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Greetings From Your District Governor



Dear Friends:

Time flies when you are having fun. We have almost completed half the Rotary Year 2018-2019. On December 12th I made my last official club visit to Killington-Pico Rotary Club. Having visited all the 59 clubs in our District, and having talked to each club's Board Members and Club members, I can honestly say that it fills my heart with joy for having personally witnessed so much of the cheer and good that all you Rotarians spread in your local communities. You are more like year-round Santas for the less fortunate and disadvantaged in your communities. I wish you all a great Rotary Year and God speed.

As we come to the mid-year point, I request all the Assistant District Governors and the Presidents to take stock of your yearly goals. The most important goal of all: Membership improvement. Every Rotary Club should strive to have at least a one-member net increase since June 30th.

Now that I have completed visiting all the Rotary Clubs in our District, I would like to visit Interact Clubs and Rotaract Clubs in our District starting January, 2019. Please provide the meeting details (venue, time and day of the week) to Claudine Hessmer Husainy (Hessmer65@gmail.com), District Chair for Youth Committee.

The Registration for 2019 District Conference (May 3, 4, and 5, 2019) went live at District Website. You can register for District Conference in one of three ways:

1. Please sign up for District Conference at the District Website, or
2. Click [HERE](#) for online Registration, or
3. Fill this [FORM](#) and mail it to District Treasurer Alan Kanegsberg with a check.



If your club is providing any financial incentive to attend District Conference, first register at the full price, and then collect the incentive from your club. Please register early. The hotel room block rate only applies 'til end of March. The registration fee after April 2nd will reflect an increase based on prevailing room rates.

All the President-Elects please take note: Northeast PETS will be held on March 7 - 9, 2019, at the Sheraton Framingham in Framingham, MA. Online registration NEPETS is not opened yet.

Gautami and I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, happy holidays with your family and friends. We also wish all a very happy, healthy and fulfilling New Year and beyond.

Venu Rao
District Governor 2018-2019
District 7870

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District News

District Conference - May 3-5 2019

District 7870 Conference

Friday through Sunday

May 3,4 and 5, 2019

DoubleTree by Hilton Boston North Shore

50 Ferncroft Rd, Danvers, MA 01923

Our District Conference this year will be in Danvers, Massachusetts at Double Tree Hotel. Four other North East (Boston area, Central MA, etc.,) Rotary Districts (7890, 7910, 7930, 7950) will join us at the Double Tree Hotel for their conferences. All five Districts will have a grand gala dinner and entertainment on Friday 3rd, 2019 evening.

The CoCo Key Waterpark attached to the Double Tree Hotel gives us an opportunity to make our District Conference one of the most family friendly events ever. Rotarians, bring your children and grandchildren to enjoy the water park.

An internal service project is planned on Saturday afternoon. "Days for Girls" a non-profit organization that makes and donates sanitary supplies to fill a critical need in South and Central America. The project participation will be three hours. When you register please check the box to participate in this meaningful service project.

Also on Saturday there is an option to play golf.

As with other conferences, there will be a Rotary International President's Representative, great speakers, the Four Way Speech Contest and the Youth Exchange Students, and the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

Sign up for District Conference [here online](#) or fill the [form](#) and mail it to District Treasurer Alan Kenegsberg with a check. Please register early. The Hotel rooms block rate only applies till end of March. Registration fee after April 2nd will reflect increase based on prevailing room rates.

Save the Dates

Please note the following important dates in 2019:

- New England President Elect Training (PETS): **March 7-9, 2019**. See website for more details: <https://rotarynepets.org/>

- District 7870 Conference: **May 3-5, 2019** in Danvers, Massachusetts at the Doubletree by Hilton (50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA). More details to come.

Please mark your calendars and share the dates with your club! The more the merrier at both events!

Annual Tree Lighting in Londonderry

On December 7th, the annual tree lighting took place at the Londonderry shopping center. This annual event is a combined effort of Susie Wyman, Wantastiquet Rotary, and Neighborhood Connection. Arriving by horse drawn wagon Santa and Mrs. Claus helped to light the dual Christmas trees in the plaza. Susie Wyman organized the event, Rotary provided traffic control, and Neighborhood Connection supplied cookies and hot chocolate. Santa and Mrs. Claus greeted children at the office of Neighborhood Connection. Thanks to all who came to this annual event.



Keene Elm City Celebrates the Holidays

The Keene Elm City Rotary Club has been getting in the holiday spirit through a variety of volunteer activities in the region. In November, we delivered more than 100 Thanksgiving food boxes to members of our community here in Keene. Then it was off to Toy City, where the club went shopping and donated \$1,000 in toys to Rotarian Joe Walier's local Toys for Tots drive at Walier Chevrolet. Next, we boarded the Polar Express to serve children and their families as they made their journey to the North Pole to meet Santa and his elves. Our holiday festivities culminated in one of our favorite events of the year, Christmas caroling with residents of our local nursing homes. Rotarian Phil Wyzik purchased red noses to ramp up our "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" rendition and shared inspiring opening words for any time of year. "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift. That's why we call it the present." Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2019!

Caption: Keene Elm City Rotarians Delivering Gifts for Walier Chevrolet's Toys for Tots Drive.



Poultney Rotary Offers Mock Interviews

For the second consecutive year Poultney Rotary has teamed up with faculty and administration at Poultney High School to provide vocational/professional skill support through mock interviews. Approximately twenty juniors were interviewed by nine interviewers on Thursday, December 6.

The program has international roots using a format developed and offered online by the Wrexham Erdigg Rotary Club in North Wales, Great Britain. The program was initiated in the United States by the Granville NY Rotary Club, a sister club to Wrexham Erdigg Rotary. The community of Granville is just over the border from Poultney. Bob Isherwood of the Poultney club, and a former Granville resident, aided in bringing the program to Poultney.

Prior to the interviews the students worked with teaching and/or Guidance staff to learn more about resume development and overall career and post high school further education goals. The interview process allows the student to answer questions highlighting academic, social, athletic, and work related experiences. Each student then works with the interviewer to aid and self assess his/her responses to questions along with assessment of personal appearance, eye contact, and level of comfort in an interview setting. The students were also provided with a brochure following the interview entitled, “A Rotary Guide to Your Next Interview”.

Poultney Rotarians and the others who assist all hope it provides a positive beginning point for many in their future planning. As Rotarians, we believe in offering our background and professional skills to aid young people in the value of different occupations.

Anyone in District 7870 interested in replicating this program may contact Bob Isherwood at risherwood9@gmail.com.



Wreaths and Cards for Xavier House

The Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact made 35 wreaths and cards for the 35 residents of Xavier House, an apartment complex in Nashua, NH for eligible adults over 62 and handicapped individuals who are income qualified. Thanks to the generosity of a kind friend, and monies Interact had raised, they were able to purchase all of the necessary decorations to make beautiful wreaths and cards.

Cole Lorig, Rory Klauber, Oliver Hugh, Sam Shepard, Rachel Brackett, Paige Knudsen, Sophia Jordan, Ellie Jordan, Larissa Stamm, Maren Anderson, Ryan Coutu, Sreekar Chilakapati, Thomas Ackerly, Brian Holroyd, Marshall Coutu.



“Improbable Players” Perform

Rotary Club of Concord sponsored the Improbable Players addiction and recovery theater troupe last Wednesday in partnership with Concord High School. Impactful message for the students at CHS. I highly recommend this troupe of trained professional actors all of whom are in long term recovery!

PJ Cistulli
Marketing Director
Rotary Club of Concord



Ludlow Rotary Awards Grants to 5 Area Community Groups

In October, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) was awarded a successful Rotary District 7870 Grant in the amount of \$2000. This grant was charting new territory as rather than one recipient, the funds were given to five area community organizations.

The Ludlow Rotary felt this way more of our area could be served. Those receiving funds were invited to lunch at DJ's Tuesday, Nov. 6th to receive their checks. The recipients are; Rainbow Riding (Shrewsbury), Streetscapes (Ludlow), Mt. Holly Library, Black River Action Team (Ludlow/Cavendish) and the Town of Cavendish to landscape the plot of land next to the elementary school. Each organization is required to match the Rotary funds. Look for great things to happen from all of these organizations! Thank you all for applying and making our communities a better place!

LRC meets for lunch on most Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at DJ's Restaurant. The LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may 'Serve Humanity' while enjoying the fun and fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow Vermont.

Photo credits:

Shown left to right- Rotary President Brigid Sullivan presenting to:

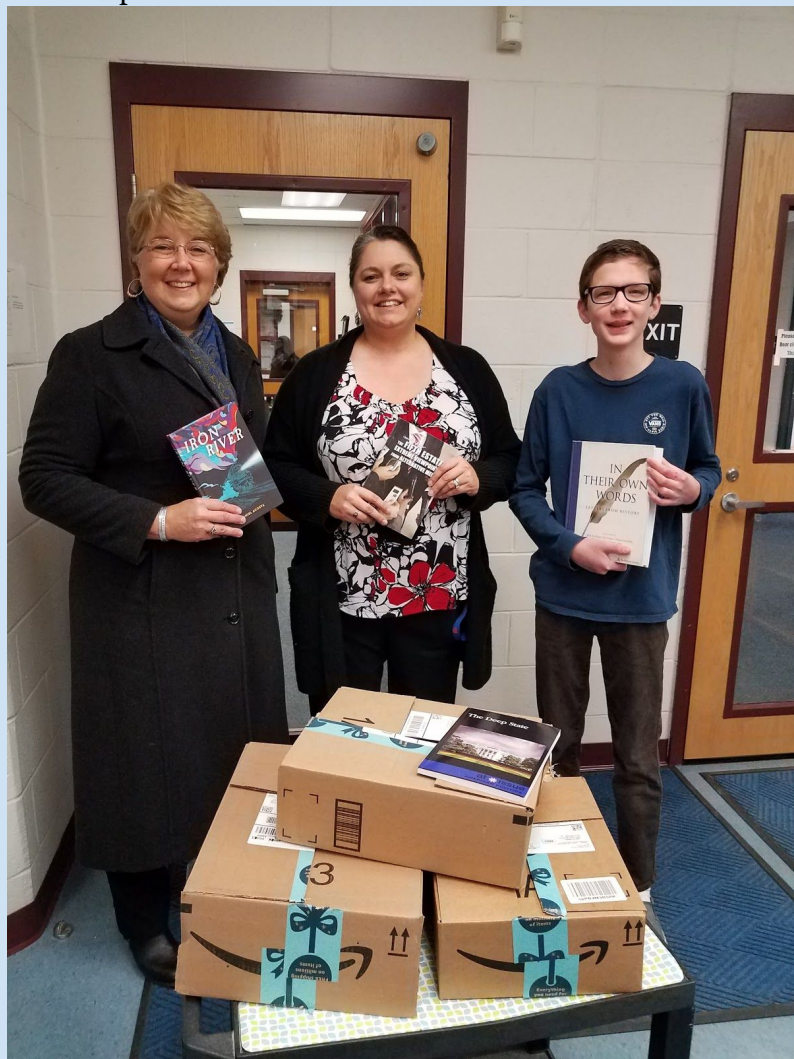
1. Patty Greenwood of Streetscapes;
2. Barbara Dickey representing the Town of Cavendish;
3. Jessica Shurlow of the Mt Holly Library;
4. MaryJane Osborne and Janet Upton of Reinbow Riding;
5. Kelly Stettner of 'The Black River Action Team'



Books Donated to Honor Guest Speakers

Last year's Hollis Brookline Rotary President Juliana Rowland wanted to honor our guest speakers in a meaningful way and decided to donate a book to the Hollis Brookline High School library in each of their names. Current President Erika Cross MacDonald has continued this tradition. On Tuesday, December 11th, Erika and club member Susan Holroyd delivered forty books to HBHS librarian Christine Heaton, who was thrilled with the donation of the books on her wish list and stated that a few of them couldn't have arrived at a better time. Several of the high school students are participating in January's "We the People" State Finals being sponsored by the NH Bar Association and will make good use of some of the titles donated.

HB Rotary President Erika Cross MacDonald, HBHS Librarian Christine Heaton, and an HBHS student pose with 40 donated books.



Monies Donated for Polio Plus

During November, Gilford Rotary collected \$1500 for the Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus. We are very proud of this commitment by our members. In the picture are PDG Alley Boucher and Gilford Rotarian Mike Warmington.



Exchange Students Visit Little Red Schoolhouse

The Wallingford Memorial Club enjoyed our annual tree decorating and luncheon with 14 inbound exchange students from District 7870's clubs in Vermont and New Hampshire. After spending a fun weekend in Manchester shopping, skating, hot-tubbing, enjoying a delicious meal and a fun movie, all thanks to the Manchester Rotary Club, a tired but happy group of students came together to learn about the childhood home of Paul Harris and to share some holiday cheer at the Little Red Schoolhouse. From line dancing to throwing snowballs, everyone had a good time, and we all got to know each other just a little better.



20 Canes Donated to Cambodia

The Claremont - Sugar River Rotary Club was proud to donate 20 canes to Dr. Caloras for his medical mission to Cambodia. Supporting this international mission gives our club the inspiration to help others in need. We are happy to help the elderly in Cambodia walk a little easier.

The canes were presented to Dr. Caloras by our Club President Liza McSwain on November 13, 2018. Dr. Caloras will leave for Cambodia in January 2019. We wish him a safe trip and thank him for the care he shows Cambodia, and the Rotary work he continues to do.



Rotary Cares, Episode 12 - Community Service

In episode 12 of Rotary Cares, Brattleboro Rotary Club past president Marty Cohn talks about Rotary local community projects with Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club's Ali Barry and Brattleboro Rotary Club's Stan Nowakowski. Produced in the studio of Brattleboro Community Television.

To view the show, click here.

<https://www.brattleborotv.org/rotary-cares/ep-12-ali-barry-and-stan-nowakowski>



International

First Global Project for Hollis Brookline Interact

The Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact concluded their 1st global project by collecting gently worn shoes to donate to Soles4Souls. Because of the generosity of their communities, they collected 333 pairs of shoes. DSW partners with Soles4Souls to be one of their drop off locations. Nashua NH DSW Store Manager, Thomas Blake, had this to say about the work done by Interact. "On behalf of DSW and Soles4Souls, we are very grateful to receive 333 pairs of gently used shoes! Your hard work and generosity will help create sustainable jobs and provide relief through the distribution of these shoes around the world. Thank you for helping to disrupt the cycle of poverty on our planet."

The Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact placed 6 collection bins around the 2 towns. With permission, the 6 locations were: Richard Maghakian Memorial School, Hollis Brookline Middle School, Hollis Brookline High School, Brookline Library and Brookline and Hollis Town Halls. With the help of Rotary members and moms of Interact students, the shoes were delivered to Nashua DSW.

Interact students went along to DSW to organize the shoes for distribution.

Julia Frugard, Nate Sartell, Rory Klauber, Jared Sanborn, Ryan Coutu, Nik DiRenzo, Brian Holroyd, Oliver Hugh, Sophia Jordan, Emily Sartell and Elizabeth Bonnette.



Short Term Exchange Program - The Best Kept Secret of Rotary Youth Exchange

The Short Term Exchange Program (STEP) is a short term summer exchange between families. The student lives with a foreign student's family for approximately three weeks and then both students return to Canada or the US where the foreign student lives with the student's family for another three weeks.

Eligibility

You must be aged 15 to 19 years and can have graduated from high school.

Timeline

You can apply any time up until May 15th 2019. However, applying sooner will result in a better opportunity for a great match.

Travel

Travel arrangements are the sole responsibility of the families involved and the travel arrangement preferably should be done through a Travel Agency.

Fees

Fees are paid by the families and are \$200 for the Exchange program and cover both placement fees and mandatory district orientation in May 2019. Mandatory insurance of \$76 payable to CISI Bolduc for up to 1 month (\$208 up to 3 months) In addition, there may be passport and visa fees depending on the country the student is traveling to.

Countries

Right now, we offer exchanges to:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, England (UK), Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Spain, Sweden, South Africa, Switzerland, Taiwan, The Netherlands, Turkey, Venezuela

Do You Know Someone Interested in applying?

The first step is to apply with a local Rotary club as all applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary club and district. Applicants will be asked to complete a preliminary application. The district chair and local club will help guide applicants through the application and interview process. Then Rotary clubs will select students from the applications for an interview. If selected to participate the student will then complete the specialized STEP application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Randell Barclay
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Assistant Governor
Short Term Youth Exchange Coordinator District 7870

Events and Fundraisers

Commemorative Ornaments for Sale in Hudson-Litchfield

Christmas is rapidly approaching! Do you need stocking stuffers or small gifts for friends or relatives who love Hudson or Benson's Wild Animal Farm? Consider our Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Christmas ornaments. The 2017 ornament features a Benson's Wild Animal Farm wagon, while our 2018 ornament features the wooden soldiers that stand in Library Park each Christmas season. The profits from each ornament sale goes back into our community in the form of scholarships and charitable giving. To purchase, send us a message through our Facebook page, or email clmadden1948@gmail.com. \$15 each, cash or check.



Laughter for a Cause - Comedy Bowl 2019 Announced

Queen City Rotary Club announces Comedy Bowl 2019

Great food and fun will be on the menu as the Queen City Rotary Club hosts its annual comedy bowl fundraiser later this month. The annual event, which includes a buffet dinner, comedy show and cash bar, will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at St. George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Manchester.

"The comedy bowl is one of our most important fund raisers," said Lisa Lally, president of the Queen City Rotary Club. "And 100% of the proceeds from the event will directly benefit youth charities and agencies across Greater Manchester."

Queen City Rotary Club Comedy Bowl

Saturday, January 26

6:00 p.m. social hour

7:00 p.m. buffet dinner

8:00 p.m. comedy show

St. George's Greek Orthodox Cathedral

650 Hanover Street

Manchester, NH

Ms. Lally added that there are still some excellent sponsorship opportunities available for the event, which draws 500 people. To learn more, please visit the club's website at

www.queencityrotary.org.

Annual Ice Fishing Derby - February 9-10, 2019

Meredith 40th annual Ice Fishing Derby coming in 2019. Weekend of February 9-10. More than \$50,000 in CASH prizes. Free ice fishing clinic for kids all day Saturday.



Rotary Club Kicks Off Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Since 1965, the Brattleboro Rotary Club has sold Christmas trees as a fundraiser for local student scholarships. Vermont-grown trees of all shapes and sizes will be sold daily in front of Brattleboro Bowl on Putney Road until all 400 trees are gone.

The club's Gateway Foundation was established in 1986 as a local fund to support annual scholarships of \$2,000 to \$3,000 to area students pursuing college. The nonprofit, tax-exempt organization is funded by annual Rotary fundraising projects like this one and other community contributions. To date, the club has awarded close to \$500,000 in scholarships.



Calendars

District 7870 Calendar

So much going on within the clubs in the district! Be sure to regular check this District Calendar of Events: <http://rotary7870.org/events/calendar>

Do you have an entry for the District online calendar? Please email your entry to: prrotary7870@gmail.com.

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](#):

September 2018

Basic Education and Literacy Month

October 2018

Economic and Community Development Month

24 October — [Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event](#)

21-27 October — Rotary Week in NH and VT

November 2018

Rotary Foundation Month

5-11 November - World Interact Week

10 November – Rotary Day at the UN

December 2018

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January 2019

Vocational Service Month

February 2019

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

March 2019

Water and Sanitation Month

11-17 March — World Rotaract Week

April 2019

Maternal and Child Health Month

May 2019

Youth Service Month

3-5 May – District 7870 Conference at the [Doubletree Danvers, Massachusetts](#)

June 2019

Rotary Fellowships Month

1-5 June 2019 — Rotary International Convention, Hamburg, Germany

Miscellaneous

Have Something You'd Like to Share with the Entire District?

Updates and short (1 page) articles, along with images **(Word and JPEGS only. NO PDFs please)** may be submitted to Martin Cohn, Dick Mills, Robert Schaumann, and Maureen Mooney at prrotary7870@gmail.com 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 15th, 2019.

Website and Social Media

Be sure to check (and share) the Rotary District 7870 **web site** at: www.rotary7870.org.

Be sure to join (and share) the Rotary District 7870 **Facebook page** here:

