



Signs of the Times

At the Vermont Route 15 roundabout in Jeffersonville, VT, signs created and installed by the **Cambridge Area Rotary Club** show support and appreciation for local graduates and essential workers.

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

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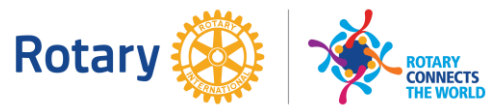
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Ossipee Valley Rotary Welcomes New Members via ZOOM

On May 4th, the **Rotary Club of Ossipee Valley**, for the first time ever, inducted by Virtual Zoom Meeting, two new members, **Tom and Mary Lou Mees**. Tom has been a Rotarian, since 1973, when he joined the **Rochester NY Rotary Club**. He has been a member and past president of both the **Rochester and Canandaigua NY Rotary Clubs**. Mary Lou has always been a supportive Rotarian spouse and has enjoyed the Rotary family through the years. She was delighted to be asked to join the Ossipee Valley Club. Tom had been a member of the Ossipee Valley Club but had resigned to deal with esophagus cancer. After enduring many radiation treatments, Tom has returned to good health and is rejoining our club. We are proud to welcome both Tom and Mary Lou to the Ossipee Valley Rotary Club and to District 7850.

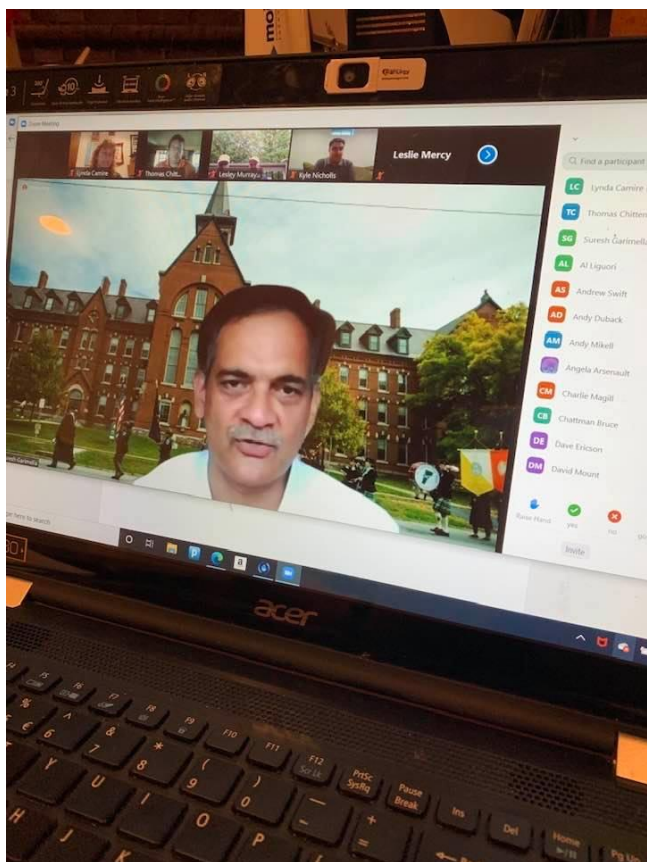


Rotary Friendship Exchange 2021 is in the Works!

The District 7850 Rotary Friendship Exchange (RFE) is accepting applications for the 2021 RFE to District 5340 in Southern California. The outgoing RFE would be in late Spring and incoming from 5340 in the Fall of 2021.

Additionally, this Fall (conditions permitting) The incoming RFE from District 9940 New Zealand will visit our area to reciprocate for the visit of our Rotarians this past Spring.

For an application and a description of the 2021 Spring RFE and Rotary District 5340, go to the District website at www.rotary7850.org and go to the tab labeled "Club Members". You may also email District RFE Chair Dick Podolec at dickpodolec@comcast.net for more information.



South Burlington Rotary Hosts Regional ZOOM Meeting with UVM President

On May 28, 2020 the **South Burlington Rotary Club** hosted the **Burlington, Burlington Sunrise, and Williston/Richmond Rotary Clubs** to hear from Suresh Garimella, PhD, President of the University of Vermont. The meeting, featuring club updates and announcements engaged over 56 current Rotarians and multiple prospective Rotarians. Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs and their leadership for conducting a large, joint event, and special thanks to **Assistant Governor Sandy Walsh** for bringing the Area clubs together.

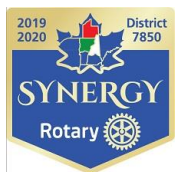


Join in Our District's First Virtual Changeover!

From the desk of District Governor Elect Jamie Milne:

We are asking Club members, Club Presidents and Club Presidents-Elect, to join together in a **Virtual District Changeover Ceremony** via Zoom on **Saturday June 20th at 5pm.**

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2020-2021 District Grant Applications Reviewed

On May 16, 2020 the District Grant Committee met and reviewed nearly twenty grant proposals from District clubs. These proposals sought District grants that are funded by District Designated Funds (DDF). DDF comes from the donations of District Rotarians to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE.

At the end of every Rotary year, contributions directed to the Annual Fund-SHARE from all Rotary clubs in the District are divided between the World Fund and DDF. At the end of three years, our District can use DDF to pay for Foundation, club, and district projects. Districts may use up to half of their DDF to fund district grants. The remaining DDF may be used for global grants or donated to PolioPlus, the Rotary Peace Centers, or another district.

After thorough discussion and review, the Grant Committee voted to issue preliminary approval for the grants listed below, with final approval being subject to Rotary International's review:

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We will be thanking District Governor Richard Fox for his leadership and inspiration during the 2019-20 Rotary year.

We will be thanking the outgoing 41 Club Presidents for their leadership and welcoming our new District Governor and the Club Presidents who will lead and inspire us through the most unusual of times.

What better way to thank District Governor Richard, and what better way to thank your club's out-going President, than with a donation to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund? Donations to the Foundation are always at your discretion, however please consider:

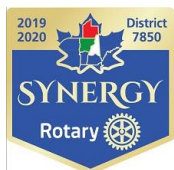
- Donating the price of a meal - about \$25 for a Changeover dinner.
- Really stepping up to the plate and thank our leadership with a \$100 donation.

Remember, we get 50% of this money directly back to the District in three years to support our District & Global grants and teacher scholarships. To make a donation, please got to: <https://rotarydistrict7850.regfox.com/d7850-foundation-donation-celebration-of-dg-rich-fox>

Highlighting our thank you gift, we were able to secure an appearance by one of the Rotary Foundation Trustees, **Brenda Cressey, Rotary Foundation Trustee 2017-21**. I look forward to hearing Brenda's thoughts on the Foundation.

We invite you to dress in a Hawaiian theme (or colorful shirt) as a salute to the Rotary International Convention that was to be held in Hawaii.

Be on the lookout for updated information and login links. We look forward to seeing you all then!



Club	Project	Pre- Approved
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
Lin - Wood	Community Resource	\$2,000
Mad River	Push the Protein	\$2,400
Middlebury	United Way of AC	\$2,500
Montpelier	Food for Kids	\$4,000
North Conway	Window Inserts	\$990
Plymouth	Feed the Need	\$2,000
St. Albans	Chest freezers	\$1,975.50
St Johnsbury	Food for needy	\$1,625
Vergennes	Structure for signs	\$1,000
Waterbury	Food Shelf	\$1,750

Total \$25,240.50

*** All are subject to Rotary International review and approval***

In addition to these grants, the District Grant Committee approved the commitment of \$15,000 to support a Global Grant sponsored by Rotary District 7870 (Southern VT and Southern NH) as part of its efforts to supply food to its region. It has agreed to devote a portion of our donation to provide food assistance in Quebec as well.

