



NEWSLETTER

RI PRESIDENT GARY K.R. "RAVI" RAVINDRANS MONTHLY MESSAGE



In the 1930s, Ole Kirk Christiansen, a Danish carpenter, had a wooden sign hanging on his wall that read, *Det bedste er ikke for godt*: "Only the best is good enough." Today, Christiansen is remembered as the inventor of Lego, the colorful plastic bricks beloved by children around the world. But in the early days of the Lego company, its signature product was a wooden duck – one built to the highest standards, out of aged beech, with three coats of clear varnish. Lego's company history tells how Christiansen used his ducks to teach a lesson in quality to his son, Godtfred Kirk:

One evening, when I came into the office, I said to my father: "It's been a good day today, Dad. We've earned a little more." "Oh," said Dad, "what do you mean?" "Well, I've just been to the station with two boxes of our toy ducks for the Danish Co-op. Normally they get three coats of varnish, but since it's for the Co-op, I only gave them two. So I saved the business a bit of money." He looked at me in dismay. "Godtfred, fetch those boxes back.

Unpack them and give the ducks another coat of varnish. You're not going to bed until the work's done – and you'll do it all on your own." There was no arguing with Dad. And it was a lesson for me about what quality meant.

Today, Lego's quality standards are legendary, and its products are the most popular toys in the world: Lego pieces outnumber humans 86 to 1.

We all recognize that this success stems directly from Lego's business practices – its insistence on quality, efficiency, and innovation. I compare this with our efforts in governance and accountability in Rotary, and realize that sometimes we fall short of the standards expected.

The leaders at the Rotary International, zone, district, and club levels have to maintain the highest standards in governance. The RI president and directors must serve the membership in a meaningful manner; zone leaders must deliver on the investment Rotary makes in them; district leaders must provide dynamic leadership in the district and focus on transparency in accounting and timely reporting of financials; and club leaders must adhere to proper reporting functions and get their clubs onto Rotary Club Central.

Just as Christiansen refused to consider sending a lesser product to any of his clients, so should we refuse to consider giving a lesser effort to any of our work. We must always demand the best of ourselves – in our professional lives, and especially in our Rotary work.

For in Rotary, what is our product? It is not wooden ducks or plastic bricks. It is education, water, health, and peace. It is hope, and it is life itself. For this work, only our best is good enough. I ask you all to remember this – and to do your very best to Be a Gift to the World.



Pure Water for the World, Inc. Thanks Outgoing Board President

Pure Water for the World, Inc. (PWW) thanks Rick Manganello for his contributions and dedication to the organization and the families it serves. Manganello will step down from the Board of Directors this week, as he completes his term. He has been instrumental to the direction of the organization, serving in the roles of President, Vice President and Member over the past nine years.

Manganello served in the US Air Force for 21 years and is the founder of Windmill International, an organization engaged in managing research, development and procurement programs for the US Military and their coalition partners in numerous nations. He is a Founder and Board member of Nashua Bank in New Hampshire and past Director of Rivier College.

Rick Manganello has been a member of the Rotary Club of Nashua, New Hampshire for almost 18 years, including holding the positions of President, District Governor, District Vocational Chair, Assistant Governor, and District Visioning Team Leader. It was through Rotary that he initially became involved with PWW. Fellow Rotarian and Nashua businessman, Ken Grabeau, introduced Manganello to PWW.



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District Calendar

- August 29 Hopkinton
Mount Kearsarge Hill Climb
- September 14 Brattleboro Sunrise
Trivia Night American Legion
- September 26 Monadnock
Wellness Festival
Peterborough Community Center
- September 27 Keene-Elm City
38th Annual DeMar Marathon & Half Marathon
Keene State College
- October 4 Goffstown
Rotary Community Breakfast
Odd Fellows Lodge
- October 8
District Golf Tournament
Lake Morey Country Club Fairly VT
- October 10 Ludlow
Annual Chili Cook-off
Downtown Ludlow
- April 29 - May 01, 2016
District Conference
Sheraton Portsmouth

**PWW THANKS RICK MANGANELLO CONTINUED**

Pure Water for the World was initiated as a Rotary project by the **Brattleboro Rotary Club** in 1994. Ken Grabeau and his wife, Ruth, played a significant role in the transition of PWW from a Rotary club project to a 501(c)(3) organization in 1999. Grabeau served as PWW Board of Directors President for many years and continues to stay connected with the organization today.

“Ken Grabeau and Rick Manganello were crafted from same mold,” states Carolyn Crowley Meub, Executive Director of Pure Water for the World. “In their own passionate ways, each of them has worked to make the world a much better place. And, they have. Both have been essential to building Pure Water for the World into a more effective and impactful organization. It has been a true honor to work with them.”

Manganello continues to be actively involved with Rotary International. He and his wife, Janet, are avid travelers and have visited 109 countries on all seven continents. They reside in Nashua, NH, where they enjoy spending time with their two grown children and four grandchildren.

Randall Thompson, PWW’s current Vice President of the Board of Directors and Rotarian from Spring, Texas, will succeed Manganello on July 27, 2015.

About Pure Water for The World:

Pure Water for the World, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to improve the health and livelihood of children and families in the developing world by partnering with communities to establish safe water solutions. To date, PWW has served over 200 communities across Latin America and Haiti, reaching more than 750,000 individuals. For more information, visit www.purewaterfortheworld.org.

**A SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS**

Provided by Bob MacDonald International Youth Exchange Program Chair

Meg was an outbound to Spain in 2013-2014. She lives near the "three corners" of Districts 7870, 7930, and 7780 and wanted to go on a Rotary exchange but was unable to find a local participating club. We finally found **Hollis-Brookline Rotary Club** willing to meet her and they chose to sponsor her, even knowing it obligated them to host a second student that year. She faced some challenges with her hosts, but ultimately had a very rewarding exchange and has helped numerous times since her return. Her salutatorian address is attached. Enjoy.



A SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS CONTINUED

There is one thing that is true for every person gathered around this stage today; nobody wants to get life advice from an 18-year old. But, as you know, high school is full of doing things we don't want to do, so hang in there for a few minutes. It seems strange that I should be giving this address, because I only spent three of the past four years at Timberlane. I spent my junior year in Seville, Spain, 3,375 miles away according to Google. There is a Spanish saying I learned while living there: "quien fue a Sevilla perdió su silla." It literally translates to "who went to Seville lost their seat;" essentially, "you move it, you lose it." If I could impart one piece of wisdom from my time in Spain, it is that as we move through life, each door that opens for us locks behind us. Literally and figuratively I went to Seville, trading an extraordinary year for any chance of reclaiming my old place in this community. This has meant relearning how to play the oboe, not being a part of previous activities, teams, and honor societies, and losing old friends. At the time, I wasn't even aware of making the decision, but I can't say that I regret it.

Moving to Spain as a sixteen-year old challenged everything about me, and more than once I thought about coming home early. Stubbornness ended up prevailing as I told myself "*one more day, one more day*," a mantra designed to cope with homesickness, loneliness, and the headaches brought on by Andalusian accents. Somewhere along the way I found the reason I had gone on exchange in the first place; the thing that made every struggle worth it – single, unique moments of absolute love and undeniable beauty – like the way the southern sun painted the city gold through the morning mist, or stopping on the Isabel II bridge to see the restaurant lights ripple across the river, or eating churros at 7 a.m. with a group of sleepy friends – this was my Spain. I found that living with a foot on two continents was entirely impossible, and the only way to survive was to quickly adapt and learn. At times this meant unknowingly representing the United States and our policies, spending Christmas with a strange family, signing up for flamenco classes to fit in with the natives, and staying up until 5 a.m. to watch Easter processions. It should be obvious by now that I think everyone should study abroad, travel, host an exchange student, or just talk to someone from another country when you get the chance.

Maybe that's why I think I might have some valuable advice, because I've had a glimpse of the real world. Now, I reject that phrase – "the real world" – entirely as a fear tactic, used to scare us in the same way elementary school teachers used to tell us we would be required to use cursive for the rest of our lives. Life is life, and the lessons you learned in high school will not suddenly be proved wrong once crossing the stage. "The real world" is waiting for us, and its rules are simple: hard work will earn you success, except when it doesn't; many people don't actually know what they're doing, they're just making it up as they go; and time is a one-way street.

Class of 2015, we are all leaving today, and we are never coming back to this time and place. For some of you this may come as a relief; for others, these were the best four years of your life. The good news is that they were not, and you cannot even *imagine* what is waiting for you all once you cross this stage. Wherever you go, do well and do good and make the most of every opportunity you have, because there is no going back, and my hope for this graduating class is that we never want to. Being from a family of nerds, I have learned to listen to the advice of my fictional heroes which, since my exchange, has come to include Frodo Baggins. Graduates, "you cannot be always torn in two. You will have to be one and whole, for many years. You have so much to enjoy and to be, and to do." So go to Seville, and take the chance that you will lose your seat, because the journey is so worth it, and the important things in life are not learned sitting down. Congratulations, Class of 2015, and good luck.

CLUB ACTIVITIES

Saturday, September 26, 2015
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Community Center
Peterborough, NH

The Monadnock Wellness Festival is an annual event designed to bring the community together for a day of celebration focused on health and wellness.

Now in its 10th year, activities include health screenings, exhibits, live entertainment, healthy food demonstrations, a 5K walk/run, zumba and other fitness events, a soup competition, wellness vendors, and lots of fun.

Designed for young and old alike, the festival will run from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm in and around the Community Center in Peterborough, NH.

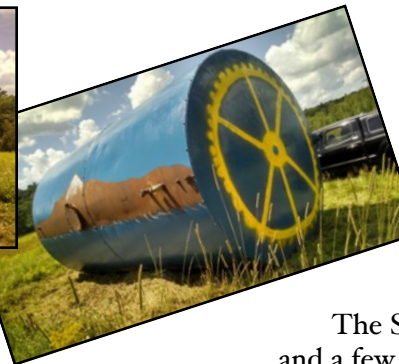
The soup tasting and competition will take place from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm.

This is an important event for the **Monadnock Rotary Club**, as it helps us to meet our mission of community service with a special focus on youth development and health advocacy for people of all ages, locally and internationally.

Proceeds from the event are donated to local charities.

Please come join us!

We are grateful to our generous sponsors and contributors for supporting this event!

***Follow "ME" - Moving Everyday!***

The Shoe Crew, consisting of 60+ Rotarians and a few non-Rotarian volunteers, is in the process of delivering over 640 pairs of sneakers and socks to 2nd Graders in 27 schools in Cheshire County. We're delighted to be doing this but the smiles, hugs and thank you's from the children receiving sneakers is amazing!

Follow "ME", a **Keene Elm City Rotary Club** program, is giving one FREE pair of new, high-quality sneakers as part of a larger overall wellness program. We hope that new sneakers will inspire the kids to become advocates of movement by Moving Everyday ("ME") in their own way: running, biking, swimming, jumping, etc. We have partnered with Advocates For Healthy Youth and Healthy Monadnock 2020 to help make this program and the Kids DeMar possible.

The Kids DeMar is open to all 1st-5th grades in the Monadnock Region. The kids need to complete 25 miles of exercise over the summer and have that exercise signed off by their teacher or physical education instructor at the beginning of their year in order to complete the 1.2 miles of the DeMar which is the last Sunday of September, annually.

As a result of our wellness efforts, which include providing dictionaries to 3rd graders, we have had many community organizations ask to partner with us. In addition to sneakers and socks, we also gave free passes to the Keene Family YMCA, MoCo Arts and Cheshire Children's Museum to every 2nd grader in Cheshire County, courtesy of those organizations.

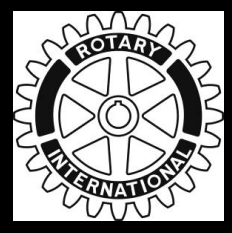
We love this program and hope we inspire other organizations to get involved.



DISTRICT ACTIVITIES



2015 Rotary District 7870 Annual Golf Tournament To Benefit District Programs



Date: October 8, 2015 1:00 PM Shot Gun Start

Location: Lake Morey Golf Club, Fairlee VT.

Format: Scramble

Entry Fee: \$125.00 per player

Includes: Green Fee, Golf Cart, Box Lunch, Raffle, Prizes and Awards, and a light Dinner

Player 1

Golfer's Name _____

e-mail _____

Rotary Club _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Player 2

Golfer's Name _____

e-mail _____

Rotary Club _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Player 3

Golfer's Name _____

e-mail _____

Rotary Club _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Player 4

Golfer's Name _____

e-mail _____

Rotary Club _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Please complete and return with your check payable to Rotary District 7870 to:

John Fraser
PO Box 1364
Concord, NH 03302

If you have questions, please e-mail John at john@fraserinsuranceservices.com



MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Adapted from Global Outlook in the August issue of The Rotarian

August is Membership and New Club Development Month, which means it's time to celebrate your Rotary club, your members, and the good you do in your community and around the world.

Make the most of your membership. Here's how.

1. Learn more about Rotary Global Rewards, a new member benefit program that offers discounts on products and services – travel, hotels, car rentals, dining, and entertainment. Visit the Member Center.
2. Identify a need in your community and work with your club to design a hands-on project that addresses it.
3. Learn how to apply for a grant to implement a project.
4. Know a young leader? Tell him or her about Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange.
5. Explore other clubs. Did you know that you're welcome to attend any club's meeting, anywhere in the world? Use the Club Finder tool or download the Club Locator app to find a meeting when you travel.
6. Try a new role. Clubs need leaders. Take the first step and ask where your club needs help.
7. Attend the next Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea. Enjoy inspiring talks from global leaders, celebrities, and activists. Meet members from around the world. It's the ultimate way to understand the scope of Rotary. Register today.
8. Be part of history and help eradicate polio. Find out how to support PolioPlus and join the movement to end polio.
9. Use the resources in the Rotary Brand Center to help you communicate, inspire, and collaborate.
10. Meet other members who share your interests and passions through a Rotary Fellowship or Rotarian Action Group. There are about 70 groups, catering to everyone from cooking enthusiasts to water and sanitation project experts.
11. Connect on social media. Rotary has official pages on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, Pinterest, Flickr, and more. Join the conversation.
12. Support The Rotary Foundation. Contributions provide millions of dollars in grants that support our humanitarian service around the world. Learn more.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

July

Blackstone,	Cris	Anton Centennial
Guild,	Matthew	Bellows Falls
Stern,	David	
Gatzke,	Matthew	Bow
Allbee,	Roger	Brattleboro
Garafalo,	Cordelia	Deerfield Valley
Trovato,	Christine	Henniker
Kumph,	Travis	Jaffrey-Rindge
Hamblet,	Christopher	Keene-Elm City
DiLalla,	Richard	Newport
Botta,	Louis	New London
Hickey,	William	
Modini,	Tom	Queen City-Manchester
Dugan,	Christopher	
DePuy,	David	Raymond Area
Carlson,	Andrew	Rutland
Scranton,	William	
Powell,	Sarah	Springfield
Zezza,	Frank	
Saint John,	Ashlee	Tilton-Northfield
Campbell,	Herb	White River Junction
Howland,	Margaret	
Bishop,	Jay	Woodstock

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: September 21st.