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Greetings From Your District Governor Randell Barclay



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Dianne and I will have completed 52 official club visits (out of 60 club) when the October newsletter is issued. Our focus is now shifting to the Killington District Conference on Sunday, November 6th, 2022. All our many speakers are ready. So come to the conference, meet new and old friends, take home some ideas that you might implement at your club. Our focus will be District Grants, Club Service Projects, and Fundraisers. You can register on the home page of the District website. If you cannot make it in-person, there is a separate Zoom registration for the District Conference.

You all know about Dianne and my commitment for youth exchange. We were delighted to be invited to attend the opening dinner for Rotary Club of Meredith's Youth Exchange weekend. Both Meredith and Gilford supported this weekend. The 9 inbound exchange students plus one inbound exchange student living in Burlington VT (District 7850) joined us for the weekend. Meredith Rotarians hosted the exchange students in their homes. The students visited Squam Lake Natural Science Center, climbed Rattlesnake Mountain, visited the Sandwich Fair, and enjoyed a zipline adventure at Gunstock Mountain.

We are looking forward to attending the Bethel 42nd Annual International Dinner on Sunday October 23rd, 2022, at 4PM. For more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/441972570617543>. The Youth Exchange students and the Youth Exchange team will be there. RSVPs should be sent to Bethel's president Jeanne Conde at bethelarearotary@gmail.com by Oct 17th, 2022.

World Polio Day is Monday October 24th, 2022. Consider a donation to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus program. You might hold a EndPolioNow event. You can download the World Polio Day Tool Kit at <https://www.endpolio.org/resource-center>.

In the Rotary Calendar, November is The Rotary Foundation ("TRF") Month. To learn more about Rotary's charity download The Rotary Foundation Reference Guide at <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/rotary-foundation-reference-guide>

Also coming up is this year's West Africa Project Fair November 3rd to 5th, 2022. This year the event will again be virtual, and registration is free for Rotarians around the world. The six West African Districts are hoping to show over 250 potential projects as they look for International Partners and Participants in their Global Grants and international District Grants. Find out more at [Rotary West Africa Project Fair – An annual event of the vibrant Rotary clubs in West Africa](#)

rotarywapf.org). I have made two in-person visits to the West African Project Fairs (in Benin and Liberia) and I've attended and spoken at the last two virtual Project Fairs.

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

District News

Public Image Panel on “Social Media, TechSoup, Google for NonProfits and more!” - October 20, 2022 at 7pm EST

The District 7870 Public Image Committee presents a Zoom panel: “**Social Media, Public Image, TechSoup, Google for NonProfits and more!**”

The **panelists** are: **Lizzy Martin** the Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zone 32 AND **Lou Botta** a member of the New London Rotary Club.

Ever wonder....?

- **How can my club boost its public image?**
- **What is the best way for my club to use social media?**
- **How can my club increase social media without increasing costs?**
- **What is TechSoup and how will it benefit my club?**
- **What is Google for NonProfits?**

Description of event: **Lizzy Martin** and **Lou Botta** will be our featured panelists for the online District 7870 event sharing their experiences with Rotary on how to gain greater press coverage for Rotary events, and utilize online tools.

Sign Up:

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022

Time: 7pm-8pm EST (approx. 1 hour)

Location: On Zoom. Please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcld-6hrTgtGdZx4ZD9oxa598-IkKxbreKc>

Recommended for: All Rotarians in District 7870 most especially Club Presidents and Public Relations Chairs.

Note: Questions can be submitted ahead of time to: PrRotary7870@gmail.com.

Panelist Bios:

Lizzy Martin

Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zone 32
Member of Baldwinsville Rotary Club in District 7150 (Central New York)



Lizzy Martin is a third generation Rotarian who has been in Rotary for 13 years. She has been the Public Image Chair of her club for more than a decade and the District Public Image Chair for District 7150 for seven years. Having attended many zone-level training events over the years, she was then called up to be part of the Zone 32 Public Image team for the 2022-23 year, assisting northern New England districts. She is a bit of a “brand nerd” in studying Rotary’s brand, leading many district trainings over the years launching the new logos in the early 2010’s and reinforcing the best image for our organization over the years. She established the Facebook pages for her club and district early on, using social media pretty much daily both for volunteer and work life. She lives in Baldwinsville, NY with her husband, cat and dog. She has worked in advertising sales for Advance Media New York, publisher of The Post-Standard and syracuse.com, for 15 years.



Lou Botta is a Past President, current Secretary of the New London Rotary Club and Assistant District Governor. He has been a Rotarian since 2015.

Although retired, Lou is an elected official in New London, NH, being part of the town’s Budget Committee, and is also the Director of New London’s Emergency Management, which he performs pro bono. He retired in September 2011 from the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency where he was Director of the Business Management Division, Recovery Directorate, assigned to FEMA Headquarters office in Washington, DC. Prior to his tour as Division Director, he was a Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO), one of a group of senior federal officers who, following a presidential disaster or emergency declaration, are individually appointed to represent the President as the deployed federal coordinator dealing with the state, local communities and volunteer agencies in the specific disaster.

Lou headed operations in fourteen major Presidential disasters, including Hurricane Isabel in Virginia, a major tornado in Xenia, Ohio, and four major flooding disasters in West Virginia. He also headed three disaster operations in New England. In addition, he chaired a Long Term Recovery function for Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina. Lou was a cohort for the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative at Harvard University and was a 2010 Senior Executive Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Lou lives in New London with his husband Bill Hickey.

The **moderator** is: **Bob Schaumann**, Assistant District Governor and former President of the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary. Bob's background includes several years as a radio newsman at two major radio stations in Philadelphia.

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District Governor 2025-2026



Dear District Rotarians,

I am extremely excited to inform you all that the 2022 Nominating committee has met and selected our next candidate to become District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND). This candidate will be eligible to be our District Governor for the Rotary Year 2025 -2026. Our selected DNGD candidate is Donna Deos from the Rotary Club of Bow New Hampshire. I have added a brief biography below.

Donna was born and raised in Bow, NH. Her father, Joe Deos, was a charter member of the Bow club. She has her BS- in Management and her MBA - in Leadership, both from Franklin Pierce University. Donna spent many years in the Concord area working in Marketing, Sales, Fundraising and Senior Living. She began her own business in 2013 and moved into that full time at the start of 2015. She now runs Donna Deos, LLC, a company that does coaching, counseling and education for the "sandwiched" adult children of senior citizens - helping them cope with all that aging has to offer their loved ones, and in turn, them. Her goal is to help people find ways to cope and to see the humor in it along the way.

Donna has been with her partner, Eric Steenbergen, for 23 years. Together they have three grown daughters and seven grandchildren. Eric has his own building and remodeling business in the greater Concord area.

Donna is Trustee for the Baker Free Library in Bow, NH and a committee member for Riverbend Community Mental Health's Stewardship Committee.

Since becoming a Rotarian February 2, 2002, she has spent nine years on the Board of Directors, two of them as club Secretary, and club President for 2014-2015. For as long as she has been a Rotarian, she has been involved in the Club's major fundraiser, their annual Scholarship Auction, co-chairing it several times. She has been involved in many other club activities and in the spring of 2015 was awarded by her club with a Paul Harris for being "the face and heart of their auction for as long as they can remember, and for the club as a whole for her year as President!" She is also a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute. Donna has a strong Rotary legacy to follow, having a father who was not only a charter member, but one who selflessly served with 38 ½ years of perfect attendance prior to his passing in 2009. Her goal is to bravely follow in his footsteps and try not to give him any reason to shake his head about her actions from the other side.

She is an appreciator of FUN, the beach, art and all things beautiful.

