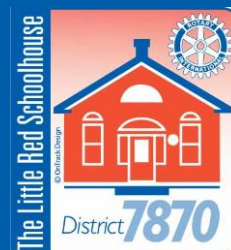




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The Little Red SchoolHouse

**District 7870**



**Dec 2016**

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As we enter 2017, we also enter the second year of the initiative known as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. These goals, usually referred to as the SDGs, pertain to a list of 17 areas where the people of the world can come together to address our most pressing economic, political, and social challenges. It is a hugely ambitious list, and it has to be. The ultimate aim of these goals is nothing less than peace, prosperity, security, and equality for all of humanity.

How do you even begin to tackle such a project? At Rotary, our answer is simple: one step at a time. These goals are nothing new for Rotary: They're already reflected in our areas of focus. We also understand that all of these 17 goals, just like our six areas of focus, are interrelated. You can't have good health without clean water. You can't have clean water without good sanitation. Good sanitation in turn helps keep children in school, which improves

education, which improves economic prosperity and health. When you are talking about the advancement of an entire planet, no one indicator, no one goal, no one country, exists in isolation. To make real and lasting progress, we must all move forward together.

The idea of sustainability is key to the SDGs - and to our service in Rotary. Sustainability simply means making progress that will endure. It means not just digging a well, but being sure that a community can maintain it. It means not just running a health camp for a week, but training local health workers. It means empowering families and communities to take charge of their own futures by giving them the tools they need to succeed.

Sustainability has always been at the heart of our thinking in Rotary. We've been around for nearly 112 years and intend to be around for many more. We've already seen the difference our work has made: in health, in

education, in water and sanitation, and of course in our efforts to end polio.

Polio eradication is the ultimate in sustainable service: a project that, once completed, will benefit the world forever. And those benefits will go far beyond the eradication of a single human disease. The estimated cost savings we will see once polio is eradicated are about \$1 billion per year. That is money that can be returned to public health budgets and directed to other pressing needs, carrying the good work of today forward for many healthier tomorrows.

**John Germ  
President  
Rotary  
International**



## United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

- Goal 1 End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- Goal 2 End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- Goal 3 Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- Goal 4 Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Goal 5 Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- Goal 6 Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all
- Goal 7 Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
- Goal 8 Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
- Goal 9 Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- Goal 10 Reduce inequality within and among countries
- Goal 11 Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
- Goal 12 Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns
- Goal 13 Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts\*
- Goal 14 Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development
- Goal 15 Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss
- Goal 16 Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
- Goal 17 Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

*\* Acknowledging that the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is the primary international, intergovernmental forum for negotiating the global response to climate change*

~ <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/focussdgs.html>

## Club Flexibility

Research and our members' experiences have shown that when clubs have more freedom to decide how and when they hold their meetings, who they'll invite to become members, and what member engagement means, their ability to attract new members and keep current members motivated increases.

The 2016 [Council on Legislation](#) voted to give Rotary clubs more flexibility than they've ever had. The changes in policy affect when, where, and how clubs meet and the types of membership they offer.

### 5 ways to use the new flexibility

It's up to your club to decide how — and if — you want to use the new options. Start by reviewing the updated [Standard Rotary Club Constitution](#) to see which guidelines are flexible. Once you've decided what changes would benefit your club, edit your club bylaws to reflect them, and try them out. If you decide they aren't working, try something else.

Here are some examples of how your club can apply the new flexible options:

1. **Change your meeting schedule.** Your club can vary its meeting days, times, and frequency. For example, you could hold a traditional meeting on the first Tuesday of the month to discuss business and service projects and get together socially on the last Friday of the month. You just need to meet at least twice a month.
2. **Vary your meeting format.** Your club can meet in person, online, or a combination, including letting some members attend in-person meetings through the Internet.
3. **Relax attendance requirements.** Your club can ease attendance requirements and encourage members to participate in other ways, such as taking a leadership role, updating the club website regularly, running a meeting a few times a year, or planning an event. If your club is dynamic and offers a good experience for members, attendance won't be a problem.
4. **Offer multiple membership types.** Your club could offer family memberships to those who want to bring their families, junior memberships to young professionals with leadership potential, or corporate memberships to people whose employers want to be represented in the club. Each type of membership can have its own policies on dues, attendance, and service expectations. Rotary will count these people in your club membership and will consider them active members if they pay RI dues.
5. **Invite Rotaractors to be members of your club.** You can invite Rotaractors to join your club while remaining members of their Rotaract clubs. If your club chooses to, it can make special accommodations for these members, such as relaxed attendance requirements or reduced fees, as long as they are reflected in the club bylaws.
6. Find examples of bylaw amendments that clubs might use to try these new flexible options below, and review our frequently asked questions for more information.

## Corporate membership and new membership types



Are you interested in offering new membership types in your club? Robert Fisher, of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, recently described his experience with corporate memberships. [Learn](#) how his club applied this new flexibility to increase membership.

Here's what clubs need to know about corporate memberships and other new membership types:

- Clubs are free to offer alternative memberships of any kind. For corporate memberships, clubs count individuals as members, not the corporations that sponsor them.
- If corporate members pay RI dues, they will be included in their club's official membership count and receive all the benefits that other active, dues-paying members enjoy.
- Clubs can have special policies for these members' other financial obligations (club and district dues, meal costs, etc.), attendance requirements, or service expectations, as long as the club bylaws reflect these policies.

Learn more about new options for [club flexibility](#).

~rotary.org





# Club Happenings:



## Peterborough Rotary Club Presents Paul Harris Fellow +4

The Peterborough Rotary Club was honored to present a Paul Harris Fellow (+4) to our "visiting" Rotarian, Jim Rogers. Jim is a member of a Club in Georgia yet spends half of the year with us in Peterborough. District Governor [Dennis McMann](#) came to present this honor to Jim.



As if this wasn't enough, he went on to win the 50/50 raffle, and, drew the Queen of Hearts for the entire pot! Jim is a valued member of Rotary and we are fortunate to have him with us. Congratulations, Jim!

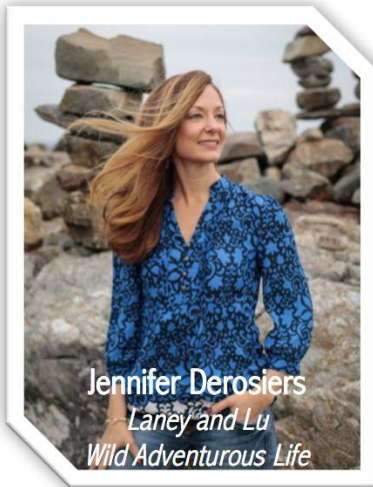


## Fair Haven Rotary Adopt-A-Family Project

The Fair Haven Rotary Club had the honor and privilege of working with one of our members Ashley Bride, who is the Executive Director of Fair Haven Concerned on an Adopt-a-Family project for Christmas! We managed to get some of the elves together for a photo, after delivering the gifts. They were so excited to have been able to make Christmas morning extra special for a deserving family in the area.

The project was spearheaded by one of our newest Rotarians, Beth MacCormack of Sam's USave Fuels in Fair Haven. Thank you Beth for rallying the troops. This was a super fun project to be a part of!

# NH LEAD 2017



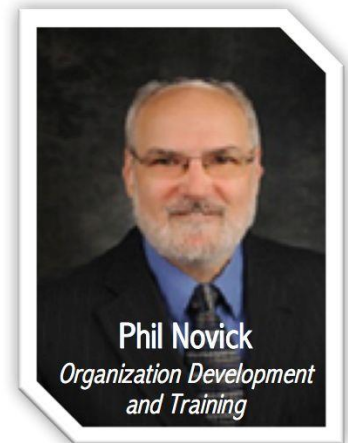
Jennifer Desrosiers  
*Laney and Lu  
Wild Adventurous Life*

Are you a business professional looking for advanced leadership training? Are you a small business owner in need of local training for your employees? NH LEAD 2017 is a leadership education and development one-day training seminar facilitated by local business professionals from varying business points of view and experience. NH LEAD 2017 will be held on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at New Life Church located at 84 Nottingham Road, Raymond, NH.

NH LEAD 2017 is pleased to announce this year's speakers: Jennifer Desrosiers, Owner Laney and Lu and Wild Adventurous Life; Myriam Jordan, Technical Sales Specialist; Dianne Mercier, President, Peoples Bank; Phil Novick, Leadership & Management Consultant; Bobby Bledsoe, CityReach Network; Robert "Sonny" McMahon, Training Specialist.

With such diverse and experienced speakers, this seminar is sure to touch upon many of the areas you and your team are currently dealing with; from interpersonal skills, surviving the technical world and following your heart as you achieve professional success.

The climate of the professional world is changing and we need to develop the skills to thrive in this new era we are entering into. NH LEAD 2017 is a great place to train, to share and to network. Register online at [RaymondAreaRotary.org](http://RaymondAreaRotary.org). Lunch is included in the cost of registration and will be provided by 900 Degrees Neapolitan Pizzeria.



Phil Novick  
*Organization Development  
and Training*



## Peterborough Rotary Decorates Town House

The Peterborough Rotary Club kicked off the holiday season by decorating the Town House and the two downtown bridges. Thank you to Jeff Crocker, Bob MacDonald, Ed Walker, Norm Makechnie, Laura Gingras, John Kaufhold, Andy Peterson and Cole Royal for jazzing up downtown. Be sure to take a look as you drive through town.



## Group Study Exchange (GSE) to Mysore, India: Claudine's Angels on a Mission

**The Mission:** The GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business professionals in their initial years of professional life. Rotary districts in different countries are paired to send and receive professional study groups of four to six non-Rotarian team members and one Rotarian team leader to travel for four to six weeks, staying in the homes of Rotarians when possible.

DG Dennis McMann put the word out that he wants to support a GSE team in his year as the Governor. To fit this mission, a GSE team from our district will visit Rotary District 3181 in January for three weeks. We will also have an opportunity to host a delegation from Mysore later in the year. Incidentally Mysore and Nashua are working on a sister city relationship, and this trip will go a long way in fostering this relationship.



**The Team:** The District GSE committee was convened and selected a GSE team. The Rotarian team lead is **Claudine Husainy** from the Milford Club, and four non-Rotarians were selected from more than 10 applicants. The team of non-Rotarians heading out to Mysore are: **Suzanne Delaney:** Educator & business owner (sponsored by the Nashua Club); **Nina Giannotti:** International Student Advisor at New England College (sponsored by the Henniker Club); **Sarah Marchant:** Community Development Director, city of Nashua (sponsored by the Milford Club) and **Allison Morris:** Journalist, reporter with the Concord Monitor (sponsored by the Capital City Sunrise Club in Concord).

**Shown in the pictures:** Suzanne, Sarah & Nina, Claudine & Allison

**The Assignment:** During the visit to Mysore, the GSE team members want to observe and learn about the local history and culture, while sharing their own culture with their hosts. They also want to meet professionals in their fields.

- Team lead Claudine: In addition to leading the team, Claudine would like to continue Peace Projects with youth in India, visit schools and Rotary youth clubs during her visit.
- Suzanne: wants to learn how children and young adults are prepared and encouraged to use and develop emerging technologies and become innovators
- Nina: works with students from India at NEC. During her time in India, Nina is excited to directly experience her students' culture, especially in educational settings. On her return her goal is to share her knowledge with others on campus and increase cultural understanding and thereby bridge the gaps that inevitably occur.
- Sarah: is looking forward to learning about land use and transportation planning in India and how the Development Authority operates.
- Allison: is excited to learn how journalists cover local events, especially politics, and how they interview subjects.

Join me in wishing them well on the trip. Upon their return they will be debriefed at the District 7870 conference in April. I, for one, look forward to hearing about their experiences.

Submitted by: Krishna Mangipudi, 2016-17 GSE Team Logistics Coordinator.

## Deerfield Valley Rotary Keeping Busy...



The holiday season has kept the Deerfield Valley Rotary Club busy.

The club sponsors a yearly Santa's Workshop for the local children. This year's event was held Wednesday morning, December 14th. Rotary purchased food and drinks to feed lunch to approximately 200 children, parents and "Santa's elves." The town library then supplied tables of crafts for the kids to make holiday gifts. It is always a fun time for all!

Later that evening, the club held their annual Christmas party at the beautiful White House Inn, in Wilmington. The party was attended by 60 members and spouses. A wonderful dinner was served with a raucous



Yankee Swap afterwards.

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, the club began the annual packing of food bags for over 200 needy families. Rotary does this in conjunction with the Whitingham Lions club. Preparations begin early in the day and end late in the evening. Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup>, all the bags were loaded into cars and distributed

throughout the valley...in a major snowstorm! *Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet will stop Rotary from delivering!* This is one of the most fulfilling of the club's events.



There are no scheduled events in the next two months. So to all Rotarians in the District...*Happy Holidays to all and may your season be warm and giving.*



## District Calendar

<u>January 9</u> 2017 Trivia Night	Brattleboro VT
<u>January 14</u> 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Regional Idol Competition	Bedford NH
<u>January 21</u> Murder Mystery	Gilford NH
<u>February 10</u> Leadership Education and Development Conference	Raymond Area 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](#)

## 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 with other clubs in our district: items of interest, upcoming events, fundraisers or opportunities for service.

Deadline for next Newsletter Submissions: **January 15<sup>th</sup>.**