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Turkey/Syria Earthquake

We have been shocked by the pictures coming from the impact sites of the Turkey/Syria Earthquake. I have been receiving emails from Rotarians asking how they can support the relief efforts for this humanitarian crisis. Rotary has two options at this point.

1) You can donate to Shelterbox at <http://shelterboxusa.org>. Shelterbox was founded in 2000 by UK Rotarians to provide aid to families who are in need of emergency shelter. Rotary and Shelterbox have worked together for the last 20+ years on Disaster Relief. Shelterbox works with local Rotary clubs and Rotarian volunteers to deliver emergency shelter to communities in need.



2) You can donate to the Rotary International Disaster Response Fund at <https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund>. Our understanding is that the Foundation trustees of the Rotary Foundation have approved Disaster Response funding for Turkey and Syria.

There are many options for giving to disaster relief. We appreciate your generosity in supporting Rotary's mission of promoting World Peace and Understanding through your donations.

Amigos de Honduras



We have just completed our 2023 mission to Danli, Honduras under the leadership of PDG Chris Parkinson. Dianne and I were thrilled to be on our third Amigos mission. The team of approximately 20 Rotarians and friends provided medical and dental support for over 750 individuals in small villages in rural eastern Honduras. The construction team worked on constructing a new library building at a local school. The Pure Water team worked to install WASH facilities at a school in the area. I congratulate all the team members on a successful mission and the many clubs whose donations made the mission possible. Photo left: Kell Giffin with a young patient

and his Spanish translator

February is Rotary's World Peace and Understanding Month

Last Wednesday, while I was in Honduras, I spoke at District 7930's (Boston Area) World Peace and Understanding Webinar as part of Rotary's World Peace and Understanding Month. We focused

on the TutuDesk Campaign named for the anti-apartheid crusader Archbishop Desmond Tutu and sponsored by Rotary and the Tutu Foundation. The Tutudesk campaign aims to provide lap desks to over 2 million students in sub-Saharan Africa who do not have regular desks in their schools. Also speaking were D7930 DG Alex Falk, Charlie Milner (Marblehead, MA RC) and PDG Francis Callard from District 9400 in South Africa. Rotary International President Jennifer Jones made a surprise visit to the webinar and talked about the importance of the Tutudesk campaign.

If you missed the webinar and would like to donate one (or more) TutuDesks to a child in sub-Saharan Africa, each desk costs \$20, please click on this link here:

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/ML5AXY2NVTDD3/checkout/CPHSHG53CJ54LLZMJQDPKDSV>

After you've made your donation, please watch the webinar recording here on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/22f969IQTOg>

Rotary Leadership Institute



[Registration is now open](#) for the Virtual Winter Rotary Leadership Institute two-night session February 28 and March 2, 6-9 p.m. <https://rlinea.org>. Cost for the two part virtual session is \$25.

We are running this two-evening virtual RLI in conjunction with District 7930 (Boston Area). RLI is the best and fastest way to learn more about the Rotary world. We are anticipating offering all three RLI levels and graduate level courses.

District Youth Conference on March 25, 2023

I am looking forward to attending the District's third Youth Conference run by our District's New Generation Chair Claudine Hessmer-Husainy (Community Peace Passport Club) at Souhegan High School on Saturday, March 25, 2023. There is an article in the newsletter with details and a registration link for the event.

Advocating for Fellowship and Fun in Rotary Service,
Randell

District News

Springfield Rotarian Charter Member of PolioPlus Society

The PolioPlus Society is a program currently being offered by Rotary District 7870, as well as other Rotary Districts around the world. Polio is still endemic in two countries: Afghanistan and Pakistan. This year there have been 33 cases reported that are both wild polio and Vaccine Derived Polio Virus. To increase sustainable giving, the PolioPlus Society was formed to encourage Rotarians to commit a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. Society members, who commit at least \$100/year donation to PolioPlus, will receive a special PPS pin, and a certificate. Bill Gates and the Gates Foundation have renewed their commitment to match 2:1 any Rotarian gift to PolioPlus. Rotarians and guests can go to myrotary.org/donate and click on Polio Fund where they can make a one time or recurring donation.



At a recent club meeting, Rotary 7870 District Governor Randell Barclay presented Springfield Rotary Club member Liz Carey with her PolioPlus Society pin and certificate.

Follow-Up Requesting Your Help with Grant Support Letters for Our Foam Project Grant

Hello District Friends & Clubmates,

As we continue with this year of “Imagine Rotary”, I am looking for your Club’s support. As you may recall, Rotary International recently included the “Environment” as our Seventh Rotary Area of Focus. As your iPDG, I have been actively involved in the effort to densify Polystyrene into a reusable and sellable product and hopefully remove a significant amount of this material from our landfills. I have a simple request - I am wondering if you could assist me in helping move an environmentally related dream of mine forward. We have an opportunity to obtain a grant to assist in expanding this project. I was hoping district clubs would be willing to consider providing a letter of support for that grant application (template [HERE](#) for your consideration and use). No funding from clubs is being requested at this time.

Please review and consider the links to letters (see [HERE](#)) that can help move our important grant application forward. After your Club's review and approval, if your Club could find the time to complete and return the letter to Meaghan Theriault by next Monday February 20th, 2023 it would be greatly appreciated. I have added a link to her email address in this email dpwdirector@gilfordnh.org for your convenience. Please note that the approval of this grant will add to the success that we are currently experiencing with the development of the Gilford Recycling Center densification site. Thank you for your consideration and assistance in what I have seen as a meaningful project that clearly makes a difference. If you have questions or want to discuss this further, or if your club is interested in being a greater part of this recycling process, please feel free to reach out to me. In closing, please note that if your Club is interested in helping with this program, the purchase of a small collection bin is NOT required to participate.

Thank you to those Clubs that have already responded with your letters of support.

Be Well,
JB

John Bob Siemienowicz
Immediate Past District Governor
Rotary Club of Milford, New Hampshire
District 7870

Youth District Conference

District 7870 is holding its second Youth District Conference on March 25, 2023 at the Souhegan High School in Amherst, NH. Once again it is important that this conference is planned by the students for the students. Not students that are observers or being told what to do or say.

We have a mighty planning team of Interactors from all over our district that from brainstorming to implementation are creating the ideas and concepts for the conference.

Each youth club will be invited to display a booth that highlights their projects and accomplishments along with their demographic details and information.

We will start the day with an Interact challenge - Through this exercise students will learn to collaborate, create strategies and leadership skills all while having fun!

This year the students have chosen the theme of UNITY! We will have a panel of speakers that will answer questions from the students on the topic of UNITY.

Our breakout sessions will be led by our own Interact and exchange students. Topics will be on Interact Best Practices and on the Exchange programs, both long term as well as short term.

We will wrap up the day with a Socratic seminar style table talk with all students. It will be like speed dating - Each table will have an essential question created by our Youth Planning team.

Members will be provided with markers and write their answers on the butcher block paper on each table that will be transferred to a giant Puzzle Piece. At the end, each table leader will stand up and read off the top three responses written on their Puzzle Piece. The Puzzle Pieces will then be put together to create one UNIFIED response!

Ultimately our goal is for our youth to:

- Build communication and problem-solving skills
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in their school or community
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors
- Unlock their potential to turn motivation into action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships

To sign up for the Youth Conference please use the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/532367524597>

District 7870 4 Way Test Speech Contest 2023

Here are the 2023 4-Way Test Speech Contact Guidelines:

By March 13, 2023, all Clubs should have completed their local contest and forwarded the NAMES, ADDRESSES, E-MAIL ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THEIR 1ST PLACE FINISHER TO: Albert St.Pierre, 43 Sunnyside Circle, Charlestown, NH 03603 (fax: 603-826-4171) or:

Daryl Royce, 154 Summit Street, Charlestown, NH 03603 (e-mail: daryl.pat@comcast.net)

The 2023 District Semi-finals will be held on Sunday March 19 beginning at 1:00 pm at the Henniker Community Center at 57 Main Street, Henniker, NH. Competitors must sign in by 12:30 pm. The top Four (4) scorers at the District Semi-finals will advance to the District Finals to be held at the POETS (President and Officers Elect Training Seminar) meeting on April 29 at the Courtyard by Marriott, 10 Morgan Drive in Lebanon, NH.

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1. Feb 28, 2023 - Rotary Leadership Institute. Part 1 of virtual RLI with D7930. 6pm-9pm.
2. Mar 2, 2023 - Rotary Leadership Institute. Part 2 of virtual RLI with D7930. 6pm-9pm.
3. Apr 28,29, 2023 - POETS/District Assembly. Friday session for Presidents-Elect. Saturday open to all. Courtyard by Marriott, 10 Morgan Drive, Lebanon, NH
4. Jun 26 2023 – Changing of the Gavel. Little Red Schoolhouse, Wallingford, VT.

Rotary District 7870 Newsletter Readership Trivia Contest

In September 1955, the United States Postal Service issued a first day cover to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of Rotary. A first day cover is an envelope bearing a stamp canceled on the date of the stamp's release, with or without a commemorative cachet (design stamped onto the cover to commemorate the issuing of the stamp). The covers do not have a monetary value because of their mass production.



We are offering this first day cover to a Rotary District 7870 Newsletter Reader that correctly answers two ROTARY trivia questions. To learn more, see details below.

NOTE: Thank you to all who submitted answers to the trivia questions in the January newsletter.

Q1: *Who became the first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago?* A: Silvester Schiele

Q2: *When was the name Rotary International adopted?* A: 1922

Congratulations to Ruth Zax of the Henniker Rotary Club for winning the first day cover!

Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together

Ken Yei (Queen City RC) will be hosting his next Coffee with Ken on **Fri. Mar. 3** at 8:30 AM on Zoom. Coffee with Ken started during the pandemic as a way for District Rotarians to meet online and share their interests in Rotary. It also was a form for asking questions. The Zoom meeting typically lasts 40 minutes. These meetings are free flowing discussions on topics of interest to the participants. The group decides what to talk about. It is also a great way to find out what is happening around the District. Everyone is welcome. Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78773960966?pwd=QkF1TTZkdDJyRzJIa3phTmhzam1kQT09>

If you are ready, pick up a cup of Joe and click on the link above or on the District Website

<http://rotary7870.org> and join the meeting.

Club News

Concord Rotary Centennial Anniversary - Apr 18, 2023

We look forward to your presence in helping us celebrate our Centennial Anniversary on April 18, 2023 at the Grappone Conference Center, Concord NH

We will be awarding \$100,000.00 to two Community Projects: Honored Recipients: Boys and Girls Club of Concord: Penacook Community Center and CATCH Housing: Rosemary's Way Housing Project



A formal invite to follow (Pass the word) See our Facebook Page and Website concordnhrotary.org

Wallingford Memorial Rotary and Interact

Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club and our Interact Club officers recently hosted members from several clubs, including long-time trip leader Chris Parkinson, PDG and member of the Bow, NH, Rotary Club, to pack medical and dental supplies for the medical mission trip to



Honduras, known as Amigos De Honduras. This Rotary tradition is now in its 20th year, and brings together doctors, dentists, technicians and other volunteers who travel to Honduras to provide aid to those who would otherwise not have access to medical and dental attention.



Volunteers also work on school construction and repair, install water filters to provide clean drinking water, and work to build wells and latrines for hygiene. This annual packing of donated supplies into donated suitcases, which will make a one-way trip to Honduras, is a way for Rotarians to honor at least five of our Seven Areas of Focus: disease prevention and treatment; water, sanitation and hygiene; maternal and child health; community economic development; peace building and conflict prevention. What an all-encompassing mission for District 7870!





J-R Rotary Learns of a New Ride Service



At the breakfast meeting on February 2 at Franklin Pierce University, the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club welcomed Scott Symond, CEO of SMART Ride as guest speaker. His story about the new van service for mobility-challenged riders grew from a personal need in Scott's family when the area transport with tie-downs for wheelchairs dissolved. He and his wife pooled their savings to purchase a van and then discovered the "Jake Van" which serendipitously was known to the Rotary group. A community fund-raiser purchased a van used by member Sheila Bergeron, mother of an adopted child who grew up riding in that fully equipped van which was donated to the school after Jake passed. It was later transferred from the school district to the Monadnock Bible Conference Launch Point after school program, which was supported by the club. Members were delighted to learn that two vans are now in service in the area, one with the nostalgic message on the rear "Jake always rides for free". Another example of community service from Scott, an AEMT and Fireman locally.

photo credit: Robert Schaumann

NH Lakes Region Rotary Clubs Bring Electricity to Rwandan Families

Last spring, Laconia, NH based Rwanda Children Education Foundation (RCEF) completed the construction of thirteen housing units for families in desperate need of safe reliable homes. However, electrical service was not going to reach the housing location for some time. Thus, last summer Lakes Region Rotary clubs (Alton Centennial, Gilford, Laconia, Lakes Region, and Meredith – and Inter-Lakes Interact Club) joined together to fund* the purchasing and installation of solar electric systems for the thirteen housing units. The solar electric systems are now installed and are providing enough energy to power interior lighting, run a radio and recharge cell phones.

Additionally, there were enough funds to purchase and install some outside solar powered pole lights.

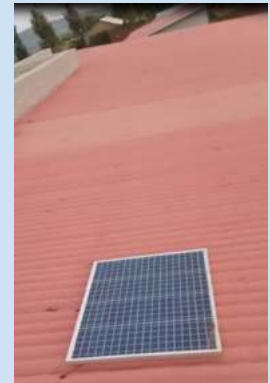
The following is from the RCEF staff in Rwanda:

“We are extremely grateful for the donation that we received that transformed the lives of thirteen families that RCEF support. The solar system brought changes and made a tremendous impact in Kibungo sector. It was extremely difficult for children to study after sundown, charging phones or listening to the radio. Today children are able to study after school and the families are able to cook in the light.”

*Some of the clubs’ donations were matched with District Matching Grants.



Left: RCEF housing units
Right: Roof solar panel on top of each housing unit



Left: Interior lighting where it was previously dark at night.
Right: Exterior solar pole light



Goffstown Club Welcomes DG Barclay



The Rotary Club of Goffstown was happy to welcome District Governor Randell Barclay to a meeting in late January. We’re always pleased that he makes time to visit, and for this meeting, it was extra special. DG Randell came to present Past President Michele Sheppard with her Paul Harris Fellow award. Michele’s record as a leader in our club is impressive. A 3-time president, she helped us navigate several changes to our operation as a club and helped implement new projects including our Love Your Neighbor Food Drive which we hold each February. As the CEO of Granite YMCA, Michele still manages to find time to join us for service projects and fundraisers. Her dedication to our community is

unsurpassed, and we applaud her new achievement as a Paul Harris Fellow. *Photo (l-r) New Paul Harris Fellow Michele Sheppard and DG Randell Barclay*

Does Your Club Partner With Another Rotary Club?

Does your club partner with another Rotary club? How was that partnership formed? What type of projects do you work on? What are some considerations if you are thinking about forming a partnership? We'll be discussing collaborating clubs at PETS, and we want some great examples to use in the discussion. If you have information to share, please contact Robbie Grady, robbiegrady@msn.com. Thank you!

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Are You a High School Student Who Cares About Ethical Behavior and Standards?

Apply the **Rotary Four-Way Test** to real life and enter the Rotary Speech Contest for **CASH PRIZES**.

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Contest Rules:

You must be a high school student in the area. The content must be original and your own. The speech should not be read and may not be less than 5 or more than 7 minutes long. You may refer to notes. **Submit applications by February 23rd, 2023.**

PRIZES:

1st place ~ \$1,500

2nd place ~ \$1,000

3rd place ~ \$500

For more info or questions, email Lucy@nearchery.com.

Fundraisers

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FEB 25 & 26, 2023
All Vermont Waters and Lake Champlain
THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 MAJOR SPONSORS

Acupuncture Works	Lake Bomoseen Lodge
Brown's Auto Salvage	Premier Roofing
Camara Slate Products	Rutland Music, Inc.
Cape Air	Sam's Usave Fuels
Casella Waste	Sbardella Slate, Inc.
Castleton University	Terenzini, Marg & Fred
Fraternal Order of Eagles #3907	Woodard Marine
Gilmore Home Center	

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO FISH TO WIN!

ADULT:
Raffle and Ticket \$2.5

YOUTH: (12 & under)
Raffle and Ticket \$1.5

\$50 for Biggest Bass, Perch, Northern Pike and Other Trout 1st Place

"Big Fish" & "Big Cash!"

FOOD SHACK OPEN DERBY WEEKEND!

Derby HQ - Crystal Beach - 3727 Rte 30 N, Castleton, VT - E. Shore of Lake Bomoseen • Derby hotline: 802-273-FISH

Buy your tickets at area locations NOW or at the Derby HQ the weekend of the derby!
Tom's Bait & Tackle Bomoseen • Ed's Bait Shop West Haven - Gilmore Home Center Bomoseen
Mart's Sporting Goods Poultney • Hawk Hill Gun & Tackle Brandon

facebook.com/fairhavenrotary

Get Your Raffle ticket or Gift One Before They're Gone - Only 70 Tickets Remain to be Sold - March 8, 2023

Raffle tickets make great gifts (Valentine's Day is just around the corner!!) – just ask Rick Manganello's daughter-in-law who's gifted ticket from Rick Manganello won her \$500 in the January early bird drawing. Contact Patricia Conard (patricia@conard.com) to make arrangements if purchasing ticket as a gift. Printed gift certificates and envelopes are available.

Nashua Rotary Car Raffle Gift Certificate

A CHANCE TO WIN 2023 BMW X3 or \$35,000

To: _____
From: _____
Ticket Number: _____

Grand Prize Drawing
March 8, 2023 @ Tulley BMW of Nashua

Find more information about raffle at
www.NashuaRotary.org

Raffle proceeds benefit local non-profits

Milford Rotary's 100 Holes of Golf 2023 - June 16, 2023

Calling all Golfers and Rotarian Fundraisers!

The Milford Rotary Club is kicking off preparations for its 29th annual 100 Holes of Golf in One Day Tournament and we are looking for golfers and fundraising partners! As Alec Buchanan, a veteran 100 Holes golfer, likes to point out "This fundraiser really is a huge raffle with lots of cash prizes that is dressed up as a golf tournament!" The tournament will be held, rain or shine, on Friday, June 16, 2023 at the Amherst Country Club.



To play, golfers are asked to sell (or buy) a minimum of fifty \$20 raffle tickets. To make the selling easier, Milford Rotary provides each prospective golfer with a unique online point of sales on the event website. Each golfer gets a special commemorative gift and has an opportunity to play for \$4500 worth of special prizes. Other golfer perks include a delicious breakfast on the course, hearty lunch options provided by outstanding local grill masters, snacks throughout the day, and a fabulous awards banquet provided by Giorgio's. 100 Holes Golfers are treated like royalty! Not a golfer, but interested in raising funds for your Rotary Club? Our 50/50 Community Partner program offers a straightforward, relatively easy way to raise money for your club.

Here's how the 50/50 program works for Rotary Clubs. When your club signs up as a 100 Holes 50/50 Community Partner it will be given a unique online web address for selling raffle tickets through the event website. For each \$20 raffle ticket your club sells, your club will receive half of the proceeds. That's \$10 for your club from each raffle ticket you sell with the Milford Rotary Club Foundation getting the other \$10. These raffle tickets are special in that they include great coupons and offer 10 chances to win! That's right – 10 cash prizes ranging from \$5000 to \$500 for a total of \$12,500 in raffle prize money! And attendance is not required to win. We make it easier for you by providing the online point of sales and by mailing the raffle ticket coupons to your purchasers. All you have to do is get the word out via social media, email blasts, newsletters, and, of course, good ol' fashioned "word of mouth".

But wait.....it gets better! If your Rotary Club sells at least \$1000 in raffle tickets (that's only 50 tickets @ \$20 each), then your club can enter a golfer in the tournament and we'll still split the proceeds 50/50! As Steve Desmarais always says, "This tournament is a blast" and, as you can imagine, the bragging rights earned by players are extraordinary! Given how easy this all is, participating clubs are strongly encouraged to sell more than the minimum of 50 tickets to field a

golfer. This is a great way to raise funds for your club's community service projects, charitable donations and scholarship programs!

What do you think? Interested in earning the bragging rights as a 100 Holes Golfer? Looking for an easy fundraiser for your Rotary Club? Got questions? Please contact Milford Rotarians Marc Chareth (Marc.Chareth@edwardjones.com or 603-801-8036) or Tina Brown (Tina.Rotary@yahoo.com or 603-464-9242). Please visit the event website for additional information at www.Golf100Holes.com.

Rotary District 7870 Newsletter Readership Trivia Contest



To be entered to win a first day cover commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of Rotary, send your answers to the following two questions to prrotary7870@gmail.com. We will choose one winner from all the correct entries. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, March 15 at 9 AM. The winner will be published in the March issue of the Rotary District 7870 Newsletter.

Rotary Trivia Question 1: In 1988, Rotary began the PolioPlus campaign with an initial fundraising pledge of \$120 million. **What is the “plus” in PolioPlus?**

Question 2: **What was the first Rotary service project? Bonus, where did it take place?**

Calendars

District 7870 Calendar

So much going on within the clubs in the district! Be sure to regularly 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 this Rotary year:

July New Rotary Year

August Membership and New Club Development Month

September Basic Education and Literacy Month

October Economic and Community Development Month

November Rotary Foundation Month

December Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January Vocational Service Month

February Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

March Water and Sanitation Month

April Maternal and Child Health Month

May Youth Service Month

June Rotary Fellowships Month

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 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: March 15th, 2023 at 9:00 AM.**

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:

