



## Model Airplanes, Paddle Boats, Canoes, and a Fishing Derby Launch Rotary "Get Outdoors Day"

As the leaves were changing color in the fall of 2016, a group of young Milford Rotarians were already dreaming about the possibility of Milford Rotary sponsoring its first "Get Outdoors Day" in the summer of 2017. The committee, co-chaired by Rotarians Ben Demeo and Leanne Velky, included Paul Tamagni, Tony Gallo, David Irwin, Donna Wolf, and Laura O'Callaghan. Although the Milford Rotary Club is already known for doing a lot of great things in the community, these active Club members wanted to add to that legacy by introducing a new activity that would be free to the community, promote family activities, and introduce more residents to Milford's outdoor gems like Louisa Lake, Plains Park, and the adjoining bike/walking trails.

During the cold winter months and through the spring of 2017, ideas were presented to the Club and quickly received a *we are all in vote*.

The committee's plans for the free event included a variety of boating activities, a catch and release fishing derby, a scavenger hunt, a model airplane flying demonstration, free tables for local groups to hand out organizational information, and a belief that Mother Nature would cooperate with a super summer day.



**Lake Bound:** Morning showers soon gave way to bright blue skies with wispy white clouds as families enjoyed the tranquil waters of Louisa Lake in the complimentary watercraft provided by the Milford Rotary Club.



**High Flyer:** John Holcomb readies one of his planes for flight. John pointed out that when the tail rudder on the plane moves, the pilot's head moves as well. He laughed as he said, "A pilot's gotta see where he is going."



**Mary Ellen Klusacek of Marlboro and her daughter Eleanor** enjoy a paddleboat ride after signing up for the swim program

Velky noted, "The point of the scavenger hunt was to get people to take a walk around the perimeter of the Park and enjoy all that the Park has to offer."

Just outside the Rotary tent, Mike Morrison, President of the Friends of the Upper Charles Trail, had set up his table to sell t-shirts and hand out trail information. The always-prepared Boy Scout Troop 1 from the Sacred Heart Church added to the festivities by popping up their tent at Plains Park. Their leaders, Michele Duffy and Lisa Williams, handed out information about Scouting while Boy Scout Joel Ross demonstrated outdoor and safety skills. Rotary Club President Stephen Chaplin noted, "Support from other organizations was important and was part of the plan to help people enjoy the day while learning more about the town's outdoor recreational resources and organizations."

Outdoor Day Co-Chair Ben Demeo noted, "We were not sure how many people would show up for our first Get Outdoors Day, but in spite of a 'typical New England weather day' with a few heavy showers followed by lots of sun and an unexpected road closing, many area residents came out. It was a great day for everyone." Demeo also added, "Our committee envisioned Get Outdoors Day as another way to continue Rotary's tradition of giving back while encouraging people to enjoy our beautiful outdoor recreation areas. We were happy with the turnout and plans are already underway for next year's event."

On the morning of June 24th, event Co-Chair Demeo and Club President Stephen Chaplin arrived early at the Plains Park Boat ramp to oversee the arrival of the canoes, kayaks, and paddle boats that the Club had rented from Fin and Feather in Upton. Over at Plains Park, Co-Chair Leanne Velky and other committee members eagerly set up *command central* at the Rotary tent.

By 8 AM, all was ready in spite of threatening skies and the concern that Dilla Street was blocked off due to an accident that wiped out a telephone pole during the night. But when you work and plan as hard as the Get Outdoors Team did, major traffic jams and intermittent downpours may slow down your start but not your enthusiasm.

Soon, Louisa Lake was speckled with outdoor adventure seekers enjoying the day paddling their crafts of choice. Kids were busy fishing, and 4 year-old Myles Velky, with help from his dad Matt, quickly landed the biggest catch of the day- a 14-inch pickerel. By 1 PM, the blue skies over Plains Park offered a beautiful backdrop for model planes of all sizes making high-speed changes, wild loops, dives, and

precision landings as John Holcomb, of the Millis Model Aircraft Club, provided demonstrations of his amazing collection of radio-controlled aircraft.

Meanwhile, under the Rotary tent, Rotarians were busy signing-up kids for the Club's Red Cross Swim program to be held in July at the Fino Field pool and handing out scavenger hunt lists so kids could win a prize by finding 12 Rotary signs scattered throughout Plains Park. Co-Chair



**Ramped Up:** Rotarians Albert Crimaldi (left) along with event co-chairs Leanne Velky (with her son Myles) and Ben Demeo get ready to help launch boats while promoting the catch and release fishing derby.



**Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi**  
Awarded Honorary Paul Harris  
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## Message From The President

### "It Was a Wonderful Opportunity to Serve The Community"

Serving as President of the Milford Rotary can be a daunting experience. However, I quickly learned it also provides a wonderful opportunity to serve the community. It's easy to get overwhelmed when you inherit a legacy of successful programs and commitments - and are pumped up and full of new ideas.

During my year, I wanted to maintain traditional projects like our recent focus on local *programs for food for the hungry*. Thanks to a \$1500 Rotary District Foundation Grant, the Club was able to double its contribution to the Kids Summer Meals program offered by the Milford Area Humanitarian Coalition in partnership with the Hockomock Area YMCA. Milford Rotarians also volunteered to help serve meals at Community Suppers in November and packed Holiday Food boxes at the Salvation Army. Rotarians continued to care for the grounds and landscaping at the Safe House run by New Hope Inc. and expanded efforts to develop the Rotary Interact Club at Milford High School.

As President, I wanted to get the Club out into the community even more. We pitched our tent at both the Alternatives Fall Festival and Milford Celebrates Spring Festival and marched in the Veterans Day Parade. Visiting a number of business sites such as the Alternatives Unlimited Center in the Hopedale Industrial Park, the new BCC Downtown facility, and the Hopedale Community Center added variety to our weekly meetings.

Thanks to a new idea put forth by Rotarian Ben Demo, the Club launched its first annual *Get Outdoors Day* this past June. It was a busy and exciting year.

Your continued support of this publication, our annual Spring Wine/Micro-Beer and Food Tasting Gala, and our Summer Lobster Raffle enabled us to support a wide variety of community projects. The Rotary Summer Red Cross Swim Program, for example, has helped 13,204 kids learn to swim since the program began 65 years ago at White's Beach in Mendon.

In June, the Club once again awarded four \$1,500 scholarships to area high school seniors who embodied the essence of Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self", and we provided funding for four area high school sophomore delegates to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) retreat held at Fitchburg State University in late June. We also continued our participation in the Rotary Eastern States Student Exchange (ESSEX) program by sponsoring one outbound high school student, who spent the school year in Thailand, while also hosting an inbound exchange student from Germany, who was the first exchange student to ever attend Hopedale High School.

Your support has also enabled us to support summer camp programs for the Milford Youth Center and the Salvation Army while continuing to support other important organizations such as the Claflin Hill Symphony Orchestra.

We believe in getting involved in the local community and always enjoy the friendly *Battle of Bells Competition* with the Milford Lions Club when we ring bells in December to support the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Drive.

This year, the Rotary International Foundation celebrated its 100th birthday; we participated by increasing our Paul Harris Membership from 93 to 100. One of the highlights of our celebration included the presentation of an honorary Paul Harris Community Service Award to the Honorable Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi.

Many programs that I have mentioned, and more, are featured in this publication and offer a glimpse at the scope of Rotary's involvement both within the community and beyond. We hope this publication helps you capture the spirit of fellowship and fun that we enjoy at our weekly meetings.

It truly has been an exciting and fulfilling year. It was very rewarding to see Membership grow by 10%. None of this could have been accomplished without the support of my fellow Rotarians, 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](mailto:iiijp@comcast.net) and he will be happy to invite you to a *fireside-chat*. In the meantime, follow us on Facebook at Milford MA Rotary Club or check our web site at [www.milfordmarotary.org](http://www.milfordmarotary.org).

It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve as President for the past year. I look forward to working with our new President Stephen Chaplin as I continue to serve the Club and its endeavors. Rotary is proud to support the community and we couldn't do it without your support.



**Michael Kaplan**  
President  
July 1, 2016 to  
June 30, 2017

## Holman and Schroeder Named "Rotarians Of The Year"



(l:r) Alfred Holman, President Kaplan and Jane Schroeder.

During his final meeting of the year as President, Mike Kaplan named Rotarians Al Holman and Jane Schroeder as *Rotarians of the Year*. Kaplan said that, although it is normal to present one award and, in some cases, no Rotarian of the Year award at all, he felt Al and Jane had performed way beyond expectations during his year as President - and in past years as well.

Kaplan thanked Al for all his help on the composition, production, and distribution of the annual Rotary Tab; his relentless volunteer support at club projects; the support the *Town Crier* gives to the Club; and stepping up to serve a third term as President when he assumes the office on July 1, 2018.

Kaplan thanked Jane for her many years of outstanding service as the Club's Program Chair, her work as the Editor of the Club's Rotary Tab, and her counsel as a senior advisor to the club. He also praised Jane for the amazing dedication and success she achieves working to place both inbound and outbound students involved with Rotary's Eastern States Student Exchange Program. Kaplan noted, "Without her passion, commitment, and follow-through, the Student Exchange Program would not happen." Kaplan also thanked Jane for always being available to assist with any Club Project.

Kaplan also noted, "Both Rotarians are Multi-Paul Harris Fellows," and thanked them both for helping him throughout his year as President.



### Leanne Velky Named "Rookie of the Year"

Capitalizing on his love of sports, Kaplan ended his awards program by pulling a new award out of his bag of goodies and noted, "Since joining Rotary in the summer of 2016, this individual has displayed enthusiasm, excitement, and eagerness to get involved. She hosted an exchange student from Germany, marched in the Veterans Day Parade, co-chaired Get Outdoors Day,



**Family Pride:** Leanne's dad Larry Hazen, was in Rotary for 28 years and was a member/Past President of the Woodstock, VT and Sarasota, FL clubs. Larry visited the Milford Club last summer.

and has displayed a high level of devotion and commitment to the Club. It is indeed my honor and privilege to present Leanne Velky with this prestigious new Rookie of the Year Award."

### In Memoriam



**\*\*Russell M. Dennett**

As we close out our 2016-2017 Rotary year, we do so with reflection on the recent passing of one of our outstanding Rotarians, Russell M. Dennett, who joined Rotary on 11/10/1976. For many years he served on the Scholarship Committee and was an active participant in the interviewing process for the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) for sophomore students. Known for his wonderful voice, Russ served as the "Song Leader" at Rotary's weekly meetings for years on end. Russ was also a strong supporter and active participant in the Club's Summer Swim Program. As one of Rotary's most senior members, Russ also administered the oath of office to incoming officers at the beginning of each Rotary year.

Russ was a Paul Harris Fellow Foundation member and a big supporter of the annual Rotary Battle of the Bells campaign to benefit the Milford Salvation Army. His commitment to club programs, his eagerness to help at events, his presence at social events with his lovely wife Shirley at his side, and his camaraderie during meetings will be greatly missed.

Russ was part of what made Rotary special for the four plus decades.

In recognition of his 41 years of "Service Above Self", it is indeed our pleasure to dedicate this year's Rotary Publication in memory of our good friend and fellow Rotarian, Russell M. Dennett.



## Marcia and Harold Rhodes Congratulate the Milford Commission on Disability for Another Year of Dedicated Service to Our Milford Community

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## District Governors Deliver Message of Diversity

When you become a Rotary Club president, you can be sure the District team is headed your way! Our annual visit for the 2016-2017 year occurred on September 6th when District Governors Skip and Pat Doyle brought greetings from RI District 7910.

This year's message focused on promoting a positive Rotary public image while emphasizing Rotary's diversity and flexibility. DG Pat Doyle stressed, "Rotary is no longer an exclusive club of prominent businessmen who get together to have breakfast, lunch or dinner every week. In the US, women, small business owners, representatives from major community businesses, professional men and women from all walks of life as well as town officials and clergy are all Rotarians who come together to build new friendships, serve their communities, and support the global mission of the wide variety of world programs offered by Rotary including Rotary's mission to eradicate polio throughout the world".

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion to polio eradication since the launch of the PolioPlus program in 1985. Rotary efforts, along with Rotary's many Partners including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Health Organization, have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide since the first child was vaccinated in the Philippines in 1979. Rotary is close to eradicating polio worldwide with a total of only 27 cases being recorded last year in three countries-Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria. In closing DG Pat Doyle noted, "It is only through the energy created by the diversity of Rotary's membership that Rotary can do so much in its local community while sustaining a wide diversity of global initiatives."



(l.r) Assistant District Governor Steve Sager, Milford Club President Michael Kaplan, and Co-District Governors Skip and Pat Doyle.



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**RYLA** Rotary District 7910  
**rotary youth leadership awards**

In keeping with past traditions, the Milford Rotary Club sent four high school sophomores to this year's three-day overnight Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) conference held at Fitchburg State University from June 23-25. The Milford Rotary Club pays the students' expenses to attend the conference.

This year, the Club selected Carlos Terrinha, Milford High School; Grace Martel, Nipmuc Regional High School; Aimee Figgins, Hopedale High School; and Alexandra Valoras, Blackstone Valley Tech to attend RYLA after meeting them in an extensive interview process. Alexandra and BVT alternate Kelley Muanya were unable to attend, however, because they were participating in the National Skills USA competition. So Jenna Riley, the alternate from Hopedale High, was selected to enjoy the RYLA experience this year. Rotarian and Past President Dennis LaPlante chairs the Club's RYLA program.



Congratulations to **Paul Zonghi.**  
 The lucky winner of this year's Lobster Raffle

Rotarian Steve Ellis (right) delivered the fresh haul to Paul one early August morning in time for his weekend cookout. Thanks to Paul and everyone who bought a ticket, this unique fundraiser helped fund our many community projects. Maybe you will be the lucky winner next year!

**Milford Rotary Increases Individual College Scholarship Awards to \$1500**



(l:r) Chairman Steve Ellis, Victoria Beyer of Milford High School who will be attending Clark University, Bailey Vogt of Nipmuc Regional High School who will be attending the University of Rhode Island, Cassidy Rodrigues of Hopedale High School who will be attending the University of Massachusetts, and Rotary President Mike Kaplan. Grace Lemire of Blackstone Valley Tech will be attending the University of New Hampshire, but was unable to attend the luncheon.

Rotarian and Scholarship Chairman Steve Ellis addressed Rotarians, scholarship recipients, and their parents at the Club's Annual Scholarship Luncheon at Restaurant 45 in Medway in June and commended recipients for their outstanding achievements. Ellis also thanked their parents for their commitment and investment in their children's futures. Ellis encouraged all recipients to continue their dreams and to let opportunity lead them down whatever road of success and excellence that fulfills their life goals.

Ellis noted, "As our scholarship process was underway, I checked with some of our prior recipients. I am always amazed at the stories they share, how things worked out for them, and what unknown opportunities came their way. It's always refreshing to hear their stories, and I am sure you will tell me similar stories four years from now," he said.

Ellis closed his address by informing the students that he was excited to announce that Rotary voted to increase this year's scholarship award from \$1000 to \$1500. "This means the Club is presenting \$6000 in total awards this year; I hope that will make today's luncheon even more enjoyable for all you," he said.

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**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.



**Holiday Servings:** Last November, Rotarians joined other volunteers to serve a nutritious meal of soup, salad, coleslaw, and beef stroganoff along with sides of potato or squash casserole and a variety of desserts at the Sunday night Community Supper at the Milford Unitarian Universalist Church on Pine Street. The program is spearheaded by two amazing volunteers, Sue and Lynne, who for 17 years have worked their hearts out to help others. A lot has to happen in the background to run a meals program, and they begin cooking at noon in order to serve 40-45 diners at an evening meal. After the meal, diners were invited to take home fresh squash, canned goods, pastries, and pies. Besides helping to serve the meal, Rotary purchased needed kitchen items and a commercial side-by-side freezer with funding support from the Milford National Bank. A week later, Rotarians helped serve meals at The Trinity Episcopal Church. The events, organized by Rotarian Dennis LaPlante, are part of the Club's humanitarian outreach effort. Rotary also purchased 10 Turkeys for the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving boxes and a number of Rotarians helped pack Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes.

Top left, Rotarians Tania Medina, Claudia Pietrewicz.  
 Lower left: Rotarian Laura O'Callaghan.  
 Bottom: Lynne Roberts (left) and Sue Terrill.





Some Traditions are Worth Keeping. Year In and Year Out, Rotarians Stand at the Bells.



Rotarians Laura O'Callaghan, Mike Kaplan, Dennis LaPlante, and his wife Heather join the flow of Rotarians who covered the daylong shifts.



(l:r): Kayden Kelley, Joe Demarco, and Zack Tamagni, all members of the Milford High School Rotary Interact Club were three of the many Interact members who rang the bells with us.



Abe Rosenfeld and his 11 year-old son William stand with Tony Gallo, David Condre, and Donna Wolf at Stop & Shop door

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A Chillin' and a Grillin' and a Marchin'-Seems Like Rotary Was Everywhere This Year!



When President Kaplan took office this year, he said, "I want Rotary to be out in the community more this year." So he ordered a beautiful new Rotary tent, and Rotarians gathered under the tent on Milford Day In The Park to sell lobster raffle tickets and hand out young trees donated by Bartlett Tree Experts. Rotarians also handed out awesome blue and gold Rotary canvas shopping bags. The tent popped up again at the Alternatives Unlimited Day in the Park - for which we are a major sponsor and volunteer to run the grill and the food booth. Rotary was also proud to march in last year's Veterans Day Parade. I think Kaplan should have given us roller-skates with the new tent.

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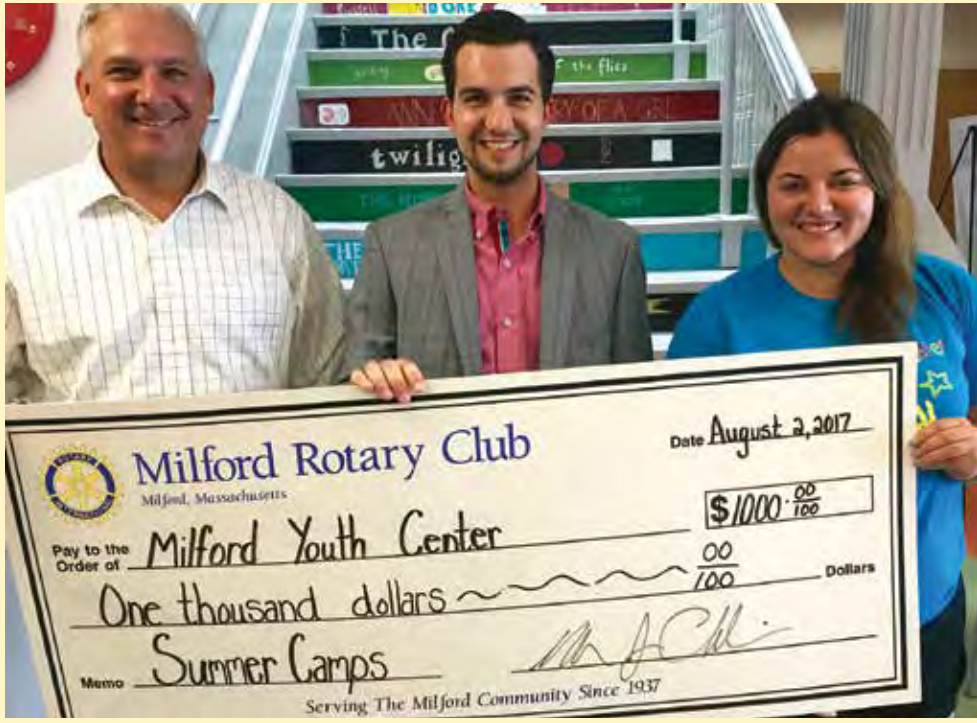
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### Rotary Donates \$1000 To Youth Center

During the school year, the Youth Center functions as a free after-school program, but then transitions into a paid summer camp with fun activities within the Center and a variety of field trips including the Town Pool & Park. Often outside funds are needed to continue to make Summer Camp affordable for the kids and teens who use the Youth Center. Thanks to your support, Rotary was able to donate \$1000 to assist the Youth Center's Summer Camp Program. Rotary also donated \$1200 to the Milford Salvation Army Camp Program. From the left: Paul Tamagni, Milford Rotary Club Youth Program chairman; Stephen Chaplin, Club President; and Jennifer Ward, Director of the Milford Youth Center.

### WMRC Launches FM Frequency, My FM 101.3



President Mike Kaplan (left) and Tom McAuliffe II.

When good things happen in Milford, you often hear about it at Rotary. And that's the way it was when WMRC Owner Tom McAuliffe II visited the Club to talk about his FM vision and the reasons for converting 1490 AM to MY FM 101.3. Tom noted, "The FM frequency will provide a stronger signal, cover a larger area, and remain at full power throughout the evening and overnight. That will help reach some new and very important audiences. The new FM radio station and mobile device app allow us to continue to serve our region in today's changing world."



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## Rotary Donates \$3000 to Summer Meals Program

In only its third year of operation, the Milford Summer Lunch Program served over 9000 meals between June 22nd and August 25th - which is up from 7000 in the summer of 2016. The program offers all kids under the age of 18 a free, healthy lunch that meets USDA Guidelines. The innovative program is a joint partnership of The Milford Area Humanitarian Coalition (MAHC), the Hockomock YMCA, and the Milford Public Schools Food service team. Mike Kaplan, who served as Rotary's president for the past year, is also vice president of MAHC and chairman of the Summer Lunch Program.

Four Rotarians, Dennis LaPlante, Al Holman, Harold Rhodes, and Mike Kaplan, were charter members of the team that launched the Summer Meals program, and Rotary has helped fund the program ever since. This year, thanks to a \$1500 Matching Grant from Rotary District 7910, the Club was able to double its donation from \$1500 to \$3000.

A new serving location was opened at the Bethany Community Church Downtown Forum (BCC) on Main Street in Milford this past summer. Another host site was located at the Memorial School where classes for ESL are held. The third site was located at the Milford Youth Center and complements their Summer Camp Program.

Meals were served from 11:30 AM-1 PM, Monday thru Friday. In addition to healthy meals, each site offered

interactive activities including crafts and board games for all ages to help kids hone their social skills.

On August 1st, kids at the Memorial School got a special surprise when U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III - D; State Sen. Ryan Fattman, R-Webster; and State Rep. Brian Murray, D-Milford, stopped in to help serve meals while mingling with the kids and staff to show their support for the Summer Meals Program and MAHC.

In late June, Rotarians attended the opening of the meals center at the Bethany Community Church Downtown Forum (BCC) on Main Street in Milford. Pastor Phil and Cheri McCutchen welcomed Rotarians and presented a video highlighting many of the powerful community outreach programs offered by the BCC including the two Blessing Barns, the Happy Place, and Compassion New England. Following the presentation, Rotarians were given a tour of the building that has undergone major renovations since it was purchased by BCC. The multi-level building serves as BCC's office and Youth Center where they host concerts and events open to all teens.

Summer Meals chairman Mike Kaplan noted,

*"It takes over 200 volunteers donating over 2100 hours to run the program, and we appreciate the incredible support from volunteers who step up every summer. The staff at the YMCA works hard all year to line up Government and State Grants to help fund the cost of meals, and we get great support from local groups like Rotary, the Lions Club, Milford National Bank, Uni-Bank, Milford Federal Savings & Loan, Bright*

*Insurance, Partners By Design, Trinity Church, The First Universalist Unitarian Church, The Law Office of Michael Kaplan, and Harold Rhodes to help fund items not covered by the grants such as meals and t-shirts for the volunteers. The overwhelming response validates the need, but without the support of many, that need would not be fulfilled," Kaplan said.*

Representative Joseph Kennedy III chats with Mike Kaplan.



BCC FORUM on Main Street in Milford was the new location for this year's Summer Meals Program. Pastor Phil McCutchen (left) and his wife Cheri hosted Rotary at the new site on June 27th. During the visit, newly elected President Stephen Chaplin presented Rotary's \$3000 check to Mike Kaplan (right), Vice President of Milford Area Humanitarian Council. Shannon Nisbett (center), Summer Meals Program Director from the Hockomock YMCA also participated in the check ceremony.

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The tables at Memorial School were a busy place as kids enjoyed healthy meals and then stayed to interact with others as they played a variety of table games with adult volunteers and other kids.



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**It Takes a Team to Make It Happen:** (l:r) back row: Manager, Morgan Smith, Alex Autenzio, Pietro Bon Tempo, Ashby Hobart, Ryan Nesta, Hannah Bangert, and Mia Sciba. Front Row: Elena Bon Tempo, and Kaitlyn Russo. Missing at the time of the photo due to rotating shifts: Eli Moore, Gillieson Hobart, Betsy Scrimmgour, Pietro BonTempo, Emilia BonTempo, Piper Terril, and Managers Sofia BonTempo and Nick Monica.

### Some Things Never Get Old

Rotary owes a "big thank you" to all the staff involved in this year's Rotary/Red Cross Swim Program at the Fino Field Pool. Based on feedback from some of the parents, we can be very proud of this year's team who worked with the 81 swimmers who signed up for the two-week session. Over the past 67 years, 13,204 kids have participated in Rotary's swim program.

Rotary would like to extend a special thanks to Fino Field pool managers, Peter Filosa and Ron Santacrocce without whose help, Rotary could not offer the Summer Swim program. We also owe a big thank you to the Town of Milford for allowing Rotary to use the pool for this important safety program.

And one last big thanks to *all the parents and grandparents who registered the swimmers and brought them to the pool every day.*

**Far left photo:** Morgan offers a cool popsicle to Madison Demanche-Yohn, age 6, during the break on a very humid day. Thanks for going the "extra mile."



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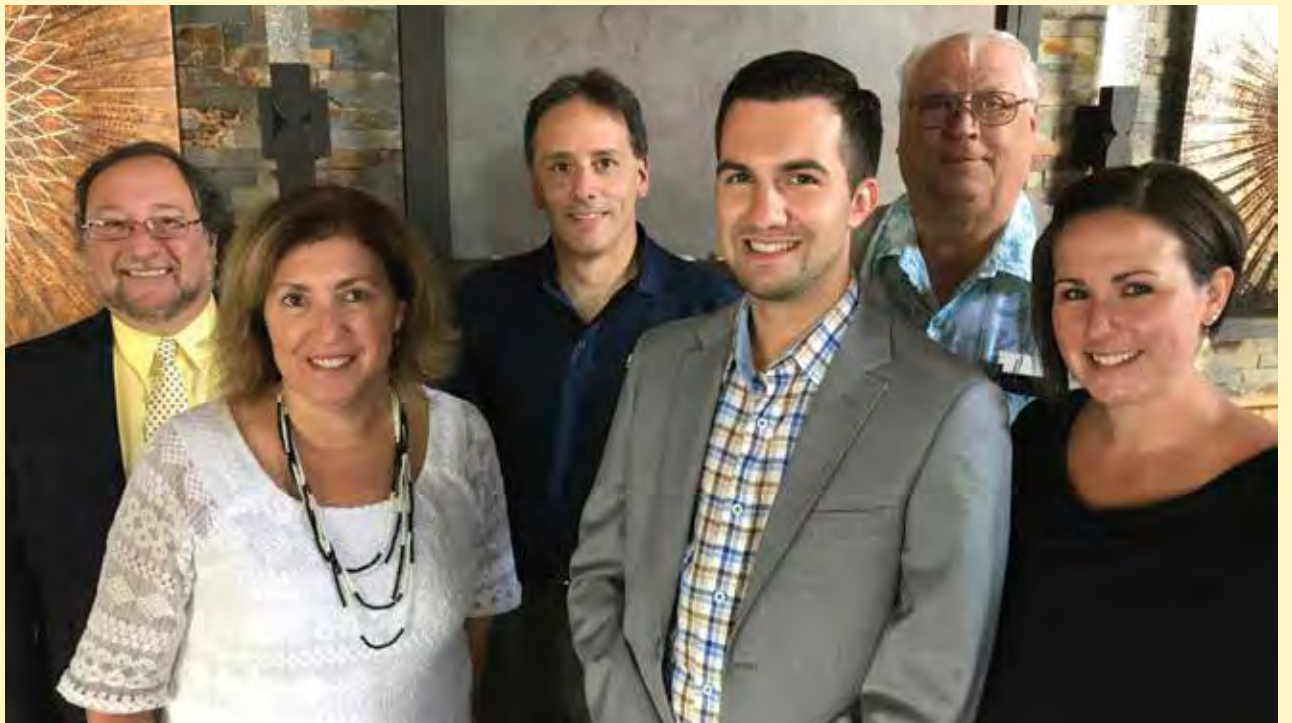
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**Rotary Reflections:** We hope you enjoy reading this year's Rotary publication. In addition to being one of our major fundraisers, the Rotary Tab helps us provide you with you a *glimpse* of Rotary in action over the past year. It was a busy year, as we introduced new ideas and maintained traditions of years past. In June, at the annual meeting held at the Alicante Restaurant in Mendon, *we thanked Mike Kaplan for his leadership* and we flipped the switch to welcome President Stephen Chaplin and his leadership team. In keeping with past traditions, one of our senior members, Tom Sawyer, conducted the installation ceremony. Tom was standing in for the late Russell M. Dennett, who had conducted the ceremony for many years.

Front row (l:r): Donna Wolf, Secretary; Stephen Chaplin, President 2017-2018; and Leanne Velky, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Back row: Michael Kaplan, Immediate Past-President; Tony Gallo, Club Treasurer; and Al Holman, President-Elect 2018-2019. Michael DiCicco, Executive Secretary, had to leave before the photo was taken. If you would like to join Rotary, just contact any one of our officers. They would be happy to introduce you to Club Membership Chair John Peters III for a sit-down chat and a visit to a Rotary luncheon.

# Rotary



Why Not Join Rotary TODAY! Simply Contact Any Rotarian Pictured On Page 11 or Email Membership Chairman John Peters III at [iiiip@comcast.net](mailto:iiiip@comcast.net)



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Eight Rotarians on page 11, who have contributed \$1000 or more, have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows and have a star \* preceding their names. **Twelve members: Leonard DeLoia, M. Russell Dennett, Ralph Mastroianni, Thomas Sawyer, Sr., John Peters III, Vera Cassinelli, Paul Surapine, Jane Schroeder, Steven Ellis, Michael DiCicco, Josh Lioce, and Alfred Holman have achieved multiple Paul Harris status for their continued support of the Foundation and have a double\*\* star preceding their names.** Members who are working toward their PH recognition award have a # sign preceding their names.

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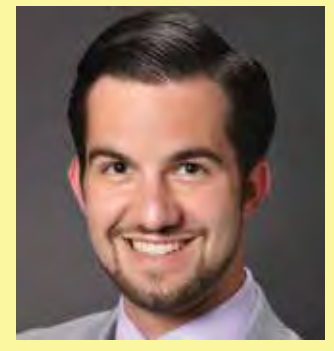
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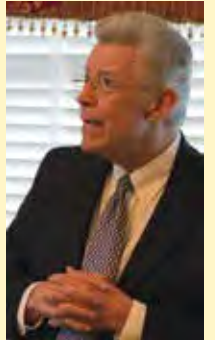
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When Rotary turned 100 in 2005, Rotary International launched its Every Rotarian Every Year campaign to encourage each Rotarian to give \$100 annually to the Foundation so it could continue its Global Mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, the alleviation of poverty, and the eradication of polio worldwide. In 1957, twelve years after the death of Rotary's Founder Paul Harris, the Foundation began recognizing a donor who makes a gift of \$1000 in his/her name or in another's name as a Paul Harris Fellow to honor Rotary's Founder Paul Harris. During the past Rotary year (2016-2017), the Rotary Foundation turned 100, and Milford Rotary celebrated the event with a Foundation Luncheon held in November to recognize and honor seven new Paul Harris Fellows thus raising its Paul Harris roster to an even 100. Milford's Rotary Club Foundation Chair Tom Sawyer felt that getting to 100 PH Fellows in the Foundation's 100th year was the best way to celebrate the 100-year history of the Foundation.

**Senator Louis Bertonazzi Receives Honorary PH Award**

During this year's award ceremonies, a Honorary Paul Harris Community Service award was presented to the Honorable Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi for his years of public service at the state and local level, his extensive work in the healthcare field, and the on-going efforts of the Bertonazzi Foundation which gives a \$1,000 annual education award to an outstanding teacher in the Milford School system. The Bertonazzi Foundation also presents a Citizenship Award to a town within the Senator's district that has had the highest percentage of its registered voters turn out to vote during a specific two-year period, thereby earning the title Best Voting Community.



*Honorable Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi*

The Foundation offers a cultural award in conjunction with the Milford Sons of Italy Lodge and the Milford Italian American Veterans Post to send a qualifying Italian language student from Milford High School to study in Italy each year. Bertonazzi has been a friend of Milford Rotary for over 25 years and delivered an inspiring closing day keynote address to the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy at St. Mark's School back in 1993. At the time, RYLA was in its second year of existence and is now approaching its 25th anniversary.

Bertonazzi's award marked only the seventh time the Club has presented a PH Community Service Award.

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Milford Rotary Club Holds Award Ceremony to Celebrate 100th Anniversary of The Rotary International Foundation



Ceremony Participants (l:r) Front Row: Kathleen Sawyer, Barbara and Louis P. Bertonazzi, Foundation Chair Tom Sawyer, Mike Kaplan, and Marilyn Holman. Back Row: John Peters III, Josh Lioce, Harold Rhodes, Ann Gonyea, Jessica and David Irwin, Andy and Al Holman. Julie Lioce also received a PHA, but was unavailable for the photo.



Milford Foundation Chairman Tom Sawyer presents Community Service Award to Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi.



Rotarian and Salvation Army Major David Irwin surprised his wife Jessica with an Honorary Paul Harris Award.



John Peters III and Josh Lioce present an Honorary Paul Harris Award to a smiling Ann Gonyea.



Past-President Dennis LaPlante honors Harold Rhodes with his Honorary Paul Harris Award as he is joined by his friend, Louis P. Bertonazzi.

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District Governor Nominee Steven Sager, (left) and Tom Sawyer present an Honorary Paul Harris Award to Club President Mike Kaplan.



Family Affair; Marilyn and Al Holman present an Honorary Paul Harris Award to their son Andrew. Both Marilyn and Al are Paul Harris Fellows. Andrew became the 100th Paul Harris Fellow on Milford Rotary Club's Register as the Foundation celebrated its 100th year.



John Peters III and Josh Lioce each received Multi-Paul Harris pins.



Ralph Mastroianni receives a Multi-Paul Harris pin from John Peters III.

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### Rotary Takes Holiday Tour

What a relaxing, informative meeting last November when Rotarians traveled to Hopedale, where our good friend Bernie Stock and other staff members at The Hopedale Community Center hosted us! We enjoyed a wonderful luncheon in what is known as the Ladies Room and experienced the chimes of an amazing grandfather clock that chimed on the quarter hour. Following lunch, Steve Ellis gave a very informative history about the Dale and how it became Hopedale. Steve also covered the Draper Family history as well as the background of the Draper Mill and the Loom industry.

Following the general meeting, Rotarians were given a tour of the building as well as an update on the many activities and programs that take place at the Community Center. Rotarians paused for a group photo in the newly remodeled and beautiful bowling alley that is open to members and non-members, located in the lower level.



(l:r) Front Row: Rotarian John Peters III, Bernie Stock, Hopedale Community Center Maintenance Director; Rotarians Donna Wolf, and Oceana Montalvo. Back Row: Rotarians Steve Ellis, Al Holman, Harold Rhodes, Tony Gallo, Leanne Velky, Mel McKee, and Ann Gonyea.



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## Rotary Welcomes Four New Members



It's a new year and time to welcome new members with new ideas and new energy.

Membership Chairman, John Peters III (left) hands a membership package to **Oceana Montalvo, Senior Accountant at Shepherd & Goldstein** in Milford when she became a member in early January. Rotarian Allan Villatoro sponsored Oceana.



### Welcome To Rotary

Membership Chairman John Peters III (left) inducted **Albert Crimaldi, Financial Advisor from the The Cafaro Group – Merrill Lynch** into the Club on May 9<sup>th</sup>. And yes, John always smiles during his welcome remarks.



In late January, President Mike Kaplan, (right) was proud to sponsor **Claudia Pietrewicz, Branch Manager of UniBank** as a new member. Membership Chairman, John Peters III conducted the welcome ceremony



Wow-it's fall, a very busy time for Rotary but our membership chair was more than happy to make time to welcome **Christopher Kivior** (right) as our fourth new member of the year. Chris is manager of the **Massachusetts Association of Insurance Agents** in Milford and was sponsored by Rotarian Harold Rhodes.

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## Rotary Essex Exchange Program Sends Rodrigues to Thailand and Welcomes Stein from Germany

By Jane Schroeder, Club Chair For ESSEX Exchange Program

Engaging in activities that promote world peace is an important part of being a Rotarian. And nothing does it better than having high school age youth around the globe live and learn in another country for a full school year! When students live in another country, learn about the culture, and go to school speaking a new language, they will gain new understandings and respect for the people there. And host families learn from their new family member as well and soon realize that their families have gained a new friend for life. This year, the Milford Rotary Club sponsored two high school young women through the Eastern States Student Exchange Program (ESSEX).

Cassidy Rodrigues would have been a senior at Hopedale High School during the 2016-17 school year, but decided she really wanted to spend that year in Thailand! She had heard about the ESSEX program at the RYLA event the year before and just knew this was the path for her. Cassidy lived with three Thai families in the northern part of the country and shared her year-long experience with the Club and her hometown via a fascinating blog site. We really admired Cassidy's determination to learn a new language with a different alphabet - that has 28 vowel sounds even - and followed along as she began to love Thai food and cherish the trips with her families to the beautiful sites and scenery of Thailand.

Shortly after we said "Good-bye" to Cassidy in late August, we said "Guten Tag" to Caroline Stein, who spent her junior year at Hopedale High. Caroline's hometown is near Frankfurt, Germany, and she couldn't wait to come to the US. She prepared for her trip by watching US movies night after night so she could speak fluent English upon arrival here! Caroline literally jumped right into the lifestyle of an American teen. On her second day here, she joined the Cross Country Team and then did Indoor Track in the winter. Caroline loved the atmosphere of an American small town and the relaxed school environment. Caroline's parents and brother arrived for a brief visit in May just in time for the HHS Prom, so both Caroline and her brother were able to go to the prom while her parents visited with the host parents.

The Club appreciates the hospitality Caroline's three Hopedale host families - Leanne and Matt Velky, Susan and Matt Dykhoff, and Deb and Chris Hodgens. They and their families opened their hearts and homes to Caroline and made her stay here a great success.



**A Family Reunion on Prom Night.** It was a beautiful evening in the "Dale" in June as Caroline joined with classmates from the Class of 2018 to celebrate her Junior Prom...a tradition not celebrated in Germany. (l:r) Sebastian Stein, Caroline's older brother; Stefan Stein and Charlotte Stein, her parents; Matt Velky, host parent; Caroline; Leanne Velky, host parent; Deb Hodgens and Chris Hodgens, host parents; and Jane Schroeder, Club Youth Exchange Officer. Unavailable for photo - host parents Matt and Susan Dykhoff.



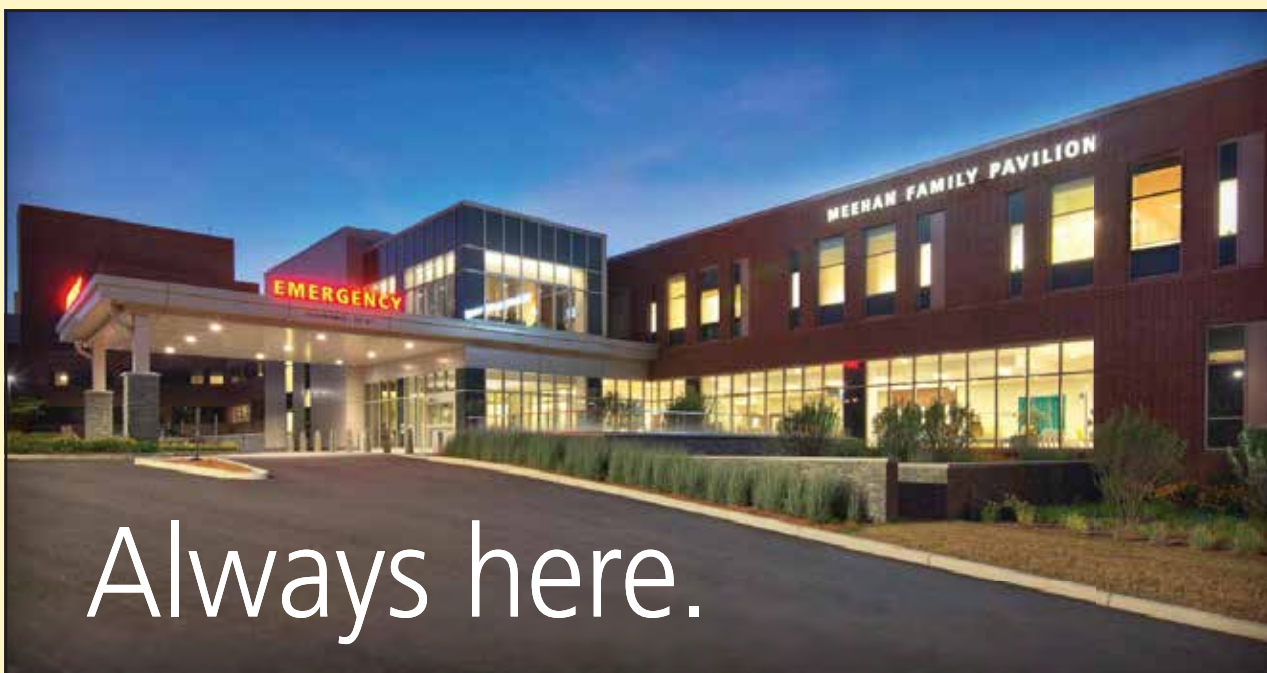
**In July, Club Foundation Chair Tom Sawyer Sr.** continued the Club's tradition of presenting Honorary Paul Harris Awards to Exchange Students in recognition of their achievement and ambassadorial excellence and presented PH awards to both Cassidy (center) and Caroline.



Cassidy Rodrigues enjoys a special night of culture in Thailand.



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**Rotary Offers Hope.** One of the Club's community work projects includes working behind the scene assisting with landscape maintenance at a New Hope Shelter Home for Women. When it was noticed that the concrete steps and rock retainer wall were deteriorating, the Club donated \$2188 to help fund replacing the steps and reworking the wall. (l:r) Tony Gallo, Club Treasurer; Marcia Szymanski, President/Executive Director New Hope; Steve Chaplin, Rotary Club President; and Rotarian Donna Wolf.



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**Left:** Steve Ellis gets the clean-up detail at the Trinity Church Community Supper, and Tom Sawyer (right) gets the "sweet job."

**Top:** servers Dennis LaPlante, Kathy Sawyer, Steve Ellis, and John Peters III, are ready to serve holiday guest. We hope you enjoy reading this year's publication as much Rotary has enjoyed serving our community over the past year. Because you support us-we can support others.

So here's one more BIG THANK YOU from all of us at Milford Rotary.



## Thanks For Coming To Our 11th Annual Wine/Micro Beer & Food Tasting.

### "Because you support us - we can support others"

Thanks to all of you, our 11th Annual Wine and Food Tasting was another big success. Our major sponsor Tony Khoury, Principal at Gateway Liquors, along with his son John Khoury and the rest of the Gateway team were great hosts as they happily served tastings all evening long. Delicious servings from our food vendors - Hens and Chicks Cookie Company, Oliva's Market & Catering, Restaurant 45, Little White Market/Tee's at Hopedale Country Club, The Muffin House, Quissett Hill Farm, and Pandolfi's Fine Chocolates - helped make the evening complete. And here's a big "THANK YOU" to all the businesses that bought ads in our Program Booklet designed by Al Holman and his wife Marilyn at the Town Crier, and big "THANK YOU" to all who came to support our sponsor, our vendors, and our silent auction. You all made a difference, and your support will help us fund our annual High School Scholarship Program, the Red Cross Certified Swim Program, the Summer Meals For Kids Program, and all our other projects throughout the year. We could not do what we do without you!



Lisa DaCruz (left) and Celeste Neveu promote offerings at the Oliva's Market and Catering table.



Rotarian Albert Crimaldi serves tasteful delights at the Restaurant 45 stop.



Chris Seaver (left) and Susan Dykhoff, owners of Hens and Chicks Cookie Company, share some sweet treats.



What did Tracey Libertore of Tee's at Hopedale Country Club serve up that made Jane so happy?



Donna Wolf and Leanne Velky offer servings from Restaurant 45.



Amy Tamagni (left) and Jane Schroeder enjoy a sweet moment, compliments of Pandophi's Chocolates.



Quissett Hill Farm, owned by John Gomersall and Ivy Lacol, was a popular table.



Nancy and Rob Phipps were the high bidders on a cooler packed with many items.



Dan and Joyce Gilmore chat with Al Holman.



(l:r) Event Team Members Paul Tamagni, Leanne Velky, Ann Gonyea, Mel McKee, and Mike DiCicco roll out a mountain bike for the auction.



Beautiful cooler (and so much more) donated to the auction by Tony and John Khoury, owners of Gateway Liquors in Bellingham.



# Thank You!

Milford Rotary would like to thank all the businesses and vendors who made this year's Wine/Micro Beer & Food Tasting and Silent Auction another great community event.



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We would also like to thank everyone at the Crystal Room for their wonderful support and the *Milford Town Crier* for their advertising support. Of course, special thanks goes to all the incredible people and businesses who bought tickets and came to the event. Thanks to you, we are able to continue funding many community projects.

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Peg Thomas was smiling when she was the high bidder on the flat screen TV.



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In mid-May of this year, Rotarians visited the Alternatives Unlimited Center for Personal Care facility located at the Hopedale Airport Park. Rotarians snacked on sandwiches at a picnic table under the pines and then were given a tour of the facility by Remke Remmelts, the Program Director. It was amazing to see all the different technology that makes it possible to tailor different programs for each person as well as the passion and care that employees have to help each person achieve his or her next goal. Remmelts noted, "The team's goal is to help each person develop and practice skills to reach his or her optimal level of independence and enjoy the benefits of community life." Photo left to right: Program Director, Remke Remmelts; Rotarians Ben Demeo, Mel McKee, Mike Kaplan, Dennis LaPlante, Leanne Velky, Oceana Montalvo, Tony Gallo, Ann Gonyea, and Karen Goldenberg, Director of Marketing and Development for Alternatives.

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