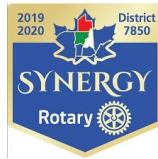




All Tied Up

District Governor Elect Jamie Milne of the **St. Johnsbury Rotary Club** poses with 2020-21 Rotary International President Holger Knaack and his wife Susanne, along with the other District Governors Elect from the Northeast President Elect Training Seminar (NEPETS) while at the 2020 Rotary International Assembly in San Diego, CA. More than 530 District Governors Elect convened at the Assembly to be trained as District Governors and were rewarded with a sneak peek at the 2020-21 Rotary Theme, "Rotary Opens Opportunities".

District Connections



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Got Something to Say? Here's Your Chance!

Do you have an event to announce? Do you want to promote a project or celebrate an achievement? Publish it here!

For all events and announcements, please forward the information to rfox@foxlawvt.com by the 20th of the month for publication in the following month's District Connections.

For articles, please forward the article in Word format at any time to rfox@foxlawvt.com for review, editing, and future publication in District Connections.

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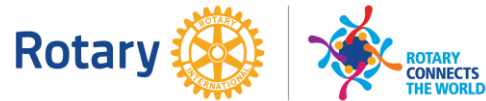
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SAVE THE DATES: MAY 1-3, 2020
2020 ROTARY DISTRICT 7850 CONFERENCE
 JAY PEAK RESORT, JAY, VERMONT
www.rotary7850.org | [@7850conference](https://www.facebook.com/7850conference)



Registration is Open for 2020 District Conference!

It's here, it's finally here! Registration for the 2020 Rotary District 7850 Conference is OPEN!

Our Conference will be held at Jay Peak Conference Center & Resort in Jay, Vermont, and will run from the afternoon of Friday, May 1, 2020 and conclude late in the morning of Sunday, May 3, 2020. You've heard me talk about how excited I am for this event, and over the coming weeks the Conference Committee will share the details and itinerary of the event on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/7850conference>

Here's a quick preview of what we have planned:

- Friday afternoon group learning sessions!
- Friday night dinner and trivia!
- Internationally renowned keynote speaker Joey Coleman!
- Saturday night dinner, followed by music and dancing from one of Vermont's hottest jazz bands!
- Fun in the water park, with FREE access for all kids under 18!
- A wine tasting session guided by vintner (and Rotarian) Marco Corbin and Genevieve Chabot of La Halte des Pèlerins Vineyard.
- Training sessions on Rotary topics YOU have requested!
- The semi-final and final rounds of the District Speech Contest!
- Guest speakers sharing their business, Rotary, and historical knowledge!
- Connecting with Rotarians, friends, and family from throughout Vermont, New Hampshire, and Quebec!
- The second annual Interact Symposium, including a service project coordinated by our Interactors!

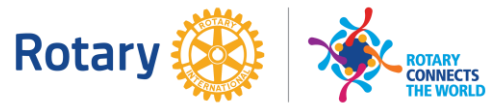
Our goal is to have this event be fun, open to all, and have each of you leaving with new friends, new knowledge, and new inspiration in Rotary!

To register, follow these two steps:

1. Go to www.rotary7850.org and *click* on the District Conference logo:

This will take you to the Clubrunner registration page where you will have a brief form to complete and submit with payment for your event registration.

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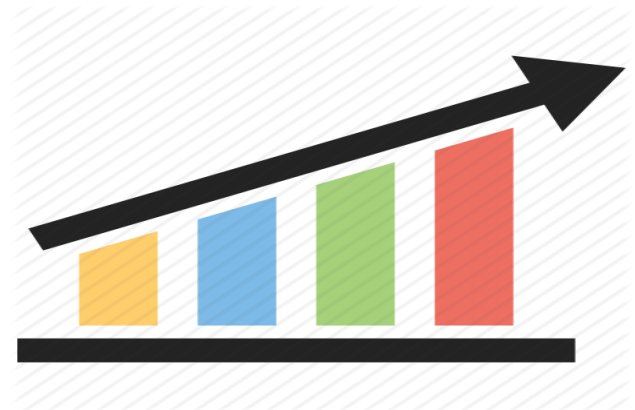


2) **Call Jay Peak Hotel Reservations** at 1-800-451-4449. Provide them with Group Code: 860322, and Group Name: Rotary 7850. They will guide you through your room options, ranging from a Standard Room (\$86.40/night plus tax and fees), Studio Room (\$110.40/night plus tax and fees), a One Bedroom Suite (\$160.80/night plus tax and fees) or a Two Bedroom Suite (\$229.60/night plus tax and fees). **NOTE:** These room rates are all in US Dollars and have been negotiated to be the same rates offered to us for our conference in 2016!



EARLY BIRD INCENTIVE: Every Conference registration completed and paid in full by 12:00 pm on March 17, 2020 will be entered into a drawing for up to two (2) FREE Conference registrations! The drawing will be held at the District Conference.

If you have questions about the Conference, please contact Conference Chair Eric Denu at edenu13@gmail.com, and questions about registration may be directed to Registration Chair Alan Shannon at alansoxfan@yahoo.com.



District Experiences Net Membership Growth

According to a January 3, 2020 report from Rotary International, our District demonstrated net growth in membership through the first two quarters of the 2019-20 Rotary year!

While this is great news, we have a long way to go to GROW ROTARY here in District 7850. To that end, we ask that each Rotarian commit to:

- **Share** their Rotary story whenever possible;
- **Introduce** friends, colleagues, and family members to Rotary through the great events and service projects we engage in; and
- **Ask** businesses in your area if they would be interested in the networking and business development opportunities offered through Rotary.

As we welcome new members, Club leadership should get the new members registered on **Rotary.org** so they can get the full benefit of their membership. This also helps our District know whether we are growing as the data we review is that generated by the reporting of our Clubs,

Together, we can **GROW ROTARY!**



Your February District Calendar

February 8, 2020

Waterbury Rotary Annual Pie for Breakfast – American Legion Post #59, Waterbury, Vermont



Information is available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/881415332313906>

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA Is Fast Approaching!

The 2020 RYLA will be held at Northern Vermont University (formerly Lyndon State College), Lyndonville, Vermont from 8:00 a.m. Friday, June 26th through 1:00 p.m. Sunday, June 28th, 2020. The District 7850 RYLA Program Goals are to:

- demonstrate Rotary's values of service, high ethical standards, and world peace through a program validating Rotary's respect and concern for youth;
- encourage and assist young people in responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a valuable and effective training experience;
- foster continued & stronger leadership of youth by youth; and
- recognize and reward publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders.

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February 14, 2020

Vergennes Rotary Annual Valentine's Dance – American Legion Post #14, Vergennes, Vermont



Information and tickets are available at: www.vergennesrotary.org/dance

February 15, 2020

2020 Boundary Open Curling Bonspiel – Border Curling Club, Stanstead (Beebe), Quebec



More details and information are available from Club President Jim Thompson at **(819) 571 7949**.

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RYLA participants in District 7850 are students completing their sophomore year of high school (approximately 15-16 years of age). While each local club may develop its own eligibility requirements for accepting applicants, RYLA participants are generally young people who display or have displayed, or are potential candidates to display, the ability to assume a leadership role

Student applications are on the District 7850 Website under the "Youth" tab. For more information, as well as to let District 7850 know who your Club's RYLA Chair is, please contact Bob Broadhurst at reb845@yahoo.com.



Four Months Until the International Convention

Are you interested in putting the INTERNATIONAL into your Rotary International membership? With nearly a dozen Rotarians and family members from our District attending the 2020 Rotary International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, you will be in good company to learn about Rotary's programs throughout the world and meet extraordinary fellow Rotarians from all the corners of the planet, all while enjoying the beauty and culture that Hawaii offers.

To explore registration, go to <https://www.riconvention.org/en/honolulu/register>



February 22, 2020

**Morrisville Rotary Annual Polar Splash – Lake
Elmore, Vermont**



25th Annual Ski Challenge to Help Heat Homes!

Information available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2547615262142073>

The Williston-Richmond Rotary Club will be holding its 25th annual Ski Challenge, hosted at Bolton Valley Ski Resort, on Friday, March 27th. The registration starts at 3:00 pm, followed by the race at 5:30 pm, with dinner, auction, and prizes to follow!

Proceeds from this event will go towards providing heating fuel assistance for families in need throughout the community, an ongoing project of the Club

To attend this event, you can register and pay the day of the event or submit a registration form ahead of time which may be found at: <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000001453/en-ca/files/homepage/2020-ski-challenge-forms/2020-ski-challenge.pdf>.

To submit registration forms, learn about sponsorship opportunities, or if you have any questions, please contact Howard Novak at (802) 434-3700 or novakhj@comcast.net.

**Check the District
Calendar at
www.rotary7850.org
for more events!**

**2020-21 CLUB PRESIDENTS, BE SURE TO
REGISTER FOR**

**NORTHEAST PRESIDENTS ELECT
TRAINING SEMINAR (NEPETS)**

MARCH 5-7, 2020 IN FRAMINGHAM, MA



REGISTER AT:

**[HTTPS://NEPETS.TICKETSPICE.COM/NE-ROTARY-
PETS-2020](https://nepets.ticketspice.com/ne-rotary-pets-2020)**

**CONTACT DGE JAMIE MILNE AT
[JMILNE@MILNEFEEONLY.COM](mailto:jmilne@milnefEEonly.com)**

WITH ANY QUESTIONS!