



**ROTARY
SERVING
HUMANITY**

The Little Red SchoolHouse

District 7870



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I joined Rotary as an engineer. There are almost as many classifications in the profession of engineering as there are in Rotary, but I happen to be a mechanical engineer. A mechanical engineer calculates the heating and cooling loads for a new building, makes sure the right lights are in the right places, and plans the plumbing so your hot water pipe doesn't end in a drinking fountain.

Mechanical engineers don't stand out in a crowd, and they don't call attention to themselves with what they do. You probably haven't thought much about the engineers who designed the buildings you use, the car you drive, or the traffic patterns you follow. But every time you get in an elevator, turn the key in your ignition, or cross the street when the light says go, you are entrusting your life to an engineer somewhere whom you've never met. You trust that your elevator

will open at the floor you want it to. You trust that your car will start and stop as it should. You trust that the traffic light is going to turn red before the walk light goes on. Every day you put your life in the hands of people whose names you do not know and whom you might never meet. You might not think about them at all - but they touch your lives every day.

I could draw the same parallel to any number of other vocations - ordinary occupations with the same kind of life-changing impact. In so many ways - some of which we see and some we don't - our vocations allow us to help other people live better, safer, and healthier lives.

Just like the work we do in Rotary.

Through our vocations and in our clubs, in our communities, and across continents, we are touching the lives of people we don't know and might never meet.

And in every part of the world, every single day, whether they know it or not, people are living better, safer, and healthier lives because of the work of Rotary.

The people we help might not have met a single Rotarian. They might not even know that Rotary exists. But they are drinking clean water from a bore well that Rotary dug. They're learning to read with books that Rotary gave them. They're living lives that are better happier and healthier - because of *Rotary Serving Humanity*.



John Germ
President
Rotary
International

RI President's Message, November 2016

Arch Klumph's Revolution



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Looking back at the momentous 1917 Rotary Convention in Atlanta, it is difficult to see what could have been contentious about the words of then-President Arch C. Klumph: "It seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." Yet, at the time, support for the idea was far from unanimous. Some thought an endowment fund would create more trouble than it was worth. But Klumph's idea received the support it most needed in the form of an initial donation of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri.

Nearly 100 years later, we recognize Klumph's idea as not only visionary, but revolutionary: It set in place the mechanism that allowed Rotary to become the vast force for "doing good in the world" that it is today.

In many ways, our Rotary Foundation is the foundation of Rotary as we know it. It has created a mechanism for cooperation and partnership among clubs and between Rotary and other organizations; it has enabled us to be ever more ambitious in our work and to reach for goals of historic proportions, such as the eradication of polio. It is impossible to quantify the good that has been done over the last century as a result of The Rotary Foundation. All we can know for sure is that Arch Klumph, if he could see it, would be proud.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our international convention in Atlanta: the city where our Foundation was born. I hope a record number of Rotarians will be there to celebrate the centennial of our Foundation. In the meantime, there are plenty of other ways to celebrate! I encourage you to read more about the Foundation centennial at centennial.rotary.org. There, you'll learn about the history of our Foundation and find ideas for events and projects in your clubs and your community.

One of the most important ways we are celebrating the Foundation centennial is with a fundraising goal of \$300 million. Your gift to your Foundation is the best way of ensuring a strong second century for Rotarians Doing Good in the World and for *Rotary Serving Humanity*.



John F Germ
President, Rotary International



Club Happenings:



Meredith Rotary Club – Interact Club Inducts Members and Donates Socks

Inter-Lakes High School Interact Club, sponsored by Meredith Rotary Club, inducted twelve of nineteen new members during their annual Induction Ceremony on November 14. The keynote speaker was Victoria Hefferon. Ms. Hefferon, who graduated from Inter-Lakes High School last year, was a Rotary Short-term Youth Exchange Student in 2015 and last year she was the Interact Club's International Understanding Committee chair.

Upon graduating, Ms. Hefferon continued her dedication to *Service Above Self* by traveling to Togo, West Africa with Projects Abroad where she assisted a local NGO with community-led projects in education, health, environment, gender, and community development.

The evening's activities culminated with the Club donating 1,371 pairs of socks collected during their annual 'Soxtober' sock collecting drive. The socks were donated to the Salvation Army of Laconia, Santa Fund of Greater Lakes Region, Families in Need Fund, and Vineyard Food and Clothes Pantry.

Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Annual Dinner Raffle

The Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club is selling tickets for their annual Dinner Raffle to raise funds for Project Feed the Thousands and other Rotary projects.

This year's first prize is five \$100 gift certificates to the following Brattleboro area restaurants: Duo, Whetstone Station, Panda North, The Marina, and Peter Havens. That's five special evenings at five amazing local restaurants!

Two second place prizes are a \$50 gift certificate to the Vermont Country Deli and a \$50 gift certificate to Grafton Village Cheese.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or a package of five for \$20, and are available through any Brattleboro Sunrise Rotarian, or by contacting either Jason (802)380-0848) or Toni (802)254-0047.

