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Greetings From Your District Governor David Saturley



The second half of October flew by, as did the first half of November. Our Rotary members in D7870 carved out many memorable moments during the past 30 days. The busy week of the 22nd kicked off with the Bethel Area Club hosting their International Dinner. As always, our youth exchange students were the stars of the show. Seeing them grow more comfortable and improve their public speaking is a wonderful experience. If you've not met them yet, I would strongly encourage you to take the opportunity.

The week continued with a session on the 23rd about Council on Resolutions, hosted by our District Council on Legislation representatives Sandy McGonagle and Jon Springer. They spoke about and answered questions on items up for consideration at this year's Council of Resolutions. The recording is available on our District website. Results of the Council votes are available on myrotary.org.

World Polio Day was Tuesday the 24, and brought a Focus on Polio webinar, presented by Past RI President Jennifer Jones, Past President and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Barry Rassin, and Past Trustee Brenda Cressey. If you missed this important update on our fight to eradicate Polio, the link is on our District website.

Wednesday the 25th was a special visit to our District by Rotary International President Elect Stephanie Urchick and PDG Tom Gump. Hosted by our own DGE Bill Stevens, Stephanie and Tom spoke about growing membership using the Rotary Action Plan. If you missed the session, you'll find the recording link on our District website.

Wrapping up the week was the Rotary Leadership Institute hosted at St Johnsburry Academy by our neighbors to the north, District 7850. Our District was well represented across all levels, graduating two from Part 3, and 5 from Facilitator training. Information about upcoming sessions can be found at www.rlinea.org. Our next session is virtual, and will take place over two nights in March, on the 19th and 21st. (photos both courtesy of RLINEA).



Our next event was the monthly meeting of our District RAGMHI (Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives) on the 29th. Kathleen Kilbourne from The Center for Health & Living spoke about their activities, suicide prevention program and their recent suicide prevention symposium. Our chapter is off to quite a start with speakers, and if you missed any of the presentations the recording links can be found on the District website.



November is Foundation Month. During club visits in October, it was a pleasure to participate in the recognition of several new Paul Harris Fellows and multiple recipients of that honor. Across our District, in clubs of all sizes, you will find members supporting our Foundation. Giving can take on many forms, from outright one time contributions, using Rotary Direct for recurring giving, and planned giving through endowments and bequests. Imagine the impact if every Rotary member of every club in District 7870 gave \$25.00! If you haven't participated in Foundation giving yet this year, I encourage you to explore the impact our Foundation has around the world. I believe you will find an abundance of good works worthy of your charitable giving.

Yours in Rotary Service,

DG David

District News

Donating to Paul Harris Society

We all have charities that we feel passionate about donating to such as St. Jude's, Animal Rescue, American Heart Association and Cancer Society to mention a few. For Rotarians, we have a very special charity: The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation funds projects where Rotarians see needs and the funds are managed by Rotarians. Any donation to The Foundation is appreciated and those who commit to \$ 1,000 annually can become members of the Paul Harris Society. The information to join the Paul Harris Society is listed on the district website, www.rotary7870.org, under documents.

The Paul Harris Society commitment is for \$1,000.00 each year and you can decide how you want to pay for this, \$85.00 a month, \$250.00 per quarter or an outright gift of \$1,000.00. This commitment will help with grants to help people in need, whether it is your community or people around the world.

Here are areas that your donation can help:

- Disaster relief
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Basic education and literacy
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Maternal and child health
- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- Community economic development
- Environmental issues

Please consider donating to the Rotary Foundation, our charity, as your money can help Rotarians help people here and abroad.

PDG Alice (Alley) Boucher, Chair of Paul Harris Society

RLI Training and Other Rotary Training

How does Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) and other Rotary Role specific training compare?



RLI training offers every Rotarian the opportunity to be exposed to a broad understanding of leadership and knowledge of Rotary by preparing Rotarians for whatever future opportunity might be presented. RLI provides a framework to use making informed and collaborative decisions.

When a Rotarian is invited to take on a specific role, Rotary offers training that improves their effectiveness. Role based training is designed to teach and prepare a Rotarian for a specific role. A Rotarian is invited to attend because of their new assignment.

PETS training for Presidents-Elect prepares an incoming president for their new role or assignment. Other role-based training may be targeted to a specific position such as club officer, member of the club board, the Rotary Foundation or Membership chair.

RLI training teaches key Rotary insights that will guide participants in future opportunities. It focuses on the interaction among the people in the training and the facilitators guide the participants to understand that the answers are in the room, within the participants, and are not necessarily the viewpoint facilitator.

RLI will provide Rotarians with an enhanced background in Rotary when Rotarians attend other job-specific training programs.

Questions, please email carol.powis@comcast.net.

To sign up for sessions: <https://rlinea.org/>

2023-24 RLI Schedule

D7910 Marlboro, MA - In Person January 27, 2024

D7930 – Wakefield, MA – Virtual February 27, 2024

D7870 – VT/NH – Virtual March 19 & 21, 2024

D7950 – Bourne, MA - In Person March 23, 2024

D7780 – Lewiston, ME – TBD Spring 2024 – TBD

Other locations throughout NYS and PA

District 2024 4-Way Test Speech Contest

The semifinals of the 2024 District 7870 4-Way Test Speech Contest will be held on Sunday April 7, 2024 at the Henniker Community Center beginning at 1:00 PM. Contestants should register by 12:30. The finals will be held during POETS on April 27, 2024 at Hartford Highschool, 37 Highland Avenue, in White River Junction, VT. Time to be determined. Club executives are asked to watch their emails for the updated guidelines to be sent soon.

See the Revised Guidelines for the 4-Way Test Speech Contest here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1v65lvgHNYxplRvqDaz8NyCfF991PKBjf/edit?usp=sharing&oid=113101503615438439281&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together

Ken Yei (Queen City RC) will be hosting his next Coffee with Ken on **Fri. December 1 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 Rotary Food Drive - November 18, 2023



69th Annual Springfield Rotary Penny Sale a Success



The 69th Annual Springfield Vermont Rotary Club Penny Sale was held on Saturday, October 21st at Riverside Middle School in Springfield with an enthusiastic crowd in attendance. Over 300 prizes with values from \$15 to \$500 were distributed.

The Penny Sale netted over \$15,000. Jen McQuaide was the winner of the drawing for the Grand Prize of \$5,000 in cash. In addition, Sue Dowdell was the Door Prize winner, selected from the Grand Prize tickets, for \$500 in cash.

The Springfield Rotary Club has raised over \$580,000 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 \$220,000.

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): Rotarians Carrie Mobus, Jim Fog, and Deb Cox spin the drum to pick the winner of the \$5,000 raffle prize at the 69th Annual Springfield Vermont Rotary Club Penny Sale held on Oct. 21.

Ludlow Rotary Honors Revered Teacher Heidi Baitz

At their October 24th meeting the Ludlow Rotary Club surprised Ludlow Elementary's long time 6th grade teacher, Heidi Baitz, by presenting her with its annual Vocational Service Award. Baitz, who retired in June, thought she was going to a craft show with her sister at the United Church of Ludlow. She arrived to find the Ludlow Rotary Club meeting where she was the honored guest. Her husband, Mike Normyle was there waiting as well.

Rotary's Past President Jim Rumrill emceed the awards ceremony listing many of Baitz's outstanding contributions during her 38 year career at Ludlow Elementary School. Heidi coached 6th grade teams for Odyssey of the Mind for many years, qualifying for Worlds two times. She worked with parents and students to fundraise for field trips to Boston and Washington, D.C. Rumrill and Bruce Schmidt shared tributes from former students to Mrs. Baitz, crediting her for setting them on the road to success.

Mrs. Baitz always made sure the students were involved in community service, helping them understand the importance of it. Sharon Bixby spoke about Baitz's role in her students' developing permanent exhibits at Black River Academy Museum, including historic downtown Ludlow, and the Floods of 2011 compared to 1927. Baitz was the epitome of a comprehensive educator, according to former Town Manager Frank Heald who added that "if you searched Wikipedia for "Educator", the definition would read Heidi Baitz."

Given the chance to speak at the end, Heidi stated that she loved her job, which made it so wonderful to work for so many years with Ludlow's students and their families. She was presented with flowers as well as the Vocational Service Award.

Anyone interested in learning more about joining Rotary is invited to contact Kevin Barnes, Membership Chairman at (802) 228-8877, to receive an invitation to a meeting.



Photo caption: Heidi Baitz receives Vocational Service Award from Rotary's Past President Jim Rumrill. Photo credit Kim Lampert

David Ballou's 50th Anniversary in Rotary Celebration



On Saturday October 28th, the Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club celebrated our long time member, David Ballou who this year is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a Rotarian, with perfect attendance no less! Members of Dave's family, District Rotarians and our own Wallingford Rotary club members sat down to a beautiful meal cooked by Rotarian Erika Berner (Breads by Erika) at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Wallingford. The approximately 40 attendees celebrated the evening with David, who has lived a life dedicated to Rotary's motto of Service Above Self.

Dave joined Rotary on April 16, 1973 when he joined the Wallingford Rotary Club in Wallingford, Vermont. Dave has served the Rotary Club for 50 years with perfect attendance. He has served on numerous club committees and as President four (4) times 1976-1977, 1999-2000, and 2007-2008, 2020-21 Dave was made a Paul Harris Fellow by his club in 1985 and by the District in 1991. He is a Benefactor, Major Donor Level 2, Charter member of the Paul Harris Society, and a member of the Bequest Society.

Dave presented four (4) Paul Harris Fellows to his daughters and their husbands at the Wallingford Club's 75th Anniversary Dinner. For the Year 2001-2002 he was presented the Rotary Foundation District Service Award.

David L. Ballou had been selected to receive the District Treasure Award for 2007-2008.

Dave has served the District on many committees, such as World Community Service, Group Study Exchange, District Nominating Committee, Long Range Planning, Paul Harris Memorial Trust, Membership Committee, District Building Committee, and District Conference Committee. He has been Chairman and Co-Chairman of the District World Community Service and Group Study Exchange Committees. He has served the District as a Governor's Representative and Assistant District Governor for 14 years. In 1988 he was the Team Leader for a Group Study Exchange to Brazil.

Dave has served the Wallingford Club as President four (4) times, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, and Chairman of the many Club Committees. He has hosted Exchange Students and Group Study Exchange Team members.

In 1982 the Little Red Schoolhouse required a roof replacement including new trusses . Dave became Chairman and Treasurer of the fundraising Committee made up of Dave and Past District Governor Zell. They raised \$36,000 for this project. At the conclusion of the project Dave and his fellow Rotarians in the Wallingford Club decided to raise funds for an Endowment Fund to support the operation and maintenance of the building, Dave agreed to be the Treasurer for the Endowment Fund.

Dave received the 1984-1985 Volunteer of the Year Award for the State of Vermont from his employer New England Telephone. Dave has worked with the Rutland County United Way and other non-profit organizations for over forty (40) years. He has been on the Rutland County United Way Board of Directors since 1990. He received the Rutland County United Way Volunteer of the Year Award for 2004.

Please join us in congratulating David on his accomplishment and making Rotary a very important part of his life. There is also a link to Dave's acceptance speech and additional photographs here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/65D6zMBZfFYcMTUq5>

41st Milford Rotary Club Christmas Tree Sale is ON!

The Milford Rotary Club is gearing up for its 41st Annual Christmas Tree sale! Harvested less than two weeks before their delivery, our Colebrook, NH grown balsam trees will be delivered on Sunday, November 19th. Thanks to Sue Robert and Fred Lozier, we continue to have an excellent sales location at their Frederick's Pastries parking lot at 109 Route 101A in Amherst.

Trees will be priced at \$60 for under 8 foot trees and \$80 for the 8 to 10 foot trees. Pre-order purchasing is available online at our website



41st Annual Milford Rotary Club Christmas Tree Sale

THE TREES ARE COMING!

Frederick's Pastries Parking Lot 109 Rte 101A Amherst

These select NH grown trees sell out FAST! Get yours while they last!

In-person sales start Friday 11/24/23 9:00AM - 7:00PM
Weekends (Sat & Sun) 9:00AM - 7:00PM
Weekdays (Tue to Fri) 5:30PM - 8:00PM

Fresh NH Grown Balsam Trees ~ under 8 ft tall \$60 and 8-10 ft tall \$80

Online Purchasing & Gift Certificates available

Please visit www.MilfordRotaryTrees.org for more details

All proceeds support Milford Rotary's charitable giving and local scholarship programs!



www.MilfordRotaryTrees.org. On-site we accept payment via cash, credit cards and checks.

As always, the proceeds from our Christmas Tree Sale support the Milford Rotary Club's charitable giving and scholarship programs. The funds we raise help improve lives not only in our local communities but internationally as well. In just the past 17 years, the Milford Rotary Club has donated well over 1.7 million dollars in charitable grants and scholarships!

Have some free time? Interested in some fun Rotary style inter-club fellowship and sisterhood? Know any teenagers who are looking for fun community service hours? Then, Come Join Us for a few hours! Our online volunteer sign-up page is available at www.MilfordRotaryClub.org.

Rotary Club of Rutland Gift a Tree Program

The Rotary Club of Rutland has generously supported local nonprofits and community partners for over 100 years. Selling Christmas trees for over 60 years has been our largest community engagement and fundraiser.

Many families are in need of community support and may not be able to buy a Christmas tree. The Gift a Tree program connects generous donors like you with anonymously selected families in need extending joyful happiness this holiday season.

With each \$65 donation one Rotary Christmas tree to be given to a local family in need. The family will be provided a voucher to select a Rotary Christmas tree of any size.

We welcome all businesses and individuals to support this program. Thank you in advance for your support!

For more info, visit: <https://bit.ly/GiftATreeRutland>



Save the Date - First Night December 31, 2023

Herald in the New Year by celebrating First Night with us on December 31, 2023. The Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club, in partnership with the City of Claremont, will be hosting this unique, family-friendly event. Because of our generous sponsors, people will have access to a variety of activities with the purchase of a \$1 button per individual. Buttons will be available for purchase in December.

Sponsors to Date: Claremont Savings Bank, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Mascoma Bank, Keady Family Practice

For additional information, please email us at sugarriverrotary@gmail.com.

Fundraisers & Events

4th Annual Nashua Rotary Car Raffle - WIN a 2024 BMW X3 xDRive30i or \$35,000 - Raffles on 12/4/23 & 1/8/24

Car raffle tickets make great holiday gifts for family, friends, or business colleagues – or give one to yourself! Gift certificates and envelopes available. Please email Patricia Conard (patricia@conard.com) if you would like to purchase raffle tickets as gifts.

The Grand Prize Winner shall have the choice between a credit, in an amount not more than \$54,820 which is approximately the value of a moderately-equipped 2024 BMW X3, OR a \$35,000 cash prize. The Winner may apply the credit toward the purchase of a moderately-equipped BMW X3 OR The winner may, if agreed between the winner and Tulley BMW, use the credit towards another vehicle of the same or greater price sold by Tulley Automotive including GMC, Buick or Mazda.



Rotary Club of Nashua
4th Annual Charity Car Raffle

2024 BMW X3 xDrive30i
OR \$35,000 CASH!

THREE \$500 EARLYBIRD DRAWINGS!
Nov 6, Dec 4 & Jan 8
Winning tickets remain in drawing for Grand Prize

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

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING
March 6, 2024
@ Tulley BMW of Nashua

Must be 18 to participate. Car raffle Terms & Conditions available on this website.

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/39601/2024-nashua-rotary-car-raffle---bmw-x3-or-\\$35000](https://rafflecreator.com/pages/39601/2024-nashua-rotary-car-raffle---bmw-x3-or-$35000)



Greater Keene Rotaract's Ugly Sweater Party - November 25, 2023

A festive poster for an 'Ugly Sweater Party'. The background is dark green with white snowflakes and illustrations of a penguin, a Santa hat, and a red sweater. The text is in white and yellow. The title 'Ugly Sweater Party' is in a large, white, serif font. Below it, the date and time 'SATURDAY 11/25 | 6 - 9 PM' and the location '21 BAR & GRILL KEENE, NH' are in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. Two paragraphs of white text provide details about the event and the 'Operation Elves' charity. The Rotary logo and 'District 7870' are at the bottom left.

Ugly Sweater Party

SATURDAY 11/25 | 6 - 9 PM
21 BAR & GRILL
KEENE, NH

Don your ugliest sweater, come drink, and be merry with the Greater Keene Rotaract Club! To support our 6th annual Operation Elves, guests can purchase raffle tickets for a Night Out on the GKRC at this event. We will also be collecting donations of wrapping paper, gift bags + boxes, gift bows + ribbon, clear tape, new hats and mittens (infant to 18yrs old), and AA batteries.

Piloted in 2018, the mission of Operation Elves is twofold: create holiday magic for local children in need and empower their families to be involved in this process. Upon receiving information about each child from their family, our organization shops and curates an inventory from which families are able to select their children's gifts. Each child receives about half a dozen items catered to their interests in addition to a new outfit, hygiene supplies, and winter gear if needed. In 2023, our goal is to support 65 children in need.

Club of Greater Keene
Rotaract
District 7870

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 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: December 15th, 2023 at 9:00 AM.**

Website and Social Media

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



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