I hope you found this article informative in helping to introduce you all to a wonderful Rotarian and my friend Donna Deos. I would also like to thank this year's Nominating Committee and encourage your Clubs to submit your votes in allowing us to complete the selection process and welcome Donna into the District Governor Track.

Be Well,
IPDG John Bob

Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together

Ken Yei (Queen City RC) will be hosting his next Coffee with Ken on Friday, November 4th 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.



Top Reasons for Attending the District Conference

One of the top reasons to attend the upcoming 1-day District Conference on Sunday November 6th, 2022, in Killington VT, is to hear and be inspired by the great speakers we have coming to the conference.

Our Speaker Line Up: Our Keynote speaker is Tom Gump, Past District Governor (2020-2021) for District 5950 and member of the Rotary Club of Edina/Morningside Minnesota. Alexander Falk, the current District Governor from District 7930 and Marblehead MA Rotary Club will be talking about the Kiva Microcredit crowdsource platform and about our Interact-Kiva grant program. Menno de Wet from the Blouberg Rotary Club South Africa will be talking about “How to get the most out of your Rotary Membership.” Additionally, we have seven District 7870 Rotarians who will be talking about their clubs’ Service Projects, District Grants and/or Fundraisers. These projects are ones that you could bring back to your clubs.

More on our Keynote Speaker: Tom Gump is passionate about membership and forming new and innovative clubs. In the last two years, he has formed or helped form eight clubs in his district. He has brought in over 50 members into his own club, not including member referrals to other clubs that he had formed or helped form. His tips for attracting and retaining members were featured as part of the cover story in the August 2018 Rotary magazine. He was a General Session speaker at the 2022 Rotary International Assembly on “New and Creative Clubs”. Tom was the visionary founder of the first ever Rotary Club to serve Veterans, which has been modeled elsewhere. He also co-founded the first Rotary club that was focused on ending human trafficking. Tom also runs a workshop with Past Rotary Director Stephanie Urchick on Transforming Club Culture entitled “It’s not your grandfather’s club anymore...or is it?”



We would love it if you could join us at the Killington District Conference to hear these inspiring speakers.

For in-person registration Click Below:

<http://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=82dfb93c-3fa8-4724-8ad0-3fc94b6188ad>

or go to the District Website <http://rotary7870.org> and select the event in the “Upcoming District Events” section.

Randell Barclay, District Governor

Club News

Springfield Rotary Club Butterfly Release



200 butterflies took wing on Saturday, August 27th at the inaugural Springfield Rotary Club Butterfly Release. The butterflies were “purchased” in honor of departed loved ones by those left behind and given their freedom during the intermission of the final Concert on the Comtu. The names of those remembered were read prior to the release. Proceeds from this project will support Springfield Rotary Club’s many community projects.

PHOTO: Springfield Rotary Club president Karen Longo

NOTE: Photo and article are courtesy of Rod Arnold and the Springfield Reporter.

Rotary Races Ducks to Aid Equine Therapy Group

The Rotary Club floated hundreds of rubber ducks down the Black River last month raising nearly \$2,000 for Reinbow Riding Center, the Belmont-based equestrian non-profit that employs the power of horses to make people feel good.

In accepting Rotary’s donation, RRC Executive Director Liz Karle noted that a therapeutic equine experience – not unlike hugging your dog -- makes you feel good, and also benefits people with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), autism, those suffering from domestic violence and a host of other special needs. The calming warmth experienced in the presence of horses and ponies often opens the door to beneficial communication between students and their equine partners and in turn instructors and volunteers. “We’re not teaching dressage,” which involves training horses to execute complex movements, Karle says, adding, “It could be as simple as just brushing the animal.”



RRC, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, was this year’s Duck Race beneficiary. The 2022 race cash winners were: Kathy Burns (First Place), Patty Rumrill (2nd place), Megan Foley (3rd place), Madison Huntley (last little ducky) and Green Mountain Fireplace Specialties (Corporate winner). Most cash winners donated their proceeds back to RRC or to the Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club serves the communities of Cavendish, Ludlow, Mount Holly and Plymouth and meets for lunch weekly on Tuesdays at an area restaurant.

PHOTO ABOVE: Rainbow Riding Center Executive Director Liz Karle, center, accepts 2022 Duck Race proceeds from Rotary Club President Jim Rumrill and Sharon Bixby, race chairperson and head duck.

Submitted by Glenn Heitsmith

Two More Little Libraries Installed in Springfield

Two more little libraries auctioned by the Friends of Springfield Town Library have been installed in Springfield. One, called “Gnome Place Like a Library”, can be found at The Common towards the back near the playground. It was built by Karl Riotte, designed by Donna Cummings and bought/installed by Lisa and Jeff Mobus. The other can be found in the Black River Coffee Bar. Rotarian president Karen Longo created the Steampunked-theme library, her husband, Chip Longo built it, and Black River Coffee Bar owner Mike Schmidt bought it.

Springfield Rotary Club purchased the materials to build six little libraries which were donated to Friends of the Springfield Library to raise money for its programs. Rotary member Rod Arnold along with community members built them. And, the constructed libraries were turned over to volunteer artists for their special treatments.

Springfield Rotary Club created this project as a way of supporting FOSTL and furthering the goal of increasing literacy in the community. The auction raised close to \$2800 for FOSTL. The Little Libraries are stocked with books for exchange by the public.

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 left: Steampunk-theme Library with Karen Longo, Mike Schmidt, and Chip Longo

Photo right: “Gnome Place Like a Library” with Karl Riotte (l) and Jeff Mobus



Capital City Sunrise 40th Anniversary

On October 28th (the exact date of our Charter of October 28, 1982) the members of the Capital City Sunrise Rotary celebrated our 40th Anniversary.

The dinner event was held at Alan's of Boscawen and 12 of our 16 members were in attendance along with 10 spouses and included Fred LaFontaine age 94 (second from right) first time in person since before COVID.



Left to right: Michael Dunn, Dale Chanette, Dick Johnson, Geoff Souther, Rich Berryman (squatting down to not block Club Banner), Tony Gilmore, Michael Manning, Jack Prendiville, Eddie Lassonde, Fred LaFontaine and Phil Nadeau

Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary gets a Nepal Lesson

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 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.

Ludlow Rotary Hears from Vermont Fish and Wildlife Game Wardens



Vermont Fish and Wildlife Game Wardens Tim Carey and Kyle Isherwood addressed the Ludlow Rotary Club at their October 4 meeting at DJ's Restaurant. As conservation law enforcement officers, they are responsible for enforcing State hunting, fishing, and trapping regulations. They check for valid licenses and provide harvest reports to the Department. They are trained state police officers, training alongside them at the Police Academy.

They serve as search and rescue teams, including working with trained dogs in those efforts. Several years ago, they were involved in a Cavendish search for a missing person that lasted 4 days at Knapp Ponds. They explained the search procedure which includes finding basic clues based on where the person was last seen, and then setting up a grid circle search in 1/2 mile radius increments. After searching the first 1/2 mile radius they move out to the next 1/2 mile, continuing until the person is found. Of course, the concern is that a mobile person might move back into a searched area. The dogs are of huge importance in an area where visibility is compromised, requiring the dogs to follow the scent.

The duties of the job change with the seasons. Summer time focuses on bear nuisances, Fall hunting issues, Winter can include mountain rescues, Spring often fishing and boating safety. With bear issues, Tim and Kyle find people are the problem more often than the bear. Since they serve to protect wildlife as well as humans, education on proper storage is often required. Bears need to eat a years-worth of food in 6 months. If a bear can feast on a dumpster, chicken food, or bird feeders, it is a much more efficient source of their needed calories. Bears learn quickly so UVM students are working with trash haulers to develop bear proof containers for distribution, especially in bear habitats.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife encourages ethical hunting. Baiting with apples or salt is not allowed. Additionally shooting from motor vehicles is prohibited, nor can you have a loaded long gun in your vehicle, or hunt after 1/2 hour after sunset. Often people get tunnel vision when they see a deer or bear, resulting in accidents and violations.

