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Greetings From Your District Governor Randell Barclay



Fellow Rotarians:

What an exciting January! We have a Rotary Club again in Franklin, NH. I was delighted to be able to attend the chartering ceremony to present the club with its charter and congratulate President Betty Arsenault on recruiting 20+ members. I would also like to thank PDG Rich Berryman and the members of the Capital City Rotary Club for sponsoring the Franklin Falls Club. Many thanks to Franklin's Mayor, Jo Brown, for attending the event and giving the club encouragement for focused community service.

We have also chartered the Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion Rotaract Club (JEDI) in Rutland, VT. JEDI is a community based Rotaract Club organized by Arwen Turner (also a member of Rutland Rotary). Many thanks to President Erika Berner and the Wallingford Rotary Club for sponsoring JEDI Rotaract. I am looking forward to seeing and supporting the service projects that will promote inclusion in the Rutland community.

We are currently in the planning stages for a Rotary Youth Exchange Alumni (Rotex Alum) Rotaract eClub that will focus on supporting our District's Youth Exchange Program. Members will primarily be those who have already participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. We anticipate that these Rotaractors will help recruit, interview, train, and support outbound candidates. They will also help facilitate the monthly inbound meetings and trips.

January is Rotary's Vocational Service month. Vocational Service is one of the five Rotary Avenues of Service where members are asked to contribute their skills and business knowledge to Rotary and their community. In many parts of the world, Rotary Clubs sponsor "Rotary Means Business" networking events in their local community. To participate, consider helping young people with their career goals and professional development. Talk about your profession at your club and take time to learn about your fellow members' occupations and vocations. Get involved with a club service project that utilizes your expertise. For more information see:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/guiding-principles>

A great example of vocational service is our District's upcoming mission Amigos de Honduras. During our last mission in 2020 the medical and dental team cared for over 1360 patients over 6 days. A team helped construct water purification facilities with support of Pure Water for the World and our School Construction Team completed an extension to an existing school. Dianne and I are delighted to be join PDG Chris Parkinson's team of 22 Rotarians and non-Rotarians for the Amigos mission February 2023. For more information on how your club can support or participate in this or future missions, please contact Chris Parkinson.

Advocating for Fellowship and Fun in Rotary Service,

Randell Barclay, District Governor

Photo right: Franklin Fall's Charter Ceremony



DGE Update



Hello from the International Assembly in Orlando!

District Governors Elect have been busy this week, learning from truly amazing Rotarians. Of special note was the power of authentic storytelling, and how that could be used as not only a call to action, but as a powerful tool to build partnerships.

Rotary International President Elect Gordon McInally passionately introduced our new theme with a personal story related to mental health.

He encouraged all to be mindful of self care, connecting with and supporting not only our fellow members of Rotary, but in our community and beyond.

Now, it's time to share what was learned over the past week.

Here are the upcoming training sessions:

February 4th - DTTS. A virtual session for Assistant Governors and others participating in Pre-PETS training.

Feb 28 - Mar 2 - Rotary Leadership Institute (virtual). Register for and download materials at rlinea.org. D7870 will cover the cost for Presidents-Elect and Assistant Governors.

PETS and District Assembly. Apr 28 and 29 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Lebanon, NH. Friday is for PEs only, Saturday is for all, with breakouts on a variety of interesting topics. The afternoon is reserved for the Four Way Test Speech Contest and our Youth Exchange Students.

Looking forward to seeing you all at one or more of these upcoming events. DGE David Saturley



District News

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.

District 7870 4 Way Test Speech Contest 2023

Here are the 2023 4-Way Test Speech Contest 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.

Removing Rigid Foam (Polystyrene)

Hello All,

As part of an effort to help the environment, (the newest area of Rotary Focus), our Rotary District 7870, in cooperation with our neighboring Districts 7850 and 7780, has been working to take steps to help remove Polystyrene (Rigid Foam) from the waste stream in our communities. In this article we are asking if you and your local Rotary Clubs would like to hear more about this effort. If so, we are putting together a presentation that can be shared with your club membership to explain the goals and vision of this effort. District 7870 is extremely fortunate to have a polystyrene densifying unit currently operational at the recycling center in Gilford, NH. If you would be interested in more information or a possible speaker for your meetings, please contact either Gilford DPW Director Meghan Theriault dpwdirector@gilfordnh.org or myself jay4steel@jaysteel.com at the emails provided. I have also attached a link <https://www.gilfordnh.org/file/2627/Flyer - GSWC Foam 101.pdf> that may also be used to provide a more general overview for those that are interested. Thank you for all you all do in our communities and in the world.



Be Well Always,
John Bob aka "JB"

D7870 Clubrunner Essentials Webinar - February 15, 2023

For those clubs that are looking to get the most out of Clubrunner or if you are a club thinking about using Clubrunner to manage you club's data, website and/or their payment system, this is an event for you.

In this 1.5 hour Zoom session, on Wednesday Feb 15, 2023, at Noon, clubs will hear directly from Clubrunner's experienced team members as they share tips on how club executives can save time on administrative duties, increase communication and engagement and build a stronger membership culture, all within the club version of the platform.

Please use the link below to access the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87527143068?pwd=UGxieHJWUnB4VXgrQzhWaDFhNXBSZz09>

Randell Barclay, District Governor



World Peace & Understanding: TutuDesk Campaign - Feb 8, 2023

District 7930 (Boston Area) annual World Peace & Understanding event on February 8, 2023 6PM as Zoom webinar and their topic will be the TutuDesk Campaign. Their District Governor, Alex Falk has invited our District Governor to speak on his Rotary experiences in South Africa and the TutuDesk Campaign. Students in many parts of southern Africa do not have access to appropriate workspace. Tutu Desks provide an immediate impact with a suitable writing surface that is educational, durable, low cost and customizable by grade and country. Rotary International President Jennifer Jones has encouraged donations to the TutuDesk Campaign. DG Alex is still working on the final speaker schedule, but he already have commitments from our DG Randell, Charlie Milner of the Marblehead Rotary Club as well as PDG Francis Callard from South Africa. Registration is now open for this event – Click on the link below.



<https://rotary7930.org/event/world-peace--understanding-webinar--tutudesks/>

- and even though the event is online, there is a \$20 registration fee, which coincidentally is the price of one TutuDesk. Simply put, by attending the event you are providing one TutuDesk to a child in sub-Saharan Africa.

For more information on TutuDesks go to <http://www.tutudesk.org/>



Upcoming Events for D7870

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- 1) Feb 4, 2023 - District Training Team Seminar (DTTS) – Virtual event for Assistant Governors. Review of materials for Pre-PETS.
- 2) Feb 28, 2023 - Rotary Leadership Institute. Part 1 of virtual RLI with D7930. 6pm-9pm.
- 3) Mar 2, 2023 - Rotary Leadership Institute. Part 2 of virtual RLI with D7930. 6pm-9pm.

- 4) Apr 28,29, 2023 - POETS/District Assembly. Friday session for Presidents-Elect. Saturday open to all. Courtyard by Marriott, 10 Morgan Drive, Lebanon, NH
- 5) Jun 26 2023 – Changing of the Gavel. Little Red Schoolhouse, Wallingford, VT.

Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together

Ken Yei (Queen City RC) will be hosting his next Coffee with Ken on **Friday, Feb. 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=QkFlTTZkdDJyRzJIa3phTmhzam1kQT09>

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

John Harvell Moody - Rest in Peace



John Harvell Moody [“Dr. John” -or- “Doc” to many] passed away on November 6, 2022 due to complications from Covid. John was surrounded by his loving wife Judy and close family. The educational community has recognized John for his dedication and performance as an educational leader throughout his career. He held an amazing variety of positions including (but not limited to) Principal and Assistant superintendent of schools in Salem NH, Superintendent of Schools in Derry NH, Derry town Administrator, Program Director of Educational Administrator Programs at Rivier University and interim Superintendent of Schools for Hollis-Brookline School District. John’s great love was being a member of the Derry Village Rotary club where he was an extremely active member and held many positions within the club since his joining in January 2009. John will always be remembered for his intellect, sense of humor, smile and kind-hearted demeanor. He had an intense yearning to learn. Education and teaching others came natural to him. He was known as the “Energizer Bunny of Education” for his dedication and work ethic. John vowed to make learning FUN. In memory of our friend John, the Derry Village Rotary club has changed the name of their annual golf tournament to the John Moody Memorial Golf Tournament. An additional scholarship has been created by the club entitled the John Moody Memorial Education Award. This annual award will go to a graduating senior from Pinkerton Academy (Derry, NH) who will be continuing their education at a 4-year college / university majoring in Education and plans a career in public education as a teacher or school administrator. We all wish Doc “Fair winds and following seas”.

Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley - Update



"The Ralph & Verne Howe Community Service Award recognizes a member or organization of the community for their outstanding service to the Chamber and our community. This year's recipients have been serving the Deerfield Valley Community for almost two decades, guided by the motto "service over self". This past year in particular, under the leadership of president Diane McCormick, they have rallied together to help meet the needs of the Deerfield Valley Community and organizations like the Chamber, through their generosity, time

and friendship. Volunteering at local events, hosting blueberry pancake breakfasts and bbqs, and Music festival and garden, barn and art tours, the Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley have been shining examples of selflessness and community dedication.

It is my honor to present the Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley with the Ralph & Verne Howe Community Service Award." Bethaney LaClair, Executive Director, Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce.



Inter-Lakes Interact Club has a Busy Fall



Inter-Lakes Interact Club, sponsored by the Meredith Rotary club, has had a busy fall. The club started off the year by promoting Interact during the School Activities Fair.



In October the club held its annual Socktober project to collect socks for those in need. This year the club collected over 3,300 pairs of socks. Also, on a beautiful October Saturday the club held its annual Moulton Farm Corn Maze fundraiser. Numerous Meredith Rotarians sponsored Corn Maze stations,



the club sold home-made baked goods and Rotarian John Moulton contributed all of corn maze entrance fees to the club.

In honor of Veterans Day in November the club hand wrote cards for veterans in the New Hampshire Veterans Home.

The club's annual Fall Ceremony was held on November 17 at the Meredith Community Center. During ceremony new members were inducted and presentations were given on Rotary's Youth Exchange and Rotary's 4-Way Test Speech contest. The Socktober socks were distributed to eight local organizations - The Santa Fund of the Lakes Region, Isaiah 61 Café, The Belknap House, Laconia Salvation Army, Lakes Region Boys & Girls Club, St. Vincent de Paul, Bridge House, and New Beginnings. Each of the organizations told the Interact members about the good things that each of the organizations do.



In early December club members worked the phone bank for the Greater Lakes Region Children's Auction where two of the members had a two people on the phone in a bidding war - with the final bid of \$12,000!

Club members assisted Meredith Rotary Club in its annual Rotary Senior Christmas Dinner – this year the dinner was held as a 'drive-through' where over 350 guests met Santa and Mrs. Clause and were given holiday dinners.



The Rotary District gave the club funds to promote international good will and understanding through making Kiva micro-loans. In December the club made its first Kiva micro-loan and plans to do so each month through the end of the academic year. Of note, this project is headed by the club's Rotary Youth Exchange member – Nacho.



Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club - Update

1. The Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club hosted our annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing event on December 3. Members of our club each volunteered for shifts throughout the day and raised money for the Hudson community.
2. Our club adopted a family through the Hudson and Nashua Food Pantry. All members participated in buying toys and gift cards for a local family.

We are in the holiday spirit!

January is Rotary Awareness Month



Do you know who your local Rotarians are and what they do? Springfield Rotarians work to “Serve to Change Lives” of those less fortunate in our community and in the world.

The Springfield Rotary Club is more than just an assembly of business professionals that meet weekly for a social lunch. Our members range from retirees to independent business professionals to CEOs. The goal of the Springfield Rotary Club is to carry out the mission of Rotary International (RI), an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The Springfield Rotary is one of 61 local clubs in District 7870 in Vermont and New Hampshire.

Locally, our members raise funds to enhance the quality of life in our local community. A sampling of our ongoing outreach includes:

- Working with local artists, Rotary constructed and donated six little libraries to Friends of the Springfield Town Library. This effort not only raised \$2800 for the FOSTL but also furthered the goal of increasing literacy in the community.
- Springfield Rotary Club tackled food insecurity with a Weekend Backpack Program for YMCA summer campers, two food drives, and raised monies to build shelves for the Springfield Family Center
- The 68th annual Penny Sale raised monies for local scholarships. The total scholarships donations resulting from the Penny Sale exceeds \$205,000.

· A Springfield Rotary Club fundraiser “Live Butterfly Release” to remember and honor our friends and family raised monies to support local community projects.

The club has also provided support to a variety of international initiatives such as End Polio Now. After over 35 years of hard work, Rotary and its partners are on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease. Additional efforts have been put forth to support a range of international humanitarian projects. Springfield Rotarians have personally been involved with medical and educational projects in Honduras and an orphanage project in Mexico. And, along with eight other clubs in Vermont and New Hampshire, the club provided a local children’s hospital with a pediatric bronchoscope in South Africa.

January is Rotary Awareness Month, and the club welcomes new members who share a passion to “Serve to Change Lives” by assisting those less fortunate in our community and worldwide. If you are interested in learning about the club, visit the club website <https://springfieldvtrotary.org/> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldVTRotary>. Or contact Springfield Rotary Club President Karen Longo at LongoKaren7@gmail.com.

Rotary West Provides Gifts for Children in Need

Submitted by Carol Powis

The Rotary Club of Nashua West made a difference for fifty Nashua area children and their families this past holiday season.

The club, working with the Front Door Agency, a local organization assisting women and families with transitional housing and programs which target needs to avoid homelessness, has donated hundreds of dollars of specified clothing and gifts to children identified through this nonprofit organization.

Members of the Rotary Club are each assigned a child and work to find and fulfill the wishes and the items chosen by that child. Gifts can range from necessary clothing, shoes and boots, outdoor clothing, games, and bicycles to name a few of the requested items. In addition, club members added a special gift card just for the family to purchase groceries and other critical items.

Thank you to all who purchased gifts and gift cards in support of this beneficial program! Should you be interested in learning more about the Rotary Club of Nashua West, reach out to Nicole Ennis at nennis@frontdooragency.org or any of our members of the Rotary Club of Nashua West.



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

Ludlow Rotary Hears from Expeditionary School at Black River Board Member Patrick Pullinen

At their January 11th meeting the Ludlow Rotary Club heard from Pat Pullinen, of the Expeditionary School at Black River (ESBR) Board of Directors. The school is now in its 3rd year of operation, offering project based learning to students in grades 7 through 12. The Board has been working for state certification approval for the past 3 years. Certification would allow school choice for students to attend the school bringing state tuition reimbursement with them. This funding would permit the school to hire more faculty and accept more students.

The application to the State resulted in the board being asked additional questions, hosting a site visit and finally, subcommittee review. Unfortunately, the subcommittee recommended denial. The Board has added requested procedures and processes as a result of the review. They will go through the certification process again, hoping to be able to establish a \$150,000 budget. To be successful as a school, they need to be able to plan and budget with State certification.

Expeditionary learning is a rare option for students. There are only 116 recognized programs in the US that offer this interdisciplinary approach to learning. All students do projects as part of their education. Projects can be anything a student wishes. Each project includes math, science, and English combined into the project study. Proficiency based grading is used.

In response to a question, Pullinen stated that currently, the target number of students ESBR can support is 14 to 15, so they are not recruiting because they are at capacity. Expeditionary school should be the future of education, he feels. Pullinen did ask members of the Rotary Club to consider joining their board as ESBR is currently recruiting new board members.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, Membership Chairman at (802) 228-8877, to receive an invitation to a meeting.



Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Donates to MLK Celebration



Following a presentation by the Jaffrey-Rindge Martin Luther King jr Celebration Committee at a breakfast meeting at the Cathedral of the Pines, the club presented a contribution to committee members. Pictured are (left to right) Philanthropy Chair Gail Theriault, Peggie Ueda of the JR Martin Luther King jr Committee, Ellie Weinmann, Moderator of the MLK program and President of Conant High School Interact, J-R Rindge Rotary President Peter Russell, and Owen Houghton, MLK Committee member. The club was inspired by the

presentation of plans for celebration of the ninth annual Jaffrey and Rindge program scheduled for Monday, January 16 at the Park Theatre.

The theme of the program directed attention to Dr. King's famous exhortation, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" with a focus on environmental justice. Interact President Ellie Weinmann moderated the program, taking over the role of Rotarian Owen Houghton for the first eight years. Keynote speaker Aaron Mair, a prominent wilderness advocate and environmental justice activist, recent past president of the national Sierra Club, and the Club's first African American president, addressed "Shades of justice: building a diverse and inclusive environmental movement." Other features included interpretation and commentary on a speech passage of Dr. King's by Andrea Rivera, the Franklin Pierce University Student Representative to the MLK Committee; musical performances by our school choruses; and presentation of sixth grade projects by Dr. Peggie Ueda.. The MilliporeSigma-MLK Student Scholarship opportunity was announced and a reception followed with exhibits of student works reflecting the environmental justice theme.

Fundraisers

The Great Benson Fishing Derby - Feb. 25-26, 2023

The Great Benson Fishing Derby
FEB 25 & 26, 2023
All Vermont Waters and Lake Champlain
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Acupuncture Works	Lake Bomoseen Lodge
Brewer's Auto Salvage	Premier Roofing
Camera State Products	Rutland Music, Inc.
Cape Air	Sam's Shaver Fresh
Castilla Waste	Shardella State, Inc.
Castleton University	Torreson, Marg & Fred
Fraternal Order of Eagles #3307	Woodard Marine
Gilmore Home Center	

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Raffle and Ticket \$25

YOUTH: (12 & under)
Raffle and Ticket \$5

\$10 for Biggest Bass, Perch, Northern Pike and Other Trout Tot Place

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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

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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.



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, February 15 at 9 AM. The winner will be published in the February issue of the Rotary District 7870 Newsletter.

Rotary Trivia Question 1: On 23 February 1905, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in downtown Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. **Who became the first president of the Rotary Club of Chicago?**

Question 2: In August 1910, Rotarians gathered in Chicago for their first national convention. The existing 16 clubs unified as the National Association of Rotary Clubs and elected Rotary founder Paul P. Harris as the organization's first president. Harris served two terms the only president to do so. **When was the name Rotary International adopted?**

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: February 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:

