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Greetings From Your District Governor Randell Barclay



November 2022 started off with our Killington District Conference which was attended by 165+ in-person Rotarians and 60+ online via Zoom. The theme for the event was District Grants, Club Projects and Fundraising. The Rotary Clubs of Wallingford and Killington-Pico were the hosts for the event which started with a Saturday evening pre-conference Little Red School House traditional dinner prepared by Wallingford President Erika Berner and served by Wallingford Rotarians and Interactors. That was followed by an reception at Killington hosted by KPRC President Gerald Pfeifenberg and KPRC Rotarians. Thank you so much to both clubs. Our conference master of ceremonies was Ruth Clough from the KPRC and our Sergeant at Arms was Donna Deos from Bow. Ruth managed the conference and the schedule and Donna made sure we were all behaving and keeping us on time.

Our Keynote speaker was PDG Tom Gump from Edina Minnesota. Tom is also the aide to Rotary International President Nominee Stephanie Urchick (2024-25). Tom gave us an insightful talk about the relation between Rotary's strategic plan and increasing membership. We are hoping that Tom will run a membership seminar for us in the spring.

Our special district governor speaker was DG Alex Falk from Marblehead Massachusetts. Alex explained his experience with using the Kiva platform for doing good in the world through microcredit lending. Alex's district had created an Interact-Kiva district grant program to encourage both engagement between Interact clubs and their host clubs while at the same time allowing Interact students to learn about finance and the scope of need in other parts of the world. Our International guest speaker was Menno de Wet from the Blouberg South Africa club who discussed how to get the most out of your Rotary membership. The District's Four-Way Speech Contest winner Mei Dasgupta gave us a reprise of her talk about whether Social Media met the 4-Way test.

Immediate Past District Governor John Bob Siemienowicz talked about looking to the future and thanked club award recipients for their contributions to their clubs and the district.

We had 13 speakers who shared their clubs' service projects and fundraisers. Wallingford/Hout Bay talked about their vision project for townships in South Africa, Keene Elm City explained their Wellness program and had us all dancing, Milford told us how clubs could participate and raise funds in their 100 Holes of Golf Raffle, Capital City talked about recycling flexible packaging into Trex benches, The Brattleboro Clubs shared their Afghan Refugee program, The NH Lakes Region Clubs talked about their Joint District Grant funded solar energy project in Rwanda, Grand Monadnock explained their Walk for Recovery, Nashua West talked about Literacy and Murals, and Hookset and Queen City were excited about their Gear Up for School program.

From the District, PDG Chris Parkinson talked about our plans for the Amigos de Honduras 2023 mission, DEI District Chair Liz Weinmann discussed ways of making your clubs more attractive to potential members, as well as, engaging and retaining our existing members. Our District Foundation Stewardship Chair Dianne Barclay explained how giving to The Rotary Foundation help funds our District Grant program. DGE David Saturley announced the schedule for training for this year and gave us a preview for his year as district governor 2023-24. Jim Rumrill, Youth Exchange Chair, talked about the resurgent youth exchange program. Our Youth Services Chair, Claudine Hessmer-Husainy, reviewed the plans for D7870's upcoming Interact Conference on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

Catherine Gump (Edina MN Rotary Club), the wife of our keynote speaker, closed the conference with an overview of the conference and gave thanks to all the speakers. She observed that we were a vibrant district with a large array of service projects and community programs.

Many thanks to all the speakers and volunteers who worked to make the conference a success. My thanks to the Technology Team Drew Elwood (Wallingford), Lou Botta (New London), Roger Cardinal (Deerfield Valley) and Nan Dubin (Wallingford) who managed the PowerPoints, the Zoom Room, the Zoom chat and the music.

As we head into Thanksgiving, let's count our blessings as Rotarians. I would like to remind us all that November is Foundation Month and please consider making a donation to the Rotary Foundation. If you are a Paul Harris Society member, this would be a good month to make your annual donation. I was very excited to launch the District's PolioPlus Society which I will mention in another article in this newsletter.

Advocating for Fellowship & Fun in Rotary Service,
Randell Barclay, District Governor

District News

Public Image Committee Online Forum from October 20, 2022

We had a great online forum last Thursday night on the topics of Social Media, TechSoup, Google for NonProfits and more.

The recording of the program was successful - however it is recorded in two segments. The first segment is the intros of Lizzy and Lou. The second segment is the main program.

Here is a link to the two segment videos and both slide presentations - which Lizzy and Lou presented:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1Df5rA2JsYd2CbEx_nOr6wVueHWxW6QHA.

Thank you for joining us!

PDG Alley Boucher Introduces DGND Donna Does

Here is a picture of PDG Alice (Alley) Boucher from Gilford and DGND Donna Does from Bow. PDG Alley had the honor of introducing DGND Donna Does as the 6th women DG for 2025-2026 Rotary Year. There were 28 clubs that all voted in the affirmative to have Donna Does as the DGND.

The first women DG was PDG Carolyn Meub, PDG Alley Boucher, PDG Jan McElroy, PDG Sandra McGonagle and PDG Nancy Russell.

Donna was welcomed by all who attended the District Conference on November 6th.



Upcoming Events for D7870

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- 1) January 8-12, 2023 - International Assembly in Orlando, FL. District Governor Elects from around the world will attend. The 2023-2024 Theme will be announced here.
- 2) February 4th, 2023 - District Training Team Seminar (DTTS) – Virtual event for Assistant Governors. Review of materials for Pre-PETS.
- 3) February 28, 2023 - Rotary Leadership Institute. Part 1 of virtual RLI with D7930. 6pm-9pm.
- 4) March 2, 2023 - Rotary Leadership Institute. Part 2 of virtual RLI with D7930. 6pm-9pm.
- 5) April 28,29, 2023 - POETS/District Assembly. Friday session for Presidents-Elect. Saturday open to all. Courtyard by Marriott, 10 Morgan Drive, Lebanon, NH
- 6) June 26 2023 – Changing of the Gavel. Little Red Schoolhouse, Wallingford, VT.

The PolioPlus Society



The PolioPlus Society is a program currently being offered by Districts around the world.



What is the PolioPlus Society? Polio is still endemic in two countries Afghanistan and Pakistan. We have seen a combined 33 cases this year. That is both wild polio and Vaccine Derived Polio Virus. In an effort to increase sustainable giving, the PolioPlus Society (PPS) was formed to encourage Rotarians to commit to a minimum of \$100 per year to the PolioPlus Fund until polio is eradicated from the face of the earth. Society members, who commit to at least \$100/year donation to PolioPlus, will receive a special PPS pin, and a certificate.



How to donate to PolioPlus thru the PPS:

- Rotarians and guests can go to myrotary.org/donate, and click on Polio Fund where they can make a one time or recurring donation.
- We encourage Rotarians to join PolioPlus Direct (the recurring option), signing up for automatic giving with a credit card. \$10 (or more) per month will qualify them for the society.
- Of course, they can also donate by giving their club Foundation Chair a check, payable to The Rotary Foundation, with “Polio Fund” in the memo section.
- Bill Gates and the Gates Foundation have renewed their commitment to match 2:1 any Rotarian gift to PolioPlus.



Where can I sign up? – Please use the link below for the online registration form to make your commitment.

<https://tinyurl.com/2a8rfckd>



Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together

Ken Yei (Queen City RC) will be hosting his next Coffee with Ken on Friday, December 2nd 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

Keene Elm City Rotary Club Update

Greetings from the Keene Elm City Rotary where we are finally bundled in sweaters and turning our thoughts toward a festive holiday season. We have very grateful hearts as we think back just over a month ago on our signature fundraising event, the Clarence DeMar Marathon weekend!



Our weekend kicked off on Friday, September 23rd with registration of runners. This alone can be quite a party as mostly local runners converge on Main Street to register and receive packets including their bibs and t-shirts! It's a reunion of sorts as our Rotarians were out to welcome everyone and start the excitement. Saturday continued registration as runners from all over the country poured in to get acclimated and visit and shop in our beautiful city. Saturday evening KECR hosted a spaghetti dinner to provide ample carb-loading for the Sunday morning run. Our very special guest speaker this year was Mr. Frank Shorter, a gold and silver Olympic medalist in the marathons of 1972 and 1976, respectively. And... very early Sunday morning, long before the sun was making an appearance, Race Director, Alan Stroshine was out on the course with his team, inspecting and setting out signage along the course to direct runners. Rotarians were out setting up water stations and the starting and finish line spaces. The energy throughout our town was palpable. As dawn broke, over 300 volunteers from our community were making their way out onto the course to serve as course marshals, first aid

assistants or hydration station attendants. Hundreds of runners made their way to starting lines. There were four groups of runners taking off; at 7:00 am~ the full marathon (26.2 miles!) athletes began their trek from the Gilsum, NH starting line, at 8:00~ the half marathon (13.1 miles) runners left from Surry, also at 8:00~ Super Seniors (athletes over 70 years of age) began to run a final 1.2 miles after spending the summer logging 25, and hundreds of area school children did the same at 8:30. Some of those DeMar Kids runners were sporting their KECR sneakers that had been delivered to them as part of our sneaker delivery program. In the spring, every second grader in Cheshire County receives a brand new pair of New Balance sneakers from our club's "Shoe Crew".

All runners converged on Appian Way's thrilling Finish Line on the campus of Keene State College. The course boasts iconic New England scenery and the most enthusiastic spectators. It is truly one of the most well-organized race events in the country and serves this community in so many ways, both financially and by lifting spirits and uniting people. Clarence DeMar was a teacher at Keene State College, then Keene Normal School. He holds the record for winning the most Boston Marathons, SEVEN! He also won a bronze medal at the Paris Olympics in 1924. His strength, wisdom and perseverance are felt throughout the day, on the course and sidelines and the glorious finish line. Our KECR club members dedicate their entire day to the athletes, including what Alan Stroshine calls, "The Closer", the very last runner to come across the line. In true DeMar spirit, our Rotarian team honors the runner who simply refused to give up. Dear friends, if you need to have your faith in humanity restored, come to Keene, NH on race day and cheer on some runners next September. It will feed your soul. It certainly fed ours!



Jaffrey-Rindge Gives Back to Memorial Park

A fascinating presentation about the history of the very unique Korea/Vietnam Memorial Park in downtown Jaffrey occurred at a recent breakfast meeting of the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club at Franklin Pierce University. Park founder Rick Lambert was receiving an annual donation from funds raised each year by the club for community betterment. His "acceptance speech" proved to be an eye-opener for many present and was deemed worthy of passing on to the public via our local paper.



As stated by Rick, "in 1982 our committee had 60 days to buy the abandoned Texaco gas station from Cheshire Oil Company across the street from Red's. Funds were raised from local donations which then started the process of building the park. Under the ground there were 5 old oil tanks with dirty soil, which had to be removed and that is why we have the slope to the park to the river. It is privately owned and open to the public year-round, with attractive landscaping."

He takes great pride in the fact that not \$1 dollar of Town money has been used for the park with "every cent raised since 1982 used to maintain and improve the Park, jokingly noting except for \$1 which was paid to Bissell Alderman for the work on design of the park." The committee has survived on private donations and the Rotarians were thanked for their generous donations. With only two fund drives since 1982, Rick believes the Memorial Park is the only privately owned and funded Korea/Vietnam Memorial in NH and maybe the country.

Questions from members showed support for the work to honor our veterans for over forty years, and well-wishes in the future as discussions with the NH DOT related to how the new Jaffrey roundabout will impact the Park continue. The meeting concluded with members receiving their annual Raffle Tickets to solicit the communities for funds to continue the many Jaffrey and Rindge charities supported by the Club.

68th Annual Springfield Rotary Penny Sale A Success

Springfield Resident Lenora Holt wins \$5,000 grand prize

The 68th Annual Springfield Vermont Rotary Club Penny Sale was held on Saturday, October 22nd at Riverside Middle School in Springfield with over 400 people in attendance. 385 prizes with values from \$15 to \$500 were distributed.

At the culmination of the annual Penny Sale, Springfield resident Lenora Holt was the winner of the drawing for the Grand Prize of \$5,000 in cash. In addition, Ethan McNaughton was the Door Prize winner, selected from the Grand Prize tickets, for \$500 in cash.

The Springfield Rotary Club has raised over \$565,000 since the inception of the Penny Sale. The Club annually awards scholarships to Springfield High School Seniors who are going to college. The total scholarships donations resulting from the Penny Sale exceeds \$205,000.00.

Rotary International is an international service organization with over one million members in over 200 countries. The Springfield Rotary Club is in its 95th year of service to the community. For more information, visit <https://springfieldvtrotary.org>

PHOTO (l-r): Raffle winner Lenora Holt, Springfield Rotary Club treasurer Ed McQuaide, door prize winner Ethan McNaughton, and Springfield Rotary Club president-elect Emma McGuirk.



Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley Beneficiary of American Flatbread

American Flatbread, a New England institution, is widely known for their charitable contributions. On Tuesday, October 25, 2022, American Flatbread opened a location in West Dover, Vermont and chose The Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley as the evening's beneficiary. The Club received a portion of the proceeds from the evening's sales of flatbreads, for both dine-in and take-out orders. The place was PACKED, everyone had a great time welcoming a new restaurant to town, and the Club was thrilled.



70 large flatbreads and 62 small flatbreads were sold, which netted the Rotary \$339.50, and a 50/50 raffle added an additional \$520.00 to that, totaling \$859.50 for the evening!

There was also a trivia contest, where we asked diners to complete questions about the Deerfield Valley. The person who got all 10 questions correctly won a large flatbread at American Flatbread.

The Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley is so very appreciative to American Flatbread for their generosity and was happy to be a small part of their “welcome to town!”



Keene Rotary Club Celebrates 100 Years of Service to the Community

Rotary Club of Keene kicked off 100 years of service to the community this past week with their 100 Windows for the 100th Project.

On November 8, 1922, Wallace E. Mason, Keene Normal School President, called five local businessmen to a meeting on the campus at Parker Hall in order to present the idea that the growing city of Keene would be a good location for a Rotary Club. The first Rotary Club had been formed in Chicago in 1905 with the objective to add friendship to business and to provide good works within the community. The idea proved successful and businessmen were forming Rotary Clubs across the country.

Mason invited C. Gale Shedd, a pharmacist who owned Bullard and Shedd Drug Store; Chester Jordan, a lawyer and later judge; Wallace L. Mason, president of the Keene National Bank; William Pearson, owner of a furniture factory; and Alfred Dennis, manager of the Golding-Keene Company which operated a large feldspar mine near town, to join the discussion. The result was the formation of Rotary Club of Keene which was then chartered by Rotary International January 19, 1923.

The Rotary Club of Keene is developing plans for a year of celebration which began last week with participation in the local Window Dressers project. The Window Dressers project was coordinated through the City of Keene Energy and Climate Committee and resulted in 20 local homes being fitted with 191 insulating window inserts. The Rotary Club paid for 100 of the window inserts in

recognition of the upcoming 100th anniversary of their founding and provided a team of Rotarians to help with the construction of the inserts.



Photo taken during the build of Rotarians left to right:
Bob Farrar, Cameron Tease, Chuck Prigge



Springfield Rotary Club Stuff-a-Truck on November 19

The Springfield Rotary Club will be holding a Stuff-a-Truck event, Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., in the Springfield Shopping Plaza to benefit the Springfield Family Center Food Shelf. Please come and grab a bag and fill it with non-perishable food items or personal care products to help those in need this holiday season. The Rotary Club will be set up by Shaw's in the plaza and hopes to see you there!



Henniker Area Rotary Club

Although the Henniker Area Rotary Club is well known for its service to the local community, recently the club expanded its reach to include becoming an International Partner with a Rotary Club in India. The Bangalore India club found a need for specialized equipment by a charitable hospital in Bangalore, India and reached out to Rotary clubs for assistance. Some members of District 7870 further contacted their Clubs, and some members of the Henniker Area club stepped up to help, particularly the Club's Foundation Chair, who also agreed to monitor the club in India's progress to ensure that they fulfill its goals to provide specialized service to underserved heart patients in the local community.

When asked to contribute, the Henniker Area board reviewed the needs assessment that was conducted, which acknowledged that the plan was needed and sustainable, and unanimously agreed to contribute and to assist when necessary. In weekly conversations with his counterpart in Bangalore, India, the Henniker Rotary Club Foundation Chair learns of the progress being made in securing the funds for the project. That information is passed on to the club membership at their weekly meetings, in order to maintain clear transparency of this international project.

Becoming an International Partner will make the Henniker Area Rotary Club a more well-rounded organization. Rotary International is comprised of over 46,000 individual clubs who have the ability to make great changes by working together to accomplish what they could not be able to accomplish on their own.

Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Speaker on Home in Nepal

Fellow Rotarian Rudra Aryal, natural science professor at Franklin Pierce University, enthralled members about his journey to America from Nepal and the meaning to him of US citizenship. Recounting his birth in a house that also accommodated 15 cows, he told of how all babies were born in home (no hospitals for 2 days walk) and no records were kept - dates of birth were always a mystery, according to his 81-year-old mother who recently visited "her friend" Rudra (and climbed the little mole hill we call Mt. Monadnock). Remember that the tallest mountains in the world, led by Everest, are in Nepal.



His early memories of education included a seed planted by a teacher in grade seven who mentioned America and instilled a quest to learn English and someday go to "that place which is just below us on the globe!". Rudra excelled in his studies and won a scholarship to Trichondra University for an MS in physics. After 4 years as a teaching assistant, his dream of coming to America was fulfilled as he achieved a PhD from the University of Miami with extensive research, continuing to this day on origins of air pollution from around the world. With four years as professor at Eckerd College in Tampa, a new dream formed to provide a New England secondary education experience for his two daughters.

Settling into the Monadnock Region, seeing his family happy, and achieving US citizenship has added to his very optimistic outlook on life. "This is my home, I am very happy here - I love New Hampshire, Franklin Pierce and very much Rotary, because of its positive thinking and plans which help others" (Service Above Self). The breakfast meeting of October 6 will be long remembered as good for the soul.

Rotary West Casino Days

By Carol Powis

The Rotary Club of Nashua West benefited from two separate charitable gaming events at the Lucky Moose Casino & Tavern. And, at the same time the club took advantage of these opportunities for some fellowship while displaying their best poker faces.

From September 6th to September 10th the club received 35% of the venue's proceeds from patrons playing their gaming tables and from November 6th through the 10th the club benefitted from patrons playing both table games and their newest installation of slot and HHR (Historical Horse Racing) machines.

Thank you to all who were able to support us with what we provide to the nonprofits throughout the City of Nashua.



Keene Elm City Rotarian Cheryl Belair and her Team Chosen to Win \$10K - But we need your VOTES!

Thanks to Keene Elm City Rotarian Cheryl Belair and her team at The Insurance Source, KEREC has been chosen to win \$10,000. But we need your VOTES!

Here are the details:

We are excited to share the below campaign we are involved in. To date we have been awarded \$5,000 and need your help to get \$5,000 more! All the details can be found in the below release. Please note that you can vote from multiple devices if you would like to help more than once!



Help us Make More Happen and win \$10,000 for Keene Elm City Rotary Club

We've got exciting news, and a simple way for you to help those in need!

The Insurance Source has been selected as a Liberty Mutual and Safeco Insurance Make More Happen Award winner for volunteering with Keene Elm City Rotary! This fantastic organization takes on the important mission of "Service Above Self" by taking part in a variety of vocational service, community service and international service efforts with a primary focus on the health and wellbeing of children worldwide..

Along with being named a Make More Happen Award winner, Liberty Mutual and Safeco Insurance made a \$5,000 commitment to Keene Elm City Rotary Club - Move Everyday Sneaker Project in the agency's honor, and now we have a chance to turn that into \$10,000! That's where you come in. Help us get to 500 votes on our story and the donation doubles!

Visit our story at www.agentgiving.com/The-Insurance-Source and follow the instructions to vote:

1. Leave a short comment to cheer us on at the bottom of our story
2. Use the social media buttons on the page to spread the word to your friends about the donation and how to help.*



Please share and comment from each of your devices (smart phone, tablet, computer, etc.) by December 9.

We appreciate your support for our Keene Elm City Rotary Club and Move Everyday Sneaker Project!



From Keene Elm City Rotary Club

In 2003, the City of Keene established the City of Keene Partner City Committee to serve as an advisory group to promote educational, cultural, athletic, business, and intergovernmental cooperation between Keene, New Hampshire, and Einbeck, Germany. Successful past exchange programs include youth soccer teams, choral group members, committee delegates, and other City planners and leaders. Through these exchanges, local culture is experienced, and lifelong bonds are created between youth, adults, and families in both cities.

In 2019, a delegation from Einbeck visited Keene, and from October 6 to 15, the Citizens of Einbeck hosted the Keene delegation that included Dr. Yves Gakunde, Past President of the Keene Elm City Rotary Club. Through this partnership, early this year, the Keene Elm City Rotary club generously donated funds to Einbeck to support Ukrainian refugees currently living in Einbeck. The City of Einbeck is accommodating approximately 1,000 Ukrainian refugees. The generous support given to refugees includes housing, clothing, hygiene products, food, medical aid, school material and toys for kids, etc.

As the situation in Ukraine continued to worsen this year, more and more refugees moved towards the West, and Einbeck continued to work hard on hands-on support for the families arriving in

Einbeck. Yves had a chance to meet with Einbeck authorities and Rotary members to learn how funds were used and potential projects that could benefit Ukrainians in Einbeck and those that are in Ukraine.

Einbeck Northeim Rotary Club assembling beds for a shelter to host Ukrainian refugees



From left: Andreas Oppermann (President Elect Einbeck Northeim Rotary Club), Stefan Beumer (Past President Einbeck Northeim Rotary Club), Yves Gakunde, and Renatus Döring (Current President Einbeck Northeim Rotary Club).



International

Changing Lives Via Rotary International Program



The Rotary Clubs of the Monadnock Region have long held the belief that cross-cultural learning and studying abroad can be transformative, both for young people and club members as well as the recipients of service in other countries. The Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club has been fortunate to develop a strong relationship with FNEI International, s a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and public charity that promotes education and sustainable development projects world-wide. FNEI works to identify needs, Facilitate collaborations, Network with local and international organizations and Empower individuals to participate actively in their communities.

J-R member Travis Kumph started the interaction with FNEI leading to a trip to Chacreasaca in Nicaragua. In the spring of 2015 through 2019 Paddy and John McCarthy traveled with J-R

Rotary Interactors from Conant and Conval for home building, including other Rotarians and the Bennett family pictured below. The power of that experience prompted Interactor Shannon to give another trip to her Dad as a Christmas present. She was inspired by her Spanish teacher Paddy McCarthy to learn the languages to better communicate with the native peoples she has related to as a world traveler following her year in Brazil as a Rotary exchange student. She states that “Rotary service has motivated me to volunteer as a medical assistant in college. I am currently in pursuit of becoming a doctor.”

In the spring of 2018 Rotarians Tom Bennett and Misty Start led a trip to learn about healthcare in Nicaragua as well as stove building. Students at Franklin Pierce University, led by Dr. Bennett, journeyed to the Dominican Republic learning about the healthcare and education systems and volunteering at the schools in spring 2019, followed by another trip to Chacresaca in the summer with John McCarthy, Jim Guy, Bob Schauman, and Tom Bennett collecting experiences toward a Rotary International Grant to add sustainability to the emerging program.

All participants agree that the program, which has raised over \$21,000 from 4 local clubs (Dublin, Peterborough, Milford, Jaffrey-Rindge) and individuals has made a huge impact in both givers and receivers – support to teachers, students and communities in Nicaragua and a change in outlook for the lives of those who participate from our area. Personal testimony makes the point of the reciprocity of benefit – Megan Wheeler, former Conant Interact member and Jaffrey-Rindge Martin Luther King Jr Committee member became so committed to the learning experiences that she continued her interests by studying Spanish K-5 at Roanoke College and is now in the Peace Corps in Monte Plata, the Dominican Republic.

Interact Advisor Paddy McCarthy, wife of Rotarian John, sees the growth in students through this Monadnock club project with her own testimony: *“Our experiences in Nicaragua with FNEI over the last eight years have had a significant effect on many people, including me. In leading student trips, I’ve had the great satisfaction of seeing a new awareness of the world and a deep compassion for others ignited in teenagers, most of whom are leaving the U.S. for the first time. Their “why...how...what can we do?” questions as they witness poverty and need truly fueled my teaching. FNEI trips present lessons that last a lifetime.”*



When one member, Dr. Tom Bennett, took his whole family on a visit to assist with a house building project, they learned about the value of scholarships to students in the area, who benefit from assistance with learning resources, including travel to classes. The health and educational projects have been called “pathways out of poverty”, and the passion generated by this human relationship of service to another culture has resulted in several donations from Jaffrey and Rindge members for student scholarships. Conant student Megan Graf has indicated that her experiences have also impacted the trajectory of her education and career goals. In her second year of studying public health in college, the

philosophy of FNEI of giving a hand up rather than a handout stands out as most sustainable for change. She hopes to someday be able to apply her learning to her own communities and others around the world.

FNEI partnerships such as ours help developing nations to identify opportunities to advance housing, health and education. As individuals and groups such as Rotary seize those opportunities, they empower individuals to do the same as engaged members of their own community and the world. Paddy also says “On a personal level I’ve felt a strong sense of life coming full circle. My experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in rural Guatemala had a profound influence on me and on my life since. I am reminded of those powerful feelings frequently when I am in Nicaragua sharing in some small way in the efforts FNEI is taking to help improve lives.”

With 14 schools and 90 teachers, the challenge is great but the opportunity to be involved has been called life-changing. Paddy McCarthy, advisor of the Interact team, summed it up: *“the relationships formed by the kids at Conant have been eye-openers to a different culture, and our aid in this time of Covid is critical to the sustainability of the program.”* Rotary’s belief that people become better global citizens/stewards when they demonstrate their concern for the needs of others by extending themselves and their learning into the community has been affirmed and deserves this public notice.



Fundraisers

Holly Jolly Bellows Follies - December 1, 2022

BELLOWS FALLS - Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! The community is invited to a festive night of holiday themed songs, skits, fun, and frolic at the Holly Jolly Bellows Follies. An event for all ages with performances from the multi-talented Wild Goose Players, and a skit performed by the Rotary Club of Bellows Falls, to usher you into an unforgettable holiday season on Thursday, December 1st at the Bellows Falls Opera House. Doors will open at 6:30pm with showtime beginning at 7:30pm.



Tickets will be available at the front door and online at bellowsfallsoperahouse.com; tickets are priced at \$10, \$22, \$28, and \$35. The Opera House concession stand will be open and serving light refreshments.

This performance is presented by the Wild Goose Players and the Bellows Falls Rotary. For questions, or more information about the performance, please contact the Bellows Falls Rotary at 802-522-0363, or bfrotary@gmail.com.

3rd Annual Nashua Rotary Car Raffle - WIN a 2023 BMW X3 xDrive30i or \$35K



Rotary Club of Nashua
3rd Annual Charity Car Raffle

2023 BMW X3 xDrive30i
OR \$35,000 CASH!

Buy tickets & more info
www.NashuaRotary.org

ONLY 1000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!
Ticket Price: \$100

THREE \$500 EARLYBIRD DRAWINGS!
Nov 7, Dec 5 & Jan 9
Winning tickets remain in drawing for Grand Prize

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING
March 8, 2023 @ Tulley BMW of Nashua

Buy your ticket early to get entered into all 3 - \$500 Early Bird Raffles – November 7, December 5, and January 9.

Winning early bird tickets remain in the drawing for the Grand Prize! Additional information including raffle terms and conditions may be found on our website.

Tickets may be purchased through our Club website <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2946> or by click on the following link:

[https://rafflecreator.com/pages/601/2023-nashua-rotary-car-raffe---bmw-x3-or-\\$35000](https://rafflecreator.com/pages/601/2023-nashua-rotary-car-raffe---bmw-x3-or-$35000)

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: December 15th, 2022 at 9:00 AM.**

Website and Social Media

Be sure to check (and share) the Rotary District 7870 **website** at: www.rotary7870.org.



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