Kyle and Tim talked about successfully rescuing the moose on the railroad tracks across the Black River in Cavendish a few years ago. It involved many organizations, took 4 to 5 hours and included calling the Railroad to stop the oncoming train.

Vermont has about 40 game wardens in total; including 30 field wardens and 6 command officers, plus 4 others. Training requirements are rigorous and time consuming, and it is a 24-7 job. 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 above, left to right, Tim Carey, and Kyle Isherwood.

Wild Woods Halloween Walk - October 30th.



Ludlow Rotary's Chili-Off Major Success

The 31st Annual Chili Cook-Off this past Holiday weekend was a major success. The weather was perfect, hundreds of “taste testers” were treated to a large variety of chilis, and the many chili providers were happy with the reception of their unique brands of “real” chili. Additionally, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) gained resources to continue providing assistance to local projects.

“It was wonderful to see all the locals and visitors enjoying the dozens of chilis,” said Kevin Barnes, co-chair of the LRC cook-off committee. “I don’t know how many gallons of chili we went through,” he added, “but it certainly was enough to feed an army-and it was great tasting.”

Barnes noted that “every kind of chili you can imagine was offered at the cookoff from very hot, veggie, and everything in between. It truly was a chili-lovers festival!”

As a result of the voting by the many “taste testers”, the recipients of the People’s Choice awards were:

1st - Bird's Nest by Shelli Steinfeld

2nd - West Indian Chili by Mr Darcy's

3rd - Madman Billy's by Johnny's Kitchen

Honorable Mention - Chili Factor by Prudence Williams

The judges, Fire Chief Peter Kolenda from Ludlow and Fire Chief Bob Glidden from Proctorsville, decided the following winners in these categories:

Best in Show - Chili Factor by Prudence Williams

Spiciest - Reactor #4 by Jared Harlow of Black River Mechanical

Team Spirit - The Castle Inn

LRC President Jim Rumrill expressed the club’s thanks to Okemo Mountain Resort, William Raveis Vermont Properties, Black River Produce, Wilcox Dairy, and Ludlow’s Shaw Supermarket for their contributions to making this event happen.



The proceeds from the cook-off will be used by the LRC to continue its programs of aiding local groups and schools.

Pictured are Prudence Williams and Kevin Barnes as Prudence is presented the Best in Show award by Kevin at the conclusion of the Ludlow Rotary Club’s 31st Annual Chili-Cookoff.

Queen City Rotary Club - Newsletter Updates October 2022

The Queen City Rotary club has recently welcomed two new members, Dylan Brothers and Ned Gordon.



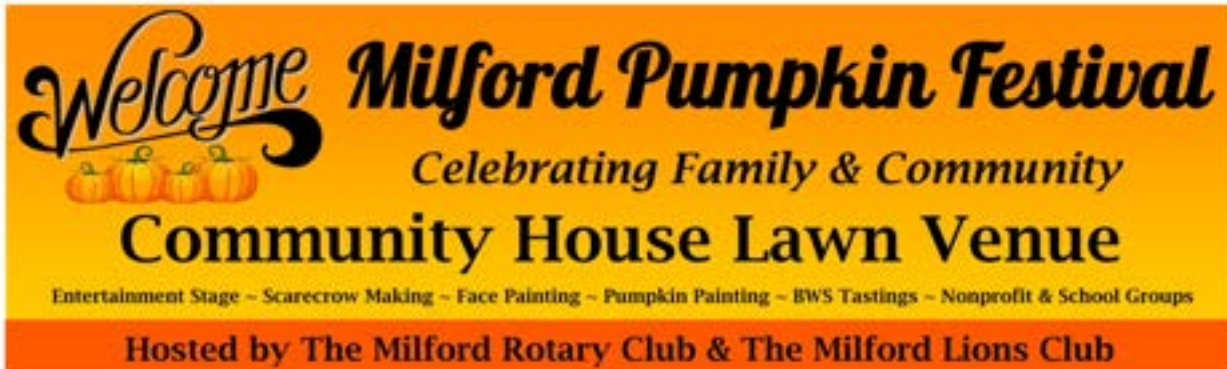
Club President Tom Stewart welcoming new members Ned Gordon and Dylan Brothers.

It is always a GREAT Rotary day when we are able to grant funds to local organizations for the betterment of our community. Most recently, our club awarded \$500 to The Roca Kidz Club, \$750 to Girls Inc. of NH, \$500 to Upreach Therapeutic Equestrian, and \$3,000 to Pass Along Project.



The QCR club also shared a special recognition to one of our members who has contributed countless hours to our club. Member Ryan Tufts was named a Paul Harris Fellow.

Milford Rotary Club Serves Up Another Successful Pumpkin Festival Collaboration



Family fun and community volunteerism ruled in Milford, NH over Columbus Day weekend! For the fifth year, the Milford Rotary Club collaborated with the Milford Lions Club to organize the Community House Lawn venue at the 33rd annual Milford Pumpkin Festival. This area is one of six event venues that make-up the annual festival. Together these service clubs partner with the Granite Town Festivities Committee and the Town of Milford to continue this annual festival tradition on and around The Milford Oval over Columbus Day weekend.

This year's festival experienced record breaking crowds and sales across the board! One estimate had attendance at well over 45,000 visitors for the three day event which is about 10K higher than past years.

The Milford Rotary and Lions collaboration is a combination of community service and fundraising. The Clubs provide fee-free booth spaces to local and regional non-profit groups where they can share their stories, recruit members, and do some fundraising for their causes. We were pleased to host the Nashua West Rotary Ducks this year! And everything at the venue is scaled to modest "family friendly" pricing.

Milford Rotary and Lions also organize the scarecrow making, pumpkin painting and face painting activities along with a concession stand. The spirit of collaboration extends to other groups who help provide these activities. Once again volunteers from the Milford Recreation Department, Scouting Troop 1794, and Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative stepped up to help. Joining in this year were members of the Milford High School National Art Honor Society who painted over 500 cheeks and faces in a little over ten combined hours on Saturday and Sunday. Before we count the funds raised for our charitable and scholarship programs, each of these organizations will receive a donation from the Milford Rotary and Lions Clubs as part of our commitments to service and local support.

BEER, WINE AND SPIRITS TASTING
RAISE ONE FOR CHARITY

COMMUNITY HOUSE LAWN
 Friday Oct. 7th 5:30pm - 8:30pm
 Saturday Oct. 8th 5:30pm - 8:30pm
 \$20 per person for 10 tasting tickets per night
 Free commemorative glass ~ Valid ID for Proof of Age required
18+ DIFFERENT VENDORS PER NIGHT

Many Thanks to this year's Beverage Vendors!!

PROCEEDS SUPPORT MILFORD ROTARY CLUB AND MILFORD LIONS CLUB CHARITABLE GIVING & SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



Friday Night 6:45PM looking from The Milford Oval towards the BWS Tasting Tent – The Crowds were huge!

As always we are extremely grateful to our venue and activity sponsors! Please consider joining us for some fun next year as a visitor, sponsor or volunteer on October 6th, 7th & 8th, 2023. For more information please email milfordlionsrotary@gmail.com.



Pumpkin painting and Scarecrow making were very popular family activities!
Over 230 scarecrows were created and nearly 500 pumpkins were painted by visitors over the weekend!



