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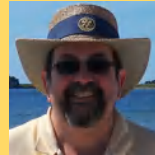
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District Governor

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Greetings From Your District Governor Randell Barclay



Dear District 7870 Rotarians:

As June progresses, I look forward to David Saturley taking over as our District Governor for the 2023-24 year. I invite you to join in the festivities at our District Governor Installation and Changing of the Gavel on Monday June 26, 2023, at 5PM. You can attend the in-person dinner at the Little Red School House in Wallingford or via Zoom. You can register for either in-person (\$25) or Zoom (no charge) on our District Website. See “Upcoming District Events”.

Dianne and I attended the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne at the end of May. There were inspirational general sessions where we heard Rotary leaders talk about their vision for the future of Rotary. The most interesting keynote address was given by 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Leymah Gbowee, the Liberian Peace Activist. Gbowee described how her non-violent peace women’s movement helped end the 14-year civil war in Liberia.



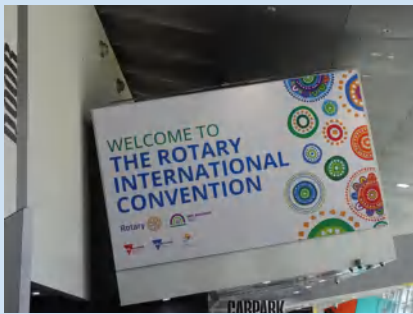
There were approximately 13,000 Rotarians attending the convention and we pretty much filled Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena. (See photo) We attended various meetings and breakout sessions at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Center. I was pleased to attend and support our neighboring District Governor Denise Dinoto (D7190 Eastern New York State) in her breakout session about accessibility issues for disabled Rotarians. Dianne and I were excited to have lunch with RI President Nominee Stephanie Urchick and her aides Tom & Catherine Gump. Many of you will remember that Tom Gump was our keynote speaker at our District Conference last November. (See photo). Dianne & I are already looking forward to attending the next Rotary Convention in Singapore May 25-29, 2024.



June is Rotary Fellowship Month. Rotary Fellowships are the perfect way to expand your Rotary network with a group of worldwide Rotarians that share your hobbies, interests and/or profession. There are over 80 active Fellowships, and the full list can be found at

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/more-fellowships>.

As I visited clubs, I was amazed to hear about our District Rotarians' participation in Rotary Fellowships. I am a member of the Wine Appreciation Fellowship and its Northeast USA Chapter. Did you know that Zoom wine tastings are almost as fun as in-person ones? DGE David Saturley is a member of the Rotary Motor Cycling Fellowship which conducted a tour for Italian Rotarians of our District last year. District Trainer Gary Dehnel is a member of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR). The IFFR will be conducting a fly-in to our District and visiting the Little Red School House in Wallingford on July 15, 2023. PDG Ben Lawton and most of the Killington-Pico Rotary Club are members of the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians (ISFR). The ISFR has an upcoming ski week at Mt Bachelor OR in February 2024. I know there are district Rotarians who are members of the fellowships for scuba diving, beekeeping, bird watching, railroad riders, home exchange, LGBT+, marathon running, past district governors and many more. Look at the list, there must be a fellowship that fits your interests.



I would like to thank all the District Rotarians who have helped make my District Governor year such a pleasure. The District Governor track (John Bob, David, Bill, and Donna), our officers (Alley & Jeff), our Vice Governor & Foundation Chair (Venu), our District Trainer (Gary), our Assistant Governors and our District Committee Chairs and, in particular, my partner Dianne Barclay. Dianne chaired and managed the District's 2022 President Elect Training Seminar in Lebanon, NH and our District Conference in Killington last November. She attended almost all our Official District Governor visits. Many Rotarians remember her uncanny ability to make sure I finished my talks on-time.

In closing, I want to reiterate the tagline in my email: "Advocating for Fellowship & Fun in Rotary Service". I first heard this phrase from Past District Governor Eric Kimani (RC of Nairobi North, Kenya) when I attended a Rotary Project Fair in Benin, West Africa. It seemed to encapsulate my thoughts about Rotary membership. Like many Rotarians, I joined to be of service to my local community. What I subsequently found was that I also joined my Wallingford Club and the worldwide Rotary community. I learned that "Fellowship and Fun" must be part of our service to our communities for our organization to be sustainable.

District News

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The District Changing of the Gavel will take place on Monday June 26, 2023 at 5PM both in-person and on Zoom. Dinner for those in-person at the Little Red School House in Wallingford, Vermont will cost \$25. Zoom attendance is free.



