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Greetings From Your District Governor



Dear Rotary Friends:

Our mission as a Rotarian is **service**. We come together as Rotarians, look around in our communities for needs that are not met, we use creative ways to raise funds and we go meet those needs. Having visited all the 59 clubs in our District, I can say with pride, every club in our District fulfils this basic mission admirably. Whether it is a small club with six members or a large club with over hundred members, they are all good at our core mission.

Let us address couple of important functions, among many, of a Club Presidents. We are all volunteers, who excel in our own professions and come together as Rotarians, bring with us our time, talent, and treasure to help our fellow human beings who are a little less fortunate than we are, they could be across the street locally or across the oceans globally. Basically, as Rotarians, we come together to do good in the world. Naturally, more of us, more good we do in the world. Hence, growing our clubs membership is also one of our missions. Helping club grow is one of the important functions Rotary Presidents. As we discussed during my visits, our District does not have problem recruiting new Rotarians. We have problem retaining the existing Rotarians. So, to truly grow the membership, club Presidents should:



1. To add new Rotarians, encourage every Rotarian to invite friends to their Rotary meetings. Ask their friends as to what their passion is and let them know that Rotary will help them with their passion.

2. To improve retention, encourage Clubs to follow a well thought out process (District Membership Committee is going to distribute a general template shortly) that spells out how to screen a prospective member, how to induct a member (fire chat) and how to engage a new member. This helps a new member to have right expectation before joining the Rotary and thus help reduce the attrition.

The second function of Club President is to identify and develop future Rotary leaders. One of the proven methods to develop Rotary leadership is to encourage and financially incentivize newer members to attend District Conference and Rotary Leadership Institute.

Talking about Club Presidents encouraging newer members to attend District Conference, I request all Presidents to please encourage (financially, if necessary) your club members to sign up for a fun filled three day District Conference, May 3 to 5 at Double Tree, Danvers, MA. We only have a week and half to sign up with blocked room rates. Starting April 1st, the registrations will go up by \$50 for couple and \$25 for single. Please sign up early to avoid the increase.

Wishing you all a great Rotary Year.

Regards,

Venu

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DISTRICT 7870 CONFERENCE!

Friday through Sunday May 3, 4, and 5, 2019

DoubleTree by Hilton Boston North Shore

50 Ferncroft Rd., Danvers, MA 01923

Come along all you Fellow Rotarians,

To our District Conference come join in the fun, Celebrating with four other Rotary Districts, So much to learn when all is said and done.

On Friday evening there will be a grand gala, With entertainment sure to delight,
Food and friendship in the true Rotary way, It is certain to be a spectacular night!

Saturday morning is filled with a fine agenda, The Four Way speech amazing to see,
A keynote speaker soon to be announced, You will be surprised as can be!

In the afternoon DG Venu puts us to work, A service project is planned just for you,
Packing supplies for a non-profit "Days for Girls", There will be something for us all to do!

An afternoon of golf is planned at Black Swan, It is certain to be a beautiful day,
Or if a treasure hunt interests you more, Our map can show you the way.

Saturday evening is a more formal event, Our RI rep has an inspiring message to share, Our work in Honduras is on the agenda, too,
All to show how much Rotarians care.

On Sunday attend The Interfaith Memorial Service, Remembering Rotarians lost this past year,
The Youth Exchange Program is not to be missed, Not a dry eye in the house, we do fear!

Dear Friends, don't waste a moment, Go now on the District 7870 [website](#), Sign up for the District Conference, It will be your Springtime delight!

Respectfully submitted, Sandra McGonagle
District 7870 Conference Chair

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.

Congratulations, RLI Graduates!

Here is a picture of the RLI Graduates this past Saturday. They have now completed all three levels of RLI! D7870 RLI 2019 Session was held at NHTI Concord Community College.

From the left:

Rita Pierce, Sandy McGonagle, John Siemienowicz, Randall Barclay, George Mobley, John Beland, Richard Fox (D7850).



Club News

Rotary Cares, Episode 15 - Rotary Membership

On episode 15 of the monthly, awarded-winning television show, Rotary Cares, Brattleboro Rotary Club past president Marty Cohn talks about Rotary membership with guests Brattleboro Rotary Club member Regina Stefanelli and Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary member Tom Franks. Produced in the studio of Brattleboro Community Television.