Members of the public can also purchase tickets on Wednesday mornings from 7:15 am to 8:30 am at the American Legion Post 5 in Brattleboro during the Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club's weekly meeting.

The raffle drawing will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.

Atlanta 2017 Rotary Convention Deadline

Reminder that December 15, 2016 is the last day for the early-registration discount (\$340 Rotarians) for the Atlanta 2017 Rotary International Convention next June. Go to <http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta/register> to register. You may register later but the fee will increase. Contact PDG Guy Babb (guybabb@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Wallingford Rotary Sponsors Mill River Interact Club



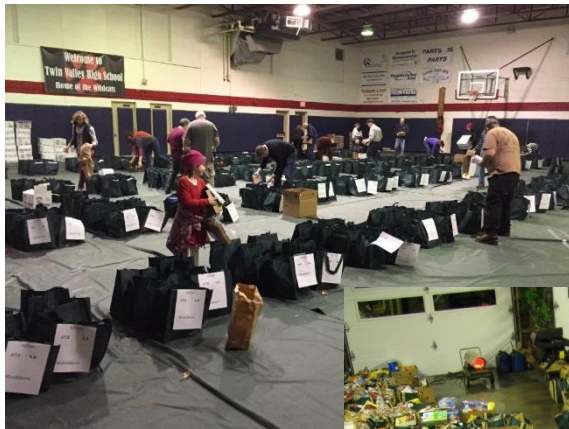
The Wallingford Rotary Club proudly hosted on November 14th the inaugural induction ceremony for the Mill River Union High School Interact Club. This evening the Little Red Schoolhouse was brim full with Interact students, parents, grandparents and Rotarians. The newly formed Interact Club inducted 49 members led by its president, John Graves, under the guidance of their teacher advisors, Debra Gardner-Baasch and Cindy Roberts.

Tammy Heffernan, Wallingford Rotary president, hopes to solidify the relationship that already has existed for years between the Wallingford Rotary Club and the Mill River students, who were always ready and willing to lend a hand to the “small but mighty” Wallingford club to help make their community functions successful. Interact students, even prior to their official induction, were busy helping Rotarians with such projects as the annual Lobsterfest, Wallingford’s Bicycle Safety Day, and constructing a fence at the town’s nature center during the summer months. Wallingford Rotary is now very proud to be able to call these caring, helpful students their own Interact Club.

Rotarians, Interactors, and guests enjoyed a wonderful evening of food and fellowship. They even had a gigantic “happy birthday” to their Hungarian exchange student and Interact member, Eszter Toth. Congratulations to the officers, members, and faculty directors of the Mill River Interact Club. You will do great things, and spread much fellowship and good will throughout our community and the world.

Gilford Rotary Christmas Tree Sale

Gilford Rotary Club will be selling Christmas Trees again this year, from December 2nd through the 11th at Airport Commons. The club has sold trees since 1985. Trees come from Hidden Meadows Tree Farm in Bath, NH and are cut fresh the same week that the sale starts. The Club also sells homemade wreaths, along with Bird Seed Wreaths



Deerfield Valley Christmas Activities

The Deerfield Valley Rotary Club had a very successful Ski/Skate sale again this year. The club is also selling bird seed Christmas wreaths, in conjunction with the Concord, NH Rotary Club fundraiser. The wreaths make great Christmas gifts, help our feathered friends, and local Rotary clubs.

On December 16th, the club will hold its annual Holiday Basket event along with the Whitingham Lion's Club. That evening, a warehouse full of pallets of food will be delivered and they will fill hundreds of bags of food for more than 200 needy families in the community.

The bags will then be delivered the next day to all the families. This is a yearly event that is the most rewarding of all Deerfield Valley Rotary events.

DG Dennis and Club Visits



Governor Dennis McMann visits a number of clubs each month in his role as District Governor. This is a great time for club members to get to know the DG, while he or she gets to learn about your club.

A great example of this was DG Dennis visit to the Milford Rotary club earlier this month. The lunch meeting was full, and almost crowded, with club members who were curious to see what a real live DG looks like! They were pleased with what they saw. DG Dennis and First Lady Donna were warm and approachable as they responded to many questions about current District 7870 activities. He took many question concerning Rotary International, service projects, fundraisers at other clubs, the District Conference next April, and other topics. The meeting was both fun and educational.

District Calendar

<u>December 1-18</u> Christmas Tree Sale	Milford NH
<u>December 2-11</u> Christmas Tree Sale	Gilford NH
<u>December 12</u> Trivia Night	Brattleboro Sunrise VT
<u>December 15</u> EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE	Atlanta Convention
<u>December 16</u> Holiday Basket Event	Deerfield Valley NH



District Governor Dennis Visits Clubs

Club Visits for December are:

December 7	Belmont
TBD	Capital City Sunrise
TBD	Clairemont

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: December 15th.