Finally, the District Grant Committee interviewed two candidates for the District's 2020-2021 Alonzo Malouin Teacher Scholarship: a music teacher from Hanover (NH) High School and an English teacher at Newfound Memorial Middle School. Both candidates were exceptional, resulting in each candidate receiving a \$2,500 scholarship with which to further their professional education.

Thank you to the members of the District Grant Committee, and particularly **District Foundation Chair Louisa Tripp** and **District Grant Committee Chair Bob Broadhurst!**

Your June District Calendar

***** With the State and Provincial "Stay at Home" orders and similar guidance, no in-person events are being conducted. We hope to resume Rotary in-person events soon *****

June 20, 2020

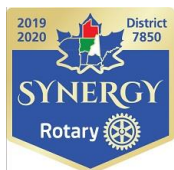
**District Changeover Cocktail Hour (open to all)
5:00 pm on Zoom. Featuring Brenda M. Cressey, Trustee of The Rotary Foundation.**

Welcome 2020-2021 District Governor Jamie Milne to his new role and celebrate a successful year! Zoom login information to be sent out in advance of the event, and to make a donation (in lieu of a ticket fee) please go to:
<https://rotarydistrict7850.regfox.com/d7850-foundation-donation-celebration-of-dg-rich-fox>.

June 30, 2020

Final Day of the 2019-2020 Rotary Year!

Thank you to the 2019-20 Club Presidents, Assistant Governors, and District Officers for working to make a difference in our world and to build our District!



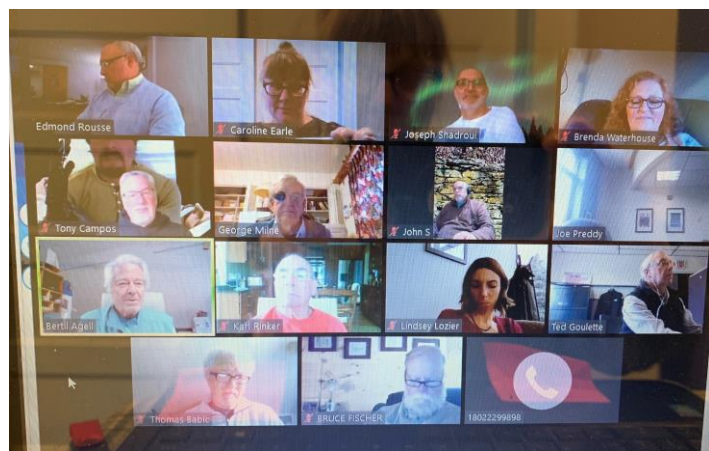
We'll Meet Again... Part Deux...

With most of our District's clubs meeting online, we asked you to send an image of your Club's meeting and the time and contact information for your online meeting so any Rotarian could come by and sit in. Many of you answered the call, so here is the start of the District's Online Meeting Directory!

Many clubs are holding regular meetings, while others are also hosting social events (BYOB nights, bingo games, etc.). Many clubs have found increased attendance at meetings, while others have had Rotarians from around the world join them!

Be sure to contact the designated Point of Contact in advance of the meeting to obtain the login and password information!

BARRE



Meets using Zoom every Wednesday at 12:00 PM.

For login information, contact President Ed Rousse at 8erousse@gmail.com.

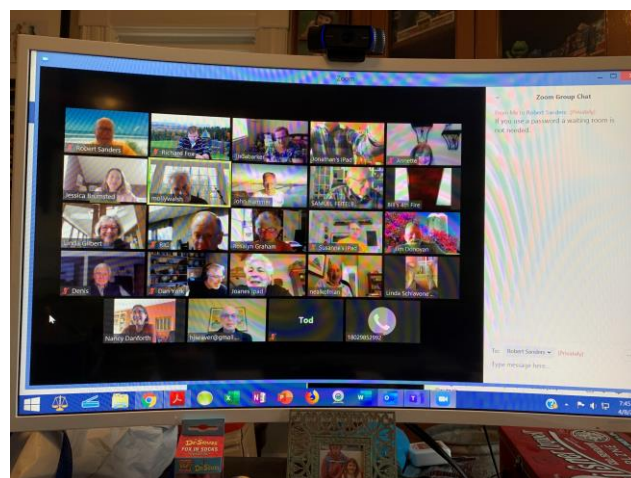
CAMBRIDGE AREA



Meets using Zoom every Thursday at 7:00 AM.

For login information, contact President Anita Lotto at anitalotto7@gmail.com.

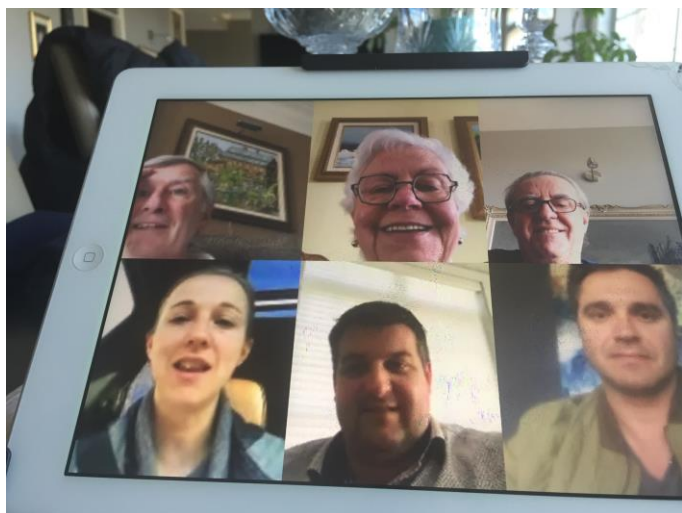
CHARLOTTE-SHELBURNE-HINESBURG



Meets using Zoom every Wednesday at 7:30 AM.

For login information, contact Bob Sanders at rsanders@gmavt.net.

DRUMMONDVILLE



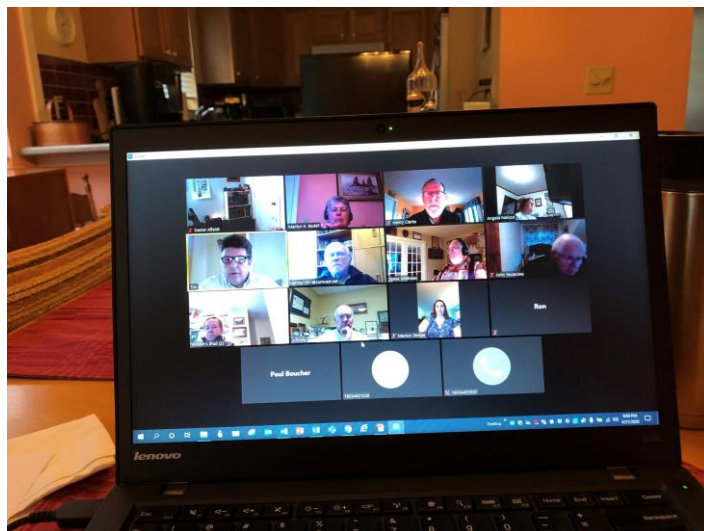
Meeting times TBD using Zoom.
For login information, contact Alan
Messier at amessier@cgocable.ca.

LANCASTER



Meets using Zoom every other week
starting Monday, May 4.
For login information, contact President
Kendra Bell at
Kendra@cohosadvisors.com.

LEBANON

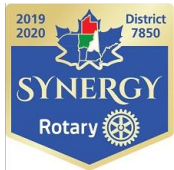


Meets using Zoom every Thursday at 5:30
PM.
For login information, contact PDG
Marilyn Bedell at
m.k.bedell@comcast.net.

LINCOLN – WOODSTOCK



Meets using Zoom every Wednesday at
7:00 AM.
For login information, contact Stuart
Anderson at
stuart@lincolnwoodstockrotary.org.



LITTLETON



Meets using Zoom every Wednesday at 12:15 PM.

For login information, contact Chrissy Smith at chrissy@peabodysmith.com.

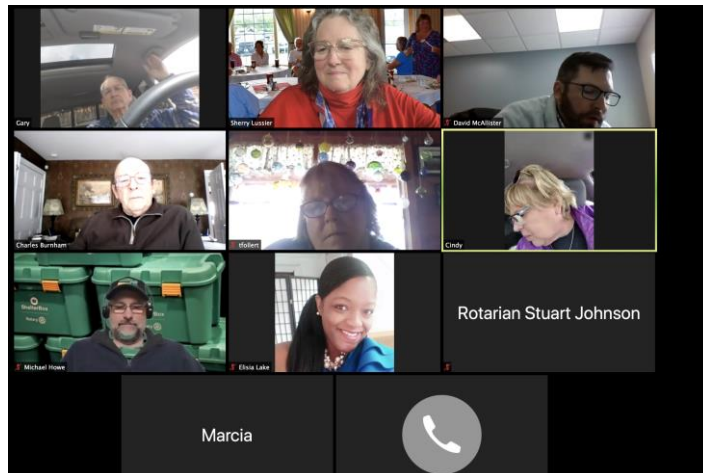
MIDDLEBURY



Meets using Zoom every Wednesday at 8:00 AM.

For login information, contact President Betsy McAshley at betsymcashley@gmail.com.

MORRISVILLE



Meets using Zoom every Wednesday at 12:00 PM.

For login information, contact President Sherry Lussier at sherryluss@yahoo.com.

NEWPORT



Meets using Zoom every Tuesday at 12:15 PM.

For login information, contact President Kelly Ann Deslauriers at kellyannndeslauriers@gmail.com.



NORTH CONWAY

***** Having TOO MUCH FUN
to take a screenshot*****

Meets using Zoom every Thursday at
6:00 PM.

For login information, contact Peter
Pelletier at
p_a_pelletier@ne.twcabc.com.

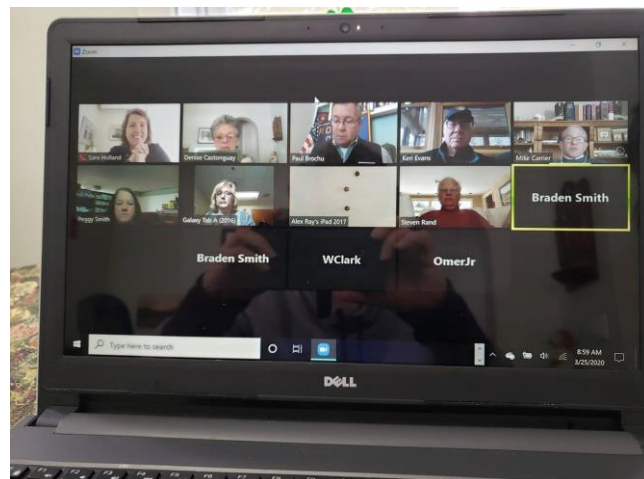
NORTHFIELD



Meets using Zoom every Wednesday at
6:00 PM.

For login information, contact PDG
Louisa Tripp at louisatripp@yahoo.com.

PLYMOUTH



Meets using Zoom every Wednesday at
9:00 AM.

For login information, contact President
Paul Brochu at
plymouthrotary@gmail.com.

RANDOLPH SUNRISE

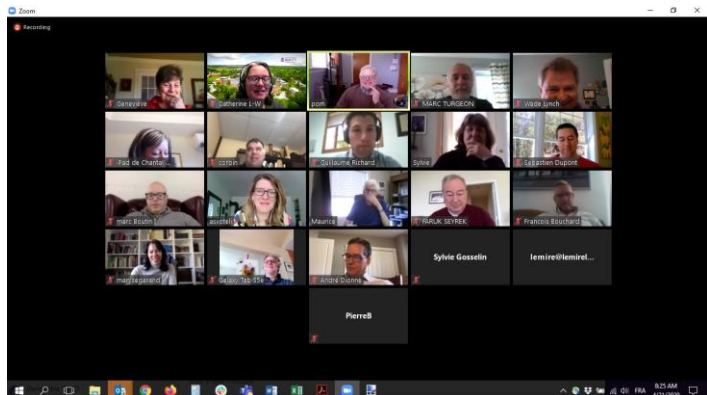


Meets using Zoom every Tuesday at 7:30
AM.

For login information, contact Sarah
Roberts at sarah.roberts23@gmail.com.



SHERBROOKE



Meets using Zoom every other Tuesday at 7:30 AM (May 5, May 19, ...).
For login information, contact Catherine Lavallée-Welch at clw@ubishops.ca.

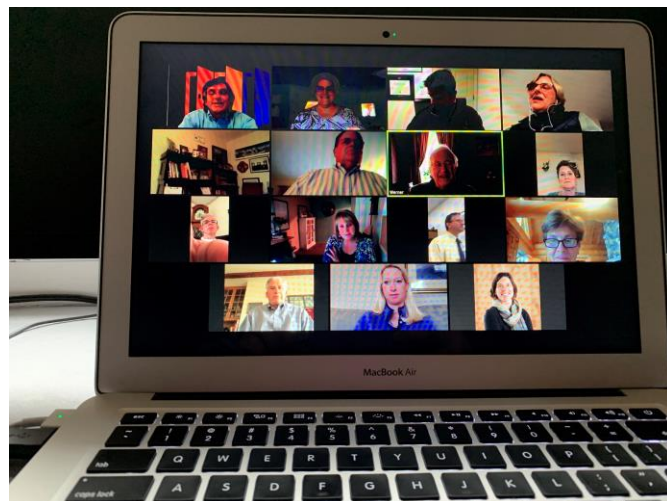
SOUTH BURLINGTON



Meets using Zoom every Thursday at 7:30 AM.
For login information, contact President Kyle Nicholls at southburlingtonrotaryclub@gmail.com.



ST. JOHNSBURY

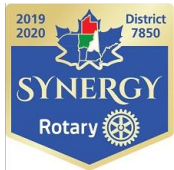


Meets using Zoom every Monday at 12:15 PM.
For login information, contact DGE Jamie Milne at jmilne@milnefeeonly.com.

WATERBURY



Meets using Zoom every Tuesday at 7:30 AM.
For login information, contact President Tami Bass at quepasa.t@gmail.com.



WHITE MOUNTAIN



Meets using Zoom every other Wednesday at 12:00 PM.

For login information, contact President Michael Peterson at michael.peterson@avnhn.org.

WILLISTON-RICHMOND



Meets using Zoom every Thursday at 7:30 AM.

For login information, contact President Charlie Magill at cmagillvt@aol.com.



T 2020-2021 District Representatives Selected, 2022-2023 District Governor Confirmed

The District leadership recently asked our Clubs to select two representatives from a slate of candidates for different important roles: District Representative to the Council on Legislation for 2020-2023 and District Representative to the 2020 Zone 32 Director Selection Committee. Additionally, the District leadership asked our Clubs to confirm and approve **Caroline Earle** of the **Barre Rotary Club** as our District Governor for 2022-2023.

Receiving 53% of the Club votes presented, our District has selected **Past District Governor Jay Polimeno** of the **Lincoln-Woodstock Rotary Club** as our District Representative to the Council on Legislation for 2020-2023. Receiving 52% of the Club votes presented, our District has selected **Past District Governor Eric Denu** of the **Middlebury Rotary Club** as our District Representative to the 2020 Zone 32 Director Selection Committee. With unanimous consent, our Clubs accepted Caroline Earle as our District Governor for 2022-2023.

Congratulations to Jay, Eric, and Caroline!



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