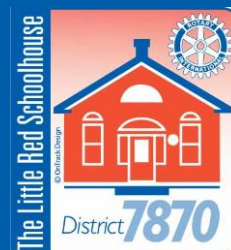




**ROTARY
SERVING
HUMANITY**

The Little Red SchoolHouse

District 7870



March 2017

ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY

Globally, in developed as well as in developing countries, child mortality is on the decline, and life expectancy on the rise. In 1960, 182 of every 1,000 children born died before turning five; today, that number is down to 43. A child born in 1960 could expect to live an average of just 52 years; by contrast, a child born this year can expect to live to 71.

Then, as now, the factors most likely to determine a child's fate are set at birth: where he or she is born, the educational and economic condition of the family, the availability of medical care. Yet one of the most important advances in public health has reached every country and must now reach every child: immunization.

The use of vaccines has, in many parts of the world, nearly eliminated diseases that once were widespread, such as diphtheria, tetanus, and rubella. Thanks to vaccines, 20 million lives have been saved from measles since 2000. Smallpox has been eradicated – and polio is next.

Thirty years ago, there were an estimated 350,000 cases

per year worldwide. Now only 37 cases of polio were recorded in 2016 – the lowest number in history. All of the other cases, and the paralysis and death they would have brought, were prevented through the widespread use of a safe, reliable, and inexpensive vaccine.

Overall, the World Health Organization estimates that immunization prevents an estimated 2 million to 3 million deaths every year. It also averts a tremendous burden of disability and economic loss. Yet we could be doing so much better: An additional 1.5 million deaths could be avoided by improving vaccine coverage worldwide.

Next month, from 24 to 30 April, we join WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in celebrating World Immunization Week, raising awareness of the incredible impact the vaccines have had on global health. This year's theme is "Vaccines Work" – and they do. Increased use of vaccines has broader repercussions for public health: controlling viral hepatitis, reducing both the need

for antibiotics and the development of antibiotic-resistant microbes, and reaching more children and adolescents with essential health interventions. In every part of the world, routine immunization is as crucial as ever to ensure that all children have the best chance at a healthy future.

In an uncertain world, vaccines offer something remarkable: a way to protect our children throughout their lives. By working together to safeguard all children against polio and other preventable diseases, *Rotary is truly Serving Humanity* – now and for generations to come.

John Germ
President
Rotary
International





Kalyan Banerjee, Trustee Chair 2016-17

March 2017

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you can be completely confident that your fellow Rotarians put

those donations to work on life-changing projects in our six areas of focus. That confidence should inspire our continued support, especially when we consider the remarkable results.

In March, as we observe Water and Sanitation Month, let's take a closer look at how Rotarian-led projects are providing millions of people with access to clean water and adequate sanitation facilities. This area of focus has long been high on many Rotarians' service agendas, and for good reason – 663 million people do not have access to clean water, and one-third of the world's population live without access to a toilet.

Think about how different life would be if you had to spend hours each day fetching water or worry about the threat of dysentery,

cholera, Guinea worm, and a host of other waterborne diseases.

Our efforts in providing clean water have far-reaching effects. An estimated 10,000 clubs participate in water- and sanitation-related projects, with strong support from our Foundation. In 2015-16 alone, The Rotary Foundation provided \$19 million for global grants in this area of focus.

And that's just one of the six critically important issues that our Foundation is addressing today. In 2015-16, our Foundation provided \$76 million for all global grants, which also fight disease, save mothers and children, promote peace, support education, and provide economic opportunities to many people worldwide. Your gifts are what make this good work possible.

Our Foundation was conceived in 1917 to "do good in the world," and that is exactly what it has been doing for 100 years. To celebrate this milestone, I encourage all Rotarians to consider making a special centennial contribution to ensure that we continue our urgent and transformational work throughout the world.



2017 ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Join us on April 28-29 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Nashua NH to celebrate the 2016-2017 Rotary year. This 2-day conference is economical and entertaining, combining excellent speakers, with a service project, golf and casino gambling.

