolates from Pandolfi's, Debbie Matos, Vicky Houston and Danielle Cerqueira were all pumped up and "sugar free".



Sara Robinson (left) and Christine Uverzian had a sweet stop for party goers at The Cup Cake Girl Booth.



Karen (left) and Kristi Stratton pick up their bubbly auction item.



Zach Corrente from Alicante serves up a tasting of Seaweed and Tuna Tartare.



LuAnn Breen and Celeste Neveau dished out meatballs and bread at the Oliva pit stop.



Susan Dykhoff (left) and Christine Seaver owners of Hens and Chicks, served up platters of cookies.



Matt Gonyea with his mom, Ann, after winning a neat auction item. Nice that he shared the flower lei with his mom and it wasn't even Mother's Day.



Rotarian Paul Tamagni and his wife Amy were all smiles when they became the winning bidder of a wooden antique- looking electric cooler donated by event sponsor Tony Khoury (center). It even has a station for charging your iPhone and laptops.



Milford National employees Shefali Desai, David Cournoyer, and Linda Visconti encourage guests to bid high and often on the 4 Red Sox tickets that the Bank donated.



Happy winner- Ken Mitrano was all smiles when his name was called out as the high bidder on a cool LED TV.

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Stepping Up: Members of the MHS Interact Club were an important part of this year's bell-ringing effort. (l:r) Blake Hill, Riley Burns, Alec Salamone, Luke Allegrezza, and Tony Mobilia



Ringin In The Holiday For Others: (l:r) David Condrey with Dennis and Heather LaPlante



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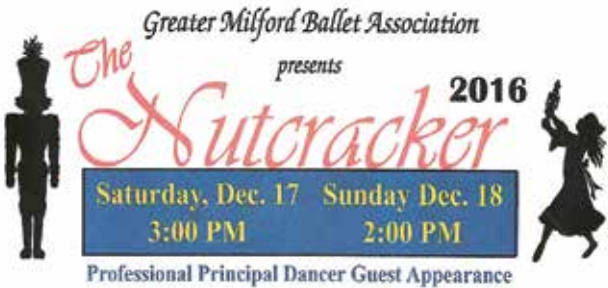
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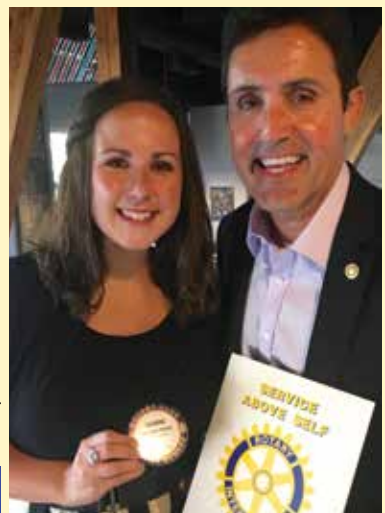
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Rotary Welcomes Four New Members



Kick Starting the Year (left): Membership Chairman John Peters III kick started the new year by welcoming James Travis Romano, (left) Executive Director of the Blaire House Assisted Living as the first new member in 2016.



Reaching out to Real Estate(left): In late August, President Michael Kaplan stepped forward to sponsor Attorney Donna Wolf as a new member. As a smiling John Peters III conducted the welcome ceremony. Donna is a Real Estate Law Attorney at Wolf Law Office, LLC in Milford.



Chamber CEO Joins Rotary(right): As fall arrived, Laura O'Callaghan, President and CEO of the Milford Area Chamber of Commerce took the Rotary pledge of "Service Above Self".

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Photos: left to right, top to bottom.

Steve Ellis is proud to present an Honorary Paul Harris Award to Frank Saba.



Paul Surapine presents his wife Susan with her PH Award.



Paul and Josh Lioce share a joyful moment as Josh presents Paul with his Multi-PH pin.



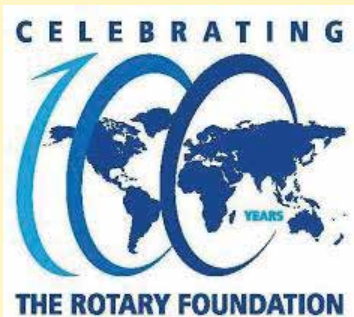
Al Homan welcomes President Allan Villatoro to the Foundation.

Rotarian Paul Tamagni presents Mike DiCicco with his Multi-PH pin.

Ralph Mastroianni presents his wife Mary Ann with her PH award while receiving his Multi-PH Pin.

Rotarian/Salvation Army Major David Irwin presents Russell Dennett with his Multi-PH pin.

President Allan surprised his wife Lauren with her PH award amidst a few tears of joy.



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Rotary Friendships Take Flight From Boston to London’s Heathrow And Back



Toasting Friendships: Rotarian Jane Schroeder lifts her glass at the District 7910 party to welcome her guests Meg and Ian Ryves. During their stay they took in the Water Fire experience in Providence as well as several quilt shops in central Mass, because Meg has quilting as a new hobby.



Getting Flagged: Honoring an old tradition, President Mike Kaplan exchanged club flags with his guests Jolande and Paul Bunyan during a Milford Rotary Club luncheon. Mike’s gala plans included trips to a Boston Bruins game with lunch in the North End, a trip to Mystic CT., and of course, Newport and the mansions.



We Came-We Saw-We Enjoyed: During their stay with Lynne and Steve Ellis, Sally and Hugh Shaw visited the Club and gave an informative and fun-filled report on their trip to America. Hugh shared that they were spoiled in Maine with Lobster, “Chowda”, blueberry pie with lots of ice cream, beef jerky, the Fryeburg Fair, and other experiences.



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As the leaves were turning color in the fall of 2015, Rotary District 7910 welcomed 20 Rotarian couples from three UK districts for a two-week visit. Each British Rotarian couple stayed with four different Rotarians and their families during their fortnight stay in Central Massachusetts. The exchange provides a wonderful way to build lasting international friendships while experiencing cultural differences as well as the things we share in common. Milford Rotarians hosting couples last fall included Steve and Lynne Ellis, Michael Kaplan, and Jane Schroeder. As part of the exchange, host Rotarians will visit the UK when their time allows and will be hosted by the same club members who visited District 7910 last fall. One of the cultural differences our guests notice is that all meal portions are much bigger here than those served in England. They also comment on how political campaigns are run in America.

Swim Team Leaders, Lifeguards, and Rotarians Gather at Fino Field Pool



Following another successful year of swim classes, Rotarians ordered lunch from Oliva’s and dined under the trees at the Fino Field Pool with our lifeguards and team leaders. It was great to share a fun-filled working lunch with those who are so critical to the success of our swim program. During the lunch, team leaders gave a review of this year’s program and offered ideas to improve the program for next year. Rotary would like to thank everyone involved with the program including pool managers Peter Filosa and Ron Santacroce.

Rotary swim program directors Pauline Auger (left) and Serafina Bon Tempo did another great job of managing the two-week session that ran from July 11-July 22. We could not have done it without their daily leadership and commitment.





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Rotary is a Beehive of Activity: Ed Szymanski, President of the Norfolk County Beekeepers Association gave a very informative talk at Rotary in September about honey bees. Ed is a bee lover and spends a lot of time teaching others about the importance of BEES in general including bumble bees, queen bees, drones, and worker bees as well as some of the environmental challenges bees face. Ed operates 7 full hives and 4 half-hives. One thing is very clear-Ed is a very dedicated worker BEE. Ed, who is from Franklin, was a guest of Rotarian Tony Gallo (left).



Rotary On The Road: Although Rotarians were very busy in March planning for the Annual Wine & Food Tasting Gala, they still found time for an April 4th tour of Waters Corporation. During the luncheon, Tom Wesley, Senior Director of Facilities, Environmental Health & Safety, and Real Estate, discussed “what’s going on at Waters.” After the presentation, Wesley took Rotarians on a guided tour of the Milford site to observe some of the operations in action. Rotarian Steve Chaplin set up the on-site visit. Photo (l:r): President Allan Villatoro, Tom Wesley, and Steve Chaplin.



Top Photo: (l:r) Rotarians Dennis LaPlante, Harold Rhodes, Siobhan Bohnson, David Condrey, and Tony Gallo.

Right Photo: Two Club Presidents Dennis LaPlante and Michael Kaplan “seem” to be working, but are more than likely talking about Rotary’s next big community event. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised are donated to the Special Education Department at Milford Public Schools.



All Fired Up: Fun day at Milford Town Park last October as Rotarians partnered with Alternatives Unlimited by taking over the grilling and food sales at the 3rd annual Day in the Park celebration. Rotarian Mike Kaplan spearheaded the event. It was a cold and windy day, but the event was wonderful and well-attended by the community.



Presidential Team Horsing Around? Not really, it’s just Al Holman and Dennis LaPlante Ringing the Bells at the Imperial Gas & Country Store in Mendon.

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Grand Tour: Shortly after the Youth Center celebrated its grand re-opening, Rotarians toured the beautiful facility as guests of Director Jennifer Ward and enjoyed the same summer lunch served to the Summer Meals For Kids that day. While there, the Club presented the Youth Center with a check for the Summer Camp program.

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