



The Little Red SchoolHouse

District 7870



June 2017

ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

There are as many reasons to come to Rotary as there are Rotarians – maybe even a few more. But each of us has stayed in Rotary because it adds something to our own lives. Through Rotary, we are Making a Difference in the world; and the more involved we become, the more of a difference Rotary makes to each of us. Rotary challenges us to become better people: to become ambitious in the ways that matter, to strive for higher goals, and to incorporate Service Above Self into our daily lives.

What kind of difference Rotary clubs and individual Rotarians make through their service will always be their own decision. As an organization, we are guided by the three strategic priorities our Board has set in our strategic plan: To support and strengthen our clubs, to focus and increase our humanitarians service, and to enhance Rotary's public image and awareness.

In the year ahead, our clubs will have the support of a greatly augmented array of online tools, including a refreshed Rotary.org, a simplified Rotary Foundation grant application process, an improved My Rotary experience, and a rebuilt Rotary Club Central. As we look to strengthen our clubs, two specific challenges stand out in our membership: our gender balance and our average age. To keep our clubs strong, we need to build a membership that reflects the communities we serve and that will continue to develop knowledgeable leaders for generations to come.

For many years, one idea has stood at the heart of all our service: sustainability. Sustainable service means our work continues to have a positive impact long after Rotary's direct involvement has ended. We don't dig wells and walk away; we make sure communities can maintain and repair those wells. If we build a clinic, we make

sure that clinic has a way to keep running without ongoing support from us. And when it comes to polio, we aren't working to contain it; we're working to end it.

Eradicating polio is the ultimate in sustainable service. It is an investment that will yield not just a long-lasting but a *permanent* benefit, on a global scale. It is and must remain our No. 1 priority until the job is done. For 112 years, Rotary has made a difference to more lives, in more ways, than we can ever count or will ever know. Today, each of us bear a torch, its flame lit by Paul Harris, that has been passed forward from generation to generation, in *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

Ian H.S. Riseley

President,
Rotary International



2017 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

RI President's Closing Remarks on the final day at Atlanta Convention

My friends, my fellow Rotarians, and guests,

I know it seems like we only just got here, but soon, it will be time to go. This convention that we've looked forward to, and planned for, for so many months is nearly at its end. We'll say goodbye for another year to friends old and new, and to Atlanta, where we have lived together for these few days in the world of Rotary.

It's been an amazing week. It's been a joy to spend this time here in Atlanta with so many of you. And it's been a tremendous privilege to have served as your president, leading a Rotary that is stronger than ever before — with a membership that is growing, talented, diverse, and engaged; with partnerships that enable us to achieve even more and set our sights even higher; with clubs that are willing to do what it takes to achieve the most that they can — without ever letting go of what makes us who we are.

Together, we've brought health, hope, and a better life to communities all over the world. Together, that's just what we'll keep on doing, year after year after year.

And together, we are going to do something else, something with an impact that will outlast every single one of us here in this room today. Together, we will leave a polio-free world to all of our children.

We've heard a lot about polio this week — about why it's so incredibly important that we see this through to the end. You've heard the stories, you know the numbers, you understand the science, and you recognize what the end of polio will mean for Rotary. This evening, I want to share with you what it will mean to me.

Some of you here are from countries where polio is a very recent memory. Many of you have seen it firsthand. And some of you grew up, as I grew up, in a world where polio was feared as much as war. Where polio was a thief that came in the night, robbing parents of their children, children of their future. And you remember the incredible outpouring of relief and joy when a vaccine was found — when the mothers and fathers of the world finally had a way to protect their children.

I was vaccinated back then, just as all American children were in the 1950s, with a little pink sugar cube carrying two drops of vaccine. But in those days, they only vaccinated the children. They didn't vaccinate the adults, because most adults had long since been exposed to the poliovirus and were immune. Most of them — but not all of them.

And that's why, in the summer of 1958, my brother walked in the back door of our house in Chattanooga by himself. He and my father had gone down to the Tennessee River that day to go fishing, but George came back alone. He stood there just inside the screen door, and he said to me, "Daddy can't walk. Something's happened." That something was polio.

We both went back down to the river, and to this day I couldn't tell you how the two of us got him home. I just don't remember. But I do remember the doctor saying he had polio, using the word "crippled," saying he wouldn't be able to walk with that leg ever again, and my father saying back to him how that wasn't going to happen. I remember he had my mother tie an iron, one of those old-fashioned cast-iron pressing irons, to his ankle with a cord, so that the weight of the iron would never quite



touch the floor. And he would lie in his bed all day, moving his leg against that weight a little bit, just as much as he was able, to try to get back his strength into those muscles.

My father was a rock mason with an eighth-grade education and a family to provide for. And eventually, his will won out over polio. He always had a limp, but he did walk again, and he worked again, just as he said he would.

He was a strong-willed man, a stubborn man. So I guess I came by it honestly. And I feel about polio just the same way he felt 59 years ago.

Polio isn't going to win. That's just not going to happen, because we aren't going to let it. We've got too much to do to let polio stand in the way. We need to End Polio Now — and make history forever.

Because there is so much for us to do in Rotary. And when polio is finally gone, we'll be able to do so much more. We'll be able to redirect all of that effort, all of those resources, toward other needs that are so great. And we'll have earned even greater recognition and trust and confidence from the communities we serve, enabling us to serve them even better in the years ahead.

Sometime soon, we're going to reach a milestone that the whole world will notice: one year without a single case of polio caused by the wild poliovirus. It will be one of the most significant global milestones we will pass on the road to a polio-free world. And when we do pass that milestone, we'll have a chance in Rotary that we can't afford to waste: a chance to leverage that attention, and that success, into more success to come.

It's our responsibility to be ready for that moment with flexible, active, and welcoming clubs that are the natural destination for anyone looking to make a difference, whether they've recently retired or are still building their careers.

We've all been working hard to make sure that whenever someone talks about polio, they also talk about Rotary. Because the more Rotary is recognized for our good work — the more our public image reflects what we've achieved — the more we'll be recognized as a valuable partner, the stronger the partners we'll be able to attract, and the more we'll be able to achieve down the line.

I am proud that Rotary is stronger today than it was a year ago. I'm confident that under the leadership of President-elect Ian, it will be even stronger a year from now. And I know, just as you do, exactly how we'll get there: by working creatively and efficiently; by leveraging all of our tools and all of our resources; by serving humanity together, and making a difference, through Rotary.

I hope that this week, you've found new inspiration and new ideas for your service in the year to come. And I hope that this convention has reminded you, as this year has reminded me, of what an incredible organization Rotary is and how important every single Rotarian is to the work that we do.

I want to end today by telling you a story I told this year's district governors at our International Assembly a year-and-a-half ago. It's a story about Albert Einstein — long before he became a brilliant physicist and a household name.

The young Albert grew up, for most of his childhood, in an educated household in Munich, in what was then the German Empire. His father was an engineer, and his mother was a talented pianist who wanted to be sure her son grew up with a love of music. So, at the age of six, the young Albert acquired a quarter-sized violin and went off to his first violin lesson.

The next seven years might sound familiar to any of you who ever tried to send a child to music lessons who didn't want to go. He hated it. He wouldn't practice. Sometimes, when he was supposed to be playing his violin, his mother would hear things go quiet; she'd open the door to see what he was up to and find him building houses out of playing cards! But she wouldn't let him quit, and things went on that way — Albert complaining, and his mother insisting — for years.

Until one day, when Albert was 13, someone finally thought to take him to a concert. And for the first time, he heard the violin concertos of Mozart.

He described the moment later as one that changed him completely. For the first time, he understood not just how a violin is supposed to sound — but how it's supposed to be heard. He heard the violin sing, not alone, but as part of an orchestra — with all of those different instruments singing their own tunes in glorious harmony. He went home, picked his violin back up, and was never the same again.

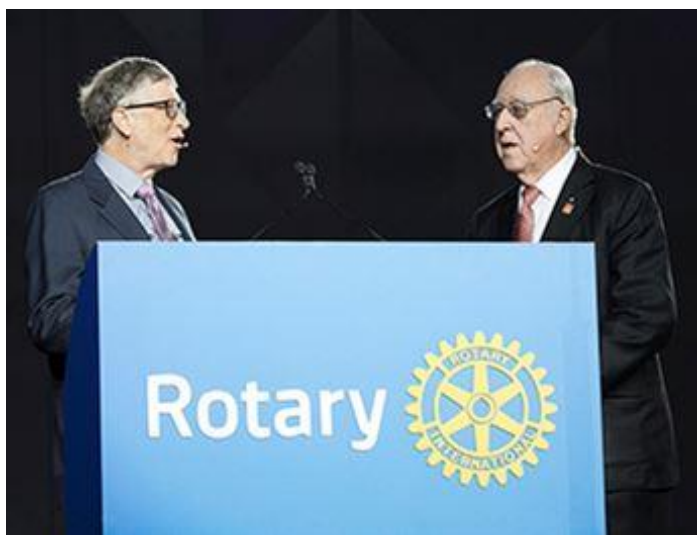
Many years later, his wife said that she had first fallen in love with him because of how beautifully he played Mozart. And toward the end of his life, when people tried to talk to him about his many achievements in physics, all of his honors and awards, he would talk instead about the joy that he had found — not in science, but in music. He would say, "I could not imagine my life without my violin."

I think many of us would say the same about Rotary.

All of us have had our moments in Rotary: moments when we got that chance to listen and to hear the music that we could only make in harmony with others. Moments when we realized that our song in life is more beautiful when we sing it together. My friends, I hope that for you, this week has been filled with such moments — and such music.

We've all listened to plenty of people talk over the years about what Rotary is, what Rotary means, and what it means to be a Rotarian. There are as many ideas about that as there are Rotarians — maybe even a few more. But as for me, I'll always tell you that being a Rotarian means just one thing, one very simple thing: It means that when someone needs help and you can give that help, you don't walk away; you don't turn your back. You say: I'm here for you. I'll do whatever I can. And I know that whatever I do, I'm not doing it alone — I'm doing it with *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

I'm doing it — with all of you.





Club Happenings:

Nashua Rotary Supports Midwives in Guatemala

The Nashua Rotary Club is raising funds to support a midwife cooperative association in Guatemala.

The high mortality rate of pregnant women prompted a small group of dedicated women working in conjunction with Galileo University to create and sponsor a 3-year program leading to a technical degree in midwifery.

The first class of 15 students graduated this past November. A second class of 12 students began their studies this past July, destined to graduate in 2019.

Our Rotarians created a midwife cooperative association (NGO) to support the students and graduates with diagnostic tools and

consumables that will make a difference in reducing maternal mortality in the indigenous areas of Guatemala.

More information can be found on our website: www.midwivesGT.org



Rotary's Paint a Butterfly Contest Begins Now

Last year's very successful 'Paint a Pig' contest, hosted by Alton Centennial Rotary to raise funding for Meals on Wheels, is the inspiration for this year's 'Paint a Butterfly' contest for Rotary to raise funds for Central NH VNA & Hospice. The contest officially begins June 1st and continues until Aug. 14.

Sponsored again this year by LaValley/ Middleton Building Supply, the contest is open to students and adults who can win cash and ribbons for their entries, each judged by a panel of 3 professional artists, based on creativity and execution.

Contestants can pick-up their blank wooden silhouette butterfly and registration form, M-F, 9:00AM-5:00 p.m. at Profile Bank, 145 Main St., Alton. Finished butterflies must be returned to Profile Bank no later than Aug. 14. A small fee is charged for each blank.

On Aug. 19, Rotary and LaValley/Middleton Building Supply will host a free and open to the public 'Butterfly Bash' at B&M Railroad Park, Alton, from 12 noon-3 p.m. There, all entries will be on display for popular voting, free cake and ice cream offered to all, winners announced and a silent auction for bidding on butterflies that were donated to Rotary for charitable fundraising.

For more information, contact committee chair, Duane Hammond, 603-569-3745.





Preparations for Outbound Students

Here is a photo of the ten Outbound students for 2017-18 from the Orientation at Pilgrim Pines Conference Center in Swanzey, NH. The three-day orientation was the final formal preparation for their exchanges. We have Exchange Students from 10 different Rotary Clubs in our District this year, from both Vermont and New Hampshire clubs. Best of luck to all these outstanding students. This will be a year you will never forget!

Nina	Croatia	Bellows Falls
Patrick	Germany	Fair Haven
Skylar	Brazil	Chester
Natalia	Brazil	Manchester, VT
Sarah	Chile	Hollis-Brookline
Dani	Argentina	Milford
Mason	Paraguay	White River Junction
Ivy	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Deerfield Valley
Destiny	Japan	Keene
Brianna	Romania	Meredith

Queen City Announces Annual Grant Recipients

Equal servings of a healthy breakfast and an enduring commitment to a healthier community were on the menu as the Queen City Rotary Club hosted its annual Grants Breakfast on Thursday, May 18th.

The Queen City Rotary Club welcomed over 40 area non-profits to its event and made more than \$50,000 in charitable donations.

"This event is one of the highlights of our year," said Queen City Rotary Club President **Peter Labombarde**. "We are thrilled to provide financial support to these amazing non-profits and hear more about their efforts on behalf of those less fortunate." Accompanied by incoming Rotary Club President **Monique Ruth**, Mr. Labombarde presented checks to the following organizations:

Arthritis Foundation, Boy Scout Troop 292 Hooksett, Boys & Girls Club- Camp Foster, Breakthrough Manchester at Derryfield School, Camp Allen, CASA of NH, Catholic Charities- Our Place, Central High School First Robotics Team- CHAOS, Central High School - Little Green newspaper, Central High School Crew, Child and Family Services, Crotched Mountain, Daniel Webster Council, BSA, Easter Seals, Families in Transition, Franco American Centre, Friends of Stark Park, Girls Inc., Granite YMCA, Hillside Middle School DC trip, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Manchester Community College, Manchester Community Music School, Manchester Historic Association, Manchester School of Technology, Manchester South Sabres, Manchester Special Olympics, Mental Health Center of

Greater Manchester, NAMI, Neighborworks, New Hampshire Lego League, NH Audubon-Massabesic Center, NH Musculoskeletal Institute/ NHMI, NH Science and Engineering Expo Association, Palace Theatre, QC Bike Collective, Safari Youth Club, SEE Science Center, The Way Home, UpReach Therapeutic Riding Center, and The Webster House

Cole Royal, Assistant Rotary Club Governor for District 2, was also in attendance and presented Mr. Labombarde with a special certificate in recognition of the Queen City Rotary Club's efforts in Greater Manchester.

With a strong focus on youth at risk and others in need, the Queen City Rotary Club holds two major fund-raisers each year (The Queen City Quest each October and the Comedy Bowl each January). Club members also engage in dozens of community service projects annually. Recent efforts have included: clean- up and painting projects at the Webster House and Boys and Girls Club of Manchester, a ramp building project at a non-accessible apartment building and mentoring efforts at the UpReach Therapeutic Riding Center.

"We're completely volunteer driven," noted Mr. Labombarde. "Our membership is over 60 strong and comprised primarily of community organizations and small business owners. Our members organize all of the special events as well as community projects and everyone contributes via financial donations and volunteer service."



Left to right: Monique Ruth, David Donahue- Manchester Special Olympics and Peter Labombarde



Left to right: Monique Ruth, Jeff Scott - Boy Scout Troop 292 Hooksett and Peter Labombarde

Lakes Region Rotary Car Show Set for July 29th



Graham & Graham PC will be the presenting sponsor for the July 29th Lakes Region Rotary Car Show. Owner Jeff Graham will have several of his classic cars on display including this 1926 Graham Brothers G Boy one-and-one-half ton. Over 150 car owners participate each year from across New England.



Graham & Graham, PC will be the presenting sponsor of the 5th Annual Lakes Region Rotary Car Show, to be held Saturday, July 29th from 10am to 2pm at Faro Italian Grille in Weirs Beach.

The Lakes Region Rotary Car Show is a family-friendly event featuring top-of-the-line classic and modern cars. Proceeds from the event each year benefit a local nonprofit organization. The featured charity this year is the Greater Lakes Child Advocacy Center. In addition, several other local organizations and scholarship programs will receive donations in support of aspiring students. Since the first show in 2013, the Lakes Region Rotary Club has donated more than \$40,000 to local charities.

Vintage and classic cars wanted! This event is a great opportunity for enthusiasts to showcase their one-of-a-kind cars, all for a great local cause. Registration forms are available at www.lakesregionrotary.org/carshow. Awards will be presented to “Best in Show” and “People’s Choice” among others...so spectators get ready to cast your votes! More than 150 vehicles are on display with nearly 1,000 spectators each year. Mark your calendar!

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information or to register your classic car for the July 29th show visit www.lakesregionrotary.org/carshow or email carshow@LakesRegionRotary.org.

Take the Henniker Rotary Club Chili Challenge!



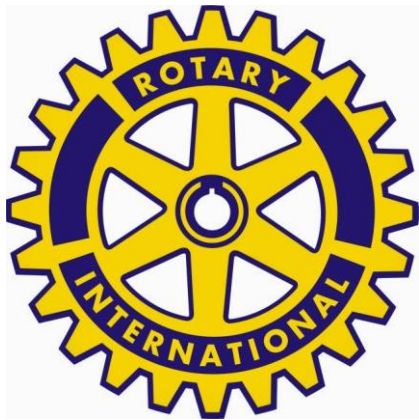
Is your chili of Olympic caliber? Would you like to brag to friends that your chili is an honest-to-goodness gold medal “award winning” recipe? Or, do you just love to eat the stuff? If you can say “yes” to one or all of those, you don’t want to miss the 15th annual edition of the Henniker Rotary Club “Fire on the Mountain” Chili Fest.

Once again we will have a special contest for Rotary and other service clubs. Last year the Milford Rotary Club took home the trophy, \$200 in award money and bragging rights throughout the district for the year. Hopkinton, Gilford and Hopkinton clubs also participated. This year, we hope that more clubs will join us and expand the competition.

Hot off last year’s record-breaking success, this year’s Chili event, scheduled for Sunday, August 20, 2017 at Pats Peak in Henniker will be better than ever with live music, food, beer, a vendor fair with 20 specialty food and craft purveyors, children’s activities and of course, lots and lots of chili. Our goal is to have 50 chili makers in attendance, including clubs from the district.

Lisa Hustis, ehustis@comcast.net has the 2017 Rotary contest applications. And, if you go to our website, you can check out the entry guidelines and the judging criteria. It couldn’t be easier, or more economical, just \$15.00 for any club to enter.

Photo: Gilford Rotary Club serves up chili at the 2016 Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest.

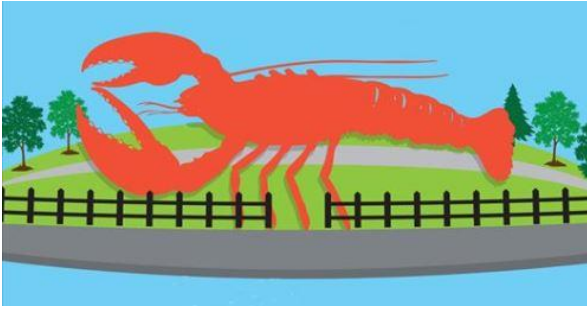


Sponsored by the
Tilton-Northfield
Rotary Club

50/50 RAFFLE

How would you like to win up to \$10,000? Purchase a ticket for \$100 and be entered in to win half the money collected. There will be a limit of not more than 200 tickets sold. Drawing is August 10th. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Drew at (603) 520-9253.

Woodstock VT Hosts 2nd Annual Lobsters on the Green



Please join us for the second annual Lobsters on the Green - Saturday, July 15. Seatings at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Presented by the Woodstock Area Chamber of Commerce and Woodstock Rotary Club. Tickets are \$35.00 per person! Beer and wine sold separately! Tickets Available: On line; Chamber office; Woodstock Rotarians; or Chamber member.

New London Rotarians Go Back to School

Assistant District Governor David Saturley has gone back to elementary school and is seen reading to one of the New London Elementary School classes on June 6th as part of the New London Rotary Club's "Rotarians Reading in the School" annual program to support Literacy. David is reading *LEAVE ME ALONE!* by Vera Brosgol and was one of nearly a dozen New London Rotarian and community members who read to over 450 Kindergarten, First and Second Graders as part of the club's on-going literacy initiative.

New London's Literacy program has been active for over twenty years. Volunteers not only read to the children, but all Kindergartners and First Graders receive a gift book from New London Rotary Club to help them sustain their reading skills and interest over the summer.

New London Literacy Chair, Mike Moss, noted that "Reading to Children is an especially effective way to engage their interests in words, books and the life of reading which lies ahead. We are grateful to all our readers and especially to David who captured the attention and interests of so many kids. Thank you!





2017 Bedford Rotary Road Race Successful

This year's Bedford Rotary Memorial Road Race had a terrific turnout and great weather that made it even better. Excellent participation in the 12k, 5k, and kids race provided plenty of places for different ages and experiences. We appreciate all those that participated: runners/walkers, groups/teams, spectators, cheerleaders, volunteers, sponsors and anyone else that helped make it a success. Thank You all!



More 2017 Bedford Rotary Road Race...



Keene Elm City's Kindness 365 Marks Foundation's Centennial



To celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation, the Keene Elm City Rotary of Keene New Hampshire decided to make some of the values that serve as the pillars of Rotary more real in our community.

With such an important milestone to acknowledge, we seized upon the idea that there's been a century of Good in the World by trying to see how long it would take the 65-member club to do 365 Acts of Kindness in our community.

We counted small individual acts that any member might do and all the Club sponsored service projects the busy group accomplished during the year.

This initiative, dubbed "Kindness 365", became a way to talk about the Centennial Year and the Rotary Foundation all year long. Sixty four percent of our club joined in to tally up the good they were doing as individuals, briefly documenting each act quietly and modestly on forms available at each table at every meeting.

Members reported on monetary gifts they gave to local charities, and volunteer time they spent at homeless shelters, hospitals, soup kitchens, or community boards and committees. They stacked firewood for sick



neighbors, shoveled snow for seniors after blizzards, delivered first aid to car accident victims, and

helped strangers pay for groceries.

One member gave assistance to a fellow passenger on an airplane having an anxiety attack. They brought meals to sick friends, donated food to a local pantry, painted walls at a local church, gave blood, helped build a parking lot at a small school and assisted with a clothing drive. The variety and volume of these acts of service was striking.

We counted Club activities as one act: Our signature event, the Clarence Demar Marathon, earns us the funds we use for service projects (particularly a health promotion campaign that touches almost



every 2nd grader in the 27 schools in our County of about 77,000), environmental projects that clean and beautify our city, services projects to Jamaica, Nicaragua and El Salvador, volunteer work at our local library community

kitchen, and sister clubs in our District.

Club President Cheryl Belair says, "I'm continually amazed and humbled by the generosity, community spirit and dedication our Rotary members show each and every year. This project was a fantastic way to bring the great work of the Foundation a little closer to home. We're all doing good in the world."

"Kindness 365" ended far sooner than the Club's target deadline of June 30, 2017, but with enthusiastic members like ours, no one was surprised.





The Poultney Rotary & Otto's Cones Point General Store

2017 Solar Plunge!



Lake St. Catherine State Park

Saturday, July 22, 2017 | 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Rain or Shine

Join us for an afternoon of fun at the Lake St. Catherine State Park with water activities, races, food, and music. Solar companies will exhibit and participate. Proceeds to benefit the food shelves of Poultney and Wells.

Activities

• Inflatable raft race	• Swim race with inflatable swimmies
• Inner tube race	• Log rolling demonstration

Get a team together. Get involved!

- Sign up family and friends as team members.
- Team member participation: \$15 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, free under 5 years old. Includes park entrance fee and lunch!
- At the entrance gate each team member will receive a wrist band for entry and a lunch token good for a hot dog, bag of chips, and drink.
- To create a little more excitement, name your team and come in themed costumes if you like!

For more information call 802-342-7251
or email jonas.rosenthal.vt@gmail.com or chris@ottosconespoint.com

Check our Facebook page  [@solarplunge](https://www.facebook.com/solarplunge) for updates.

www.poultneyvtrotary.com

District Calendar

<u>July 15-16</u> 52 nd Milford Rotary Swim Meet	Milford NH
<u>July 28</u> 100 Holes of Golf	Milford NH
<u>August 10</u> Golf Tournament	Tilton-Northfield NH
<u>August 18</u> District Golf Tournament	District 7870
<u>August 26</u> Mt. Kearsarge Hill Climb	Hopkinton NH
<u>August 26</u> Car, Truck and Bike Show	Brattleboro VT
<u>September 19</u> 35 th Anniversary	Capital City Sunrise Concord NH



Months of the Rotary Year

Many months of the year are designated by Rotary International for special significance. Here are the ones for the new Rotary year:

July

1 July — Start of new Rotary officers' year of service

August

Membership and New Club Development Month

September

Basic Education and Literacy Month

October

Economic and Community Development Month

24 October — [Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event](#)

31 October-6 November — World Interact Week

November

Rotary Foundation Month

December

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January 2017

Vocational Service Month

February 2017

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

March 2017

Water and Sanitation Month

13-19 March — World Rotaract Week

April 2017

Maternal and Child Health Month

May 2017

Youth Service Month

June 2017

The Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary

Rotary Fellowships Month

10-14 June — [Rotary International Convention, Atlanta](#)