Make it a family vacation. On Thursday or Sunday, try relaxing around the indoor pool, hiking or bicycling along the riverside trails. How about indoor sky diving and surfing. Just the two of you – a well-stocked, very friendly hotel bar is available. And, outlet malls just 2 miles away!

Friday's program begins with golf at 8 a.m. and conference registration at 12. The first plenary session is called to order at 1:35. The day's presentations include several dignitaries, GSE team appearance and the International Youth Exchange as well as dinner and Monte Carlo Night.

Saturday starts with a buffet breakfast at 6:30 a.m. followed by an Interfaith Memorial Service and the second plenary session. The day includes PolioPlus update, awards, 4-Way-Test Speech Contest, district service project, dinner and hospitality.

TO REGISTER

[HTTPS://PORTAL.CLUBRUNNER.CA/50052](https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50052)

Go to Upcoming District Events
2017 District Conference



Registration Packages Prices

Two People - Full Conference Registration \$700
Includes - Hotel for Fri & Sat nights - Friday Dinner and Casino,
Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Single - Full Conference Registration \$490
Includes - Hotel for Fri & Sat night - Friday Dinner and Casino,
Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Two People - Friday Only - NO HOTEL \$150
Includes - Friday Dinner and Casino
Does not include a hotel night

Single - Friday Only - NO HOTEL \$75
Includes - Friday Dinner and Casino
Does not include a hotel night

Two People - Saturday Only - NO HOTEL \$275
Includes - Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Does not include a hotel night

Single - Saturday Only - NO HOTEL \$135
Includes - Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Does not include a hotel night

Two People - Both Days - NO HOTEL \$420
Includes - Friday Dinner and Casino,
Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Single - Both Days - NO HOTEL Price \$210
Includes - Friday Dinner and Casino,
Saturday Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

Optional Add-ons

Golf Tournament \$85.00

Donation to End Hunger NE \$25

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Additional Thurs Night Room Only on 4/27 \$141
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Club Happenings:



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Peterborough Rotary Club Helps with Local Community Supper

On March 1, 2017, Rotarians from the Peterborough Rotary Club volunteered with the Unitarian Church in Peterborough to help with the weekly community supper. Two crews worked to both prepare and serve the food and to clean up afterward. They have this down to a science! Fresh salad, garlic bread, pasta and homemade spaghetti sauce, and delicious desserts.

It truly felt good to be able to give back to the Church and to the community. This is something that the Club will continue to participate in; please let us know if you are interested in joining us.

Newport Rotary Club Plans 7th Annual Penny Sale

Newport Rotary Club has announced plans for its 7th annual Penny Sale. The event will take place at the Newport Middle High School Gym on Saturday May 13th. Doors open at 6pm and the sale begins at 7pm.

According to this year's event Chair Bruce Jasper, "We're excited to plan for another penny sale as the community has always turned out to support our efforts. Thanks to the generosity and support of our business community we've always had great prizes to raffle and we expect the same this year. In addition, we will be giving away a second prize of \$500 – and \$600 if present - to the cash award portion of the event which is drawn at the end of the evening. First place prize will be \$1,000 or \$1,200 if present."

"We have identified three major local beneficiaries for this event. They include support for the Recreation Department's building fund, supporting the Newport Food Pantry, and providing funds for the Newport Rotary Teachers' Mini Grant Program. In addition, we hope to raise funds to allow us to continue supporting Rotary International's worldwide initiatives," Jasper explained.

"Holding a penny sale means a lot of legwork for all of our Club members. However, the outcome is so beneficial to so many we feel it is definitely worth it," Jasper ended.

Doors will open at 6pm on Saturday and the first prize will be drawn at 7pm. Refreshments will be available and all businesses contributing will be recognized that evening. For more information about the penny sale or Newport Rotary Club visit www.newportnhrotary.org or Facebook at Rotary Club Newport NH.



Deerfield Valley Cashes In!

The Deerfield Valley Rotary Club just had its annual Tube A Thon at Mt. Snow. This is always one of their best fundraisers, and this year was no exception!

The day was perfect...sunny, warm, and no wind. Large crowds of kids and skiers joined in for the BBQ and tubing. The club sold out of all the food.

Best of all, they raised \$10,500! It was an awesome day!



New London
Rotary 

SAVE THE DATE

Over **\$500,000** awarded to more than **400** students over 30 years!

5th ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING DINNER & AUCTION

Colby-Sawyer College
Weare Center, Wheeler Hall
May 24, 2017
Cocktails 5 pm • Dinner 6 pm • Auction 7 pm
To benefit the New London Rotary Scholarship Fund



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art auction gala
housesofjoy.wordpress.com
april 9 2017
tickets online
fair haven inn
\$30 food, cocktails, charity auction, give some joy.

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FAIR HAVEN ROTARY CLUB 

Fair Haven Rotary Launches “Houses of Joy”

The Fair Haven Rotary Club is collaborating with local Vermont artists to launch “Houses of Joy”, a birdhouse art auction and Spring gala event. Over 60 artists have offered to donate their time and talent to provide a unique evening of visual delight, culinary treats, live music, great fun and an opportunity to raise funds for several local charities and non-profit organizations.

Where: The Fair Haven Inn, Fair Haven, Vermont

When: April 9, 2017; 4pm

Cost: \$30 per person

To register for tickets or consider supporting their Patron of the Arts Opportunity, go to their website <https://housesofjoy.wordpress.com>

Getting to Know RIPE Ian Riseley

Rotary International President Elect Ian H.S. Riseley gets up from his desk, and he is tall. He has white hair, a firm handshake, and no tie. Early on, you sense that he likes the sort of energetic exchange that can swerve from serious to lighthearted, which makes him very good company. He exudes competence – which makes him seem like the right person to advise you on vexing tax issues. That’s good, because it’s what he has done for the last 40 years.

Riseley is a practicing accountant near Melbourne, Australia, and principal of Ian Riseley & Co., where he advises local and international businesses. He received Australia’s AusAID Peacebuilder Award in 2002 in recognition of his work in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. He also received the Order of Australia medal in 2006 for his service to the community.

A member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham since 1978, he has served RI as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor. He received The Rotary Foundation’s Regional Service Award for a Polio-free World and its Distinguished Service Award.

His wife, Juliet, is also a Rotarian (but not in the same club) and is a past district governor. The Riseleys are multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.

Editor in Chief John Rezek met with Riseley at his office in Rotary’s Evanston, Ill., headquarters.

Q: How did you hear about Rotary and when did you become a member?

A: A couple of years after I launched my accounting practice, my most significant client

was a private hospital close to my office. The CEO was a Rotarian, and they must have been desperate because one day they invited me to a lunchtime meeting to speak about the fascinating topic of current developments in income tax. Yes, they more or less stayed awake. A few weeks later, the same client got in touch with me and said they were chartering a new club nearby and I said, “What does chartering mean?” (That tells us how often we lapse into Rotary-speak.) He said they were starting a new club in Sandringham and asked if I would be interested in going to the initial meeting. I said, “Absolutely.” But I didn’t go, which was foolish. I did go to the second meeting and met the 20 or so people who had been at the first meeting. They were the business elite of Sandringham, and I thought, wow, this is quite a group. So I kept going and we chartered – which means, by the way, we started the club – in November 1978.

Q: Was Rotary a good fit for you right away or did it take you time to become comfortable?

A: I feel almost embarrassed saying this, but I felt comfortable immediately. It says something about the nature of the charter members of our club. We are talking about people who run extremely successful companies, but they were all really nice, absolutely first-rate individuals, and I wasn’t made to feel like the proprietor of a two-bit accounting practice down the road. That’s one of the delights of our organization globally – we’re all equals. I think that’s really important.

Q: Are most of your friends Rotarians?

A: My friends within Rotary aren’t just from my club. They are also from other clubs in the district. That’s one of the principal reasons I think people should be Rotarians – you make

really good friends. My closest circle of friends are not all from the ranks of Rotary. But reflecting on it, a lot of them have become Rotarians and I don't think they would have if I hadn't been involved. The danger is that Rotary can take over your life. You can become excessively focused on Rotary. Our daughter, who has a degree in public relations and understands these things better than most, once described it as "Rotarama." Rotary has basically taken over our lives. We put other things on the back burner; my golf handicap is disappearing into the distance, which is really sad. On the other hand, being in Rotary is a thrill and a privilege.



