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Greetings From Your District Governor Randell Barclay



I am honored to be serving as your District Governor during the 2022-23 year. 2022-23 will be a thrilling year as Rotary International inaugurates its first female President, Jennifer Jones. President Jennifer's theme for the 2022-23 year is "Imagine Rotary". She is asking us to imagine a future and then as Rotarians to take action. Please click on the link to see President Jennifer talk about "Imagine Rotary".

The District's Changing of the Gavel took place on Monday June 27th at the Little Red School House in Wallingford. We had 55 Rotarians and guests in-person and 50 participants online to thank outgoing DG John Bob for his exceptional year and to wish me luck for the coming year. Wallingford's Rotary Youth Exchange Alums zoomed in from across the globe. We had guests from South Africa, Poland, the United Kingdom, Canada, and the Downtown Los Angeles Club. Many thanks to Past Rotary International Director Ken Grabeau for inducting the District Officers and Club presidents. Also thank you to Wallingford's incoming President Erika Berner for preparing the traditional Paul Harris meal and to the rotarian volunteers from Wallingford and West Rutland who helped with the event. A special thanks to our Zoom tech team of Wallingford Rotary's Drew Elwood and White River Junction's DGE David Saturley, who got our new Meeting Owl working.

I have started my official club visits and will post my confirmed visit list in the calendar on the District Website. I am excited to be able to visit Rotary Clubs in-person with my wife Dianne. Dianne and I had a preview of what club visits will be like when we visited 14 Rotary clubs over the last two weeks of June. This was part of a thank-you tour for clubs that participated in the South African Tygerberg Children's Hospital Global Grant in January 2020. It is always fun to be thanking Rotarians for their service and generosity. South African District Governor Ian Robertson and their District Rotary Foundation Chair Helene Visser expressed their thanks and reported that the purchased pediatric bronchoscope was saving over 100 lives of children every year.

We kicked off the official club visits with a meeting at the Windsor NH Rotary Club and the installation of incoming President Mica Roberts. I am trying to keep members informed of my club visits through posting on the District's Facebook page.

The District Handbook is now available on the district website. Note that we will be migrating the District Telephone Directory portion to the Clubrunner App. The new Clubrunner App will allow you to access contact information for Rotarians both at the District and Club level. If you don't know your District Login or password, check with your club secretary. I encourage you to download the Clubrunner app for iPhone or Android from the appropriate App Store.

Some calendar notes:

The District Golf outing will be at the Bretwood Golf Course just north of Keene, NH on Friday August 19th.

Please save the date for our District Conference on Sunday November 6th at the Killington Grand Hotel. You can be there in-person for \$75 or on Zoom for free. For those who want to come up the day before, there will be host hospitality events Saturday afternoon & evening.

I look forward to meeting all of you in the coming months.

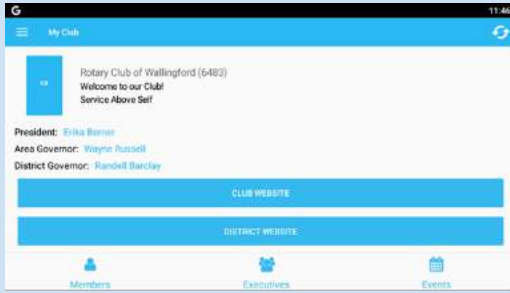
Randell Barclay
District Governor 7870



South African thank you tour at White River Junction



Little Red School House Changing of the Gavel 2022



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District Directory.

District News

District Governor Nominee Designate Applications Accepted Until August 31, 2022

Hello District 7870 Friends,

It is once again time to announce that Rotary District 7870 is seeking applicants to be District Governor 2024-25, thereby becoming our next District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND). I am honored to be the Chairperson for this year's search. In my opinion, anyone who wishes to tender their name for consideration by the selection committee will be setting forth to embark on one of the most rewarding Rotary life experiences available to a District 7870 Rotarian. Just by applying for this opportunity, doors will be opened and new opportunities available. If you have any questions about the position, you can personally contact me by phone at 603.321.9677 or email jay4steel@jaysteel.com.



The updated application for this year's applications is available on our District 7870 website www.District7870.org. Please note that the application document has been expanded from the

previous version. Do not be intimidated - to be a successful candidate you are not required to have 100% of all of the fields completed but are asked to be at least compliant with the following items.

A District Governor Nominee must:

- Be a member in good standing
 - Be from a Club that has no indebtedness to RI or the District
 - Have served a full term as president
 - Have the commitment and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of District Governor
- The Complete Duties of a Governor can be viewed at Rotary International Bylaws –article 16.090

If you have ever considered taking your Rotary experience to the next level, this is the time. Applications will be accepted until the deadline of midnight on August 31, 2022.

Be Well,

JB

Congratulations to Douglas “Doug” Rupert Our 2022 District Treasure Award Winner

I am honored to congratulate Rotarian Doug Rupert in becoming our next AL Kerr District Treasure award winner for the Rotary year ending 2022. Please joining me in recognizing Doug’s achievements and feel free to send your congratulations to Doug in whatever format works for you. I have included below Doug’s Rotary Pedigree as submitted by the RC Milford, NH for consideration by this year’s selection committee. This correspondence was only one of several letters of recommendations the committee received regarding Doug as a District Treasure Candidate. While all the nominees were worthy, the committee this year chose Doug for his outstanding and enduring commitments to RI and the world.

Please accept this letter of nomination for the 2022 District Treasure Award, in support of Douglas Rupert, of the Milford Rotary Club (MRC). The impact of Doug’s hard work, enthusiasm and love of Rotary has helped so many in our Club, in our District, as well as internationally.

