



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT 2015 -16**

*What a Rotary year,  
For us this has been,  
We stand here so proudly,  
We call you our friend.*

*To Past District Governor, Rich Berryman,  
I owe my sincerest of thanks,  
His support of me never wavered,  
On the top of my list he sure ranks.*

*John, my driver, and I have travelled,  
The roads of New Hampshire and Vermont,  
Your warm welcome and friendly greeting,  
Has been more than we could ever want.*

*To Polio Plus and the Annual Fund,  
You have all made generous donations,  
Our District has increased giving by 17%,  
To the Rotary Foundation.*

*Sponsoring new members was our goal,  
Two thousand one eighty five members strong,  
The highest growth in 19 Districts,  
You may be sure I was singing that song!*

*Humanitarian projects making a difference,  
Pure Water the number one aim,  
Hollis Brookline making a difference in India,  
Milford in Honduras doing the same.*

*White River Junction focused on literacy,  
South Africa their destination,  
Bow and Nashua in Turkey,  
Making Braille Typesetting a vocation.*

*A Vocational Training Team in Jamaica,  
Rotarians and Dentists Berryman and Jones,  
Bringing dental care to Holy Spirit Clinic,  
Assuring Jamaicans they are never alone.*

*Maternal and child care in Guatemala,  
Pediatric Neurology in Mexico,  
Nashua Rotary guiding the projects,  
Making a difference more than they could know.*

*District leaders heard your message,  
Community projects needed our support,  
Eight club projects were awarded,  
All getting a Grade A report.*

*We are so proud to share these great projects,  
A new concession stand in Hollis-Brookline,  
Brattleboro brought solar power to Pine Ridge,  
Literacy in Rutland City is doing just fine.*

*In Hopkinton, firewood for needy families,  
Ludlow adding beauty to a local park,  
A new child play area in Tilton Northfield,  
And Poultney giving their public library some spark.*

*Newport brought updated technology,  
To their Public Library in the center of town,  
New laptops and Snap Education,  
Resources that are the best around.*

*Our quest to eradicate polio,  
We truly are this close,  
Our determination never waivers,  
Always prepared to give one more dose.*

*The pride of our Rotary District,  
Rotaract, Interact and RYLA, too,  
Making a difference for so many young people,  
Training new leaders is what Rotary must do.*

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*A young and energetic Early Act Club  
Began in Hollis Brookline,  
New London sponsored a Rotaract Club,  
Colby Sawyer is doing just fine.*

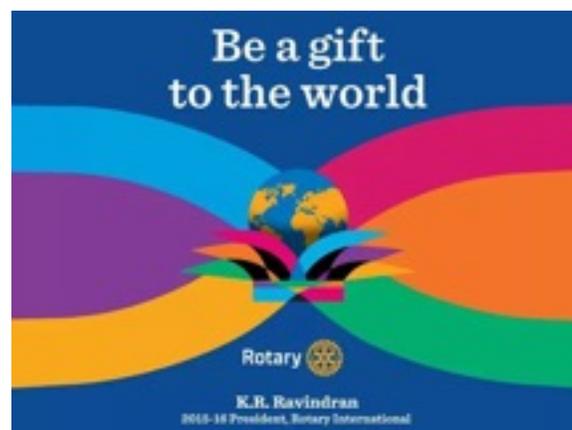
*There is no doubt that our Youth Exchange Program,  
Is the pride of District 7870,  
Students travel the world Inbound and Outbound,  
Providing leadership wherever they go.*

*Let's not forget our Short-Term Exchange program,  
Providing a summer time experience unknown,  
Meeting people of cultures, creeds, and colors,  
Often very different than their own.*

*Joining forces with Vermont District 7850,  
We sponsored global scholar, Madeline Baird,  
Studying infection disease medicine in London,  
Compassion because she has cared.*

*We have two clubs ready for visioning,  
Lisa Hustis taking the lead,  
Boldly contemplating their future,  
A future filled with good deeds.*

***So, please accept thanks from this DG and my driver,  
With great pride our Rotary banners were unfurled,  
Your friendship has been our greatest blessing,  
You are all our gift to the world.***



**CLUB NEWS & EVENTS**



*Denise Thomas and the three Ansevin-Allen kids posing with Governor Hassan at the NH Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health Outstanding Achievement Award Celebration – May 27, 2016*



*Keene Elm City Rotary Club accepting the 2016 NH Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health Outstanding Achievement Award - May, 27 2016*

## CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



The Rotary Club of Manchester Vermont Proudly Presents

***Pat Smith***

President of the Lyme Disease Association



## Lyme Disease Presentation with Q&A Session

**Saturday August 6, 2016**

**2 - 4 PM**

**Manchester Community Library**

138 Cemetery Avenue  
Manchester Center, Vermont

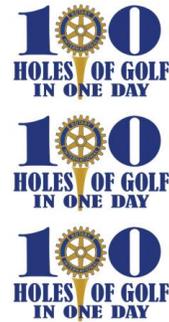
**This event is FREE and volunteers will be on site to assist with parking directions**

### **LDA Strategic Goals & Objectives:**

- ➔ Enhance the capability and productivity of researchers
- ➔ Reducing the Spread of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases
- ➔ Educate physicians about Lyme and other tick-borne diseases
- ➔ Facilitate Lyme disease patient wellness
- ➔ Improve cooperation with public officials on tick-borne disease strategies
- ➔ Integrate other groups into LDA nationwide effort

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## CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



### 100 Holes of Golf Tournament ~ Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

If you're a golfer, you've probably wished at the end of the round that you could play just "a few more holes". Now you have that chance at the **Milford Rotary Club's 100 Holes of Golf on July 29 at Amherst Country Club.**

During the event individual golfers play 100 holes of uninterrupted golf in one day. This will be the 22nd consecutive year for Milford Rotary's signature fundraiser that has raised over \$1,000,000 for local community charities and scholarships. A few hardy golfers have participated in nearly every tournament, and one golfer has played in all 21 previous tournaments! "I look forward to this every year," said Steve Desmarais. "For a golfer, it's a daylong blast."

Participants are limited to the first 72 golfers who sign up. "We focus on supporting the golfers in every way. That includes everything from food and beverages to finding the occasional errant ball," noted tournament co-chairman John Siemienowicz. The average 18-hole round during the day is about 2 and a half hours. A sumptuous awards banquet, sponsored by Giorgio's Ristorante, rounds out the day.

In order to qualify, a golfer simply needs to sell a minimum 50 raffle tickets. Not only do the tickets enter one to win up to \$5000 cash, they contain discounts worth more than the \$20 cost per ticket.

"It's not a tough sale," said Steve Sareault, one of the all-time leaders in 100 Holes raffle tickets sales. The tickets hold generous discounts for Giorgio's, The Copy Shop, Valvoline of Milford, and Shattuck Paving.

The Milford Rotary Club also invites other non-profits or Rotary Clubs to sell raffle tickets and keep 50% of the ticket sales. Contact Paula Telage for more information at [ptelage@yahoo.com](mailto:ptelage@yahoo.com) or 603-930-7027.

The Milford Rotary Club, founded in 1950, is a not-for-profit service club that promotes fellowship, world peace and supports the local community. **For more information about playing in the event, please visit [www.Golf100Holes.com](http://www.Golf100Holes.com) or contact Marc Chareth at [Mchareth@aol.com](mailto:Mchareth@aol.com) or 603-801-8036.**



**CLUB NEWS & EVENTS**

[35<sup>th</sup> Annual Suncook Valley Rotary Hot Air Balloon Rally  
Drakes Field, Pittsfield NH](#)



**Save the Dates!**  
**August 5-7, 2016**

<http://suncookvalleyrotary.org/SitePage/hot-air-balloon-rally>



The Tilton-Northfield Rotary Club's annual golf tournament will be held at Lochmere Country Club in Tilton, NH on Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. The club is looking for teams to play as well as sponsors. For more information, please contact Kamal Gosine by emailing him at [kamalgosine@yahoo.com](mailto:kamalgosine@yahoo.com) or calling him at 603-630-3353.



## Essential changes for clubs and districts

2016 Council on Legislation (*The numbers in parentheses identify the relevant legislative enactments*).

### **Attendance**

**Ability to change rules.** Clubs may relax or tighten attendance requirements and termination policies for non-attendance. However, clubs are still expected to forward attendance reports to the governor. Any club that wishes to continue adhering to the traditional attendance requirements may do so. (16-21)

**Rule of 85.** Rotarians can be excused from attendance if the combined total of their years of membership in one or more clubs plus their age equals at least 85, with their years of membership totaling at least 20. (16-35)

### **Club Board**

**Treasurer.** A club treasurer is now a permanent member of the club board. (16-02)

**Board meeting minutes.** Written minutes should be prepared for all club board meetings and be made available to members within 60 days of that meeting. (16-01)

### **Club Finances**

**Admission fees.** New members can be admitted without paying admission fees. However, clubs may also choose to retain these fees, and they have the flexibility to add admission or other fees to their bylaws. (16-07)

**Club dues increased.** To address both financial challenges and the need to improve service to clubs, RI semiannual dues were increased by \$4 for each of the next three years — to US\$30.00 per half year in 2017-2018, US\$32.00 per half year in 2018-2019, and US\$34.00 per half year in 2019-2020. (16-99)

### **Club Meetings**

**Ability to change meeting schedules.** Clubs can now vary their meeting days and times, and can cancel meetings, as long as they meet at least twice a month. However, any club that wishes to adhere to the traditional requirements regarding meetings and cancellations may do so. (16-21)

**Canceling a meeting.** Clubs can cancel a meeting if it falls during a week that includes a holiday. (16-26)

**In-person and online meeting participation.** Clubs can have in-person meetings, online meetings, allow online participation for an in-person meeting, or switch between any of these formats. (16-30)

### **Council on Legislation**

**Proposed legislation.** Only two types of proposals will be considered: enactments, which seek changes to RI's constitutional documents, and position statements from the RI Board. (16-113)



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## 2016 ESSENTIAL CHANGES FOR CLUBS AND DISTRICTS (CONTINUED)

**Council representatives.** Representatives will serve for three years, starting on 1 July of the year following their selection. For example, the 2019 Council representative would take office on 1 July 2017 and serve until 30 June 2020. (16-114)

**Council on Resolutions.** A Council on Resolutions consisting of Council representatives will meet online annually to consider recommendations. Resolutions may be proposed by a club, district conference, the RIBI general council or conference. Those resolutions adopted by a majority vote of council representatives must be submitted to the general secretary by 30 June of the year prior to the Council on Legislation. (16-113)

### District Changes

**Moving clubs into adjacent districts.** The Board can merge a district with fewer than 1,100 members, or divide districts with more than 100 clubs by moving clubs into adjacent districts. (16-84)

**Two years for districting changes to take effect.** Any decision by the Board to eliminate or change district boundaries won't become effective until at least 24 months after it is made. (16-86)

### District Leadership

**Vice governors.** Having a vice governor is no longer mandatory. This role replaces the governor in case of that person's inability to perform their duties. If the district uses a nominating committee, the committee selects a past governor proposed by the governor-elect. If the nominating committee doesn't receive a nomination, or if a nominating committee was not used, the governor-elect may choose a past governor as vice governor. The vice governor serves in the year following his or her selection. (16-74, 16-76, 16-77)

**Procedures for failing to adopt the annual statement and report of district finances.** The statement and report of finances must be discussed and adopted within three months of the conclusion of the district conference or at the next district meeting to which all clubs are entitled to send a representative and for which 30 days' notice has been given. If no district meeting is held, the governor must conduct a ballot by mail within 60 days of the end of that three-month period. (16-88)

**Mishandling of district finances.** Anyone who fails to follow Rotary's financial requirements, including improperly administering the district fund, is prohibited from holding any Rotary or district office until the irregularities are resolved. (16-89)

### E-clubs

**E-clubs and Rotary clubs.** The distinction between traditional clubs and e-clubs was eliminated. While references to e-clubs have been removed from Rotary's constitutional documents, e-clubs may continue to name and promote themselves as Rotary clubs that meet exclusively or primarily on-line. (16-82)

### Elections

**Concurring with a governor selection challenge.** The number of clubs that must concur with a club's challenge to the nominated candidate has been increased to 10 other clubs, or 20 percent of the total number of clubs in the district, whichever number is higher. Only clubs that are at least one year old as of 1 July of that year are counted in the total and may concur with a challenge. (16-71)

**Special elections nominating procedure streamlined.** If a district restarts the governor selection process due to special circumstances, the governor does not need to repeat the request for suggestions from clubs if there were none made during the first nominating process. (16-72)



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**2016 ESSENTIAL CHANGES FOR CLUBS AND DISTRICTS (CONTINUED)**

### **Magazines**

**Joint magazine subscriptions.** Two Rotarians residing at the same address may choose to subscribe jointly to The Rotarian or to the regional magazine prescribed for their club. (16-96)

### **Membership**

**Rules and qualifications.** Clubs may determine their own rules or requirements for transferring members, dual membership, and honorary members. They're also free to continue following the traditional provisions for these members. The only mandatory qualifications for membership are that Rotarians must be adults who have demonstrated good character, integrity and leadership; have a good reputation in their business, profession and community; and are willing to serve in their community and around the world. (16-36, 16-38)

**New membership types.** Clubs may offer associate, corporate, family, or other membership types. Clubs offering these additional types would report these members to Rotary as "active" for purposes of inclusion on the club invoice. Other financial obligations (club dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, and service expectations for these members are determined by the club. However, only active members may be considered for office and count in determining a club's voting strength. (16-36)

**Dual membership in Rotary and Rotaract clubs.** Rotaractors can simultaneously hold separate membership in a Rotaract club and a Rotary club. (16-40)

**Transferring member statement.** Potential members who owe money to another club are ineligible for membership. Clubs must seek confirmation that a former Rotarian does not have any outstanding debt to their previous club. When a club requests a statement from the club of a member who wishes to transfer, or who was previously a member, as to whether that person owes money, the request must be responded to within 30 days. If no response is provided, it is assumed that the member doesn't owe anything. These changes are in the RI Bylaws but are no longer repeated in the *Standard Rotary Club Constitution*. (16-51)

### **New Clubs**

**Charter member minimum.** New clubs need at least 20 members to be chartered. (16-83)

### **Suspension**

**Suspension of membership.** Clubs may now suspend a member for a maximum of 90 days. At the end of that time, they must either terminate or reinstate the member. A suspended member has the right to appeal the suspension or request mediation or arbitration. (16-49, 16-50)

**Suspension or termination of clubs because of litigation.** Clubs can be suspended or terminated if one of their members takes legal action against RI or The Rotary Foundation — including action against directors, trustees, officers, and employees — before exhausting all Rotary remedies. The Council also clarified the conditions under which the RI Board may take action against districts with repeated election complaints. (16-81)



**DISTRICT 7870 MEMBERSHIP & EVENTS**

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**

Armstrong	R. Duane	Alton Centennial
French	George	Bennington
Young	Eli	Brattleboro
Buck	David	Deerfield Valley
Dal Molin	Lana	Derry Village
Durfee	Herbert	Fair Haven
Olmstead	Scott	Keene
Bowe	Joseph	Manchester NH
Frappier	Silvana	Manchester NH
Viens	Harry	Meredith
Donchess	James	Nashua
Stierle	Carol	Poultney
Bartlett	Karen	Rutland
Perry	Joel	Rutland
Lee	Pete	Souhegan Valley



**Membership History Report**



**District Calendar**

<u>July 11</u>	Brattleboro Sunrise
<b>Rotary Romp 2016</b>	Marina Restaurant
<u>July 16-17</u>	Milford
<b>51st Annual Swim Meet</b>	Keyes Memorial Park
<u>July 19</u>	Concord
<b>16th Annual Golf Tournament</b>	Canterbury Woods
<u>July 29</u>	Milford
<b>100 Holes of Golf</b>	Amherst Country Club
<u>August 6</u>	Manchester, VT
<b>Gear Up For Lyme Mt. Equinox Uphill Bike Climb</b>	
<u>August 5-7</u>	Suncook Valley
<b>Hot Air Balloon Rally</b>	Drake's Field, Pittsfield
<u>August 8</u>	Brattleboro Sunrise
<b>One More Rotary Romp 2016</b>	Marina Restaurant
<u>August 11</u>	Tilton-Northfield
<b>Annual Golf Tournament</b>	Lochmere Country Club
<u>August 19</u>	District
<b>District Golf Tournament</b>	Bretwood CC Keene

**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, **Rachel Swinford**, at [pdgwife@comcast.net](mailto:pdgwife@comcast.net) to be included in the 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: July 15th.**