Please join us for an exciting evening to thank DG Randell for his work this past year and welcome our new DG David Saturley, our Assistant Governors, District Committee Chairs and our incoming Club Presidents. We will also be announcing the winner of the District Treasure Award.



You can register for either in-person or zoom on the district website <http://rotary7870.org/> in the Upcoming Events Section.

Hope to see you either in-person or on Zoom!

Advocating for Fellowship & Fun in Rotary Service,

Barry Griffith
Wallingford Rotary

Molly McAvoy - Janice H. McElroy Scholarship Winner 2023



Rotary District 7870 and the Henniker Rotary Club are pleased to announce that Molly McAvoy from Merrimack, NH is the 2023 recipient of the Janice H. McElroy Scholarship. Jan McElroy 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.

Upon receiving the application for this scholarship, Molly advised that she researched why it was created. She shared that she felt she is an ideal candidate for this scholarship because not once, not twice, but three times, she has been a non-traditional student. She also stated that she has been through highs and lows of higher education, always returning with a purpose greater than herself to become the best educator she can be.

Molly shared that when she was in her early teens, she was a member of her local Boys & Girls Club which helped build her sense of self and community. Now as an employee of a Boys & Girls Club, she is able to be that same support of the community to members 6 weeks – 18 years. In her role as a Director at the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Nashua, she oversees all youth programming for grades 4th – 6th including connecting families to community resources to support them, whether it be food support or financial aid for care.

Molly graduated from high school in 2013. She is currently in her second semester at Granite State College. She has earned a 3.5 GPA for the semester taking three classes and working between 45-50 hours a week. Her goal is to finish her B.S. degree in Early Childhood Education this year and then enroll in a Master's program in Educational Leadership in 2024.

In her scholarship application, Molly stated “My degree isn't for me. This degree is for my dad who knew before I even did that I would be an educator. This degree is for my husband who supports my packed schedule with work and school, cheering me on every step of the way. This degree is for my employer who believes in me as an educator and allows me the opportunity to pursue higher education. But most importantly, this degree is for the children in the Boys and Girls Club, current and future. They are the reason I want to be the best educator I can be.”

The Janice H. McElroy Scholarship Committee expresses that it is fitting that Molly McAvoy has been chosen as the recipient of this scholarship for 2023. Molly 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.

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, Peter Powers, Honorary Member of Hopkinton Rotary Club; Jay Burgess, Honorary member of the Henniker Rotary Club, David Saturley, White River Junction Rotary Club; and Sandra McGonagle, Gilford Rotary Club.

Upcoming Events for D7870

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 **Fri. July 7 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

Bellows Falls Festival on July 10, 2023

Summer is just around the corner and the Wild Goose Players, The Rotary Club of Bellows Falls and local sponsors Mascoma Bank and M&T Bank have teamed up to create the first annual Bellows Falls Festival- “The BFF”. Get ready for an unforgettable experience you won’t want to miss, July 10 from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

The BFF is a one-day event but promises to be packed full of excitement and entertainment. The festival will take place outdoors at the Waypoint Center located at 17 Depot Street in Bellows Falls, VT. Food vendors Jamaican Jewelz, Bellows Falls Moose Club, Smokin Bowls and Tito’s Taqueria will tantalize your taste buds. Adult beverages will be provided by Donovan’s with Lemonade and sweet treats available from Parks Place and the Bellows Falls Women’s Club.

But of course, the real highlight of the BFF will be the music and performances. The lineup of artists is truly impressive, and you will find something for everyone’s musical taste. From Ben Jennings Quartet’s funky dance grooves to the Americana stories and dual harmonies of the Milk House Heaters you will not be disappointed. Gaslight TInkers and Blue Motel will round out the afternoon, and as we move toward evening, The Mammals will bring their indie-folk ballads and

fiddle and banjo driven foot stompers. Then singer/songwriter Sarah Borges takes the stage with a gritty mix of country, blues and roots rock. Her music, described as “walking that fine line between punk and country“, will get you out of your seat and dancing in the street.

In addition to the music line-up, there will be plenty of other local artists performing throughout the day. Be sure not to miss the much-anticipated performances from the Wild Goose Players and Keene Pride.

Tickets are on sale now and are priced to be affordable for everyone. Visit bellowsfallsfestival.org This is a family friendly event so bring the kids and introduce them to the joys of live music. Don't forget to bring a blanket or chair so you can relax and enjoy the music. Chairs under the big tent will be provided and will be on a first come first serve basis.

This event promises to be a day to remember. So come on out, support the local music scene, and have a great time with family and friends. We cannot wait to see you there !

Alan Rumrill Talks Railroads

The Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary enjoyed a "train trip" of the early rail roads in the Cheshire County area at a morning meeting at the Cathedral of the Pines on Thursday, May 25. His presentation included numerous photos of Sentinel coverage of historic construction and operations going back into the early 1800's. Mr. Rumrill is the Director of the Cheshire County Historical Society.



Flower Boxes for Springfield VT

The Springfield Vermont Rotary Club has donated the flower boxes that are hanging on the Desert Storm Veterans Bridge near the Senior Center. The project is in memory of Sandy MacGillivray, the late wife of Rotarian Peter MacGillivray, who originated the flower box project on the bridge. Photo: Springfield Vermont Rotary Club President Karen Longo helped put plants in the new flower boxes.



Springfield Rotary Club Passes First 500 Pound Milestone in Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge, Win a Trex Outdoor Bench

As a reward for Springfield residents collecting more than 500 pounds of thin film plastics within a ten-week period during the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge, the Trex Company (Trex) provided the Springfield Rotary Club with an outdoor bench that was placed at The Common.

The Rotary Club entered the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge on January 1st on behalf of the Springfield community, placing a Trex Bin in the Springfield Town Library. In addition, thin film plastic was collected at McGee CDJR of Springfield and Springfield GMC. Since that time, Springfield residents have been avidly pitching in to recycle their share of thin film plastics, amassing 561 pounds of thin film plastics in under two months.



The Challenge is part of the Trex Recycling Program, aimed at encouraging the public to recycle their grocery bags, bread bags, produce bags, cereal bags, ice bags, case overwrap, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, Ziploc and other resealable bags, and similar bags and wrap for other objects. If the sponsoring group's participants collect 500 or more pounds of thin film plastics within a six-month period, Trex will send the group a Trex Outdoor Furniture 48" Yacht Club Bench.

Notably, the Springfield community took less than one-third of the allotted time to reach the 500 pounds milestone. Volunteers from the Springfield Rotary Club and from the Springfield Town Library collected and weighed the bags, reported the bags' weight to Trex, and delivered the bags to Trex's closest participating drop-off retailer location, Shaw's Supermarket in Springfield.



The Trex Bin will remain in place at the Springfield Town Library. While the Springfield Rotary Club was restricted from beginning a new Challenge period until its current six-month collection window ends, the Club partnered with Friends of Springfield Town Library to launch another Challenge and earn additional outdoor benches for our community. Plastic from the Springfield Food Co-op is also being collected.

The bench installed at The Common is dedicated to the 95th anniversary of the Springfield Rotary Club and longstanding member Eugene Guy who passed away on May 17, 2022. For 50 years, into his mid-eighties, Gene never missed a Rotary meeting and enjoyed taking part in the annual Rotary Club Penny Sale.

Keene Elm City Rotary Club - Sneakers for 2nd Graders



Every year the Keene Elm City Rotary Club delivers sneakers for 2nd graders in the Monadnock region, and this year was no exception.



The 2023 Shoe Crew has visited 27 regional schools and delivered nearly 700 pairs of sneakers to area 2nd Graders as

we encouraged them to MOVE EVERYDAY. We also discussed participation in the KIDS DEMAR which is a program, open to area children grades 1-6, that encourages them to walk, run or dance 25 miles and finish the last 1.2 mile at the Kids DeMar, completing their goal of moving for 26.2 (a full marathon) miles. For more information on KIDS DEMAR, visit

<https://clarendemar.com/race-information/race-descriptions#kids-marathon>

Clarence DeMar Marathon



The runners have spoken, and the Clarence DeMar Marathon has been named the top marathon in New Hampshire.

RaceRaves, the leading online race finder and reviews community for runners and endurance athletes, has announced the winners of its 2023 “Runners Choice: Best

Marathons in the U.S.” poll. The top marathon in each state was crowned based on votes from runners across the country, along with ratings and reviews on RaceRaves.com. The authoritative new guide will help first-timers and seasoned runners alike build their all-star marathon wish list. Common themes among the winning events include exceptional production and race-day support, strong community involvement, and a marathon course that showcases the beauty and character of the local region.



Clarence DeMar, race director Alan Stroshine, said of the recognition, “I am thrilled and deeply honored that our marathon has been crowned the best in the state according to the RaceRaves Poll. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the incredible efforts of our dedicated team, passionate participants, and the unwavering support of our community. As the primary fundraiser for the Keene Elm City Rotary Club, we are humbled by this recognition and will continue striving to deliver an unparalleled experience that celebrates the spirit of endurance and achievement. Thank you to all who have made this victory possible!”

Established in 1978 to honor the former Keene resident and 7-time Boston Marathon champion, Clarence DeMar is the primary fundraiser for the Keene Elm City Rotary Club and funds among other things the Sneakers for 2nd graders. It is a small-town race with a big-city heart. The race is a “awesome point-to-point” course winds its way through the New England countryside in the company of babbling brooks and early fall foliage, highlighted by a visit to picturesque Surry Mountain Lake.

This year, the 45th anniversary, will be held Sunday, September 24, 2023. For more information on the race go to: <https://clarencedemar.com/>



Springfield Rotary Awards Scholarships to Grads



The Springfield Rotary Club honored this year's Rotary scholarship winners at their weekly meeting held on June 13th at the Crown Point Country Club.

Amon Chumba, Thomas Czwakiel and Alexis Tewksbury were each awarded a \$2000 scholarship. Chumba will be attending UMass Dartmouth, majoring in biology and pre med. Czwakiel will be going to Keene State College majoring in secondary education, social studies. Tewksbury will study at Coastal Carolina University on her way to a nursing career.

Funds for the Scholarship Awards came from the annual Springfield Rotary Penny Sale, which will return this October.

Photo (l-r): Rotary Scholarship Committee Chair Bob Flint, Rotary Scholarship recipients Amon Chumba, Thomas Czwakiel, and Alexis Tewksbury, and Springfield Rotary Club president Karen Longo.

11th Annual Lakes Region Rotary Charity Car Show



Photo Caption: Lakes Region Rotary Club is happy to announce their annual car show fundraiser will be held July 22nd at 70 North Endicott Street, Weirs Beach. The Car Show is the Rotary's main fundraising event, with proceeds going to support many local charities.

Join us on July 22nd, from 10am to 2pm, as we celebrate the 11 yr. anniversary of the Lakes Region Rotary Club's annual car show.

We have had tremendous turnout in the past few years, with more than 200 vehicles on display and over 1,000 spectators in attendance. The event features cars from the early 1900's to today. Car enthusiasts, family & friends are encouraged to attend and will have the opportunity to view some top-of-the-line classic and modern cars, win drawings, vote on their favorite cars, and enjoy a day in the Weirs.

This year, the Lakes Region Rotary goal will be to raise \$40,000 for Lakes Region charitable organizations. This year we are targeting organizations that provide food, shelter, clothing, and other support services to enable underprivileged children and families to become more self-sufficient.

As the main purpose of the show is to raise funds for local charities, the cost to pre-register a vehicle is \$20, and will increase to \$25 the day of the event. The spectator entrance fee is \$5 per person, under 12 yrs. old free.

Proceeds from the event will benefit numerous local charities such as Make-A-Wish, Lakes Region Child Advocacy, Got Lunch Gilford and Laconia, the Santa Fund of Greater Lakes Region, Advantage Kids, Hands Across The Table, The Circle Program, The Cure Starts Now, and others. The Lakes Region Rotary is grateful for the generous support of our sponsors, Graham Brothers Motor Co., HPM Insurance, Foley Oil & Propane, NuCar, Franklin Savings Bank, Laconia Daily Sun, Laconia Country Club, and REMAX/Bayside.

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



Fundraisers

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

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.

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.



Putt and Pour Tournament - June 16, 2023



PUTT and POUR TOURNAMENT



Friday, June 16, 2023

2:00 PM

Haystack Golf Club

18 mini golf style team scramble putting tournament.
4 people per team.

