

### **District 7850 Welcomes Joel Bourassa as New Interact/Rotaract/EarlyAct Chair**

District 7850 is pleased to announce that Joel Bourassa has taken on the role of District Interact/Rotaract/EarlyAct Chair, replacing Jay Polimeno who has assumed the duties of District Youth Services Chair and Governor-Elect.

Joel has been a Rotary member for several years both in Lincoln-Woodstock and previously Plymouth, NH. He has been involved as the Lincoln-Woodstock advisor to the Interact Club where he has led two student groups to Belize, Central America for international community service programs and overseen Interact's local community service projects and fundraising efforts. He also is the Lincoln-Woodstock Rotary Club's Grant Chairperson and authors the weekly club newsletter.

Joel is employed as Regional Director for Vacation Resorts International (VRI), a management company representing the lodging industry. He was recently Chairman of the Board for the 700-member New Hampshire Lodging and Restaurant Association and Chairman of the Board for the Lincoln-Woodstock Chamber of Commerce. He presently serves on the Advisory Board for Union Bank, and is also in the midst of his 16<sup>th</sup> year as a Selectman in Woodstock, New Hampshire.

Joel has previously worked as a senior manager in the ski industry, was a Vice President for a Boston Advertising agency and was News Editor for a daily newspaper in central Massachusetts. He is a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Bourassa resides in North Woodstock, NH with his wife and children, enjoys travel, skiing, long-distance bicycle trips, hiking, and reading.

For further information regarding Interact/Rotaract/EarlyAct programs within the district, Joel can be reached at [joel.bourassa@vriresorts.com](mailto:joel.bourassa@vriresorts.com).