If someone asked me to eradicate polio, my ability to do this would be rather limited. But when you gather together with 1.2 million people of like mind and have people like Bill and Melinda Gates donate funds to help achieve this objective, the opportunity for success is far greater.

Q: What moment made you see the importance of your involvement in Rotary?

A: I was the third president of our club at age 34. I went to PETS [presidents-elect training], which was held in a huge auditorium. I walked in, sat down, looked over my shoulder, and there was the senior partner of the accounting firm that I had previously worked for. John Hepworth was renowned among Australian accountants and was there as the incoming president of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Australia's first club, which started in 1921. Many of the movers and shakers in the city of Melbourne are in the Rotary Club of Melbourne. And there I was, the incoming president of the Rotary Club of Sandringham with 35 members, and we're on a par.

Q: If a young person asked you why he or she should join Rotary what, in order, would you say?

A: There are four elements. The first one is friendship. Rotary offers the opportunity to meet people in a semi-social environment and also achieve good things.

Q: What has been your favorite job in Rotary?

A: Bar none, it was acting as the president's representative at a district conference. I loved that job. That's why, when I allocate this responsibility on my behalf in 2017-18, I'll make my selections for representatives very carefully. It's a job that gives you the chance to go somewhere else in the world, or somewhere else in your own country, and understand how Rotary does all its great work.

Q: As you prepare to assume the highest office in Rotary, is it hard to have a regular conversation with your fellow club members?

A: Who in their right mind is going to say yes? [laughs] The answer is not at all. Maybe it's

because I'm Australian, and in Australia we have a really good technique for keeping people grounded. It's called the "tall poppy syndrome." If you get too big for your boots, my gosh, people bring you down to your rightful place in life very quickly. One of the absolute pleasures about the role that I now have is going around and meeting people and talking to them to ascertain what makes them tick.

Q: What's on your to-do list?

A: I have three words: planning, planning, and planning. This is a planning time, and I'm pleased to have the opportunity to think about ways in which I want to do things differently. In particular, I'm looking for ideas on how Rotary can relate better to young people.

I want to get to know as many of the district governors-elect for 2017-18 as possible and establish lines of communication and understanding. I mean to tell them, "No pressure, but I'm relying on each and every one of you," and they can rely on me too.

Q: What things are working well in Rotary and what things aren't?

A: Well, the service we do for humanity, I think we do particularly well. Can we do better? Of course, we can. Can we be better organized? Probably. Can we have a better relationship with the community at large? Yes, we probably can, but the actual service work that Rotary does is second to none, it's wonderful.

What else is good? Membership is growing in India, in Korea. In places where there's a developing middle class, there's a stampede to join Rotary. The corollary of that is that membership in places like the U.S., the UK, Australia, and New Zealand has fallen. We're not

attracting enough new members and we're not retaining them.

Our demographic is aging and that's not good. We're not reinventing our clubs, and that really needs to be at the forefront of our attention. Satellite clubs [a new type of affiliate club sponsored by a traditional club] provide an avenue to involve younger people who need more flexibility. Female Rotarians are making a real difference, and we need more of them. The best clubs are those that are close to their communities.

Q: Do you have any specific suggestions for clubs?

A: A review of the vocations of our membership is a good method to identify weaknesses and determine who to invite to join. Also I think we are missing a significant opportunity by not having more women in our clubs. There are some clubs, I'm ashamed to say, that don't have any female members. We also need more women at the senior ranks of both the Trustees and the Board of Directors.

Q: How could a club or district coax you to visit during your tenure?

A: Issue an invitation! I have made it a priority to visit parts of the Rotary world that seldom see the president or president-elect, and so far, I have been to parts of Canada and the Caribbean that fit this description. My calendar fills quickly, but send me an invitation, and if it can happen, I'm pleased to come.

Source: The Rotarian

District Calendar

<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 9</u> Houses of Joy	Fair Haven VT
<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 13</u> Penny Sale	Newport NH
<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 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: April 15th.