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DG Jamie

Clubs have now had their first official meeting with their 2020-2021 President. Take the time to say thanks to your President and give them some **RotaryHappy**. I remember my first month as President of the St. Johnsbury Club, I keep thinking "Where is everyone?" More seasoned club Rotarians assured me it was summer and that it wasn't me they were avoiding.

We have a fantastic District and an awe-inspiring Leadership team. One of my goals is to highlight what goes on "behind" the scenes and outside of each of our clubs. To this goal our plan is to send out frequent "briefs" giving all Rotarians a chance to stay connected and share.

However, I am asking a favor, set aside a minute or two and take a look at what we send. If you find a topic interesting, take the extra few minutes to read it. If not, spend enough time to gleam to purpose. I'll be the first to say, "it's not easy". Daily my in-box gets filled with client emails, industry newsletters, industry information, family, friends and my favorite way to dream and waste, BAT (Bring-a-Trailer), and of course Rotary emails. In this issue:

- **Foodbank** - I'm super impressed and excited with the Vermont Dairy program. We have partnered with the District to the South of us (Southern Vermont and Southern New Hampshire) 7870 to support the Dairy industry and provide food to those in-need. We committed \$15,000 to the project. Now that's **RotaryHappy**. The goal is to keep buying truckloads of milk. The next Truckload if for New Hampshire's Foodbank. The end of the article provides a link to donate.
- **Masks and Gloves** - Your District Team applied for a Rotary Disaster Covid-19 Relief Grant – it's been approved and funded. Do you know a need in your community for masks and gloves? Be sure to read the article.
- **Grants in our District** - As a Rotarian, we can recite in our sleep "give to the Rotary Foundation Annual fund and 100% of the proceeds are available the District in 3 years with 50% directly available and 50% in global grants." An impressive and important part of the Rotary Foundation's strength. See how our District's \$32,400 will be used this year.



Rotary clubs help with Vermont dairy recovery and food assistance

MONTPELIER — Thanks to a donation from Vermont Rotary Clubs across the state, Vermonters in need will continue to receive fresh dairy products from the Vermont Foodbank for weeks to come. Continuing a collaboration begun earlier this year to connect Vermont dairy assistance to Vermonters, the Foodbank will receive food donations of Vermont yogurt and butter in support of their food assistance efforts. Ten Vermont rotary clubs joined forces to raise more than \$10,000, adding more financial support to the effort already in place to recover Vermont milk. In collaboration with Dairy Farmers of America, Commonwealth Dairy LLC and Ploughgate Creamery are turning milk from Vermont dairies into

yogurt and butter. Earlier this year, the Vermont Agency of Agriculture helped coordinate the original dairy recovery program that began with \$60,000 in funding from the Vermont Community Foundation. This donation covered the cost of milk, ingredients, and processing to create 48,000 cups of Green Mountain Yogurt and 11,500 gallons of Hood Dairy 2 percent milk. "When we heard about the need to recover raw milk from local Vermont dairy farms while creating a new, temporary food supply for the Vermont Foodbank, Rotarians sprang into action to help Vermont farmers, children, and food-insecure families," said Martin Cohn, past president of the Brattleboro Rotary Club. "We hope that the



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collaboration shown in this project will serve as a model for other states. The Brattleboro Rotary Club and the Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club each contributed \$1,500 to the effort. Joining the effort, Ploughgate Creamery of Waitsfield is receiving cream from Weybridge's Monument Farms to produce 110 pounds of handmade butter per week for 4 weeks. "I am proud to live in a state where the community comes first! Thank you to the Vermont Rotary Clubs and Food Bank for organizing this amazing program," said Marisa Mauro, owner/operator of Ploughgate Creamery. "This is a wonderful example of how Vermonters respond in times of strife! Everyone works together to reach common goals," said Jon Rooney of Monument Farms. The Rotary donation also supports Commonwealth Yogurt's continued supply of 48,000 cups of yogurt over four weeks. These donations will serve hundreds of people over the course of the coming weeks, providing nutritious dairy products to Vermont communities in need while preventing the waste of food. Additional support in the form of transportation of yogurt to the Vermont Foodbank will come from Cabot Cheese. Cabot will be picking up Green Mountain Creamery yogurt from the Commonwealth Dairy plant in Brattleboro and delivering it to the Vermont Foodbank's Barre distribution center for the next three weeks, enabling more Vermonters to benefit from this charitable effort. **Secretary Anson Tebbetts of the Vermont Agency of Agriculture said, "This is what Vermont is all about. Neighbors helping neighbors. Thank you Rotarians, farmers, and businesses.** You and so many are helping those in need."