He was one of the first Milford Rotarians I met when I considered joining back in 2012. His enthusiasm for Rotary inspired me and he encouraged me to give it a try. After one year in the Club, representing the MRC Nominations Committee, he asked me to become Assistant Treasurer after

which he encouraged me to start my journey on the presidential track. Rotary has no doubt enriched my life.

Doug has been a member of MRC since November 1, 1991 and will have earned 30 years of perfect attendance as of this coming June 30th. His sponsor was past Milford Rotarian Francis Perry, who Doug misses greatly and still talks about fondly, albeit emotionally. Doug has sponsored five MRC members: John Bianchi, Chris Janson, Karen Keating, Allise de Smet and George Scollin. He has held practically every Board Position in the Club and is currently in his second year of a two year Director term. He has also been a Trustee of the Milford Rotary Club's Foundation, at least twice, and has served as its Secretary. Doug was awarded the MRC Stan Powers Award for commitment to Rotary Service in 2007. He is a Paul Harris Fellow+3, was President of MRC from 2010-2011, served as an Assistant Governor (2012-2015), served as Youth Exchange Coordinator, and received an RI Presidential Citation in 2016 for his work for Pure Water for the World (PWW). He is also a Rotary Foundation donor.

He and his wife, Mary Ann, have attended numerous Rotary conferences and conventions through the years, including the international convention, and have encouraged others in our Club to do the same. When traveling internationally he tries to fit in a visit to other Rotary clubs, exchanging Club flags and sharing stories of his Club and District. He has managed to visit Rotary Clubs in a dozen different countries, including South Africa, China, Russia and Australia. He inspires us to do the same, to try to fit some Rotary into our travels. It is a great way to help realize that your Rotary family extends beyond your own club and District.

In 2007 Doug was one of 11 adventurers who participated in an Amigos de Honduras trip where the group provided and installed water filters and built a school to support the District's humanitarian mission in Danli Honduras. He supported a construction team that built a medical clinic as well as a team of medical professionals who treated several hundred Hondurans each day. He also assisted in the delivery and set up of over 100 water filtration systems allowing families in several villages to have pure water for the first time. He was a superb member of the team and his contributions were immeasurable.

He was motivated by the people he met and the lack of safe water available to them. Doug came home from Honduras ready to work on improving these conditions.

Each year Doug has been instrumental in motivating other Clubs in the District to work together. One example of this is his 50:50 selling of MRC 100 Holes of Golf tickets, with half of the proceeds of his sales benefiting the charities the MRC supports, and the other half of the proceeds going to PWW. Doug has been seen carrying around his own credit card scanner, on his cell phone, (even long before his fellow Rotarians in our District were using such technology) at District Conferences....around town....everywhere to make raffle ticket purchasing more convenient. So innovative!

What might be considered his pièce de résistance of his Rotary achievements for the District, and beyond, would have to be the hard work he tirelessly invested in the Pure Water Global Grants. Past District Treasure Award winner and past President of PWW, Carolyn Meub, graciously put together the following details provided in support of this nomination. Carolyn emailed to say that, “Doug is a true treasure, with global reach.”

Inspired by the positive effect of the work performed in Honduras and other observations of water and sanitation issues worldwide, Doug spearheaded a Global Grant project for communities in the Trojes region of Honduras and this grant project was completed in 2015.

The Impact of This Grant:

- *A complete water and sanitation and education program for homes in 9 communities*
- *A WASH in Schools program in 9 schools*
- *110 Community Agents training*
- *412 filters installed in homes*
- *351 latrines installed in homes*
- *21 hygiene, environmental and personal hygiene trainings – 3 for each community*
- *1,859 people dewormed*
- *Impacted a total of 3,399 children, men and women*

After this grant closed, Doug still felt the need to do more. He went to Haiti with then DGE Dennis McMann and became passionate about working on another Global Grant for the people for Cité Soleil. This grant was approved in either 2018 or 2019. Unfortunately, this grant has been sadly discontinued because of the violence in Cité Soleil and due to the impact of the coronavirus. Doug is still engaged in attempting to ensure the grant monies are returned to their rightful groups, and due to his doggedness this situation is in the process of being resolved.

Goal of This Grant Proposal:

- *A complete WASH program for 765 homes and train 170 Community agents*
- *Work done to date: 643 people trained, 99 community agents trained and safe water in 277 homes*

Through his tireless effort, and passion, in writing two Global Grants, which requires so much patience and countless hours, Doug has made a significant impact, on behalf of our District. And because of his hard work and the impact that his efforts produced, Doug is a treasure to all of us and to those Hondurans and Haitians who benefited from these efforts.

The impact of Doug’s hard work and enthusiasm has helped so many – providing water and sanitation for those who need it while also providing jobs for those previously working for PWW. It brought an international issue, one of Rotary International’s Seven Areas of Focus, home to District

7870. In doing so he has further educated our Clubs and District about these needs abroad and how one Rotarian's determination and hard work, in conjunction with the help and support of others, can make a big difference.

Thanks to MRC members John Siemienowicz, DG, Allise de Smet, Timothy Finan, MRC Immediate Past President, Marc Chareth and past President of PWW, Carolyn Meub for their help in supplying supporting information for this nomination.

Respectfully & YIRS,
Paula J. Telage
Milford Rotary Club, President 2021-2022

It was an honor to announce this award at the Changing of the Gavel at the Little Red School House this year.

Congratulations, Doug! Job well done!

JB



Janice H. McElroy Scholarship 2022 Recipient - Julie Cermola



Julie Cermola

Janice H. McElroy
Scholarship Winner 2021-22

Rotary District 7870 and the Henniker Rotary Club are pleased to announce the 2021-2022 recipient of the Janice H. McElroy Scholarship. Jan was a Past District Governor of District 7870 and Past President of the Henniker Rotary Club. Prior to her death in 2012, she requested that any donations received in her memory be dedicated to establishing a scholarship fund for non-traditional students. Her wish was that the scholarship would be awarded to a person who has completed high school or earned a G.E.D. with a three-year gap between graduating from high school and seeking further studies.

The winner of a scholarship of \$2,000 is Julie Cermola from Saxtons River, Vermont. Julie graduated from Bellows Falls Union High School in 2010. She completed one year at Vermont Technical College and worked in the veterinary field at various clinics and humane societies. She has been working at Park's Place Community Resource Center in Bellows Falls since 2019. Julie expressed that community Service at Park's Place helped to open her eyes to new opportunities and connections. She would like to pursue an education in business and accounting at the Community College of Vermont.

Julie has achieved the status of a Certified Recovery Coach, and she was recently recognized with the Active Community ("A.C.E.") Award for her community involvement. Julie has shared her personal experiences in recovery from opiate addiction.

In her application, Julie expressed these thoughts:

I have been in recovery since February 15, 2019. And in these last few years, I have maintained a full-time job at Park's Place and have really come into who I always knew I could be. In this role, I have found a passion of mine – business and accounting. This scholarship will benefit me in so many ways. It will help me afford the cost of going back to college, which will include tuition, fees, course books and college materials.

The Janice H. McElroy Scholarship Committee expresses that it is fitting that Julie Cermola has been chosen as the recipient of this scholarship for 2021-2022. She represents the non-traditional student with a goal of seeking a post-secondary education which Jan McElroy had in mind when

she established the scholarship. Julie has demonstrated her giving heart in an effort to make our world a better place.

District 7870 expresses its thanks to the Henniker Rotary Club for managing the funds for the scholarship and to the members of the Janice H. McElroy Scholarship Committee for their efforts in establishing this scholarship. The members include Jim McElroy, George Mobley, and Jay Burgess, Henniker Rotary Club; Peter Powers, Hopkinton Rotary Club; David Saturley, White River Junction Rotary Club; and Sandra McGonagle, Gilford Rotary Club.

“Club & District Calendar” AND “Upcoming District Events”

This District now has two tabs on the homepage: <https://rotary7870.org/> for events throughout the District.

One is the “**Club and District Calendar**” tab (*see* here: <https://rotary7870.org/events/calendar>) for club and district events.

The other is “**Upcoming District Events**” which is visible from the District’s homepage for district events.

Check them both out on the right-hand side here: <https://rotary7870.org/>

Rotary District 7870 Trophy Golf Event - August 19, 2022

The 2022 Rotary District 7870 Golf Event
August 19, 2022 at Bretwood GC
11:30 am Shotgun Start
Golf, Bag Lunch, Raffle Prizes, Putting Contest and Dinner
see application form attached or go to [Rotary7870.org](https://rotary7870.org) to register

Clubs not sending golfers are encouraged to donate raffle prizes

Rich Berryman
Chair, Rotary District 7870 Golf Event

Application Form Link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/13s8uKWleLkSyYt3RcO-9TNVKUxs0cDMhtj57WUo663I/edit?usp=sharing>

Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together

Ken Yie (Queen City) will be continuing to host “Coffee with Ken” on Zoom the first Friday of the month. Meetings start at 8:30AM and are scheduled to run for 30 minutes. However, it seems we always are having fun and extend that time.

Coffee with Ken is a great opportunity uses a casual approach to the get-together. Imagine you are on a quick coffee break from work. There is no fixed agenda. Participants bring up topics that interest them and it is a chance to ask questions about the District and Rotary.

At the last get together on July 1st, the topics brought up included Youth Exchange, our Ukrainian Refugee Relief program, and the new Nashua West mural. We even had a guest drop in from Cape Cod, immediate Past District Governor Dr. Billy Roberts of District 7950.

Coffee with Ken is open to all district Rotarians and friends. You can join the zoom call from the district website from two places: In the list of upcoming events the next session will appear, you click on, and it will offer you the opportunity to join the call. OR there is a permanent Coffee with Ken box further down the page and just click on “[Start Zoom by Clicking Here](#)”. See the picture below. Next Coffee with Ken takes place August 5th, 2022, at 8:30AM.

The screenshot shows the Rotary District 7870 website. On the left is a 'Connection Center' with links for Organization Chart, Club Directory & Contacts, and Map of Clubs in District. Below that is a 'Site Pages' section with links for Public Image, District Grant Information, District Global Grant Seminar, President-Elect Training Schedule, Rotary Resources for Club Presidents and Officers, District Directory, District Newsletters, Rotary Leadership Institute, District Treasure Award, Past District Governors, and AG's Reimbursement Form. At the bottom left is a 'Rotary Links' section. The main content area is titled 'Rotary District 7870 Information Center' and includes sections for 'Amigos De Honduras Update and Request for Funds', 'Recognition with a Little Red School House Brick', and 'Why Donate To The Foundation?'. On the right is a 'Club & District Calendar' with a link to the events calendar. Below the calendar is the 'Upcoming District Events' section, which lists 'Coffee with Ken' for August 05, 2022, from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM. A red arrow points to this event. Below the event list is a 'Coffee with Ken' section with a 'Start Zoom by Clicking Here' link, also indicated by a red arrow.

