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Greetings From Your District Governor David Saturley



This past month has been very much like last July. Celebrations, installments, and recognition of member achievements have been the theme of most events since our last newsletter. Here are a few of the things I've learned along the way.

First, Rotary members have a conflicted relationship with recognition. While proud of their individual achievements and not seeking fanfare, their efforts are noted, appreciated, and celebrated. Our motto of Service above Self is very much alive.

Second, the amount of service that members in our District participate in is nothing short of astounding. When Venu Rao was Governor, he asked us to keep track of volunteer time. I feel like this could be a good idea to carry forward, simply to remind ourselves of the impact that Rotary has.

Third, the Rotary members, host families, and students involved in Youth Exchange make it one of the most amazing peace building programs in Rotary. The impact it has is nothing short of life changing for all involved. If you would like to experience this, our District still needs host clubs for two students for the coming year.



Lastly, thank you. For giving your time, energy, treasure, and hearts. It is people like you who will continue to create hope in the world.

Yours in Rotary Service,
DG David

District News

District Changing of the Gavel - Saturday, June 29, 2024

Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club, on behalf of District Governor David Saturley, is honored to host the sixty-seventh annual District Changing of the Gavel on Saturday June 29, 2024, at 12 Noon. This year our District Changing of the Gavel will be a BBQ Lunch (\$15) followed by the traditional Changing of the Gavel ceremony.



This year's District Changing of the Gavel is using a whole new format and menu. It is a lunch BBQ event. We will have an Outdoor Tent and will use the Little Red School House. The Changing of the Gavel party gives all District Rotarians a chance to start their Rotary year with Incoming District Governor Bill Stevens, and an opportunity to thank and congratulate Outgoing District Governor David Saturley for all that he has accomplished for the District over the past year.

For those who are interested we are offering two pre-gavel events:

1. We will be teaming up with the Slate Valley Rotary Club for their 5K Fun Run-Walk in downtown Fair Haven. The Run-Walk starts at 9AM on the 29th. There is a separate registration fee. You can register for this on the day of the event in Fair Haven or online with a link to follow.
2. Wallingford and Come Alive Outside are teaming up to offer a "Paul Harris History Walk" in Wallingford at 11AM. Come Alive Outside Executive Director and Rutland Rotarian Arwen Turner will lead a reenactment Paul Harris arrival in Wallingford in 1871. We will walk from the train station to the Harris home on Main Street. The walk will continue to explore other sites in town. Wallingford Club Historian Barry Griffith will provide the context and history of Paul Harris' life in Wallingford. No reservation required for the walk and is included in the cost of the lunch. Meet at the Little Red School House.

Please register for the BBQ Lunch on the District Website under the section: “Upcoming District Events” or on the link below by June 22, 2024.

<https://rotary7870.org/event/2024-district-changing-of-the-gavel/>

So please join us for the celebration.

On behalf of Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club,
Randell Barclay, Past District Governor 2022-23, Vice Governor 2024-25
Email: Rotary.Randell@gmail.com

2024 Janice H. McElroy Scholarship Winner

Rotary District 7870 and the Henniker Rotary Club are pleased to announce that Nattanan Kotseas, Dunbarton, NH is the 2024 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.



Nattanan completed high school in 2013 and completed post-secondary courses in Thailand in 2014-2018. She has recently been promoted to Library Coordinator Generalist at the Tucker Free Library in the town of Henniker NH. She advised the McElroy Committee that, ultimately, her aspiration is to become the Library Director. She works with staff to assist with marketing, management of social media platforms and grant writing. She shared that she enjoys leading children’s activities and expressed that they have a positive impact on the library community.

Nattanan has been admitted to the Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburg beginning in the Fall term of 2024. She stated that a more profound knowledge of specific fields from the Master’s Degree program will enable her to bring a meaningful effect to the library and community. She is particular focused on representing multiple perspectives and understanding of diversity, including her own Thai language and culture.

The Janice H. McElroy Scholarship Committee expresses that it is fitting that Nattanan Kotseas has been chosen as the recipient of this scholarship for 2024. Nattanan 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, Honorary member of Henniker Rotary Club, Peter Powers, Honorary Member of Hopkinton Rotary Club; Jay Burgess, Honorary member of Henniker Rotary Club, District Governor David Saturley, White River Junction Rotary Club; District Governor Elect Bill Stevens, Bellows Falls Rotary, Edward Carignan, Henniker Rotary Club, Paul Keiner, Henniker Rotary Club, and Sandra McGonagle, Gilford Rotary Club.

RYLA - 2024 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy Conference

Rotary District 7870 is partnering with District 7850 this year to have students attend their RYLA! Please click on the link to see the promotional video (<https://youtu.be/oGEF5ludjX0>) and to learn more: [Rotary Youth Leadership Academy | Rotary District 7850 \(rotary7850.org\)](https://rotary7850.org). Cost is \$385 for students to attend. Please reach out to Carson Wenz (carsonwenz123@gmail.com) if your club is interested in sponsoring a student or being more involved with RYLA.



