



RI PRESIDENT GARY K.R. "RAVI" RAVINDRAN'S MONTHLY MESSAGE



Many years ago, in Kolkata, India, I had the chance to meet Mother Teresa. She was an incredible woman with an incredible force of personality. When she walked down the street, the crowd parted in front of her like the Red Sea. Yet when you talked to her, if you mentioned the tremendous things she had done, she almost did not engage in this topic at all. By many reports, if you asked her what her greatest achievement was, she would answer, "I am an expert in cleaning toilets."

The answer was both humorous and absolutely serious. Her business was caring for others. Toilets had to be cleaned, so she cleaned them. There was no question of a job being beneath her. Helping people who needed help was her work, and there was nothing higher, nothing in the world more important than that.

So one day, when an elegantly dressed man came to Kolkata looking for Mother Teresa, the nuns who answered the door informed him that she was at the back of the house, cleaning the toilets. They pointed the way, and indeed he found Mother Teresa scrubbing the toilets. She said hello, assumed he was there to volunteer, and began explaining to him how to hold the toilet brush correctly and how not to waste water. Then she put the brush in his hand and left him standing there, in his expensive suit, alone in the lavatory.

Later, the man came out, found Mother Teresa again, and said, "I have finished; may I speak with you now?" "Yes, certainly," she said. He took an envelope out of his pocket and said, "Mother Teresa, I am the director of the airline, and here are your tickets. I just wanted to bring them to you personally."

That airline director told that story again and again for the rest of his life. He said those 20 minutes spent cleaning toilets had filled him with the greatest joy he had ever known – because by putting his hands to Mother Teresa's work, he became part of that work. For those 20 minutes, he cared for the sick just as she did: with his own hands, his own sweat.

That is exactly the opportunity that Rotary gives us. We might not do what Mother Teresa did – give up our lives, our homes, our families. But for 20 minutes, 20 hours, 20 days of the year, we can be like her.

We can do the work that others will not with our hands, and our hearts, and our sweat, and our devotion – knowing that what we do is the most important work in the world.

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RECOGNITION...

By Alan Kanegsberg, District Treasurer

...something every Rotary club should do on a regular basis, especially at this time of the year. It is time to recognize the successful completion of your club president's year or the long time efforts of a great member.

What better way to recognize a person than creating an engraved brick or paver in the Rotary Wheel in the Paul Harris Memorial Garden at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Wallingford, VT.



Created in 2010 to help provide the funds to support the operation and maintenance of the Little Red Schoolhouse in Wallingford, VT, this 20' diameter Rotary wheel currently has over 280 engraved bricks (red) and pavers (white) installed.

Donations have been received from Rotarians, clubs, Zones, and Districts from around the world.



You or your club can easily purchase a brick for \$200 or a paver for \$300. In addition, there are still 18 gear teeth available for \$1,500 each.

New bricks and pavers are ordered in late May each year and installed in June prior to the Changing of the Gavel Dinner.

Starting this year, we are also offering a presentation certificate in a folder for an additional \$15. Be sure to give us at least 2 weeks to produce and mail a certificate



The cutoff for orders this year will be May 25. If you want to place an order you can access our brochure by clicking "Little Red Schoolhouse Brochure" under "Documents" on the left side of the home page at www.Rotary7870.org.

You can also order online with a credit card by [Clicking Here](#) or going to www.Rotary7870.org and click on the story "Purchase a Brick or Paver for the Little Red Schoolhouse".



CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



The Rotary Club of Manchester is pleased to announce the Gear Up For Lyme Mt. Equinox Uphill Bike Climb is being held on August 6, 2016. A 5.4 mile bike race up the fully paved and scenic Mt. Equinox Skyline Drive auto road in Manchester, Vermont, this race can provide a unique training opportunity or a challenging single event. While the average overall grade of 12% is equivalent to that of Mt. Washington, it does include a brief downhill section. The base elevation is 600 feet and the summit elevation is 3,848 feet.

This is the 12th race of the club which has provided over \$70,000 to date to benefit the Lyme Disease Association (LDA). LDA supports research and treatment of Lyme Disease which effects thousands throughout the US every year. Pat Smith, the President of the Lyme Disease Association will be here for the event and is presenting a free community wide afternoon information session and Q & A event open to the public. The LDA funded research has appeared in 35 scientific journal publications to date and includes patient support. More information on the LDA is available via www.lymediseaseassociation.org.

Additional Information: Adult 20 and over \$65.00 – Youth 19 and under \$20 – Tandem \$100. T-Shirts guaranteed to all entrants registered by July 30, 2016. Award ceremony and delicious lunch (free to all entrants) following race. Additional meal tickets can be purchased for \$7.00 per guest or \$5.00 for children 12 and under. Free parking and bottled water provided.

Registration is via www.bikereg.com. and all information can be found on the event web site www.gearupforlyme.com. Club contact information is via showardmvtrotary@gmail.com or 802-430-1608.

All Rotarians who would like to help the day of the race will be provided with a free lunch and a donation to the Rotary Foundation in their name.



Goffstown's Third Annual Rotary Car Show
Saturday, June 4 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM 2 Parsons Drive, Goffstown, NH

\$15 Registration Fee
Goodie Bags for the first 50 registrants
All Classes Invited
Trophies and Participant Voting
All proceeds from the event will go back to the community
<https://www.facebook.com/107329806001024/photos/gm.814102408693919/1058565290877466/?type=3>



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I am a Rotarian with the Fair Haven Rotary Club. My son Cody Bonvouloir went to Chile his junior year through the Rotary International Youth Exchange and had an awesome experience. We all know and love Phil Ehret and it touched my heart when Cody recently sent me the essay [below]. It was to be included in his application for the J. Mack Robinson College of Business Honors Program at Georgia State University. I thought it would be awesome if it were printed in the District Newsletter.

Thanks so much,
Cindy Ehmann

I have not had any life-long mentors other than my parents. However, over the past several years I have learned and been changed so much by Dr. Phil Ehret. Dr. Ehret is the coordinator for youth exchanges in my home (Vermont) Rotary District. He helped me through the process of applying for a student exchange (I attended school in Chile for my Junior year of high school) and has helped me in numerous ways leading up to my exchange, during, and after.

One of the things I most admire about Dr. Ehret is his global perspective and knowledge. Before joining the Rotary program, I had a very closed-minded and U.S.-centric perspective. I thought only about what affected me and those around me, and not about others in need. Dr. Ehret helped me realize that the world is so much larger and diverse, and his influence definitely played a large part in me choosing GSU for these same reasons.

Dr. Ehret is also one of the most kind, caring, and charitable people that I have ever had the gift of knowing. He is always so kind to those around him, and it is obvious that he cares deeply about all those with whom he comes into contact with. He also makes great contributions to charity and working with those in need; both with the Rotary and on his own. He has inspired me to be much more conscientious of those who have less than me, and almost all of my growing humanitarian sentiments started with Dr. Ehret.

Dr. Phil Ehret has had a tremendous impact on my life. He opened my eyes to new parts of the world and has helped me to form a much more international perspective on the world. Character-wise, he has helped me to put a much larger emphasis on being a caring and compassionate individual, something I did not value much when I was younger. Finally, he has inspired a humanitarian spirit in me, and I hope to be able to follow in his footsteps and serve those in need with the skills I learn in college and over the course of my career. If I had never met Dr. Ehret, I would most definitely be a very different person, and I can definitely say I am much better off having known him.

Cody Bonvouloir



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Newport Rotary Club Plans 6th Annual Penny Sale

Newport Rotary Club has announced plans for its **6th Annual Penny Sale**. The event will take place at the Newport Middle High School Gym on Saturday May 21st. Doors open at 6pm and the sale begins at 7pm.

According to this year's event Chair Bruce Jasper "We're excited to plan for another penny sale as the community has always turned out to support our efforts. Thanks to the generosity and support of our business community we've always had great prizes to raffle and we expect the same this year. In addition we've added something new this year. We will be giving away a second prize of \$500 – and \$600 if present - to the cash award portion of the event which is drawn at the end of the evening. First place price will be \$1,000 or \$1,200 if present."

"We have identified three major local beneficiaries for this event. They include support the recreation department's building fund, supporting the Newport Food Pantry, and providing funds for classroom supplies for Newport school. In addition we hope to raise funds to allow us to continue supporting Rotary International's worldwide initiatives," Jasper explained.

"Holding a penny sale means a lot of legwork for all of our Club members. However, the outcome is so beneficial to so many we feel it is definitely worth it" Jasper ended. Doors will open at 6pm on

LACONIA ROTARY CLUB'S 24TH ANNUAL CHARITY RAFFLE

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Drawing: June 19, 2016 - 4:00pm
 Laconia Rotary Club booth, Lakeside Avenue, Weirs Beach, NH
 For more information and results visit us at www.laconiarotary.org



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Are you feelin' lucky??? If so, spend a night with the Souhegan Valley 'Happy Hour' Rotary Club!

Souhegan Valley 'Happy Hour' Rotary Club is once again hosting their annual Kentucky Derby Party. This year, it will be held on Saturday, May 7th, 2016 from 4:30 - 8:30pm at Boston Billiards in Nashua, New Hampshire.

There will be gaming tables, live bands, best dressed competitions, prizes, delicious Mint Julips and hors d'oeuvres, and of course, the best big screen race footage of the 142nd Run for the Roses at Churchill Downs!

As the Souhegan Valley Rotary Club recently established a charitable foundation, this year's proceeds will go to benefit nonprofit organizations across the greater Nashua area. In the past, we have donated proceeds from this event to the Nashua Police Athletic League (PAL) as well as The Front Door Agency.

Tickets for the Kentucky Derby Party can be purchased from Souhegan Valley Rotary Club members or online at <http://kentuckyderbypartynh.com/>. As we anticipate another sold out event, we suggest you do not wait to purchase tickets at the door. Tickets are \$25.00 each or \$27.37 if purchased online.

However, if you are a local business owner, this is the perfect event for you! The Kentucky Derby Party has featured many businesses like Windmill International, Inc. and Peters of Nashua. With their support, they have made this event a yearly success. There are many options of sponsorship for this event, such as:

(\$2,500) Presenting Sponsor:

10 Tickets, Private Room with Pool Tables & Catering, Logo on Red Carpet Backdrop, Logo and Link on Event Website (www.kentuckyderbypartynh.com), Logo & Blurb on Racing Form, Logo on all Marketing Materials, Opportunity for display outside Billiards entrance, Opportunity to welcome the crowd (opening remarks)

(\$1,000) Winner's Circle Sponsor:

6 Tickets, Logo on Red Carpet Backdrop, Logo and Link on Event Website, Logo & Blurb on Racing Form, Logo on all Marketing Materials, Opportunity to speak during prize presentation

(\$500) Pool Table Sponsor:

4 Tickets, Exclusive Use of a Reserved Pool Table, Logo/Link on Website, Logo on Red Carpet and on Racing Form

(\$250) Supporting Sponsor:

2 Tickets, Logo/Link on Event Website, Logo on Racing Form

For those interested in getting amazing exposure for their business while helping local nonprofit organizations, please reach out to Rick Lovering at rick@lovingvolvo.com.

Finally, an event this big always needs extra hands. If you are unable to support this event as a sponsor, we would still love to have your help! If you are able to volunteer, please contact Michael Solari at michael@solarifinancial.com.

We hope to see you all there!



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On March 26, 2016 the Wallingford Memorial Rotary, together with members of the Wallingford Conservation Commission, community members and high school students from Mill River Union High School worked to erect fencing at the town's nature trails. The Stone Meadow nature center was in need of assistance to help beautify its entrance and parking area. Wallingford Rotary President Donald Glendenning spearheaded the Rotary project.

The club raised monies which were allocated to purchase the cedar rail fencing and necessary materials to install the fencing at the parking area and entrance to the town's nature trails. The club not only financially supported the project but also supported it through their own sweat equity.



The morning project, completed in short time due to the presence of many helping hands is just one of the community projects that the Wallingford Rotary performs each year. In addition, to this project, there is the Annual Bicycle Safety Day where local children are fitted with new complimentary bicycle helmets. This year's event takes place on May 14, 2016 at the Wallingford Elementary School.





DISTRICT 7870 MEMBERSHIP & EVENTS

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Armstrong	Duane	Alton Centennial
Taylor	E Hunter	Alton Centennial
Horrocks	Douglas	Bedford
Provencal	Danielle	Bedford
Miller	Richard	Bellows Falls
Pattison	Gina	Brattleboro
Senak	Nicolas	Keene
Dodge	Lori	Londonderry
Dangel	Juanita	Merrimack
Lyon	Peter	Milford
Young	Thomas J	Milford
Ziehm	Kenneth	Nashua
Duffy	Paul	Nashua West
Seskin	Sherry	Nashua West
Dufresne	Joshua	Springfield
Johnson	Jenevieve	Springfield
Yennerell	Tom	Springfield
Tilton	Judy	Tilton-Northfield
Baird	Alice	White River Junction
Flavey	Jennifer	Woodstock

District Calendar

April 29 - May 1

District Conference

Sheraton Harbourside, Portsmouth NH

May 7

Souhegan Valley Happy Hour

Kentucky Derby Party

Boston Billiards Club

May 7

Tilton - Northfield

Rabies Clinic/Pet Expo

Pines Community Center

May 9

Brattleboro Sunrise

Battle of the Boards

American Legion

May 14

Bow

Annual Open Car Show

Concord Group Insurance

May 15

Tilton - Northfield

Fishing Derby

Tilton School Pond

May 21

Bedford

Memorial Road Race

BHS

May 31

Rotary International Convention

Seoul Korea

June 4

Goffstown

Third Annual Car Show

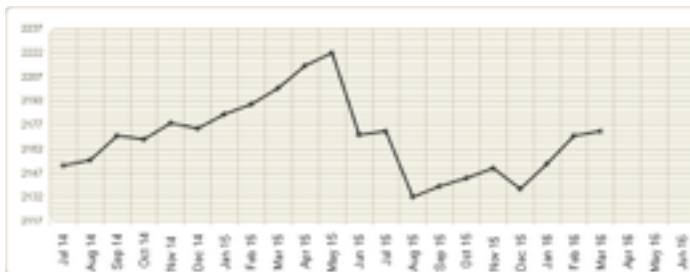
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June 27

District Changing of the Gavel

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Membership History Report



HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE ENTIRE DISTRICT?

Updates and short (1-2 pages) articles, along with images may be submitted to the Newsletter Editor, Dennis McMann, at dennis@mcmann.net to be included in our Monthly Newsletter. The District Newsletter is a means of communicating to other clubs in our district; items of interest, upcoming events, fundraisers or opportunities for service.

Deadline for next Newsletter Submissions: May 22nd.