Save the Date: Sunday, November 6, 2022, District Conference



Please save the date! Our one-day District Conference will be held at the Killington Grand Hotel in Vermont on Sunday November 6, 2022. Registration will open in mid-July on the District website.

The Killington Grand Hotel offers world class conference facilities. The registration fee will be \$75/person and will include a continental breakfast and a 4-course lunch. We will be offering a “free” online option via Zoom. There will be a variety of speakers from within the District and Around the World. We are looking to celebrate the successes of DG John Bob’s year as District Governor and look ahead to the 2022-23 year with DG Randell.

For those of you who plan to come the night before (Saturday) and stay at the hotel, we will have blocks of rooms at the Killington Grand and other hotels in the area. There will be host hospitality events on Saturday evening. More details as we get closer.

Whether you are coming just for the day, joining us for the weekend, or Zooming in on Sunday, we look forward to sharing the wonderful achievements of Rotary Clubs in our District.

Randell Barclay, District Governor 2022-23
Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club

Club News

Update from Henniker Area Rotary

Henniker Area Rotary had a busy Month of May and early June. Not only did we host a highway pick-up for “spring cleaning” but we also assisted our Rush Square residents in planting flower boxes and vegetables along with putting out nearly 400 American flags for Memorial Day, the first of five holidays in 2022. One of our favorite projects this Spring was to combine a Club social with the rededication of Amey Brook Park. Twenty-six years ago, the Corps of Engineers cleared land for flood management. The vision of several Rotarians all those years ago created the beautiful park we have today. The park is part of the Corps 770 acres and is the site of the first sawmill in Henniker 1766. This spring we rededicated the park with a celebration of the founders Bruce Elliott, and Gail and Perry Haden by placing an engraved plaque on a granite bench in the park as uncovered by Gail

and Perry's children Davie and Wendy. The ceremony included memories contributed by the family and friends of Gail and Perry with refreshments in the park.



Photo on left: The stone bench donated by the Edmunds family with one of our flags at Amey Brook Park.

Photo on right: President George Mobley with Gail and Perry Hayden's children David and Wendy unveiling the plaque on the stone bench.

Springfield Rotary Club Tackles Food Insecurity with Weekend Backpack Program

The Rotary Club of Springfield Vermont has established a Weekend Backpack Program to help fight child hunger in Springfield.

According to Springfield Rotary Club President Karen Longo, 1 in 7 children are considered food insecure in Vermont. The most at-risk children for food insecurity are also the ones who are most affected by the achievement gap, and poor academic and athletic outcomes that can have lifelong effects.

“Currently some of the children attending the YMCA summer camp rely on the food program for most of their nutrition during the week,” Longo explained, “These supports do not exist over the weekend, so the Rotary Club of Springfield initiated the Weekend Backpack Program for campers.”



“The Rotary Club prepares backpacks filled with high protein, low sugar foods every Thursday evening and delivers them to the camp on Friday mornings,” Longo said, “The backpacks are sent home discreetly with the campers on Fridays to ensure they are well fed over the weekend and can come in Monday mornings, ready to hike, swim and learn.”

During the first week of the program, 27 backpacks were distributed that contained water, fruits, a jar of peanut butter, crackers, veggie sticks, cheese crackers, noodles, fruit snacks, smart popcorn, carrots, pudding, hand sanitizer and utensils.

The Springfield Rotary club will continue to support the Weekend Backpack program for 8 weeks until the end of August.

The Rotary Club of Springfield, founded in 1927, is an active community service club of more than 40 members who engage in community and human service projects both locally and internationally.



Photo: Delivering for Springfield Rotary Club Weekend Backpack Program (l-r) Karen Longo, Sue Dana, Liz Carey, and Sue Dowdell

The Rotary of the Deerfield Valley is Hosting Their 3rd Annual Tour

Enjoy a beautiful afternoon visiting a variety of barns in the Deerfield Valley, both historic and new, as well as one with an incredible view! There will be a variety of animals, some classic cars, a large vegetable garden where you can learn about growing your own produce, many local artists will be showing/selling their works, and live musicians will be entertaining you too! Many artists will be donating a percentage of their sales to the Rotary Club that day to help benefit the local community. There is also an "Art Raffle" to benefit the Rotary Club.

You can visit all or some of the barns in any order you would like. Snow Republic Brewing Company will be offering a free beer to ticketholders that day too!

Barns will include: Incredibly beautiful new ones , large and small that will appeal to anyone that wants to build one someday, and just enjoys beautiful architecture and buildings - the view is to die for at one of them, and you'll see some classic cars and a quilter there too! One will have many

talented artists (see below) where you can browse their work and make some purchases if you choose, as well as enjoy some light refreshments! Older ones where you can learn about the history of barns, see how the old belts worked as well as farm animals, and one that includes an opportunity to learn about growing your own fruits and vegetables sustainably and sample a farm to table taste! And finally, one that built a barn to be an art gallery, where you can browse this artists artwork! Live musicians will include :Logan Boyd, Bongo Billy, Paul Fisher, Tom Carroll, Trumpet Andy , "Bas Duo" and a Juno Orchestra Quartet!

Artists that will be displaying/selling their work will include: Gail Anderson, Joan Lovell, Kate Follett, Nancy Powers Libby, Ellie Roden, Debra Dunphy, Leslie Brunn, Ann Coleman, Jen Violette, Terry Hauptman, Jeanne Joudry, Hugh Joudry ,Sharon Klass, Nicki Steel, Karen Horton, Kevin Ohare, Bobbi Angell and Jane May Jones!

Art Raffle tickets are available for only \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. Pictures of the items you can win are being updated daily on the Eventbrite site: <https://bit.ly/3xwW67s>. All proceeds of the raffle will benefit the Rotary, who donates back to the community! Thank you to the artists for their donations!

Tour Tickets & Raffle Tickets are available by credit card on Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/3xwW67s> and by cash or check at the Deerfield Valley Chamber of Commerce, 21 Main Street Wilmington, VT. Tickets are limited for this event and may no longer be available for purchase on 7/16. Please note that this event will be held rain or shine!

We would like to thank our sponsors: Deerfield Valley Real Estate, Snow Republic Brewing Company, Fisher and Fisher Law Offices , Black Diamond Tree Service and Vermont Barns for supporting this event!

Questions can be directed to Bonni Pesner Pactor at bpactor@connectmecapital.com.

Ludlow Rotary Hears from Matt Korn, Executive Director, Pure Water for the World

The July 12 luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) featured Matt Korn, Executive Director, Pure Water for the World speaking to Rotarians and guests about the lack of clean water to drink or adequate sanitation for 2 billion people in the world. Because of these unsanitary conditions 300,000 children die every year worldwide.

Pure Water for the World partners with underserved communities in Central America and Haiti, providing the tools and education to establish sustainable safe water, sanitation and hygiene education programs. It is heavily supported by Rotary clubs around the world, having been started in 1994 by the Brattleboro Rotary Club.

According to Korn, the Rutland based non-profit organization finds that clean water and sanitation facilities contributes \$4 to the local economy for every \$1 spent on equipment. Savings come from better health, a safer environment for women and girls, and seeing the girls stay in school, and women able to work, because they don't have to travel long distances for safe drinking water. Training local residents is a huge part of the program, as it is critical to its success.

In other business at the meeting, the Rotary Club inducted and welcomed Sue Starr-Adams as its newest member. Sue is an agent with Kelley Real Estate in Ludlow.

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.



Caption to photo: Rotarian Kevin Barnes welcomes Sue Starr-Adams as the newest member of Ludlow Rotary; photo credit Brigid Sullivan

Bennington, VT: Community 4th of July Celebration

The Bennington Rotary Club collaborated with the Friends of the Bennington Monument to present the 4th of July celebration this year. This is the 9th year for the Rotary bell ringing event on July 4th. The event began with a dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence by Michael Chapman in period costume at the monument. Following this a motor vehicle parade led by Rotarians, VFW and members of the American Legion brought the group to the Town Hall. It is appropriate to recognize what the Founding Fathers did that July 4th in 1776 when they put their



signatures on the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson knew the importance of the document that he wrote and he encouraged his countrymen to celebrate that day and every July Fourth thereafter.

The Rotary July 4th bell ringing event was inspired by Rotarian and Past President Jerry Albert. His research revealed that in 1963, both houses of Congress passed Concurrent Resolution #25 which reads in part:

“Whereas the tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., at 2 o’ clock in the afternoon of the 4th day of July, 1776, proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence; Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Congress hereby (1) declares that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells throughout the United States at the hour of 2 o’ clock, eastern daylight time, in the afternoon of the 4th day of July, or at such other time on that day as may be determined by local authority, and (2) call upon civic and other community leaders to take appropriate steps to encourage public participation in such observance

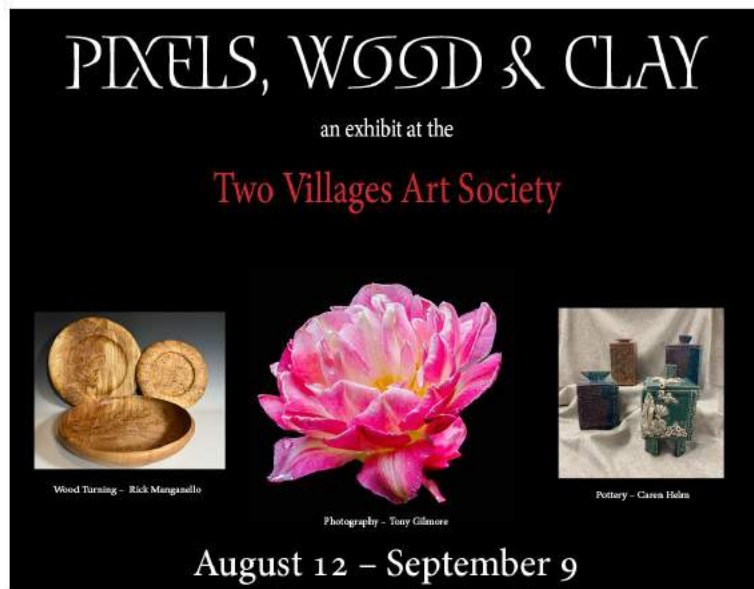


We are fortunate, here in Bennington, to have churches and others that still have bells that are in working order and have participated in the bell ringing event each year. U.S Navy ships also have bells. Used for signaling, keeping time, and sounding alarms, bells are an important part of a ship's routine and readiness. Our bell comes from USS Bennington, an aircraft carrier that served our nation from 1944 through 1970.

Members of Bennington Rotary ring the bell 13 times. Once for each of the original states. This year DG Randell Barclay rang the bell for Pennsylvania! As I am sure many of you know, Vermont is the 14th State in the Union. The State of Vermont was born in Bennington. So it is only fitting that we ring our bells one more time...for Vermont!