Below is the list of Vermont Rotary Clubs and members who supported this effort:

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| Rotary District 7850 | \$ 2,250.00 |
| Brattleboro Rotary Club | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Manchester VT Rotary Club | \$ 1,500.00 |
| White River Junction VT Rotary Club | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Wallingford Memorial Rotary | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Killington-Pico Rotary Club | \$ 500.00 |
| Rotary Youth Exchange | \$ 350.00 |
| Mary & John Springer | \$ 150.00 |
| Wendy & Tristram Johnson | \$ 100.00 |
| Rotary Club of Goffstown | \$ 100.00 |
| Windsor Rotary | \$ 50.00 |

The next step in this project is to raise \$30,000 with District 7870 in support of Dairy Farms in New Hampshire to distribute cheese to the New Hampshire FoodShelf. contributions of any size are welcome! If you or your club are interested in helping with this next phase of the Dairy Project visit:

<https://rotary7850.org/page/2020dairyproject/>

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PPE Masks and Gloves available for club distribution - District 7850 Disaster Recovery Grant Approved

Our District 7850 Disaster Relief Grant was approved by Rotary International this week! As a result we will be distributing \$5,000 to Vermont Food Bank, \$4,500 to New Hampshire Food Bank and \$4,500 to Food Bank in Quebec. Additionally we will have approximately 3,000 PPE reusable masks and 15,000 PPE gloves available for clubs to distribute in their areas.

New Hampshire Rotary Clubs have been very successful with their "Mask-Up" program spreading masks and promoting safety. Even Molly the Trolley got involved as "The Maskmobile".

Visit <https://www.maskupnh.com/> for more information about Rotarian **Mask Up!** efforts in NH.



How to get masks and gloves for your Community

Visit <https://bit.ly/district7850ppe> by July 24 to request masks and gloves for distribution by your club. Masks and gloves will be distributed based on requests received by July 24, 2020.

\$32,240 in District and Teacher Grants Approved

This year with the COVID-19 virus, its impact on foodshelves and those economically challenged, the requests for district grants was approximately \$45,000. Because of the generous donations of Rotarians three years ago we had \$30,240 to distribute in the 2020-21 year. With an additional donation to our account, we were able to distribute \$32,240 in funds around our district. Below is the final listing of approved grants. During these strange and stressful times, the idea of being a Rotarian means we are people of action who serve others and bring smiles we know are behind all the masks we see.

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| Cambridge Area | Jenna's Promise | 1,000 |
| Colchester-Milton | Food Shelf | 2,000 |
| Lancaster | Internet hot spots | 1,000 |
| Lebanon | Funds for Food Pantry | 1,000 |
| Lincoln - Woodstock | Community Resource | 2,000 |
| Mad River #1 | Push the Proteins | 2,400 |
| Middlebury | United Way of AC | 2,500 |
| Montpelier | Food for Kids | 4,000 |
| Morrisville | Clarina Howard Nichols Center | 1,000 |
| North Conway | Window Inserts | 990 |
| Plymouth | Feed the Need | 2,000 |
| Randolph (sunrise) | Harmony Park | 1,000 |
| St. Albans | Chest freezers | 1,975 |
| St Johnsbury | Food for needy | 1,625 |
| Vergennes | Structure for civic signs | 1,000 |
| Waterbury | Waterbury Food Shelf | 1,750 |
| Renee Taylor - Scholarship | Bristol Rotary Club | 2,500 |
| Ian Gollub - Scholarship | Hanover Rotary Club | 2,500 |
| TOTAL | | \$32,240 |

Got something to Say? Publish it Here!

- Do you have an event to announce?
- Do you want to promote a project?
- Celebrate an achievement?

For events, announcements and articles, please forward the information to rotarydistrict7850@gmail.com by the 20th of the month.