To view the show,

<https://www.brattleborotv.org/rotary-cares/ep-15-regina-stefanelli-and-tom-franks>



Chester Police Chief Discusses K-9 Partner to Rotary

At its recent weekly luncheon meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) was addressed by Richard Cloud, Chief of Police in Chester, VT, along with his K-9 partner, Dutch, a Dutch Shepard owned and raised by Chief Cloud.

In discussing the role that Dutch plays in the Chester Police Department, Chief Cloud noted that Dutch had been trained and certified in various drug detection categories as well as various other policing demands. In describing Dutch's speed, he indicated that the dog was capable of doing the 100 yard dash in less than three seconds, commenting that "I'd hate to be the guy Dutch tracks down on the run since he'd be hitting him at 44 mph!"



Pictured left is Chief Cloud with Dutch. On the left is Ludlow Rotarian, Bob Kirkbride, who is entering his 62nd year as a Ludlow Rotarian. LRC meets for lunch on most Tuesdays at 12:15 pm at DJ's Restaurant.

Safe WASH Program for Students in La Jagua, Honduras

Water, Hygiene and Sanitation Initiative in the Pedro Nufio School, La Jagua, Escuapa, Danlí

Written by: Annette Butty, PWW Honduras Intern

La Jagua is a village located about one hour, by truck, from Danlí, a small city in southern Honduras. Forty students, ages 5 to 15, attend the local school, Escuela Pedro Nufio. Anna is the teacher of Escuela Pedro Nufio and is responsible for educating all 40 children in the school.

Until very recently, the only water point of the school was a well with a hand pump. Students had to pump water for 15 minutes to fill a 20 liter bucket. They used bucket after bucket of contaminated water for drinking, as well as cleaning the blackboard and the classroom. Students also had to carry heavy water buckets from the well to the latrines, located on the opposite side of the school playground.

A year ago, the Community Health Center of La Jagua reported many cases of diarrhea, with some cases of children diagnosed with hepatitis. The situation in La Jagua was identified as “critical”, in dire need of safe water and sanitation solutions.

To support the health and wellbeing of the children of La Jagua, the teacher and parents came to Pure Water for the World to collaborate and focus on what could be done to improve the health situation at the school.

Last month, the Pure Water for the World team came, along with amazing volunteers, to implement a comprehensive safe WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) program at Escuela Pedro Nufio.

Thanks to funding provided by Rotary District 7870 (southern NH & VT) and a group of volunteers from the United States that have become well-known as The Amigos of Honduras, a biosand water filter was installed in the school's classroom and three latrines, with five taps in the hand-washing station, were constructed. What's more, an electric generator was installed to pump the water from the well. Now, it takes only 10 minutes to fill the 400 liter water tank!



A very special thank you goes to Chris Parkinson and Tony Gilmore for their remarkable efforts with organizing the teamwork in Honduras.

The students and the teacher were very excited during the entire installation and construction process, as they knew it would dramatically improve the health and safety situation at the school.

To support the long-term success of the program, hygiene training was given to Anna, the teacher, and David, President of the Parent Association, about how to effectively use the filter and latrines as well as how to safely maintain them.

Anna took on the responsibility of pouring a bucket of water into the filter each morning. Students are in charge of bringing their own water bottles that they will fill and use each day so they are always drinking safe, clean water at school.

The teacher, parents, and students are overjoyed with the new latrines. To help them understand how to safely use the latrines and hand-washing stations, a variety of educational activities were performed, by the PWW team, with the students and Anna.

The community of La Jagua feels tremendous relief that their children now have safe water to drink and safe bathroom facilities at school.



Because of this project, these students no longer have to spend a significant part of every school day pumping and transporting water that was not even safe to drink! Instead, they can now focus on learning in the classroom, and they can spend their break time just being children, having fun on the playground!