GOLF * PRIZES * RAFFLES * DINNER

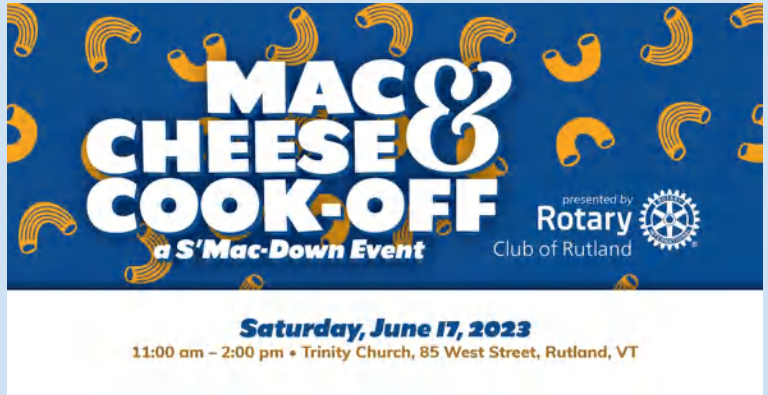
Gift auction, following the tournament

\$90 per person- Golf and dinner
\$40 per person- Dinner only, 4:30 PM
\$75 Tee Sponsorship
Bring your own putter and ball.

www.RotaryDFV.org

Rotary to Host Mac & Cheese Cook-Off & To-Go Fundraiser - June 17, 2023

The Rotary Club of Rutland will host the Mac & Cheese Cook-off & To-go fundraiser in partnership with Companions in Wholeness to be held Saturday, June 17, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Trinity Church, 85 West Street in Rutland.



Local cooks, both amateurs and professionals will bring their champion recipes to this competition. The club invites the public to join in the fun by sampling the cheesy fare and casting their vote for the People's Choice Awards. 3 samples for \$5 or taste them all for \$25!

Contestants will also compete for Judges' Choice. A couple of judges on the panel are amateur chefs, Randal Smathers from Rutland Free Library and Gordon Dritschilo from the Rutland Herald. Both of these judges know their food and are up to the task of picking the best.

Our contestants come from a wide range of talent including folks from Center St Alley/The Mad Rose, Taco Fresco, Sanctuary on Center, West St Grille, Paisano's Italian Kitchen, Marble Valley Catering, Thrive Center Team, The Pines at Rutland, individual participants Will Gormly, Jennifer Guevin, Chris Keyser, Sam Stevens, and more.

After receiving donations from Cabot Cheese, McAuley's Foodservice, and local individuals the club and Companions in Wholeness are offering homemade Mac & Cheese to-go. Order today and pick up at the event or purchase at the event. Online ordering is available at <https://rutland-city-rotary.square.site/to-go-mac-and-cheese>. Each serving is \$10 and all proceeds benefit Companions in Wholeness.

For more information on the S'Mac Down visit: rutlandcityrotary.org

Kayak Raffle - Drawing June 28, 2023

Kayak Raffle



Summer Raffle - Drawing June 28, 2023

TWO KAYAK RAFFLE PACKAGE

**Two EMS 10 Ft Perception Kayaks,
Paddles, Life Vests, Vehicle Mounting
Package For Each & Straps**

\$2021 value

10 Chances for \$10 - 30 Chances for only \$25

75 chances for \$50 - 200 chances for \$100

For chances see a Capital City Rotarian or use the QR code below

Rotary
Capital City Sunrise
Concord, NH



To buy chances simply takes a photo of the QR code and it will take you right to the online raffle site to purchase chances



Annual Barn and Garden Tour - July 15, 2023



WELCOME TO THE 4th BARN AND GARDEN TOUR



SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

12:00 – 4:00

Barns * Gardens * Live Musicians * Artists

\$35.00 Limited Tickets



**... or buy at Southern Vermont
Chamber of Commerce**

21 Main St. Wilmington, VT

www.rotarydfv.org

Splash Dash 5K - August 5, 2023



 a fundraising event hosted by the
Greater Keene Rotaract Club

**SPLASH
DASH
5K**

**Saturday,
8/5/2023**

7:30am (Walk),
8am (Run) Start

Keene Family
YMCA




SCAN ME

runsignup.com/Race/NH/Keene/SplashDash5K2

Early Bird Registration | \$25
Sign up by July 15th for a race t-shirt!

Registration discounts available
for groups of 3+ and 5+ racers.



Bethel Area Rotary Club Fall Foliage Golf Tournament - September 30, 2023



The Bethel Area Rotary Club is hosting a fall foliage golf tournament at the [Montague Golf Club](#) in Randolph, VT on September 30, 2023.

Shotgun start at 10am, scramble format, prizes, and buffet meal afterwards.

Contact Jenny Hewitt - hewittvt@gmail.com or Jeanne Conde - BethelAreaRotary@gmail.com with questions, to sign up a team of 4, make a donation, sponsor a hole, or to volunteer.

Stay tuned for more details!

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: July 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: