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## Greetings From Your District Governor David Saturley

Learning. One of my favorite aspects of Rotary is the endless opportunity for learning. About our world, each other, and ourselves.

Since our last newsletter, learning has been in the forefront of activities. At the end of April, our club presidents-elect gathered at PETS, spending time on a variety of topics that will be useful to them during the upcoming year. Our keynote speaker, Dr Vivian Hardison, spoke about unconditional love as it applies to our Rotary world. We then all came



together at the District Assembly the following day. Topics included public image, youth exchange, youth programs, and grants. The afternoon brought the ever popular Four Way Test Speech Contest Finals. Four finalists challenged us to examine our viewpoints on several topics, including the Pledge of Allegiance. No matter where you stand on any of the issues addressed that afternoon, the opportunity to hear from these four young people and ponder their perspectives was a tremendous opportunity. Our final presentations were made by Youth Exchange students. To hear about where they're from and their experiences with us over the past eight months was an honor. I maintain that we learn more from them than they do from us. If you haven't had the opportunity to spend time with them, there is still time. You won't regret it.

Following PETS and District Assembly, it was time for the New York Youth Exchange trip. Arriving on the train at Penn Station, we were off. And it was yet another opportunity to be a student. Expertly planned and guided by Jim Rumrill and Julie Rowland, we walked all over the city. Seeing New York through the eyes of these 10 students, watching their smiles and listening to their observations as they explored a city many had only seen in films or on television was a joy. They were even kind enough to wait on occasion so DGN Donna and I could catch up.



Rotary is the greatest adult education opportunity in the world. My wish for all in our district and beyond is that no matter what avenue of service you take the time to explore, that you take the time to enjoy the experience.

Yours in Rotary Service, DG David

## District News

### **District Assembly 4/26 and 4/27/24**

Photo (l-r): Randell Barkley PDG , John Bob Siemienowicz Vice Governor, David Saturley , DG 2023-2024, Bill Stevens DG 2024-2025, Donna Deos DG Elect 2024-2025, Ruth Clough DG Nominee 2024-2025



### **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](mailto:Rotary.Randell@gmail.com)

## Foundation Reflections

Do you know what our Rotary Foundation does? It helps make the vision of more than 1.2 million Rotarians a reality. The Foundation provides funds so that Rotarians can serve their communities in so many ways: providing clean water in Honduras and Nicaragua; preventing malaria in Zambia; cervical cancer screening in Egypt and India; providing ambulances in Turkey and Ukraine; doing river clean up in Massachusetts; providing school supplies for children in New Hampshire. In 2012 when Hurricane Irene devastated Vermont and NH, our district secured a very large foundation grant to help rebuild bridges, roads and help various communities that were crushed by this disaster.

Polio Plus, through The Rotary Foundation, has helped us to immunize most of the World's children against this disease as well as other preventable diseases - and we are almost to the point of eradicating Polio.

There are so many people here in our country and around the world that have benefitted from our Rotary Foundation.

These things all are possible because we as Rotarians have donated to The Rotary Foundation to help our communities here and around the world.

I know times are tough for a lot of people, but any donation you make to our Rotary Foundation will be greatly appreciated and will help more than you know. Remember that NO donation is too small.

If you are able, you may want to consider joining the Paul Harris Society, which asks you to make a commitment of \$1000 a year. You can also join the Polio Plus Society, which asks you to make a commitment to donate \$100 each year.

If you want to join either of these societies, you can find the forms on our District Website:

[www.rotary7870.org](http://www.rotary7870.org)

They are listed on the left-hand side under Documents. You can also go to RI Website to donate:

<https://my.rotary.org>.

Yours in Rotary,  
PDG Alley Boucher  
Chair of Paul Harris Society and Polio Plus Society

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:Carsonwenz123@gmail.com)

## **Cross Egypt Challenge**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Warm greetings from the Rotary Club of Alexandria  
Cosmopolitan, District 2451!

We are delighted to extend a personal invitation to you and your fellow club members to join our Rotary-organized initiative, Cross Egypt Challenge — a thrilling scooter and motorcycle rally that will take you on an unforgettable journey across Egypt this October.



**What Is Cross Egypt Challenge?** Cross Egypt Challenge is an international cross-country motorcycle and scooter adventure tour that will lead you through the majestic and captivating landscapes of Egypt. Since 2011, this unique Rotary project has brought together Rotarians and riders from over 50 countries to promote tourism and share their passion for adventure and exploration.

#### Cross Egypt Challenge 2024 Details:

- Dates: October 10-19, 2024
- Duration: 10 days
- Route: Alexandria, Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, the Red Sea Riviera, and the Egyptian Eastern Desert
- Eligibility: Open to Rotarians, non-Rotarians, spouses, and friends worldwide
- Accommodation: 3 to 5 stars hotels.

**Why Should You Participate?** Cross Egypt Challenge offers an unparalleled experience that combines the best of adventure travel and extreme sports, making it a rewarding and unforgettable journey for participants from all corners of the globe. Participants in CEC will:

- **Unique Rotary Fellowship:** Connect with Rotarians and adventure enthusiasts from around the world while experiencing Egypt's iconic attractions and hidden gems.
- **Incredible Adventure:** Journey through Egypt's diverse landscapes, including the bustling streets of Cairo, the ancient splendor of Luxor, the serene Red Sea Riviera, and the untamed beauty of the Eastern Desert.
- **Exclusive Sahara Rotary Meeting:** Take part in our unique tradition of holding an official Rotary meeting in the heart of the Egyptian desert, alongside fellow Rotarians and Rotaractors from our organizing team.
- **Flexibility for All Participants:** Whether you're riding a scooter or motorcycle, or joining in the comfort of our air-conditioned chase vans, you'll have an unforgettable experience.

#### How to Get Involved:

1. **Join the Tour:** Ride a scooter, motorcycle, or travel in our chase vans (for non-rodgers) for a once-in-a-lifetime experience. International participants can rent motorcycles and scooters. Register now via this direct link: [www.crossegyptchallenge.com/registration](http://www.crossegyptchallenge.com/registration)
2. **Spread the Word:** Share Cross Egypt Challenge with fellow Rotarians and friends, and encourage motorcycle enthusiast friends to join this year's tour.

#### Further Information:

- Visit our website: [www.CrossEgyptChallenge.com](http://www.CrossEgyptChallenge.com)
- Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CrossEgyptChallenge](http://www.facebook.com/CrossEgyptChallenge)



- Download the comprehensive brochure with season details, pricing, routes, and more here:  
[DOWNLOAD BROCHURE](#)

Interested in Learning More? We'd be happy to join one of your club meetings via ZOOM for a presentation. Feel free to reach out for more details or to arrange a session. We look forward to welcoming you as a rider in Cross Egypt Challenge 2024 and hosting you at our annual Sahara Rotary Meeting.

## 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>

The cutoff for orders this year will be May 15, 2024. If you have any questions, please email me at [Rotary.Randell@gmail.com](mailto:Rotary.Randell@gmail.com)

Randell Barclay, Past District Governor, Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club

## Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together

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

### Springfield VT Rotary Earns Two More Trex Benches for Springfield Community

As a reward for Springfield residents collecting more than a ton of thin film plastics for the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge, the Trex Company (Trex) provided the Springfield Rotary Club with two outdoor benches that were placed at the bus stop on Main Street in Springfield.



The Rotary Club entered the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge in February of 2023 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, Springfield GMC, Springfield Hospital, and the Springfield Food Co-op. Since that time, Springfield residents have been avidly pitching in to recycle their share of thin film plastics, diverting over 4,100 pounds (i.e. over 2 tons) of thin film plastics from the waste stream.

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 1000 pounds of thin film plastics, Trex will send the group a Trex Outdoor Furniture 48" Yacht Club Bench. Trex does not manufacture the benches, they are a purchased gift for meeting the minimum requirement in the program. The plastic that is turned in is being upcycled into Trex decking ([www.trex.com](http://www.trex.com)). The benches are part of the Trex branded

furniture line through Polywood ([www.trexfurniture.com](http://www.trexfurniture.com)). Polywood uses milk jugs and water bottles to manufacture their furniture.

These are the fifth and sixth benches that has been donated. The first two can be found at The Common, the third at the Park Street School overlooking the Kingsbury House, and the fourth at the North Springfield Bog Trailhead.

Volunteers from the Springfield Rotary Club and from the Springfield Town Library collect and weigh the bags, report the bags' weight to Trex, and deliver 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. The Springfield Rotary Club has partnered with Friends of Springfield Town Library, the Union Park Neighborhood Association, the Black River Action Group, and Springfield On The Move (SOM). Working with the Friends of Springfield Town Library, Springfield Rotary Club has launched another Challenge to earn an additional outdoor bench for the Springfield community.

The benches are dedicated to the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Springfield Rotary.

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. For more information, visit <https://springfieldvtrotary.org/>

## Capital City Rotary's Meeting is for the Birds

Dr. Carol Foss , Senior Advisor to the Concord NH Audubon Society for Science and Policy, addressed the Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club on 4/18/24. She spoke of the migratory habits of bird species along the Atlantic seaboard and her lifelong effort and dedication to the study of one of nature's most colorful and observed bellwethers of our planet's ecosystem. A book was donated, in her name, to the Children's Room , at the Concord Public Library.



## 66th Annual Penny Sale Big Success in Ludlow

The 66<sup>th</sup> annual Penny Sale, sponsored by the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), was a tremendous success as over \$30 thousand in prizes were awarded to over 350 winning ticket holders this past Saturday at the Ludlow High School Gym.

Prizes awarded ranged from skis, TV's, gas grilles, ski passes (including several seasonal passes), to cash awards. If winners were not happy with their prizes, they even had a "swap table" available to exchange prizes with other winners.



The event represented a major fund-raising effort for the LRC. Much of this amount will be devoted to the annual scholarship awards the club gives to area graduating students, this year estimated to be \$9,000. The remainder goes into the funds used to support area community projects.

Winners of this year's raffle ticket prizes this year, pictured above, were, from left to right, Patty Rumrill (\$50), Alicia Hammond (\$275), Barb Duquette (\$175), and Gabby Donna (\$525). Astrid Hoyt, not pictured, was the 4<sup>th</sup> place winner of \$100).

Kim Lampert, LRC Treasurer, echoed the attitude of all attending Rotarians, noting, "A big thank you to all our patrons, businesses who donated these wonderful gifts, making this Penny Sale such a wonderful event". She also expressed her gratitude to Brewfest and the Ludlow Police Department for the special role they played in supporting the event.

Jim Rumrill, co-chair of the Penny Sale, indicated that this fund-raiser was very important to the LRC's continuing efforts to support its scholarship program as well as other community activities sponsored by LRC such as literacy, youth exchange programs, and many community projects.

Pictured above are the winners of the 66<sup>th</sup> annual Penny Sale raffle ticket contest. From left to right, they are Patty Rumrill (\$50), Alicia Hammond (\$275), Barb Duquette (\$175), Gabby Donna (\$525); not in photo - Astrid Hoyt was the 4<sup>th</sup> place \$100 winner.

## Noah Schmidt Updates Ludlow Rotary with Ludlow News and Plans

Noah Schmidt, a member of the Ludlow Select Board, spoke to the recent meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club about the status of recent actions and considerations by that legislative body.

He indicated that the town has about \$330,000 and the village around \$230,000 in America Rescue Act (ARPA) Funds, but came with “a lot of restrictions”. Schmidt added that one of the primary considerations of its use was for recreation in the town.



He noted that the bike path, long a matter before the Select Board, had already been established by LAST (Ludlow Area Sports Trails). Current planning will continue the path behind the high school building and run through Fletcher Farm properties.

Calling it a “great way to increase the town’s revenue”, Schmidt said that the local option sales tax was something that should be considered for the town. Local option taxes must be approved by the State legislature, unless previously allowed by charter, and involve a series of 1% increases over the state’s sales tax. Such a tax requires an approval vote by local voters.

He added that the Select Board is still evaluating the future use of the Black River High School building, which is now owned by the town. Schmidt likes the idea of it being used for educational purposes but thought that the town needed a long-range plan on its use.

As an aside, Schmidt indicated that he planned to take the 10-mile run up Mt. Washington, adding it was “only for the up-hill portion”.

In addition to his work as a member of the Ludlow Select Board, he runs the Open Door Vacations Rental Company, which he founded. He is part of the team that initiated the “Unofficial Okemo” website.

The LRC meets every Tuesday for lunch in Ludlow. The LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may ‘Serve Humanity’ while enjoying the fun and fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow Vermont.

Pictured are Tom Ray, Ludlow Rotary Club President, and speaker Noah Schmidt.

## Keene Elm City Rotary - Team DeMar Registration

**Use your passion for running to train and race while giving back to our community!**

Pledge to raise a minimum of \$500 for one of the Keene Elm City Rotary Club's signature projects to support the health and wellness of young people in our local and global communities through Team DeMar.

### Runner Rewards

- Entry fee waived for DeMar Full or Half Marathon
- 2 tickets to pre-race Pasta Dinner
- Team DeMar Swag Bag and Jacket
- Access to exclusive Team DeMar events

**Ready to run with us?** Email Ann at [ann@ahinteriors.com](mailto:ann@ahinteriors.com) or visit the link from our QR code.



## Concord Rotary Learns About NHTI

Dr. Patrick Tompkins, President of the New Hampshire Technical Institute (NHTI) and a Concord Rotary Club member, spoke of the value a Community

College provides at a recent meeting. He discussed NHTI's reputation, acknowledged contribution and access to an affordable higher education to our local citizenry .

A book will be donated to the Concord NH Public Library Children's Room in his name.



## Springfield Rotary Conducts Successful Diaper Drive

The Springfield Rotary Club hosted a successful diaper drive in April to benefit the Springfield Area Parent Child Center Diaper Bank. Thanks to the response by the community, 2,639 diapers and 1,500 wipes were collected, as well as \$800 in monetary donations.



The club was appreciative of the collection site locations: Springfield Town Library, Community Bank, Edward Jones, M&T Bank, State Farm Insurance, and VTel.

For more information about the Diaper Bank, visit <https://sapcc-vt.org/services/diaper-bank/>

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Photo (l-r) Springfield Rotary Club President Emma McGuirk and Kayla Bapp, Coordinator of the Springfield Area Parent Child Center Diaper Bank.

## Ludlow Rotary Continues Literacy Program in Area Schools

Continuing its program of literacy training, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) recently delivered custom-printed books to members of the Cavendish Town Elementary School (CTES).

George Thomson, a LRC Rotarian (and former CTES Principal), presented the selected books to first-grade CTES class and read the book to them, each book personalized with the student's name.

He described the book, "School is Fun", thusly, "In the book, the teacher is doing a special theme on raccoons and she is going to show the kids a real raccoon in a cage after their study, however, the raccoon has gotten out and the student is the one who finds the raccoon and saves the day with the surprise visit.

The student's, pictured above with George Thomson, reactions to the new book included comments such as "Hey, we have a Zoey (not real name) in our classroom", "Oh my gosh I have a sister with that name..." and "Those are my grandparents."

Thomson noted that the kids were delighted with the books and when given to them at the end of the presentation, they searched through the script looking for the personalization. "Can we take these home?" The teacher thanked me for hyping the kids up so much. She said it was going to take some time to get them focused on math!



Similar programs sponsored by LRC are conducted in other service areas of the club.

In Mt Holly, Brigid Sullivan is delivering books to students at the Mt Holly Elementary School. The same program is offered in Ludlow where Sharon Bixby presents books to the Ludlow Elementary School.

This LRC program's purpose is to provide young readers with books on a periodic basis to foster an interest in reading and enhance literacy capabilities of young students. The club has been sponsoring this program for over 27 years. "And, based on the success of it, we have no plans to discontinue it", proffered Thomson.

PHOTO: Members of the first-grade at Cavendish Town Elementary School are shown as they display their customized editions of "School is Fun", a book presented to them by George Thomson, pictured with them.

## Rotary Offers Ukraine Aid

Rotarians learned about local efforts to help children impacted by the war in Ukraine, at the May 7 luncheon at DJ's Restaurant. Past Rotary District Governor J.B. Siemienowicz, second from right, spearheaded a multi-pronged program that raised \$225,000 for backpacks and books about survival skills for children in Dnipro, folk musical instruments for kids in Zaporizhzhya and sleeping bags for more than 80 children in Kharkiv. Ludlow Rotary Club President-Elect George Thomson, left, stands beside Ukrainian-born Sophia Sushailo, now a U.S. citizen. At right, Charlene Lovett is the president of the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club in New Hampshire. Photo by Glenn Heitsmith





## Memorial Hall Tours and BBQ - May 27, 2024



## Wallingford Memorial Club held Annual Bike Safety Day

Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club held its annual Bike Safety Day on May 11, and as usual it was a great success! Over 50 brand new bicycle helmets were given away, bikes were checked for safety by bike repair specialists from Tygart Mountain Sports in Ludlow, VT, and an obstacle course helped children learn to navigate the town through crosswalks, over railroad tracks, and the occasional dog crossing the road! Six brand new bicycles, also donated by GE, were raffled off in a free drawing that included all participating children, as well as other prizes including tire pumps, bike locks, and gift certificates. Rutland's Come Alive Outside joined in the fun, providing games and prizes while encouraging outdoor activities. Everyone enjoyed face painting, checking out the fire truck, ambulance, and police cruiser, and the free hot dogs and ice cream! There were lots of happy children by the end of the day, and parents, too, knowing their children can ride their bikes safely!



## Springfield Rotary's Food Drive a Success

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. – The Springfield Rotary Club's "Fill the Cart from the Heart Food Drive" was held on Sat., May 11th in the Springfield Shopping Plaza to benefit the Springfield Family Center Food Shelf. Seven hundred and thirty-nine pounds of food and \$1,577 in monetary donations were collected. Thank you to Shaw's for the location and a big thank you to the greater Springfield community for all your generous donations to help your neighbors in need.



PHOTO: (l-r): Ed McQuaide, Jim Fog, Bob Flint, and Karen Longo were on hand to help make the Springfield Rotary Club's "Fill the Cart from the Heart Food Drive" a success.

## Goffstown Rotary Club Hosts its 11th Annual Car Show

Goffstown Rotary Club is hosting its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Parsons Drive, off Route 114 in Goffstown. We give out trophies in 16 classes, plus Best of Show, Sponsors' Choice, Kids' Choice, and People's Choice awards. It's a great event with food trucks, raffles, and of course, the chance to support a local Rotary Club. Proceeds go to local and international charities. Show car registration costs \$20, free to spectators. For information, visit [www.goffstownrotary.org](http://www.goffstownrotary.org).

And, on that same day, you can shop for bargains at the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church yard sale and the Goffstown Public Library book sale, less than a mile from the car show. All good reasons to visit Goffstown!

## Keene Elm City Rotary “ShoeCrew”

Greetings from the Keene Elm City Rotary Club where we have just wrapped up our annual sneaker delivery project! Over 700 pairs of brand new New Balance sneakers were delivered to every second grader in Cheshire County! Members of our club transform into super-heroes, becoming the “ShoeCrew” and visiting 22 area schools to hand deliver the sneakers. This is an extensive project with complicated logistics, hundreds of involved hours and dozens of club and community members. And so worth it! We go with a message that transcends well beyond the sneakers. The first thing the children hear is that they are important to us and that we care about them. We want them to have these sneakers so that they can utilize them to MOVE EVERYDAY! We talk about all of the great ways our bodies can enjoy these sneakers and how crucially important it is for our well being (brain and body) to stay active! Inevitably, we hear a child say, “Why is this happening for us?” It is so wonderfully rewarding to tell a seven year old that we are showing up for them because we believe they are destined for greatness, that they matter to us and the world, that we care about their well-being. Very often we see a child who has completely outgrown their current shoes; there are holes with toes poking through, the laces are broken and there is little or no tread. We are arriving just in time! These are the moments that solidify our membership in Rotary. We are so blessed to do this in our community.

Happy Spring!



## Choose Franklin Community Day Parade

“Community” is what the Franklin Falls Rotary Club is all about. What better way to be a part than in the Choose Franklin Community Day Parade on Saturday, May 11th. From walking in the parade, to participating with 80+ other groups and organizations with an information resource fair, we successfully shared information about our community programs, encouraged registrations for our American Red Cross Blood Drive next week, raised funds through our spring gardening prize raffle, raised funds for CART (Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust), and further spread the word about Rotary.



## International

### Rotary Youth Exchange - Can Your Club Help?

Rotary District 7870 has had one of the most successful youth exchange programs in the Eastern U.S. for decades. Every year, students come to us and go to other countries to live a high school year and share a year of their lives and their culture with others. It is one of the best programs in Rotary International.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the program has decreased in size due to the reduced involvement of local Rotary clubs after the program re-started. We are working hard to change this and need your help. We need potentially three additional clubs to host an exchange student for the coming year. Our district provides training and support prior to the student's arrival and support throughout the exchange. Involvement takes a little bit of money and requires only a few committed volunteers to make the program work in your club. We need your help.

In a world that needs more understanding across all borders and cultures, this is an opportunity for your club to be involved in a very personal way. It is some work for sure, but the rewards last a lifetime and that is true not only for our students who spend a year with us, but also for our local students who spend a year abroad. Please consider making this the year that your club opens your community, school, club and homes to a student. If you hosted or sponsored students in the past, come see what is new.

For more information, please contact program chair Jim Rumrill at [jrumrill@hotmail.com](mailto:jrumrill@hotmail.com) or 802-380-2766. District Governor David and anyone in the DG Track can help you get started as well. We look forward to welcoming your club to a new and impactful opportunity.



## Youth Exchange Trip to New York City

Our district's international exchange group made the annual trip to New York City May 2 – 5. The group visited many of the iconic sites in the city including the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Empire State Building, China Town and so much more! Special thanks to Randell and Dianne Barclay who hosted the group for lunch at their beautiful Manhattan apartment with views of the United Nations complex prior to our tour. On Saturday, Ludlow Rotarian Paul Rix and his wife Lynette gave the group a VIP tour of the Metropolitan Museum. Rotary is truly amazing and we thank our friends for making this trip even more special.



Helping to chaperone the trip were DG David (White River club) and DGN Donna (Bow club) and they were fully immersed in the experience. At least twenty thousand steps per day, few precious hours of sleep and memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you to our Governor Track for their hands-on support of the students and the program. Can't wait to do it again!

## Fundraisers

### **Bellows Falls Festival - June 8, 2024**

Summer is just around the corner and the Wild Goose Players, The Rotary Club of Bellows Falls, and local sponsors have teamed up to create the second annual Bellows Falls Festival, “The BFF”. Get ready for an unforgettable experience you won’t want to miss, June 8th from 1pm to 10pm

The BFF is a one-day event 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, and Smokin’ Bowls will tantalize your taste buds, and a selection of beer and wine will be available.

But of course, the real highlight of the BFF is the music and performances, featuring:

**The Chad Hollister Band** hails from Vermont, and has opened for Bob Dylan, Paul Simon and Tom Petty and has shared the stage w/ every PHISH member, Billy Gibbons, Merl Saunders, Warren Haynes, and Blues Traveler. His music is a voice for the Positive and reminds you that life is truly a gift as is the ability to share it through music. He’ll be at the BFF with the full 9 piece band!

**The Gaslight Tinkers’** blend of global rhythms creates a joyously danceable sound around a core of traditional New England old time and Celtic fiddle music, merging boundless positive energy with melody and song. Since its formation in 2012 the band has lit up the East Coast, the West Coast, and the Caribbean, headlining clubs, dances, and major festivals. The Gaslight Tinkers’ shows are packed with delightful surprises, elated crowds, and exuberant musicianship.

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 Vermont Armored Combat and Keene Pride.

Tickets are on sale now and are priced to be affordable for everyone. Visit [bellowsfallsfestival.org](https://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!

**Performance Schedule:**

Milkhouse Heaters	1:00-1:45
Skip Band	2:00 -2:45
Senie Hunt	3:00--3:45
Ben Jennings Quartet	4:00-4:45
Elevado	5:00-6:00
Gaslight Tinkers	6:15-7:45
The Chad Hollister Band	8:00-10:00

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

A colorful poster for a 5K run. The background features silhouettes of three runners in yellow, blue, and purple against a backdrop of horizontal stripes in blue, green, and orange. The text is bold and white, providing event details. A blue circular button with white text is located in the bottom left corner.

**FARM ROAD**  
**5K**  
**RUN FOR THE**  
**ROTARY!**  
**JULY 6TH, 2024**  
**8AM - 11AM**

[MORE INFO](#)  
[CLICK HERE!](#)

If you have any questions please contact the race director at [5krunvisitors@rotary.com](mailto:5krunvisitors@rotary.com) or visit [www.farmroadestate.com/farmroad5k](http://www.farmroadestate.com/farmroad5k).

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!





## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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: June 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](http://www.rotary7870.org).

Be sure to join (and share) the Rotary District 7870 **Facebook page** here:

