



# THE INSPIRATION



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## Greetings From Your District Governor



Dear Rotarians:

While DGE Nancy Russell is going through her Pre-PETS, planning for PETS (March 7,8,and 9), and, in general, getting ready for her Governor year 2019-2020, we have few important tasks to accomplish. Specially, the club presidents:

1. Please provide your area Assistant District Governor the second quarter funds raised and the service hours your club has contributed to communities
2. Please encourage your members to sign up for District Conference (May 3,4 and 5).
3. Please provide your area Assistant District Governor the net increase in your club membership from July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Claudine Hessmer-Husainy, District Youth Committee Chair, has put together a team of Interactors and their mentors to plan for a Youth District Conference. Please support her and let us make this a memorable conference for our kids. The Youth District Conference is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> at Hopkinton High School.



Prior to Youth District Conference on April 13<sup>th</sup> and after February 21<sup>st</sup>, I plan to visit Interact and Rotaract Clubs in our District. To help me schedule the visits, Club Presidents please provide your area Assistant District Governors:

- Interact and Rotaract mentor contact information (Name and email)
- Week day and time your Interact and Rotaract clubs meet
- Location address where they meet

There are ten clubs in our District that are planning around fifteen (15) Global Grant Projects. Some projects have been already submitted to the Rotary Foundation and some are in draft forms. While you are in the process of developing Global Grant Project plans, please remember that you do not have to do it alone. We have very knowledgeable team in our District that can help you. Please seek their help.

1. PDG Rick Manganello of Nashua (rotaryrick@outlook.com) District Rotary Foundation Chair,
2. Tristam Johnson of Brattleboro Sunrise (tristamjr@gmail.com) - District International Resource Committee Chair
3. PDG Tony Gilmore of Capital City Sunrise (tony@thegilmores.us)
4. PAG Doug Rupert of Milford (appletop@tellink.net) and
5. PP Krishna Mangipudi of Hollis Brookline (krishna90@live.com)

Wish you all a fun filled and successful Rotary Year.

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> will reflect increase based on prevailing room rates.

## Pre-PETS 2019

Below is the PrePETS schedule. Each PE and Assistant District Governor are required to attend one of these prePETS sessions. PETS will be March 7-9, 2019 in Framingham, Mass. You will be receiving your formal invitations in the near future.

PrePETS:

1/24/2019 Hotel Coolidge 6:30 pm  
39 South Main  
White River Junction, VT

1/29/2019 New London Hospital 6:30 pm  
Helms Room  
273Country Road  
New London, NH

2/4/2019 Greater Rockingham Services 6:30 pm  
1 Hospital Court  
Bellows Falls, VT

2/7/2019 Adult Community Center 6:30 pm  
4 Church Street

Merrimack, NH

2/11/2019 Little Red School House 6:30pm  
96 North Main Street  
Wallingford, VT

## Help Wanted: Youth District Conference Committee Positions

As DG Venu RAO informed you during his club visits, we are embarking on creating our inaugural Youth District Conference on April 13, 2019. We are currently coordinating our student planning committee and mentor committee. If you have a student or advisor in one of your youth clubs that would like to participate in the planning and implementation please forward their details to Claudine Hessmer-Husainy, District Chair Youth Services at Hessmer65@gmail.com by January 25th. In addition, a cell number for texting would be very helpful. We have three clubs participating so far, Milford, Bedford and Poultney. One of our goals is to include leadership elements and activities as part of the agenda for the conference and to have the conference planned 'By the students - for the students.'

## Rotary Leadership/Learning Institute 2019

All Rotarians in District 7870

**March 16, 2019 RLI Session** will be held at NH Technical Institute  
31 College Drive, Concord, NH 03301 Nursing Building adjacent to McAuliffe-Shepard Center  
7:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Registration fee of \$85.00 (includes breakfast and lunch)

**The Rotary Leadership (Learning) Institute** has something for every Rotarian but especially valuable for new Rotarians and those looking to hold Leadership positions in their Rotary Club.

**RLI** is a leadership and development program to strengthen Rotary Clubs through education, collaboration and the exchange of ideas among its future leaders.

**Topics** such as: Leadership Development, Rotary Knowledge, Project Leads, Membership Engagement and recruitment, Strategic Planning, Improved Communication, Team Building, Public Relations Service and International Perspective are presented in 3 Levels (must have complete the prior one) and a **Graduate Session** (topic TBD at this date but choices of Diversity in Rotary/Ethics, Motivating Volunteers, Effective Public Speaking). Must have completed Level III

Must complete Levels I, II and III in order

Register at [rlinea.org](http://rlinea.org)  
See you there,  
PDG Rich Berryman  
RLI District Chair

## 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!

## Club News

### Holiday Time for Capital City Sunrise

This is the time of year when the Rotarians of Capital City are the busiest, giving back.

It started the day after Thanksgiving when we set up our free hot chocolate and cookies table at Concord's annual Christmas tree lighting on the state house plaza.



The Fourth Wednesday of every month, Capital City Members and friends cook an evening meal for the homeless at the Penacook Open Community Kitchen, Here are the volunteers for the 28th of November:



On December first, the thirteen club members rang the bell for the Salvation Army at the local Market Basket Supermarket and raise a record \$1,600 in one day.



On the seventh, President Mark set up his photo gear at Concord Photo Service during Midnight Merriment to offer family portraits and a Christmas ornament, courtesy of CPS.



On the thirteenth, with the help of friends and volunteers and caroling group from The Immaculate Heart of Mary, the club members cooked a ham dinner at the Salvation Army and transported and served it to the residents of the 120 apartment Crutchfield/Pittman place Building - an annual event since 2008.



On Saturday, the 15th, the club participated in the Wreaths Across America program - Wreaths were laid on Veterans' graves in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Concord.



The Fourth Wednesday in December this year is the day after Christmas, our turn to cook at the Penacook Open Door Community Kitchen. Rotarians Jim Spain, and our two Mikes, Dunn and Manning will be preparing the turkey dinner with all the fixings for the homeless that evening.

## **Meredith Rotary's Interact Club Holiday Spirit**

Inter-Lakes High School Interact Club, sponsored by Meredith Rotary, has demonstrated their holiday spirit through various activities during December. Rotary's Interact clubs are service based clubs for students ages 12-18 to 'make a real difference' while having fun.

The ILHS Interact Club donated money to the Cash and Cans Money & Food Drive which collects money and non-perishable food items for the benefit of over a dozen causes throughout central New Hampshire over the holiday season.

Several club members supported the The Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction by manning the Auction's phone bank as well as the Club making a cash donation to the Auction. Over the past 37 years the Auction has raised \$5.4 million dollars for the needs of Lakes Region children and their families.

Interact members assisted Rotarians in hosting the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Senior Christmas Dinner where over 250 senior residents from the vicinity of Meredith had a meal supplied by Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant and a visit from Santa Clause.

New Beginnings and Belknap House, both in Laconia, received socks, scarves, hats, etc. collected by the Interact Club. New Beginnings provides safe and urgent refuge and support to victims of emotional or physical domestic violence. Belknap House's mission is to provide families a safe

shelter - especially in cold weather months – while empowering families to become self-sufficient and independent.

Interact members sang Christmas carols to New Hampshire Veterans Home residents, then had the opportunity to talk with the residents to learn about their experiences while in service to our country. The mission of the New Hampshire Veterans Home is to provide the best quality of life for NH Veterans with dignity, honor and respect.





## Christmas Gifts Distribution

On Friday December 14, the Wantastiquet Rotary participated in the annual Christmas Gift distribution. Rotarians were charged to distribute boxwood Christmas trees (produced by the Green Mountain Gardeners), cookies (made by the loving hands of the Weston Women's Club), and Poinsettias (donated by Second Congregational Church of Londonderry). These gifts were distributed to 30 individuals within the surrounding communities. The Wantastiquet Rotary, Weston Women's Club, and Second Congregational Church extend a very Merry Christmas to these individuals and to all in the surrounding mountain communities.



## Wantastiquet Rotary

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.



## Belmont Helps Robotics

On December 15th, Belmont Rotary sponsored the food booth at the 3rd annual Frostbite Qualifier robotics event at Belmont High School. The proceeds of the food booth are donated to the robotics program at Belmont High. In the photo are from left to right Mark Lewandowski, Alison Ellis, Donna Lewandowski, Tim Ellis, Cheryl Ellis, Mike Tursi, Joe McDowell, Krystal Follansbee, Sara Boulanger, Gerrie Mitchell, Ron Mitchell (not in photo) and Evan Boulanger.

Ken Ellis

President Belmont Rotary



## Rotarys Contribute to the Early Learning Express

Brattleboro Rotary Club, Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club, along with Rotary District 7870, donated \$1000 to Winston Prouty Center of Child and Family Development's Early Learning Express. The ELE brings a mobile lending library and literacy enrichment activities to rural and/or low-income areas. The money will be used to buy books, supplies and fuel.

PHOTO (l-r): Winston Prouty Center of Child and Family Development executive director Chloe Learey, Brattleboro Rotary Club president Bill Vermouth, Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club president Marcy Caulkins, and Sueño LeBlond, Winston Prouty Outreach Specialist.



## Bow Early Act Club Raises \$1,718.17 for Polio Eradication

The Bow Early Act Club ran a “Pennies for Polio” fundraiser by placing donation containers throughout the Bow Middle School. The club collected a total of \$1,718.17 and donated it to the Bow Rotary Foundation, to which the Bow Rotary Club matched their \$1,718.17 and donated the total of \$3,440.00 to Rotary International’s End Polio Now Campaign.

The Early Act Club is shown presenting their check to Bow Rotarian Alan Kanegsberg. The Bow Early Act Club comprises approximately twenty 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the Bow Middle School. They are supported by one teacher advisor and two Bow Rotarian advisors, Jeannie Richards and Peter Imse.

Rotary International has been working to eradicate polio for more than 30 years. As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Rotary has reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent since their first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979 and have gone on to help immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries.

So far, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion toward eradicating the disease worldwide. Today, polio remains endemic only in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.



Bow Early Act Club - Photo by Eric Anderson

## Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Celebrates 47th Anniversary of Charter

At its regular meeting on Thursday December 20, 2018, members of the Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club celebrated the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “Charter Day” for the Hudson Rotary Club. Chartered on December 17, 1971, the Hudson Club subsequently expanded in 1986 to become the current Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club. The Club was honored to have two guests who were instrumental in the establishment the Club's establishment in 1971, Peter Dolloff and Jack Atkinson.

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### Photo:

Current Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club President Jack Madden (center) presents Jack Atkinson (left) and Peter Dolloff (right) with a Rotary challenge coin to remind them of their visit and the Club they were instrumental in forming.



## Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Explores Immigration Issues

Jed Donelan (pictured above) from the New England Center for Civic Life (NECCL) introduced the club to the deliberative practices used by the Franklin Pierce University organization to engage in community dialogues on controversial, contemporary issues.

The regular Thursday breakfast meeting at the Woodbound Inn on January 10 was followed by a two hour forum . An interactive deliberative dialogue on the topic of immigration was led by three colleagues from the NECCL, using the materials “Coming To America: Who Should We Welcome – What Should We Do?” brief developed by the National Issues Forums(NIF), which has been used to moderate dialogues across the United States.

The Rotarians found the community forum conversation on immigration issues to be engaging, complex and in several ways mind-changing as the strong push for a "Wall" by President Trump stimulated the deliberative discussion. Rotarians in our Club who invested the morning in the process congratulated the presenters on a vital, informative, and educational discussion.



## Caroling in Keene

Here are photos from the Christmas caroling the Keene Elm City Rotary Singers (here led by charter member Chuck Anderson) singing carols on Dec 15 at a Keene nursing home.



# Flu Fighting Teddy Bears

The Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact partnered with Petsmart of South Nashua and the Stork Project to build nearly 150 Flu Fighting teddy bears to be donated to such organizations as WIC and Early Head Start of Nashua. The bears were donated by many generous customers of Petsmart, the Stork Project donated the supplies, and our Interact kiddos spent 3 hours this morning assembling the finished products. Nearly 150 families will receive soaps, hand sanitizers, disinfectant, wipes and a cuddly teddy bear to help keep the flu at bay. It is with heartfelt thanks that we acknowledge Petsmart of South Nashua, their customers and the Stork Project for giving us the opportunity to help those in need!



## Events and Fundraisers

### 40th Annual Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby Set for Weekend of February 9-10

**\*\*FUN FACT: Meredith's Ice Fishing Derby is currently the highest grossing fundraiser in our District!\*\***

January 10, 2019 – The much anticipated 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby will take place the weekend of February 9-10, 2019.

“The Derby brings anglers and families from as far away as Texas and California to enjoy the beauty of New Hampshire and also be in the running for over \$50,000 in cash prizes,” according to Dave Reid, Derby Chairman for 2019.

Derby tickets are \$40 each and are required for everyone who enters a fish for consideration. The price of the Derby ticket also includes a \$10 dining certificate from T-BONES and Cactus Jack's in Laconia. Prizes for the top winning fish are \$15,000, \$5,000 and \$3,000. There are also two \$5,000 cash drawings during the weekend as well as \$100 cash drawings every 15 minutes beginning at noon on the Saturday of the event and lasting until 4pm on Sunday. You do not need to fish – or enter a fish – to win these cash drawings – simply purchase a Derby ticket!

“Additionally, on Saturday, February 9, 2019, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, The Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby will host the "Let's Go Fishing" program,” according to Dave Reid. “This is a free hands-on clinic for kids and their parents on the basics of ice fishing that has been developed and will be presented by the Fish and Game Department. The clinic is geared toward kids but is open to anyone; those 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult. All equipment will be provided – you do not need to have a fishing license to participate,” Reid stated.

Derby tickets can be purchased online at [www.meredithrotary.com](http://www.meredithrotary.com), and at a wide variety of local bait and tackle shops in New Hampshire. To find a full list of vendors-visit the website.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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: February 15th, 2019.**

## **Website and Social Media**

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

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

