



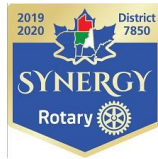
**KEEP
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Is March Over Yet?

In the course of three weeks we have gone from going about our business, attending our club meetings, and holding community events to staying at home, meeting online, and canceling in-person events. It has been a lot of change in a brief period of time, and for many of us it can be overwhelming.

Take a moment and learn more about how other Rotarians in our District are coping while still committing to stay connected with their clubs and their communities.

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 fox@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 fox@foxlawvt.com for review, editing, and future publication in District Connections.

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L-W Rotary Delivers Food to Neighbors in Need

The **Lincoln-Woodstock Rotary Club** and Loon Mountain Ministry are working together to deliver food baskets at least twice a week to seniors and families in need, as well as offering additional services as needed to folks sheltering-in-place. Local restaurants such as the Woodstock Inn, Station, and Brewery are either packaging meals to be delivered, or donating food items that can be packaged into meal baskets. Local families, the Food Pantry, and convenience and grocery stores are also donating food to be packaged and delivered. We are working on creating a distribution network where folks in need can call Loon Mountain Ministry who in turn dispatches Rotarians and other volunteers to either deliver meals or shop for those who are housebound. The needs of our neighbors don't disappear during trying times such as these, but to be safe, we are following safety protocols that minimize the risk to both deliverers and recipients! It's a great way to overcome the feelings of helplessness that many of us are experiencing by helping those who are truly in need!



Randolph and Randolph Sunrise Rotary Clubs Put Synergy to Work

The **Rotary Clubs of Randolph and Randolph Sunrise**, in concert with other local community groups and citizens, have organized a network to find people in need in the community and assign volunteers to fulfill them. Whether purchasing groceries, picking up prescriptions, or handling other tasks that involve going out in public, the Rotarians are coordinating efforts and providing volunteer labor to accomplish the tasks.

To better coordinate these efforts, the community is using both a Mutual Aid Volunteer Sign-Up (example at: <https://forms.gle/Kh7UJcr53LGMt8tU6>) and a Need Fulfillment Form (example at: <https://forms.gle/VKhc1YUmYF7PorVX9>) to identify volunteers and people in need. Great work!



Your April District Calendar

***** With the State and Provincial "Stay at Home" orders and similar guidance, few in-person events are being conducted. The list here contains what is of record, but please check with the sponsoring club to determine the event status before making any plans. *****

March 27 – April 5, 2020

Middlebury Rotary Annual Online Auction – ONLINE



To bid or to learn more, go to <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?auctionId=341695300>

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2020-21 District Grants

As people of action, Rotary members want to find ways to respond to COVID-19, which is now a global pandemic, and to help people affected by it.

Towards that end, as District Grants for the 2019-2020 year have a spending deadline of **May 15, 2020** and a final report due date of May 31, 2020, if your club has a district grant and has not yet spent the funds and does not think you will be able to spend the funds by **May 15, 2020**, please contact Louisa Tripp or Bob Broadhurst by **April 15, 2020** so that funds may be reallocated before the end of the grant year. Louisa's and Bob's contact information is below.

Additionally, if your club has been considering using 2019-20 district grant funds to support your community's response to COVID-19, please remember that modifications in District Grant spending may be made but only with prior approval by Rotary International. The process is very quick (less than 24 hours), but is required before funds are spent. If you have a 2019-20 district grant and all the funds have not yet been spent and both you and your original grant partners have discussed and agreed to the change in spending, please contact Louisa Tripp or Bob Broadhurst to get approval for this change.

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April 18, 2020

Sherbrooke Rotary Annual Wine & Cheese – Sherbrooke, Quebec



Information available at:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/184079392920041/>

All 2019-20 District Grant funds must be spent by **May 15, 2020** and final reports are due by **May 31, 2020**.

More information may be found at <https://rotary7850.org> by clicking on "Rotary Foundation Grants" in the left column.

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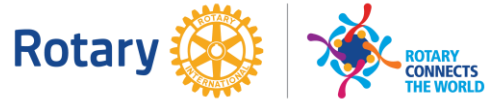


Check the District Calendar at www.rotary7850.org for more events!

Stuck at Home? Want to Learn More?

Rotary International and **District 7850** have seen a lot of great ideas shared these last few weeks to help keep members engaged during the COVID-19 response. Wouldn't it be great if you could find all of these in one place? With the new Learning Topics feature in the Learning Center, now you can!

Find and share resources, best practices, and ideas for moving meetings online in the Meeting Online group: <https://my.rotary.org/learn?deep-link=https%3A%2F%2Flearn.rotary.org%2Fmembers%2Flearn%2Fdashboard%2Fchannel%2F67>



Most Rotarians Don't Wear Pants or Skirts to Online Meetings

Now that we have your attention, we are pleased to learn that over 60% of our District's clubs are currently holding meetings online or are setting up online meetings for their clubs and boards. This is excellent as it allows Rotary to stay alive and engaged during this time of uncertainty!

Another benefit of holding online meetings (aside from not having to dress up, that is) is that this is an easy way to introduce people to Rotary. Most people are working reduced hours or are working from home, so asking them to join you online for an hour is an easy way to "bring" them to your Rotary club. What better way to meet new people and share ideas about your community?

If your club is not yet conducting online meetings, or if you would like to learn more about how to do so, please contact your District Governor at rfox@foxlawvt.com as he has access to online meeting platforms and trainings for your use.

Together, we can **STAY CONNECTED** and **GROW ROTARY!**

Barre Rotary Nearing Completion of Wheelock House Renovation

Barre Rotary Club's project at the Wheelock House is just about done.

Wheelock House is a historic building owned by the City of Barre which for years had housed the Barre Senior Center. Now, after a period of disuse, the City is contemplating housing a teen center and other community-focused uses in the property, which led the Barre Rotarians to offer to assist with refurbishing the property. With new shelving, furniture, paint, and lighting, the building is nearly ready for use.

This renovation would not have been possible without the efforts and contributions of **Norwich University Rotaract** and students, Nelson ACE Hardware, Calvin Wilson of Wilson Woodwerkes, Allen Lumber Co., and many others. The hope is to hold a picnic at Barre's Rotary Park this spring to celebrate the project.



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