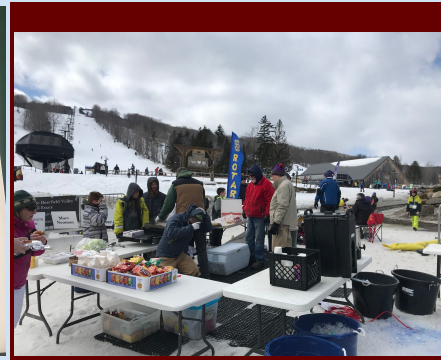
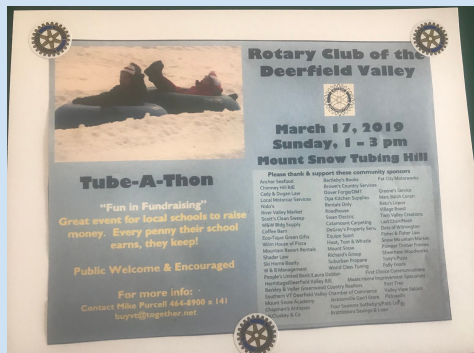
“We have been looking forward to having these installations for many years,” says Juan Bautista, the former teacher of Escuela Pedro Nufio, who retired after 30 years. “We are proud of how much the students’ parents and Anna have gotten involved and contributed to help carry out the project with Pure Water for the World and The Amigos of Honduras. Thank you so much.”



Not only will this project change the lives of these 40 children, it will continue to impact the lives of all of the students who will come to this school in future years! Thank you so very much Rotary District 7870 and The Amigos of Honduras for generously supporting the children, families and community of La Jagua and creating lasting change.

Tube A Thon at Mt. Snow

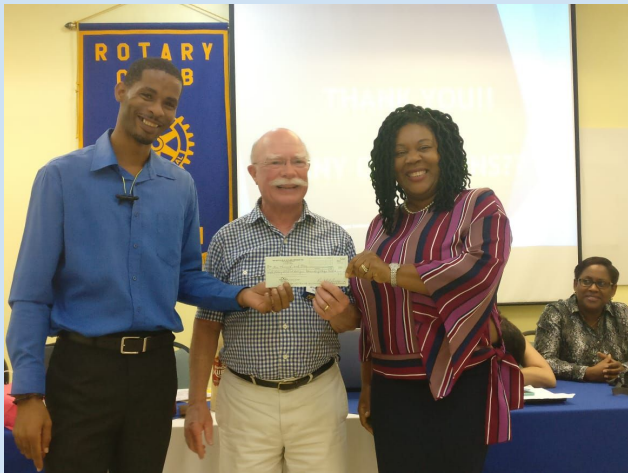
The Club of the Deerfield Valley just had our annual Tube a Thon at Mt. Snow. This event raises funds for all the local school children for various programs. It is always great fun and a big success! We served a lot of hamburgers! The day was windy and cold, but everyone had a good time nonetheless.



International

Rotary Club of Rutland and Rotary Club of Antiqua-Sundown

In May 2018, the Rotary Club of Rutland, Vermont and the Rotary Club of Antiqua-Sundown, St. John's, Antiqua, formally established a Rotary Twin-Club relationship. Mutual goals were to build goodwill, develop better friendships and international understanding. We have maintained regular and frequent communication in order to be apprised of the fundraisers, service projects and other initiatives sponsored by this vibrant group of dedicated Rotarians. Rotary Club of Rutland agreed to financially support the Antiqua Club Breastfeeding project.



CAPTION: Pictured is Antiqua Club President Jonah D. Ormond, Richard Rohe, Rutland Past President and Dr. Janelle Charles-Williams, Communications and Marketing Manager of the Antiqua and Barbuda Medical Benefits Organization and a member of the National Breastfeeding Support Association. In a recent visit on behalf of the Rotary Club of Rutland, Rohe presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to the Antiqua Club for the purchase of hospital grade breastfeeding equipment.



CAPTION: The Rotary Club of Rutland surprised Antiqua members with a gift of the 4-Way Test banner. Pictured is President Jonah Ormond and Richard Rohe.

Events and Fundraisers

Newport Rotary Club for 9th Annual Penny Sale Underway

Saturday May 11th - Doors Open at 5:30 PM

Plans for the Newport Rotary Clubs 9th Annual Penny Sale are well underway, according to Bruce Jasper, Chair of this year's event. "We're excited to announce the date - Saturday May 11th - for this year's event, our major fundraiser of the year. Our partners are back - with Dan Cherry as MC for the evening. Dan does an excellent job keeping the evening moving along as he announces the winners of 300+ prizes that will be drawn. The Newport Senior Center will be selling refreshments so those attending can grab a snack as they enjoy the evening and collect prizes. The penny sale will be held at the Newport Middle High School Gymnasium. We will open the doors at 5:30 PM - a half hour earlier than in past years - and we will begin drawing prizes at 6:30 PM," Jasper explained. "We've received staunch support from the community each time we have held a penny sale. The public has always turned out to support our efforts and we've tried very hard to plan an event that was fun for everyone participating. At the same time, we are committed to raising funds for local and worldwide projects which is an important goal for all Rotary Clubs."

"During the next two months' Rotary members will be contacting area businesses asking for their support. The business community has very generously supported our penny sales in the past by donating prizes that draw a sizeable crowd. We are grateful and hope that will be the case again this year. In addition to the 300 prizes we will raffle that evening Rotary members are already selling tickets for a cash prize we will award as the finale that night. One thousand dollars will be raffled that evening as the first prize for this portion of the penny sale. A second prize of \$500 will also be given away. You do not have to be present to win the cash prizes," Jasper explained.

Penny sales are popular as they offer the public an opportunity to support a worthwhile cause and have an enjoyable evening that is affordable and family friendly. Rotary President Jan McMahon added "We will draw three rounds of prizes Saturday evening and will give away 100 prizes in each round. Tickets will cost \$1.00 each, \$5.00 for six, \$10.00 for 12, and \$20.00 for 25 and all tickets for each round will be placed in a tumbler. When a ticket is drawn the individual holding the ticket will win the prize for that numbered item and then the ticket is returned to the tumbler and is eligible to be drawn again."

"Our swap table gives people a second chance if they win something they might not use. They can swap it out with another prize. That always adds to the evening's fun." McMahon added. In addition to the three rounds where 300 prizes will be given away, several large prizes will be drawn after the last round. Tickets from all three rounds will be placed back in the tumbler and

large prizes will be drawn. Finally the cash prizes will be awarded. Tickets for the cash prizes are available now from any Rotary member and will be on sale throughout the evening of May 11th. The price for those tickets is also \$1.00 each, \$5.00 for six tickets, \$10.00 for 12 tickets, and \$20.00 for 25 tickets.

"We have identified three local major beneficiaries for this event. They include the Newport Community Center Building Fund, the Newport Police Cadet program and funding for a Mini Grant Program our Club established for Newport Teachers in 2017. In each of the last two years our Club was able to fund five \$1,000 grants at the Newport High School. We would like to continue that project and may open it to other levels as well.

"Businesses are also asked to sponsor the event with donations of \$100, \$250, \$500, or \$1,000. Businesses across the region support our efforts and we have already begun receiving prizes and sponsorships. 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" McMahon ended. Doors will open at 5:30pm on Saturday, May 11th, and the first prize will be drawn at 6:30pm. 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 us on Facebook at Rotary Club Newport NH or contact Bruce Jasper at bjasper@elliottjasper.com or (603) 863-4105 or at PO Box 333, Newport, NH 03773.

Hoops on Wheels

Rotary Club of Concord will be participating in the Hoops on Wheels fundraiser to benefit Granite State Independent Living, Saturday, March 23 at Rundlett Middle School in Concord, NH!

Come one, come all! Watch us (make fools of ourselves), as we (un)skillfully maneuver wheelchairs on a basketball court!

Link for more information: <https://www.gsil.org/how-to-help/hoops-on-wheels-2016/>

Motorcycle Raffle

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**Laconia Rotary Club's 27th Annual
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Drawing: Sunday, June 16, 2019 at 4:00pm

An Evening in Paradise

Join us for a
Fun-Filled Evening of Sun & Sand
(right in the middle of winter!)

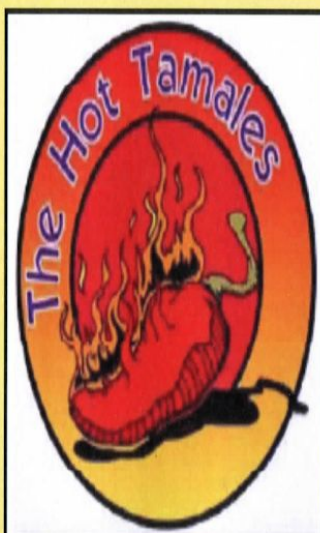
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Saturday, April 13th 2019

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Proceeds benefit
Gilford Youth Center
& other local charities
Presented by Gilford Rotary Club



ALL METALS



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: April 15th, 2019.

Website and Social Media

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

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

