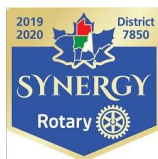




Feeling Cute. Might Hold Up a Stagecoach Later...

Cambridge Rotarian Anne Standish, shown here on the right, has been making face masks for her community. With face masks being part of "The New Normal", Rotarians throughout our District are finding ways to produce, acquire, or distribute masks to those in need. Whether making masks, providing food assistance, or moral support, District 7850 Rotarians are staying engaged and being People of Action.

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

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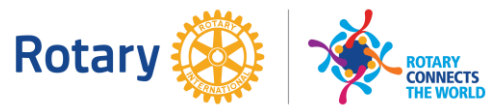
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Join Rotary Online, Worldwide!



Hanover Rotary Provides \$20,000 for Community Needs

Over the past three years, **Hanover Rotary Club's** gala auction has raised over \$800,000 to give to local nonprofits. Ordinarily, grants are distributed in the year, but the Club wanted to speed up grant-giving this year given the extraordinary needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. With grants totaling \$20,000, Hanover Rotary focused on LISTEN Community Services and the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.

LISTEN is a regional non-profit which operates food pantries and thrift stores. As LISTEN has had to close its stores, which are its chief revenue raiser, it was in great need of funds to support its ongoing efforts to provide food to those in need.

Similarly, the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council's Meals on Wheels has seen a huge rise in demand for delivered meals, so the grants could not have come at a better time.



Plymouth Rotary and The Common Man – Synergy in Uncommon Times

The **Plymouth Rotary Club** has teamed with The Common Man restaurants and The Common Man's owner (and Rotarian) **Alex Ray** to "Mask up New Hampshire!", to distribute cloth masks to those who need them to help prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Ray procured 67,000 reusable cloth masks from Honduras. As these masks were in Miami, FL, Ray and fellow Plymouth Rotarian **Steve Rand** drove down to Miami "Smokey the Bandit-style" to load up and drive the masks back to the Granite State.

The current plan is that The Common Man Trolley, normally used to transport wedding revelers, will become the "Maskmobile". It will be parked at the Restore parking lot on Tenney Mountain Highway in Plymouth, NH on Friday, May 1 from 3 to 6 pm, and from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday, May 2, and Sunday May 3. People in need of masks can drive up and be provided masks for themselves and their families. Masks are free but donations in support of the project will be accepted.

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St. Johnsbury Rotary Extends a Helping Hand

While at the 2020 Northeast Presidents Elect Training Seminar, **Assistant Governor Susan Cherry** picked up materials from The Outreach Program, an organization which organizes food packaging events around the country for future distribution both here and abroad. Little did she realize just how soon she would be putting that information to good use.

In early April 2020, with Cherry's information and additional assistance and coordination with the **Rotary Club of Holyoke** (Massachusetts), **St. Johnsbury Rotary Club** received fifty boxes containing over 10,000 shelf-stabilized meals to deliver to communities in the St. Johnsbury area. The Club partnered with Pastor Rick Menard of the New Beginnings Christian Church in St. Johnsbury to pick up the boxes near Brattleboro using the church van, while Holyoke Rotary delivered three shipments to St. Johnsbury Rotary and two other Rotary clubs in New Hampshire and Maine.



Plymouth Rotary has the Maskmobile adequately staffed at this time for the first weekend in May, so it is not seeking additional volunteers at this time, but if distribution is expanded to other locations in the future additional volunteers may be needed.

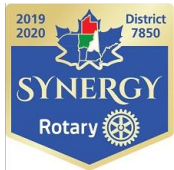


Photo: Emily Gould at the Peace Center (Ihumure) in Rwanda

Our Rotary Foundation and You

Even though it is a very unsettled time, and your energies may be focused elsewhere, we would like to remind you that your gift to the **Annual Fund** helps Rotary clubs take action to create positive change in communities at home and around the world. Your contributions help us strengthen peace (our global grant in Rwanda), provide clean water and sanitation (our global grants in Ghana, Uganda, Honduras, Guatemala, India), support education (our global grant in South Africa and Nepal), grow local economies (our global grant in Mexico), save mothers and children, and fight disease. In addition,

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Thank You!

Essential & Health Care Workers + Volunteers

Rotary  **PEOPLE of ACTION**
Colchester-Milton Club
Follow Us: CMRotary.org

Colchester-Milton Rotary Saw the Sign, Offers to Share With Others

The **Colchester-Milton Rotary Club** recently produced a number of yard signs to support health care workers and essential workers during the pandemic. With an established template and production stream, the Club wants to offer the opportunity to other Clubs to have their own signs produced.

Signs are 24" x 18", are printed double-sided in blue lettering on white Coroplast material, and can be labeled with specific Rotary clubs or with just the Rotary logo, and as priced as follows:

Yard Signs, no stakes:

25 = \$186 50 = \$219 100 = \$310 200 = \$537

H stakes (to mount them in the ground), 10" x 30"

25 = \$34 50 = \$54 100 = \$103 200 = \$199

For more information, contact Colchester-Milton Rotary Club **President Aaron Glosser** at Aaron.Glosser@edwardjones.com.



many clubs have implemented District Grants and are now working to submit new grants for 2020/2021, and we (District 7850) want to be able to support even more in three years...but what we are able to do in 2022/2023 depends on the fund we raise this year.

The **Every Rotarian Every Year** initiative asks every Rotarian to support The Rotary Foundation every year. In addition to contributing to the Annual Fund on a regular basis, we encouraged your clubs to get involved in a Foundation project or program.

For more information or to ask questions, contact our District 7850 Foundation at: rotaryd7850foundation@gmail.com

Your May 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 *****

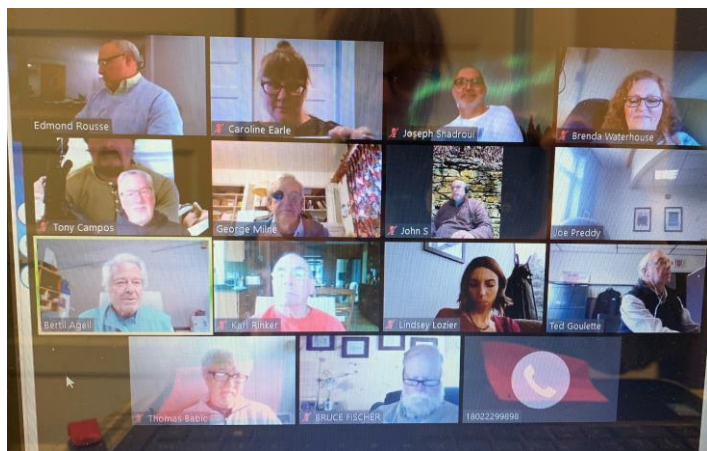
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www.rotary7850.org

for more events!



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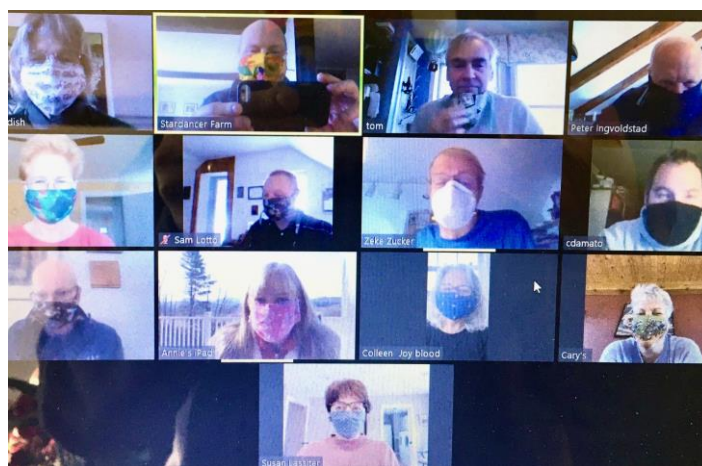
For login information, contact President Ed Rousse at 8erousse@gmail.com.



CAMBRIDGE AREA



Without masks...



With masks...

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

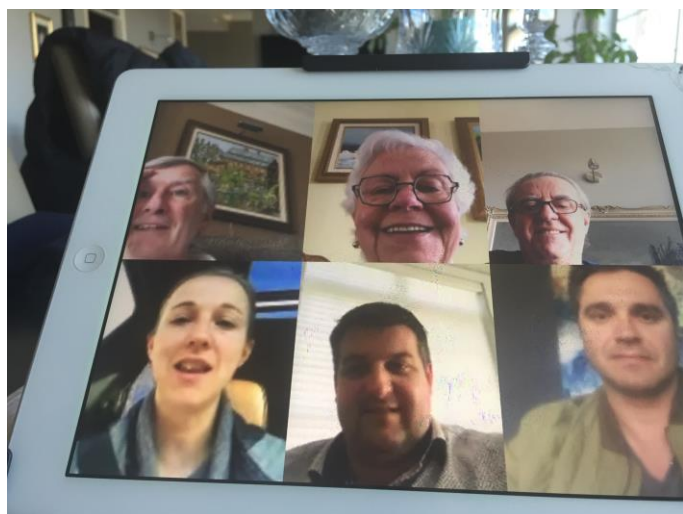
CHARLOTTE-SHELBURNE-HINESBURG



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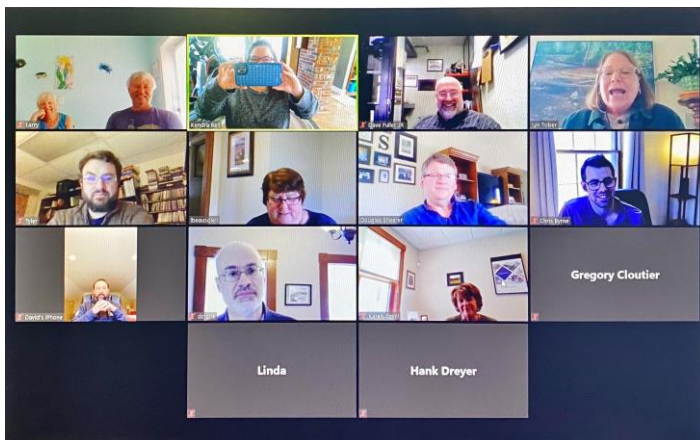
For login information, contact Bob Sanders at rsanders@gmavt.net.

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.

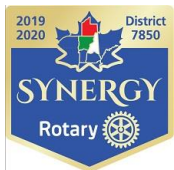
For login information, contact President Kendra Bell at Kendra@cohosadvisors.com.

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.



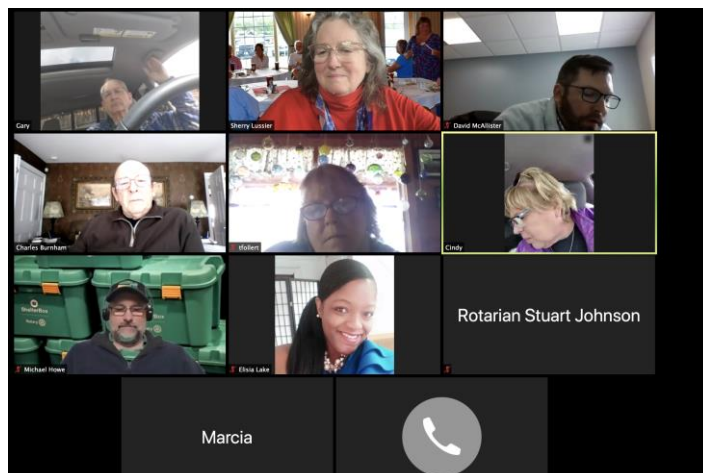
MIDDLEBURY



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 kellyanndeslauriers@gmail.com.

NORTHFIELD

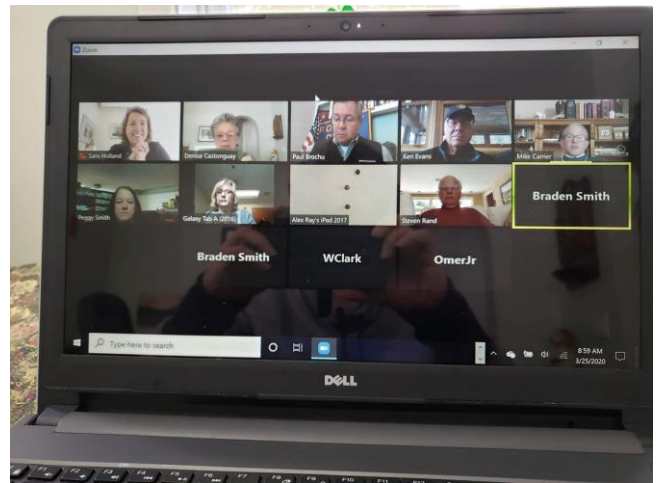


Meets using Zoom every Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

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



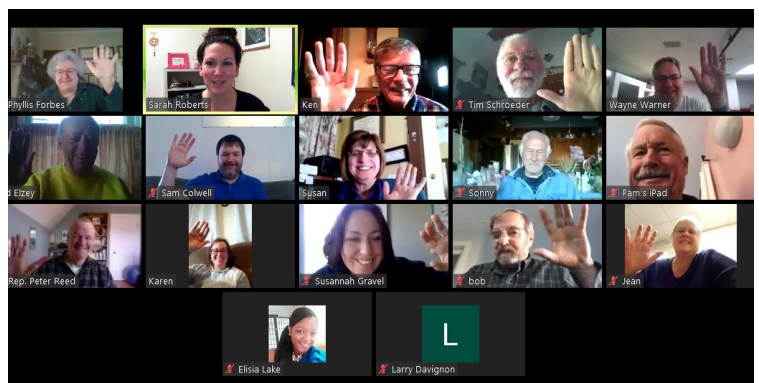
PLYMOUTH



Meets using Zoom every Wednesday at 9:00 AM.

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

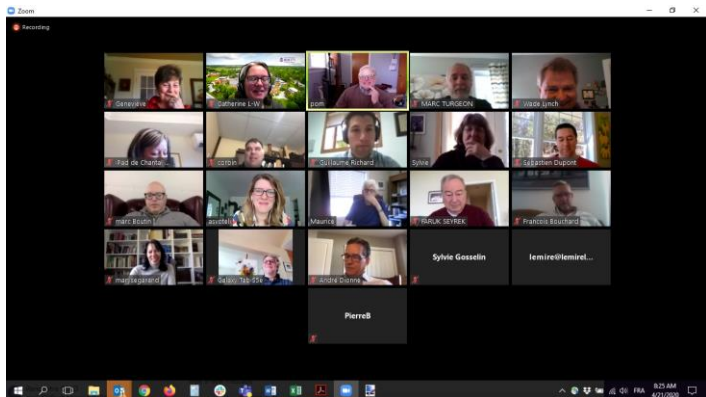
RANDOLPH SUNRISE



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.

WILLISTON-RICHMOND



Meets using Zoom every Thursday at 7:30 AM.
For login information, contact President Charlie Magill at cmagillvt@aol.com.



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