Each year Bennington Rotary recognizes an outstanding individual or organization with the honor to ring the bell the 14th time. This year to ring the bell for Vermont was Don Miller, representing the Bennington Historical Society who joined past recipients Oldcastle Theater, Miss Teen Vermont Pageant, the Bennington Rescue Squad, Mount Anthony Interact Club, the Vermont National Guard, the North Bennington Village School, the MAU Chamber Singers, and Patricia Johnson, RN-SVMC.

Pixels, Wood & Clay An Exhibit at the Two Villages Art Society - August 12-September 9, 2022



Open to the public Friday, August 12 through Saturday, Sept 9 2022

Thursday through Sunday from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Meet Tony Gilmore, Rick Manganello, and Caren Helm at the opening reception on Saturday, August 13 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Enjoy live music performed by Brad Myrick as well as light snacks and beverages.

Three talented Rotarian artists are combining their talents for this show: the photo vision of Tony Gilmore to capture nuanced images, whether of nature, or of manmade creations, or of mankind from around the world; the woodturning that exposes the beauty of the twists and turns of natural wood grain by Rick Manganello; and the clay artistry so evocative of New England practicality and functionality, with a flourish of artistic whimsy, in the stoneware of Caren Helm. The two traditional crafts, together with a technology-inspired third craft, enable these artists to use their skills to do good works through their contributions to a variety of Rotary-supported efforts to improve the lives of people worldwide.

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International

Bethel Area Rotary Hosts 42nd International Dinner - Oct. 23, 2022

Bethel Area Rotary for our 42nd International Dinner on Oct 23 @ 4pm in Bethel VT. Join us for an informal potluck dinner celebrating Bethel Area Rotary's 51 years of International Youth Exchanges and United Nations Day as we look towards a future of peace and understanding. More details will be coming.

More information here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/441972570617543>

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Where Are They Now?

This month we feature Sonia (Brad) Luca of Romania. "Soni", as she was known during her exchange, was hosted by the Rotary Club of Ludlow, VT during the 2004 – 2005 Rotary Year. We increasingly see that our former students are giving their time back to the youth exchange program in one way or another, volunteering for committees and joining Rotary themselves! In Sonia's case, she is a Rotarian and is now the



outbound coordinator for District 2241 in Romania. As you can see from her words below, her youth exchange group has remained close in spite of the 17 years that have passed since they were here in District 7870. She included photos of her own induction into Rotary from 2017 and with her exchange group at the top of Mt Monadnock back in October of 2004. In her own words.....

I hereby, first, want to express my gratitude towards you and this wonderful program as it has really had a huge and amazing impact on me and on how my life has turned out. After returning home after the program, I was confused about what I wanted to do next and what I wanted to study but I knew that I wanted to travel as much as possible, to get to know people and cultures just as I got to know during the program. I finished my senior year and after that I went to university in Bucharest and studied Geography and Tourism. After graduating college, I did two Masters Degrees in a different city in Romania, where I am now settled. One of the degrees is in International Business and the other, Touristic Planning. In the past I had a few jobs in the tourism industry which

offered me the opportunity to travel a lot, mostly in Europe. I haven't yet been back to the United States, but I plan to come back and visit in the near future.

Now I am settled, got married in 2016, in 2018 we bought our first house and last year we welcomed our first son who brought one of the biggest joys of our life. I am now working in a multinational company as a Business Research Analyst. Actually, I am not really working now as I am on maternity leave. Here, in Romania, we have a 2-year paid maternity leave which is amazing as I get to spend this time with my son.

Another thing that I find amazing is how we, the exchange students from 7870, kept in touch after all these years. We have a WhatsApp group where we share memories and life experiences while most of us now have families with kids. Emilio from Ecuador just welcomed his first son a couple a months ago, Janna from Finland and I gave birth only three weeks apart last year in August, Maria from Bolivia and Claire from France are both settled in the US, both with 2 kids, Maurice from Argentina moved to Europe with his family, Octavio from Costa Rica and Saki from India travel a lot, and the list can continue.

After returning home from the Exchange, I also wanted to give something back to the community and joined the local Interact. Later I joined Rotaract and since 2017 I am a proud Rotary Member. During this time and before, I was also somehow involved in the Exchange program as my father was, and still is, the Chair for the Short-Term Program in our district 2241.



In 2019 I became a member of the District Committee as Outbound Coordinator. Unfortunately, because of Covid-19, the first outbound orientations were held online but later, the program was paused. But this year we are glad to restart fresh with a lot of excitement, got to do live orientation meetings not just on zoom. I am very happy to see the excitement in the future exchange students. I sometimes get amused by the parent's worries but we get to comfort them by explaining that their kid will have the time of their life, will be safe and will grow in a year more than others in 10. I also get very excited that, somehow, I get to relive my experience through all the stories I share with them during all the training sessions, I get to wear my blazer and remember how that felt 17 years ago (wow, it still feels like yesterday).

Best regards, lots of love and hugs!
Sonia Luca

Fundraisers

Free-braries for Springfield, VT - July 20-21, 2022



Friends of the Springfield Town Library (FOSTL) has six wonderfully decorated little libraries currently on display at 39 Main Street for auction. They were built by volunteers with materials supplied by the Rotary Club of Springfield. Various local artists have put fantastic finishing touches on them. To view the libraries, visit <https://www.32auctions.com/FOSTL2022>

Auction proceeds will be used to purchase equipment to better host in-person and online programs in the library.

The online auction will be available until 9 PM on July 20th. The auction will resume as an in-person auction at the Springfield Town Library on Thursday, July 21st from 9 AM - 7 PM during the library's July Patron Appreciation Day. Winning bidders will be notified. Credit card payments are available via PayPal. Cash or checks made out to "Friends of Springfield Town Library" will also be accepted. Winners will be responsible for picking up their "free-brary" at the library by Monday, July 25th at 7 PM.