2024 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy Conference Rotary District 7850 - Northern NH, VT, & Quebec

WHO: Students completing sophomore year
WHEN: 8 am Friday, June 21, 2024 to 1 pm Sunday, June 23, 2024
WHERE: Northern Vermont University, Lyndonville, VT
TO APPLY: Applications are accepted through your local Rotary club.
To find the nearest club, go to <http://rotary7850.org/SitePage/ryla>
To learn more, click on the RYLA link under the Youth Services tab!

Contact: Carson Wenz District 7870 RYLA Chair Carsonwenz123@gmail.com



Little Red School House Bricks

What better way to recognize a person than creating an engraved brick or paver in the Rotary Wheel in the Paul Harris Memorial Garden at the [Little Red Schoolhouse](#) in Wallingford, Vermont.



Wallingford was the childhood home of our founder Paul P Harris. The Little Red School House was built by Paul's great-grandfather in 1818. In 1928 a group of local Rotarians bought this historic building. In 1933 it was dedicated as "The Little Red Schoolhouse." Paul Harris returned to Wallingford for the dedication ceremony. Today, the Schoolhouse acts as a historic site that stores and displays Paul Harris memorabilia and is the meeting place of the Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club.

You or your club can purchase a red brick for \$200 or a white paver for \$300. In addition, there are still 18 gear teeth available for \$1,500 each. New bricks should be installed in June prior to the Changing of the Gavel Dinner which will be held on Saturday June 29, 2024. We are also offering a presentation certificate in a folder for an additional \$15. Be sure to give us at least 2 weeks to produce and mail a certificate. You can order online with a credit card by going to: <https://www.crsadmin.com/eventportal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=b498acca-4045-4ffd-9245-2bcf3a5e347b>

If you have any questions, please email me at Rotary.Randell@gmail.com

Randell Barclay, Past District Governor, Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club

District 7870 Annual Golf Tournament - October 7, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!
DISTRICT 7870 ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024



[ADDITIONAL DETAILS TO FOLLOW](#)

Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together

Ken Yei (Queen City RC) will be hosting his next Coffee with Ken on **Fri. July 5 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

Capital City Sunrise Rotary Hosts Shawn P. Buck

Shawn P. Buck, Director of the NH State Veterans Cemetery, addressed the Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club on the original Memorial Day.



Rotary Delivers Special Books to Mt Holly First Graders

Bret Harlow, a member of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), delivered customized books to members of Mt Holly Elementary School. This is a continuation of LRC's on-going program of providing books to help increase student interest in reading. The books had a customized appeal to each of the first-grade students. Each book contained the student's printed name. Bret Harlow is pictured here reading from the presented book to Mt Holly classmates.



Ludlow Rotary Learns How American Are Received in Vietnam Today

At its recent meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) heard from an American Consultant, Trevor Weltman, about his activities in southeast Asia. Weltman, a partner in and developmental consultant for Clickable Impact, headquartered in Hanoi, Vietnam. Clickable Impact is an internationally-based company that provides development and sustainable tourism planning.



In describing his activities, Weltman has spent the last 15 years involved with south Asia. He noted that living abroad had caused him to feel very humble about living with a wide variety of cultures and backgrounds. He

specifically commented that “it’s hard to imagine how different cultures and people are yet how much alike we all are”.

While discussing what it is like to live abroad, he also believed that America, his native country, has changed when viewed in the context of the rest of the world. One comment exploring this feeling was that “the American Dream is alive and well except in the United States”. He went on to express his personal feeling that America’s preeminence in the world had decreased.

When asked how the people in Vietnam felt about Americans, Weltman cited a personal recollection.

When he first visited the mother of his new bride in Hanoi, he was greeted with more love and affection than his wife and her sisters. “They like Americans” was his conclusion. In respect to our involvement in the Vietnam war, he cited that, to the Vietnamese, it was the last step in a century-old campaign against colonialism, noting that the country had been occupied by many European nations as well as other south Asian countries before it gained independence.

Weltman, himself, has an interesting background. Born in Michigan, he has spent considerable time in China and India, developing a knowledge of Mandarin and several other Asian languages. He worked with Google and the State Department prior to joining Clickable Impact.

One of his current projects that he finds extremely interesting involves helping an island of twenty thousand people, Palau, an independent country located in Oceania in the westernmost part of the Caroline Islands chain, develop a carbon-negative environment.

He and his wife now have a home in Vermont Raising two daughters. While he spends considerable time overseas, he and his family are delighted to call Vermont home.

PHOTO: Trevor Weldman, development consultant for Clickable Impact in Asia; Ralph Pace, Rotarian; and Kevin Barnes, Rotarian.

Springfield Rotary Donates 95 Books for its 95th Anniversary

In honor of its 95th anniversary, the Springfield Vermont Rotary Club donated 95 books to Elm Hill School, Union Street School, Springfield Area Parent Child Center, Springfield Family Center, and Springfield Housing Authority. PHOTO: Karen Longo, immediate past president of the Springfield Vermont Rotary Club spearheaded the distribution of 95 books to area organizations to honor the 95th anniversary of the club.



Henniker Area Rotary Celebrates 40 Years

The Henniker Area Rotary Club recently celebrated their 40th Anniversary with dinner, awards and Changing of the Gavel.

Rotarian and current club president Peter Flynn outdid himself in providing the opportunity for approximately sixty club members, honorary club members, spouses, and other friends to join in an atmosphere of celebration and enjoyment. The club was honored to have District Governor David Saturley and his wife Linda attend in the festivities.

Joe Clement was honored by the Club as the only still-active founding member, combined with congratulations for having achieved forty years of 100% attendance at Rotary meetings. In addition to being one of the Club's Charter Member, Joe was recognized as a stalwart member of Henniker by the Henniker Select Board's proclamation and of the State of NH by Governor Sununu.

President Peter Flynn ceremoniously passed the club's gavel to Joyce Bosse, who will preside over the club throughout the Rotary Year 2024-2025. Ms. Bosse announced her selection of officers, including President-elect Dr. Ed Carignan, Secretary Nicole Lang, Treasurer Marc McMurphy, and Board Directors George Mobley, Rick Edmunds, Steve Neuhoff, and Dr. John Capuco.

New London Rotary Club Awards 32 Scholarships Worth Over \$40K

The New London Rotary Club held its annual Scholarship Breakfast on Friday, June 7, 2024 at the Ware Student Center on the campus of Colby-Sawyer College. Over 110 scholarship recipients, family members, school administrators, donors and Rotarians attended the award event, which is the culmination of a six-month scholarship project of the New London Rotary.



This year, 32 students received scholarship awards totaling \$40,000. New London Rotary Club has provided over \$800,000 in funds for young people throughout the life of the project. Graduating Seniors from the Sunapee and Kearsarge Regional School Districts are eligible to apply for these scholarships. The awards are determined by financial need, academic achievement, community & school involvement and student interviews. Scholarships are funded through several sources including generous donations from local businesses, charitable organizations, named individual donors and New London Rotary's Century Club.

In addition, two awards are presented each year as Service Above Self Awards, given to the two candidates who most represent Rotary International goals of service and commitment. This year the awards went to Adara Boucher of Kearsarge and Isabelle Correa of Sunapee.

During the ceremony, President Sue Stuebner of Colby-Sawyer College was named a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of her eight years of leadership at the college and in the community. A Paul Harris Fellowship is the highest award that a Rotary Club can bestow on behalf of Rotary International. The presentation was made by the current Rotary District Governor, David Saturley, and the incoming District Governor, Bill Stevens.

The New London Rotary Club has been in existence since 1979 to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. Rotary International has been at the forefront of eradicating polio throughout the world, as well as enhancing health and literacy and alleviating poverty.

New Ludlow Cider Donut Owner Delights Ludlow Rotary Explaining Business

Following the regular weekly business meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), David Bennet, New England Cider Donuts owner, delighted LRC Rotarians with an explanation of how he decided to start his new food business in Ludlow.

Bennet, who features a long list of hospitality asset management and operations experience throughout the country, recently opened his new donut business in Ludlow. In doing so, he spent a great deal of time preparing both the menu side and the business side of the operation, a task he explained to Rotarians in some detail, and with considerable humor.

The LRC normally meets every Tuesday for a luncheon meeting. Interested persons are invited to attend future meetings to see what Rotary is all about, its goals, and, equally important, the fun emanating from membership. Simply contact any Rotarian or call 802-558-0479.



International

Rotary Club Unite to Transform Healthcare in Rural India

In Rotary year 2023-2024, Hollis Brookline Rotary Club collaborated as an International partner for a Global Grant Project, a state-of-the-art Haemodialysis center, with Rotary Clubs of Hassan Hoysala, RI District 3182, at the Sanjeevini Cooperative Hospital, KR Puram, Hassan, a remote town in South India. Dr Preeti Mohan, Secretary of RI District 3182, is the champion of this project. Preeti with her team has steered this project from the project proposal to the successful project completion.

In April 2024, I visited the Rotary Club of Hassan Hoysala in India to meet with Preeti and her dedicated team for the inauguration of the opening of the Dialysis Centre. It is humbling and heartwarming to meet these dedicated Rotarians whose efforts will be literally saving lives.

I requested Preeti to write about her project to share with our District 7870 Rotarians.
PDG Venu Rao

Rotary Clubs Unite to Transform Healthcare in Rural India



In a heartwarming display of international collaboration and unwavering commitment to community service, the Rotary Clubs of Hassan Hoysala, Rotary International District 3182, India, and Hollis Brookline, RI District 7870, USA, joined hands to inaugurate a transformative healthcare initiative at the Sanjeevini Cooperative Hospital, KR Puram, Hassan, a remote town in South India.

On April 28th, 2024, the Rotary Foundation Global Grant Project #2347861 came to fruition, marking a significant milestone in the journey towards enhancing healthcare accessibility in rural India. The project, aimed at establishing a state-of-the-art Haemodialysis center equipped with three machines and a safe water supply system, holds the promise of providing life-saving dialysis treatment to economically disadvantaged patients in the Hassan region and its neighboring areas.

The inauguration ceremony, attended by esteemed dignitaries such as BC Geetha, District Governor of Rotary International District 3182, and Venu Rao, Past District Governor of RI District 7870, marked a significant milestone in the collaborative effort to enhance healthcare accessibility in rural India. Their presence highlighted the importance of addressing the healthcare needs of underserved communities through international cooperation.

The Sanjeevini Cooperative Hospital, founded by a revered philanthropist, late Dr. Gururaj Hebbar, Charter President of Rotary Hassan Hoysala, serves as a beacon of hope for the region, embodying the values of compassionate care and community service shared by Rotary.

The journey towards realizing this project was characterized by dedication and collaboration. Dr. BS Preeti Mohan, the Project Primary Contact, together with key individuals including District Rotary Foundation Chair Dr P Narayan (RI Dist 3182), DRFC Suresh Ambli (RI Dist 3192), Dist Grants Service Chair Vasanth Chandra (RI Dist 3192), and other Rotarians D Mohan, HR Suresh, local leaders, and members of both Rotary clubs, navigated the complex process with determination and diligence, exemplifying the Rotary spirit of service above self and international cooperation.

As the Haemodialysis center at the Sanjeevini Cooperative Hospital is inaugurated, there is a vision for a future where quality healthcare is accessible to all, irrespective of geographical constraints.

Through such initiatives, Rotary demonstrates its commitment to making a positive impact on the lives of those in need.

The Rotary Club of Hassan Hoysala expresses gratitude to its international partners, the Rotary Clubs of Hollis Brookline, for their unwavering support. Together, they have embarked on a journey of compassion, empowerment, and transformation, leaving an indelible mark on the healthcare landscape in rural India.

In addition to the Rotary Foundation Global Grant Project #2347861, the Rotary Club of Hassan Hoysala further supported the healthcare initiative at the Sanjeevini Cooperative Hospital by providing additional dialysis machines. These machines, sponsored by the Bangalore Kidney Foundation and Indene, augment the capacity of the hospital to deliver essential dialysis treatments to patients in need.

The collective resolve to continue the legacy of service and collaboration remains strong. This endeavor stands as a testament to the power of Rotary to effect positive change, one life at a time. The Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" guides the commitment to building a healthier, more equitable world for all, exemplified by each dialysis treatment provided at the Sanjeevini Cooperative Hospital.

PHOTO: (Standing in blue) Dr Preeti Mohan and her project team.

Fundraisers

Slate Valley Rotary Club - 5k Fun/Run - June 29, 2024

The Slate Valley Rotary club, formerly Fair Haven Rotary club is again hosting our 5k Fun/Run on June 29th start time @ 9:00 a.m. in the Fair Haven, VT park, west side. Registration begins at 8:00. Adults are \$20 each while children under 12 are \$10. Prizes in all age groups with our very own Rotarian Dianne Barclay kicking off the race with the National Anthem. Call 802-558-0229 for questions. Watch for Venmo updates on Facebook.



Farm Road 5K Run for the Rotary - July 6, 2024



**FARM ROAD
5K
RUN FOR THE
ROTARY!**

**JULY 6TH, 2024
8AM - 11AM**

**MORE INFO
CLICK HERE!**

Starts at Farm Road Estate
7 Cross Town Road, West Dover
VT 05356
Finish at the same place!

REGISTRATION \$35 PER PERSON
INCLUDES FREE SNACK, DRINK, &
TICKET TO THE FARM ROAD ESTATE
4TH ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL ON
JULY 6TH!
(PRICE INCREASE AFTER MAY 15TH!)

If you have any questions please contact the
race director at jlenewinters@me.com or
visit www.farmroadestate.com/farmroad5k.

Putt and Pour Tournament - August 19, 2024



 **PUTT and POUR
TOURNAMENT**



Monday, August 19, 2024

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



District 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 Environment 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, 2024 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:

