



**ROTARY  
SERVING  
HUMANITY**

The Little Red SchoolHouse  
**District 7870**

**July 2016**

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Rotary has been many things, to many people, in the last 111 years. Through Rotary, our members have found friends, community, and a sense of purpose; we've forged connections, advanced our careers, and had incredible experiences we couldn't have had anywhere else. Every week, in more than 34,000 clubs around the world, Rotarians come together to talk, laugh, and share ideas. But above all, we come together for one, overriding goal: Service.

Service to humanity has been the cornerstone of Rotary since its earliest days, and has been its main purpose ever since. I believe that there is no better path to meaningful service today than Rotary membership, and no organization better placed to make a real and positive difference in our world. No other organization so effectively brings together committed, capable professionals in a wide variety of fields, and enables them to achieve ambitious goals. Through Rotary, we have the capacity, the network, and the knowledge to change the world: the only limits are the ones we place on ourselves.

Today, our organization is at a critical point: a historic juncture that will determine, in so many ways, what comes next. Together, we have provided extraordinary service to our world; tomorrow, our world will depend on us to do even more. Now is the time to capitalize on our success, as we complete the eradication of polio, and catapult Rotary forward, with determination and enthusiasm, to be an even greater force for good in the world.

Of the many lessons polio eradication has taught us, one of the most important is also one of the simplest: that if we want to bring all of Rotary forward, we've all got to be moving in the same direction. Continuity of leadership, at the club, district, and RI level, is the only way we will flourish, and achieve our full potential. It is not enough simply to bring in new members and form new clubs: our goal is not more Rotarians, but more Rotarians who can achieve more good Rotary work, and will become the Rotary leaders of tomorrow.

Near the end of his life, reflecting on the path that brought him to Rotary, Paul Harris wrote: "Individual effort may be turned to individual needs, but combined effort should be dedicated to the service of mankind. The power of combined effort knows no limitation." He could hardly have imagined then that one day, more than 1.2 million Rotarians would be combining their efforts, and, through our Rotary Foundation, their resources, to serve humanity together. And we can only imagine what great deeds Paul Harris would have expected of such a Rotary! It is our responsibility to achieve those deeds; as it is our privilege to carry forth the tradition of *Rotary Serving Humanity*.

Sincerely,  
John Germ

President  
Rotary  
International



# Changing of the Gavel

During the Changing of the Gavel, which usually takes place on the last Monday in June, the District Governor hands over the Home Club Banner, which then travels with the new District Governor. The new District Governor begins the task visiting every club in the district at least once.

Here you see 2015-16 District Governor Sandy McGonagle presenting the Home Club banner of District 7870 to 2016-17 District Governor, Dennis McMann.



District Governor Dennis McMann makes his first official club visit at the Woodstock, Vermont Club accompanied by his lovely wife, Donna.



# Club Happenings:



## Bethel Vermont Club

Bethel Club maintaining the town park next to their meeting place. Don't know who is doing the work here...



But Eric Benson, Ruth Clough, Mel Washburn, Donna Bohannon, and Rebbie Carleton are enjoying the results.



Phil Hammond, Lisa Saturley, Aaron MacAskill, Ken Baldwin, Rich Hoffman

## White River Junction Vermont Club

Service projects and club assembly go hand in hand! White River Rotarians fill weekend snack bags to be distributed by the Hartford Community Coalition as part of the Take a Bite Out of Hunger Summer Program. Each of the 60 bags are filled with food easily prepared by children. Are you interested in helping? Reach out to Hartford Community Coalition or White River Junction Rotary, WRJ VT!



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>

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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 Gosin by emailing him at [kamalgosine@yahoo.com](mailto:kamalgosine@yahoo.com) or calling him at 603-630-3353.

**Londonderry Beer Fest**

The Wantastiquet Area Rotary Club, serving Jamaica, Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham and Winhall, will be sponsoring a new fundraiser this year...the "Londonderry Beer Fest" on September 3rd. This first annual event will take place at the Londonderry Shopping Plaza at the junction of Routes 11 and 100 from noon til 10 pm.

Bring the entire family and enjoy the music, games, food, fun and beer. Admission is \$10 for adults (includes a glass and first beer) and \$5 for those under 21. Proceeds from this event will go to the long-time Rotarian Richard "Dick" Foley scholarship fund for high school seniors. Hope to see you there!



Figure 1 Wantastiquet Rotary Club officers, from left to right, Skip Raymond, Secretary; Dr. Charles Woods, Vice President; Carl Westberg, President; Joel Kuhlberg, Treasurer

## Rotary Global Rewards

**The good you do comes back to you!**

The new Rotary Global Rewards program gives you discounts on travel, hotels, vehicle rentals and others, all designed to help you get more good work done and build Rotary friendships.

It's a way for Rotary International to give back to those who give so much. Rotary Global Rewards is an exciting new member benefits program designed to make Rotary membership even more rewarding.

You don't have to collect and save points, like frequent flyer programs; you simply have to be an active member of Rotary. You're also invited to help build it. Create an offer for your own business to enhance our growing portfolio of Rotary Global Rewards.

Watch for more information as the program is rolled out by Rotary International, or find Rotary Global Rewards at [www.rotary.org/globalrewards](http://www.rotary.org/globalrewards)  
C. Michael Swinford, district chair, Rotary Global Rewards Program




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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**JAFFREY-RINDGE QUEST PROGRAM**

**Annual Quest Program**

July 5th saw the start of our annual Quest program. This is a rewarding and fun summer experience for over 90 of our Middle School children at no cost to their families. The program was created and run by The Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club, in collaboration with The Jaffrey-Rindge School District, and Franklin Pierce University.

The four-week camp is on the beautiful campus of Franklin Pierce University. Morning includes academic courses delivered by the Middle School faculty and some of our members. The afternoon includes numerous fun camp programs provided by members and Rotary friends.

Franklin Pierce University contributes its facilities, staff support and outstanding lunches at cost. Everything, including camp shirts, caps, beach towels, water bottles, and backpacks is 100% free to the students.



**WANTED CHILI MAKERS**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Fest**  
**Fire on the Mountain**

**Sunday, August 21, 2016 at Pat's Peak Ski Area, Henniker, NH**

- Games, Vendors, Kid's Zone
- Enter Chili in Professional or Amateur Categories
- Three Judge's Panel Awards
- Two People's Choice Awards
- Best Booth Display Award
- **First Place Amateur Entry Judge's Prize - \$1000 Cash**

**Rotary Club of Henniker** Sign up today!  
[www.chilinesshamshire.org](http://www.chilinesshamshire.org)



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FREE ADMISSION FOR SPECTATORS; \$10 PER SHOW VEHICLE

**SATURDAY, AUG. 20TH, 2016**  
**BRATTLEBORO UNION HIGH SCHOOL**  
**OPENS AT 8AM.**  
**A VERMONT FESTIVAL TO AID ROTARY PROJECTS**

ROBERT WALDO BRUNELLE JR 2016

## The Little Red Schoolhouse Report

June 30 completed the eighth year that the Rotary District 7870 Foundation has owned the Little Red Schoolhouse in Wallingford, VT. The immediate prior owner was the Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club who acquired it from trustees in the 1930's.

The District Foundation is happy to report that the building is in good shape for one built in the early 1800's and is maintained by the Wallingford



Memorial Rotary Club for the District Foundation. There are no current serious maintenance needs. All of the memorabilia inside is the property of the Wallingford Club.

Financially the Schoolhouse operates on a near balanced budget thanks to generous assistance from the Rotary International History Department.

## Rotary Sponsors Adventure Camp Program

Peterborough Rotary Club sponsored 75 students from the ConVal (NH) School District in Quest at Adventure Camp, near Hancock, NH, again this year.

Andy Peterson, chair of the Quest fundraising committee says this is a great opportunity for kids, "It's amazing how much it vitalized their summer."

The week-long program serves to keep kids ready for education through the summer, so they can learn skills to apply in the classroom, so they might not struggle to get started again in the Fall.

"They don't realize they're learning," Peterson said, "but they're doing math and chemistry, and detailed reports and all kinds of stuff."

Lessons include things like rock-climbing and archery, team-building and workshopping, and how to begin to prepare college applications. Rotary members are a constant presence at the camp.



## What is TRF?

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into [our priorities](#), such as [eradicating polio](#) and [promoting peace](#). Foundation [grants](#) empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Paul Harris, as you probably already know, was the Founder of Rotary International. Gifts from you to TRF have different "Paul Harris" designations, such as Paul Harris Fellow, Paul Harris Society, and Paul Harris Sustaining.

Rotary members around the world are encouraged to become Paul Harris Sustaining Members, by giving \$100 or more to TRF annually. It's easy to achieve this by contributing \$10 a month. After donating \$1,000 to TRF you become a Paul Harris Fellow. Sometimes other individuals or groups may give the \$1,000 in your name, to recognize some accomplishment or honor you have had.

To become a Paul Harris Sustaining Member or Paul Harris Fellow, contact your club President or Foundation chair to set up your account with TRF.

In newsletters in coming months, we will highlight certain aspects of The Rotary Foundation. Stay tuned!



## Learn About Rotary

**The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)** is a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts. It is organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world.

RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs in its member districts identify those Rotarians who appear to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills so important in voluntary organizations.

While all Rotary members can benefit from the RLI sessions, they are especially valuable for new members. The entire course has three phases, I, II, and III. They may be taken in any order.

Many clubs in our Rotary District pay for part or all of the expense for members to attend RLI sessions. Meeting registration expense is typically about \$75 or \$85, depending on location. Lunch is included. If you want to stay overnight, your hotel will cost extra.

There are 20+ sessions each year. RLI sessions are scheduled from September through May. Here are some of the nearby locations and dates for this fall:

[RLI Annual Meeting 2016](#)  
Aug 26, 2016 10:00 AM –  
Aug 27, 2016 3:00 PM

[Lebanon, NH](#)  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical  
Center – Oct 15, 2016

[Boxborough, MA](#)  
Oct 15, 2016

[Chicopee, MA](#)  
MassMutual Conf. Center  
Nov 12, 2016

## District Calendar

<u>August 6</u>	Manchester, VT
Gear Up for Lyme Mt. Equinox Uphill Bike Climb	
<u>August 5-7</u>	Suncook Valley
Hot Air Balloon Rally	Drake's Field, Pittsfield
<u>August 8</u>	Brattleboro Sunrise
One More Rotary Romp 2016	Marina Restaurant
<u>August 11</u>	Tilton-Northfield
Annual Golf Tournament	Lochmere Country Club
<u>August 19</u>	District
District Golf Tournament	Bretwood CC Keene
<u>August 21</u>	Henniker
14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Fest	Pat's Peak Ski Area, Henniker
<u>September 3</u>	Wantastiquet Area
Londonderry Beer Fest	Londonderry Shopping Plaza



## 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: August 15<sup>th</sup>.**