About The Project



Springfield Rotary Club created this "Little Free..brary" project as a way of supporting FOSTL and furthering its goal of increasing literacy in the community. It is hoped that those who purchase the Little Free Libraries will erect them and stock them with books for exchange by the public. The Rotary Club purchased materials for the libraries, which were constructed by Rotarians and non-Rotarian volunteers Karl Riotte and Chip Longo. The six local artists who donated their creative talents are Karen Longo, Donna Cummings, Mona Frye, Becky Tucker, Wendi Germain, and Corey Mitchell.



Share your love of reading with your neighbors by buying and stocking one of these Little Free...braries in front of your home or workplace. And, all proceeds go to FOSTL, in support of the Town Library.



Left: Donna Cummings (artist) & Karl Riotte (builder)

Right: MōNa FrYe (artist) & Rod Arnold (builder)



Left: Becky Tucker (artist) & Rod Arnold (builder)

Right: Corey Mitchell (artist) & Rod Arnold (builder)



Left: Wendy Germain (artist) & Rod Arnold (builder)

Right: Karen Longo (artist) & Chip Longo (builder)



10 Year Anniversary for the Lakes Region Rotary Charity Car Show



Lakes Region Rotary Club is happy to announce a return to a live event for their annual car show fundraiser. Fueled by Veroff & Austin, PLLC., the Lakes Region Rotary Charity Car Show will be held July 23rd at 70 Endicott Street, Weirs Beach (formerly Faro Italian Grill). The Car Show is the Rotary's main fundraising event, with proceeds going to support Belknap House and many other local charities.

Join us **on July 23rd, from 10am to 2pm**, as we celebrate the 10 yr. anniversary of the Lakes Region Rotary Club's annual car show. Fueled by Veroff & Austin PLLC, this year's event is sure to please and will feature cars from all over New England.

As the main purpose of the show is to raise funds for local charities, the cost to pre-register a vehicle is \$20, and \$25 the day of the event. This year the Rotary Club is supporting [Belknap House](#) as the lead charity for the 2022 Car Show. The [Belknap House](#) is a year-round shelter that provides assistance to families in need. Belknap House's mission is to provide families in Belknap County a safe shelter, when children are particularly at-risk during homelessness, and to empower families to become self-sufficient and independent by providing opportunities of education and resources available to them.


We will also be donating to several other local charities in support of their efforts to provide social services or environmental protection in the Lakes Region.

The Lakes Region Rotary is grateful for the generous support of our presenting sponsor, Veroff & Austin, PLLC; our Roadster Sponsors – Foley Oil & Propane, HPM Insurance, NuCar, and REMAX/Bayside; Cruiser Sponsors – Cross Insurance, Grappone Automotive, Meredith Bay, the Insurance Outlet, and O'Reilly's Auto Parts.

For more information, visit <http://lakesregionrotary.org> or email carshow@lakesregionrotary.org.

Butterfly Release - August 26, 2022

Springfield Rotary Club
BUTTERFLY RELEASE
Friday August 26, 2022, 6:30 PM
COMFU Cascade Park
5 Main Street, Springfield, VT




EVENT: A Springfield Rotary Club fundraiser "Live Butterfly Release" to remember and honor our friends and family.
PROGRAM: A brief program reading the names of the people remembered / honored and the butterfly release.
TO PARTICIPATE: Sponsor butterflies in memory of or in honor of loved ones by returning the section below:

BUTTERFLY REGISTRATION FORM
Please return this section and payment to:
Springfield Rotary Club
PO Box 308, Springfield, VT 05156
Please make checks payable to "Springfield Rotary Club"

FROM: (Please print donor information)
Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

ORDER YOUR BUTTERFLIES:
I (we) wish to register the following names for the 2022 Butterfly Release. Name(s) to be remembered / honored for each butterfly, \$10 per name / per butterfly

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Link to application form:
<https://bit.ly/3KF9v2i>



Ride New England IFMR - September 6-16, 2022

<http://www.ifmr.org/chapter/North-America.html>

RIDE NEW ENGLAND IFMR September 6-16, 2022

Join IFMR-NA as we ride through some of the most famous motorcycle roads in North America.

1. Arrive in Manchester, NH
2. Manchester to Woodstock, VT
3. Woodstock to Stowe, VT
4. Stowe, VT to Wilton, ME
5. Coastal Maine to Freeport
6. Day Ride to Kennebunkport/Old Orchard Beach
7. Mount Washington Region, NH
8. Kancamagus Highway, NH, to Fairlee, Vt
9. Fairlee, VT, Day Ride
10. Connecticut River Valley, VT to Manchester, NH
11. Farewell

Tour Key: (B): included breakfast (D): included dinner

Day 1: Make your way to Manchester, NH. Check into the SpringHill Suites Manchester Airport. Enjoy a welcome dinner while getting to know your fellow riders and waiting to receive your bikes. (D)

Day 2: The ride begins. We head west across New Hampshire to scenic Vermont Route 100 - part of every motorcycle owner's bucket list. Our first day will include stops at the boyhood home of Paul Harris and the Vermont Country Store. We will overnight in one of Vermont's most idyllic small towns, at the Woodstock Inn. (B)

Day 3: We head for the twisties in the Green Mountains. The roads are narrow and hilly with almost no traffic. It is an amazing ride. We end our day at the Trapp Family Lodge, founded by the family portrayed in the movie, "The Sound of Music." Dinner will be an authentic Austrian Buffet at the resort. (B)(D)

Day 4: Today will take us back into old-time country life, as we ride through Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. Later today we will pass through Dixville Notch, NH - the first place to vote in every national election. "As goes Dixville, so goes the nation." Our day ends in Wilton, Maine with a stay at the Comfort Inn. (B)

Day 5: We head for Rockland and Camden, Maine, and then ride south along the coast. Lunch will be in Boothbay where we can sit at the water's edge overlooking the harbor. We will then have a short ride over to Bailey Island, ending our day in Freeport, Maine with a 2- night stay at the Harraseeket Inn. (B)

Day 6: Today we will ride down the coast to Kennebunkport, the summer home of the President Bush family. Along the way we will stop and walk on Old Orchard Beach. We will return in the early afternoon to allow time to explore Freeport, it's many shops, and even the L.L. Bean flagship store. Dinner will be an authentic Maine Lobster Bake at the home of our tour guide, Bill Sahlman. (B)(D)

Day 7: We ride on the back roads of Maine into New Hampshire and up the Mount Washington Auto Road - a truly memorable ride. Our overnight is at the Bretton Arms Inn at the Mount Washington Resort. (B)

Day 8: Today, we head west across New Hampshire on the Kancamagus Highway. It will be a day of mountain riding along more twisties. This evening we arrive in Fairlee, VT for a 2-night stay at the Lake Morey Resort. Tonight, enjoy included dinner in the resort restaurant. (B)(D)

Day 9: Today we will ride the backroads of Bill's youth which are not normally seen by motorcycle riders. Our day ends with a barbecue at Lebanon/Riverside Rotary Club Park. Today's ride is dedicated to THE WORLD'S GREATEST RIDE to END POLIO. We are asking each participant to donate \$100 to Polio Plus and receive credit toward your Paul Harris Fellowship Award. John Kramb will be present at the BBQ to collect donations. You may also email him at pdgjohn2015@gmail.com (B)(D)

Day 10: Our last day of riding will take us down the Connecticut River Valley to the town of Hanover, NH - home of Dartmouth College. We will see covered bridges, small towns, and scenery that makes New England special. Our ride ends this evening as we return to SpringHill Suites Manchester Airport. Enjoy included farewell dinner at the hotel. (B)(D)

Day 11: Enjoy the included hotel breakfast and bid farewell to your fellow riders. (B)

Tour package price: \$1799 per person based on double occupancy \$3199 for single occupancy. Package includes: 10 nights hotel, 10 breakfasts, 6 dinners. All additional items not noted on the itinerary are at the expense of the individual such as motorcycle rental, fuel, meals, and items of a personal nature.

Booking Requirements: \$500 deposit per person due at booking. (Deposit nonrefundable as of 3/1/2022) Final Payment due June 1, 2022. Entire package nonrefundable at final payment. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. To book the tour package, please contact: Erik Hayes –Travel Advisor – AAA Travel Hayes.Erik@nne.aaa.com 207-780-6955

Motorcycle Rental: Please book directly with EagleRider by contacting Suzanne Lopez at slopez@eaglerider.com. Be sure to mention IFMR discount. (Estimated motorcycle rental is \$1500.) For other options, please contact Bill Sahlman.

Non-riding Participants: Non-riding participants may rent their own vehicle and follow along, or ride in our provided chase vehicle for a fee of \$200 per person. Please contact Bill Sahlman for space.

Please book early as motorcycle rentals and hotel space are limited.

The start and finish of our tour are easily accessible from Manchester, NH Airport (MHT) using the airport shuttle provided by SpringHill Suites. Boston Logan Int'l Airport (BOS) is also within a 1-hour drive from the hotel (transfers not provided). Book flights on your own or through our AAA Travel Advisor.

IFMR-NA Organizer: Bill Sahlman bill.sahlman@gmail.com 603-381-8988.

Capital City Sunrise Rotary \$1,000 Summer - September 5, 2022

Gas prices getting you down? Want to take the family on a summer vacation? Have a home improvement project to pay for?

WOULD \$1,000 HELP????

[Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club of Concord, NH](#) is hosting a raffle with a top prize of a \$1,000 Visa gift card. Spend your winnings how and when you would like.



10 runners up will also be drawn to receive a \$100 Visa gift card.

ONLY 300 TICKETS TO BE SOLD- [\\$25.00 Each TICKETS: CLICK HERE](#)

Winners Drawn on Labor Day Monday September 5th, 2022.

Help the Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club of Concord, NH with their mission to support community and international projects by caring for others and sharing fellowship with all.

****All winners will be selected via random drawing on Monday September 5, 2022. Winners will be notified via email.****

Rotary West 2022 Duck Fest - October 15, 2022

by Carol Powis

The Rotary Club of Nashua West will be hosting its Fifth Annual Duck Fest on **Saturday, October 15th**. Ten thousand baby rubber ducklings will again float down the Nashua River near Renaissance Park.



This year's event promises to be filled with tons of family fun activities and events. In addition to live entertainment from the Joe Mack Band, there will be a beer garden, food trucks and games and activities for adults and children.

Proceeds from this event will benefit 40 area nonprofit organizations, provide \$15K in scholarships for qualified high school seniors and allow our club the opportunity to support international humanitarian programs.

Currently, we are looking for individual and corporate sponsors. If you are interested, please reach out to Kim Reagan at kim.reagan@comcast.net.

If you would like purchase ducks, they are \$5 each or can be purchased as adoption packages: a six quack for \$25 a quackers dozen for \$50 or a flock for \$100 by visiting <http://www.nashuaduckderby.com>.

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: August 15th, 2022 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:

