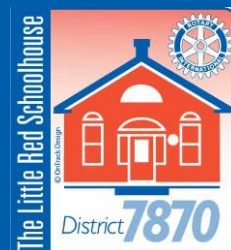




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The Little Red SchoolHouse

**District 7870**



**Feb 2017**

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Forty years ago, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, admitted three women members, in violation of the Rotary International Constitution. As a result, the club’s charter was terminated by RI.

Undeterred, the club’s members continued to meet. They put an X over their Rotary insignia, made themselves new pins, and dubbed themselves the Ex-Rotary Club of Duarte as they continued to fight for the right of women to serve as Rotarians. Ten years later, a restored Rotary Club of Duarte sent Sylvia Whitlock, Rotary’s first female club president, to a presidents-elect training seminar. Not long after that, in 1989, Rotary’s Council on Legislation permanently ended Rotary’s status as a men-only organization.

Today, with more than 240,000 women in our clubs, Rotary is stronger than ever.

We are women and men from nearly every country of the world, serving our communities in more than 35,000 clubs. At the club level, we need men and women of all backgrounds, ages, cultures, and professions; internationally, we need clubs in every city, country, and region of the world. The better our clubs reflect their communities, the better we can serve them. Our diversity is our strength.

It is difficult for most of us to imagine today why anyone argued so strongly against the idea of women in Rotary. Looking back, I think that opposition came from a simple resistance to change. Rotarians, loved Rotary the way it was and couldn’t imagine it any other way.

We still love Rotary as much as we ever did. We love the friendships and connections we make there, and the ability Rotary provides us to serve

humanity. We believe Rotary has tremendous value in our own lives and in the world at large. And we recognize, more than ever, that for Rotary to continue to grow, it needs to embrace the world it serves – in all of its diversity, all of its variety, and all of its evolving needs for service.

The Rotarians of today owe a debt of gratitude to the Rotarians of Duarte 40 years ago. Their determination, persistence, and enduring goodwill set the stage for the organization we have become: *Rotary Serving Humanity.*

John Germ  
President  
Rotary  
International



## Rotary District 7870 Announces the Janice H. McElroy Scholarship Program

The Rotary District 7870 is pleased to announce the initial offering of a new district wide scholarship in memory of Janice H. McElroy, who served as Rotary District 7870 Governor in 2011-2012 and was instrumental in securing a Rotary International grant of \$412,000 to help southern Vermont rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Irene. This scholarship is made possible due to donations from friends, colleagues and Rotary Clubs throughout the District 7870.

Prior to her death in 2012, Jan McElroy requested that any donations received in her memory be dedicated to establishing a scholarship fund for non-traditional students. It will be awarded to a person who is 21 years of age or older and has completed high school or earned a G.E.D. There must be at least a three-year gap between graduating from high school and full time college attendance or a record of part-time college for three years after graduating from high school. The scholarship can be used for expenses at a four-year or a two-year college, or for another type of accredited institution, such as a technical or vocational program. The first scholarship award will be a minimum of \$1,000.

Applications may be obtained from: <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050052/en-ca/files/homepage/janice-h-mcelroy-scholarship-application-form/mcelroy-scholarship-application-final-10-12-16-1-.docx>

Applications need to be completed and received no later than March 31, 2017. The selected recipient will be notified in April and will be presented the award at the Rotary District 7870 conference in Nashua, NH on April 28, 2017.



Jan was born and raised in the wheat and cattle country of Kansas and later lived in

Denver. She majored in Chemistry at Colorado College before going to the University of Cologne, Germany as a Fulbright Scholar in Biochemistry. Jan taught science in Baltimore and earned her masters at Johns Hopkins. She served as chair of the science department at the Bishop's School in La Jolla, California, before she completed her Ph.D. in Human Behavior.

Jan, her husband Jim, and their two children moved to New Jersey and later Pennsylvania, where she became very involved in the American Association of University Women serving four years as State President of AAUW and four years on AAUW's national Board of Directors. In 1988 she accepted a gubernatorial appointment as Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women. Her proudest accomplishment in that role was the creation of the Leadership Development Institute for Women in State Government and achieved the transition of the Institute to the next administration. In 1998, she ran unsuccessfully for Congress in the PA 15<sup>th</sup>

In 1999, she moved to Henniker to be the Assistant to the President and Director of Planning at New England College. In 2005, she joined the development staff at Colby-Sawyer College as their Grants Manager until her retirement in 2009.

## Jan McElroy's Rotary Legacy

Jan joined the Henniker Rotary Club in 2000 and served as its President in 2004–05, receiving the Presidential Citation for the club. She received the Rotarian of the Year Award in 2008. Jan served 3 years as an Assistant Governor, as District Rotary Foundation Chair and as Secretary of the District 7870 Foundation. She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and was a member of the Rotary Leadership Institute Faculty. Her travels took her throughout Europe, Japan, China, Ghana and all fifty United States. During her year as District Governor 2011-2012, Hurricane Irene devastated southern Vermont. Representing District 7870, Jan partnered with Marilyn Bedell, her counterpart in Vermont's District 7850, to submit a matching grant to *The Rotary Foundation* to help with Vermont's long-term recovery. They secured pledges from individuals and 114 Rotary Clubs around the world and ultimately received an RI grant of

\$412,000 –the largest RI grant ever awarded for a US project. Jan was invited to present at the International Rotary Conference, but had been recently diagnosed with cancer and was unable to attend. Still, she narrated a multi-media presentation which was shown at the conference.

After a valiant struggle, Jan died in the winter of 2014. Prior to her death, she decided what she would like her legacy in Rotary to be. She asked that a fund be set up to award scholarship assistance to non-traditional students that was open to eligible youth 21 and over from throughout the district to attend post-secondary education in a 2 or 4-year program.

District 7870 is proud to honor Janice's service to Rotary, the district and the world with the announcement of the Janice H. McElroy Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students.

## It's a New Year with New Deadlines for RI awards.

The **Significant Achievement Award** recognizes clubs in your district whose project has addressed a significant problem or need in your community. You can nominate one club per district each year. Projects completed outside of the club's country are not eligible. **The deadline for nominations, made by district governors, is 15 March.**

The **Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award** honors spouses and partners of club members for showing commitment to Rotary through exemplary humanitarian service. **The deadline for nominations, made by district governors, is 1 March.**

Award criteria details can be found here:

- [Significant Achievement Award nomination form](#)
- [Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award nomination form](#)

If you have questions about earning your club's citation for 2016-17, join the conversation in our [Membership Best Practices Discussion Group](#) or contact us at [riawards@rotary.org](mailto:riawards@rotary.org).

# Club Happenings:



1 Jerry Theberge, Brooke Finnell, and Cindy Jerome.

## Brattleboro Rotary Club Four-Way Test

The Brattleboro Rotary Club bestowed the sixth annual "Norm Kuebler Four-Way Test Award" upon Brooke Finnell at the club's weekly meeting on Jan. 19 at the American Legion in Brattleboro.



1 District 7870 Youth Exchange Students

## Killington-Pico Rotary Hold Events

On January 15th Killington-Pico Rotary hosted their second annual bonfire at The Pasta Pot, burning Christmas trees for a \$5 donation. They also hosted all our district youth exchange students for the annual Steve Goldstein Ski Weekend. This kicked off their regular club meeting where the kids were the program. During the weekend the club and exchange students participated in a service project, serving lunch for VT Adaptive Ski & Sports athletes.



2 WRJ Rotary Members Phil Hammond and PJ Skehan

## White River Junction Goes Ice Fishing

White River Junction helped out with the Hartford Parks and Recreation Youth Ice Fishing Derby on January 28.

## Woodstock Rotary Keeps Busy

Woodstock Rotary hosted their first annual Night of Giving on February 1st.

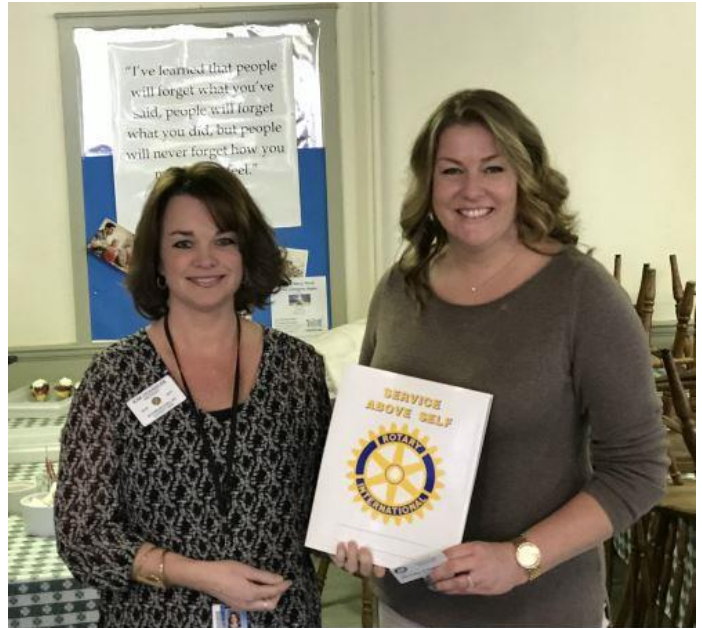
<https://vimeo.com/202421550?ref=fb-share> Worth watching if you have a chance. The evening was a great success.

Upcoming events include the VT Special Olympics Winter Games March 3-5. The club volunteers for the entire weekend.

## Peterborough Rotary Club Installs New Members



On January 24, 2017, Independent Insurance agent/broker Michelle A. Lowe was installed as the newest member of the Peterborough Rotary Club. Owner of Lowe Health Insurance, Lowe provides services in health and life insurance coverage and retirement planning. She is located in Peterborough.



On February 7, 2017, Brooke Charron was installed to the club. Charron is the Human Resources Manager at New Hampshire Ball Bearings, Inc. She has been employed at NHBB for a little over five years and was sponsored by Donna Hanley.

**An Evening in Paradise**

Join us for a fun-filled evening of sun & sand (in the middle of winter!) with *The Island Castaways* (a Jimmy Buffet tribute band)

**Saturday, April 1, 2017**  
**5:30 pm • \$50/person • \$90/Couple**  
at the **Gilford Youth Center**  
19 Potter Hill Rd., Gilford, NH

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, Special Island Drinks  
Caribbean Style Buffet  
Tickets at [www.gilfordrotaryevents.weebly.com](http://www.gilfordrotaryevents.weebly.com)  
Order By Phone From Gilford Rotary: 455-9909



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## The Rotary Club of Bedford's Annual Idol Contest

On January 14<sup>th</sup> the Bedford Rotary Club held the sixth annual Idol Contest for regional high school vocalists. This community service event and fundraiser, held in the Dana Center at Saint Anselm College, is becoming a must see evening of entertainment for residents of Bedford and surrounding communities.

In the Idol Contest twelve students from high schools in southern New Hampshire compete for \$2000 in scholarships. After singing a song of their choice, accompanied by a five-piece band and backup singers and performing in front of an audience of 500 people, each student is critiqued by three judges who are professional music teachers/performers. At intermission the judges select the top four contestants who then sing a second song. The audience votes for the winner who receives a \$1000 scholarship. Second (\$500), third (\$300) and fourth (\$200) place also receive scholarships.

Past club president Ed Bordeleau and honorary club member Jan Bordeleau, son and daughter of PDG Paul Bordeleau, are the musical engine that makes this event possible. Starting in early October this team:

- Screens and selects 12 students from those that apply (29 students applied for this year's competition)
- Meet with each selected contestant to help them identify two songs that match the student's capability and personality
- Arrange each song (a total of 24 songs) for the contestant, band and backup singers

- Rehearse each student and hold a final afternoon of rehearsals on the day of the event.
- Make all arrangements for the hall, the band and backup singers, etc.



While the votes were being counted all in attendance sang happy 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday to PDG Paul Bordeleau. After Paul entertained the crowd on the piano, the Rotary Club of Bedford, in recognition of the Bordeleau family's service to the Bedford Club, announced that the two club funded annual scholarships for graduating seniors (one at Bedford High and one at Manchester West High) that plan a career in music will henceforth be known as the **Bordeleau Family Scholarships**.

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## The Rotary Club of Bedford's Annual Idol Contest (cont.)



Picture 1 The 2017 Regional Idol Contestants (from left to right): Brooke Nelson – Sophomore, Pinkerton Academy; Emily Hoover – Junior, Nashua HS South; Aimee Laliberte – Senior, Trinity HS; Emily Trueby – Senior Nashua HS North; Julia Saladino – Sophomore, Nashua



Picture 2 The winner (Emily Trueby - left) is announced. Other finalist (from right): Emily Dion, 3rd; Emma Lapaglia, 4th; Leah Clark, 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Picture 3 At the annual Idol Contest, the Interact Club of Bedford HS raises money by conducting a 50/50 raffle.



Picture 4 During intermission PDG Paul Bordeleau and Bedford Rotarians provide entertainment in the lobby.

## Newport Rotary Holds Annual Winter Carnival Pancake Breakfast. 250 served in 3 hours!



3 Bruce Jasper, Barbara Brill, Nancy Dickerman



2 Dr Jeffrey Holuszko



### Poultney Rotary Club Helps Library

Recently the Poultney Public Library held a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new addition. Rotarian and recently retired Town/Village

Manager Jonas Rosenthal was present to do the honors. Rotarian Jonas was a key figure in helping to secure funds for the project. This included his submission of a District Grant for \$1000.00 to match \$ 500.00 from the Poultney Rotary Club. The accompanying images reflects an additional \$5000.00 contribution by Poultney Rotary. The monies were used to provide for new library furnishings.

Pictured (L-R) are Rotarian representatives John Van Hoesen (Club Treasurer), Jeanne Root, Bianca Zanella, Jonas Rosenthal, Library representative Rebecca Cook, and Rotary President Craig Rivers.



## Bethel University Course Sponsored by Bethel Area Rotary

### Stop Hunger Now

March 27<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30

White Church. Bethel Vermont

Register with [betheluniversityvt.org](http://betheluniversityvt.org)

or e-mail [Rebbiecarleton@comcast.net](mailto:Rebbiecarleton@comcast.net)

#### Course description

Approximately 792.5 million people in the world do not get the food they need to live a healthy life. That is nearly one out of every nine people on earth. The empowering news is that this figure is down 167 million over the past decade and is 216 million less than in 1990-1992.

Eliminating hunger is one of the main goals of Rotary International and has been an active concern of Bethel Area Rotary for almost 7 decades. This evening meeting will give you information on how hunger affects us all on a

local and international level and give us some resources about how to affect change.

This session will be led by Marc Vermouth from the global initiative Stop Hunger Now that has the goal of ending hunger in our lifetime. They work towards this by raising awareness and packing and distributing meals through feeding programs that promote education, encourage children to attend school, improve students' health and nutrition, address gender inequalities, stimulate economic growth, fight child labor, and are crucial to address global issues. This mirrors the message sent to Rotarians around the world by our General Secretary John Hewko "Remember this simple truth: No child – anywhere in the world – should ever go to bed hungry." Join us in working towards this essential goal that will create a more peaceful and equitable world.

#### Goal

Raise awareness of the local and global impact of food insecurity and empower people to use that information to Stop Hunger Now

## Upcoming Webinars – Learn More About My Rotary

Through a series of webinars, you can learn more about My Rotary's different tools. We will send a promotional email to club presidents and secretaries this week. To register for a webinar, click or tap a title.

- [How to use Rotary Global Rewards](#)  
Wednesday, 1 March, 10:00 am, Chicago time (UTC-6)  
You'll learn how Rotary Global Rewards works and how to give to the Rotary Foundation while saving on travel, car rentals or shopping trips.
- [Getting the most from Data Integration and Club Management System](#)  
Wednesday, 8 March, 10:00 am, Chicago time (UTC-6)  
We'll cover the basics of entering data in your Club Management System and ensure that it is linked successfully to the RI database. This will allow your club to spend less time on administrative tasks and receive an accurate club invoice for Rotary International dues and fees.
- [Getting the most from Discussion Groups, Rotary Ideas, and Rotary Showcase](#) Tuesday, 14 March, 10:00 am, Chicago time (UTC-6)  
We'll review the basics of these online tools and how they relate to one another. You'll also learn how to use them to enhance your club's service project, from inception, planning, execution, and promoting its success.

## District Calendar

<u>March 18</u> 21 <sup>st</sup> Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	Brattleboro Sunrise NH
<u>March 27</u> STOP HUNGER NOW Course	Bethel Area VT White Church
<u>March 30</u> Derry Veteran's Assistance Dueling Pianos Night	Derry NH
<u>April 1</u> An Evening in Paris	Gilford NH
<u>April 1</u> District Training Assembly	District 7870
<u>April 8</u> 2017 Pasta Festival	Bedford NH
<u>April 28-29</u> District Conference	District 7870
<u>May 6</u> Kentucky Derby Party	Souhegan Valley NH Boston Billiard Club, Nashua
<u>May 20</u> Annual Rotary Car Show	Bow NH
<u>May 20</u> Thunder Run Obstacle Race 2017	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: March 15<sup>th</sup>.**