And all the kids wanted to visit the BIG Yellow Duck!
Thank you Nashua West Rotary Club for joining us
this year in Rotary Centennial Park

And what would a festival in October be without some Beer, Wine & Spirits Tastings! On Friday and Saturday nights, the Milford Rotary and Lions Clubs hosted Tasting events on the Community House Lawn. This year 23 vendors, mostly in-person and a few by donation, provided adult beverage products for sampling that were enjoyed by over 1300 patrons which shattered last year's record of serving nearly 900 guests! We are very grateful to all of the libation vendors!



Italian Rotary Members Visit D7870

During the last week of September, 6 members of the Italian chapter of the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians had the opportunity to tour part of our District. Claudio, Daniela, Antonio, Sergio, Maurizio, and Silvia landed in Boston to begin their New England adventure on September 22nd in Boston. Met at Logan Airport by tour guide Bill Sahlman, they continued up to Manchester for the bikes. Once back on two wheels, they spent the next few days using Peg and Bill Sahlman's home as a base while exploring coastal Maine until Monday when they made their way over to Mt Washington and the Kancamangus Highway, winding west to Haverhill and south to Hanover.



Tuesday morning started with a visit to the Cornish/Windsor Covered Bridge. From there we rode out Rt 44 through Brownsville to Rt 106 through Springfield and onto Rt 11. After a scenic dirt road detour, we arrived at the Vermont Country Store in Weston. Winding our way up toward Wallingford was a delightful 30 minutes, with Routes 155 and 140 treating our new friends to delightful scenery and corners galore. Once in Wallingford we were able to stop at the Little Red Schoolhouse, where Wallingford President Erika Berner treated all to a tour of the Schoolhouse with time to explore the treasures displayed inside. A quick walk across the street for lunch at a deli owned by a native of Naples, Italy rejuvenated all for the ride back through Plymouth, Woodstock, and

Quechee on the way to the hotel in Lebanon.

The following morning was a delightful King Arthur Baking breakfast before heading to Strafford. Stopping in the upper village, Antonio took a group photo with the church at the top of the green as a backdrop. Bill led the group off to Tunbridge, Chelsea, Topsham, Groton, Marshfield, and Peacham riding south on Rt 5 along the Connecticut River in the afternoon to an evening picnic with Bill's former home club, Lebanon Rotary.

Before returning the bikes on Saturday, the group would ride as far north as Canaan, VT along the Canadian border, return to New Hampshire to Dixville Notch, over to Farmington in Maine, and south through the Lakes Region on the way to Manchester where they would trade two wheels for four and head back to Boston to fly home.



International

Bethel Area Rotary Hosts 42nd International Dinner - Oct. 23, 2022

Bethel Area Rotary for our 42nd International Dinner on Oct 23 @ 4pm in Bethel VT.

Join us for an informal potluck dinner celebrating Bethel Area Rotary's 51 years of International Youth Exchanges and United Nations Day as we look towards a future of peace and understanding.

More information here:



Join this year's District Exchange Students and fellow Rotarians at a meal celebrating our shared heritage of Food and Fellowship. Bethel Area Rotary will also be marking our 52 years of involvement with International Youth Exchange.

The International Dinner is held to commemorate United Nations Day and their mission to promote international cooperation and understanding. Their theme for 2022 is End racism, Build Peace

This year's dinner will be a potluck and you are welcome to participate by bringing a dish that is representative of your cultural heritage or life travels. No time to prepare? no worries! We will have plenty to share.

It would be helpful for planning to have RSVP's sent to our president Jeanne Conde at jeannec@simplesharepoint.com by Oct 17th.

Note the event is at the Bethel Town Hall and not the White Church

The event is free of charge but you can help support our Youth Exchange program by purchasing raffle tickets for our 50/50 Raffle

<https://www.facebook.com/events/441972570617543>

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Rotary Youth Exchange News

International Student Weekend in the Lakes Region

Our group of inbound exchange students spent last weekend in the lakes region of New Hampshire, guests of the Meredith and Gilford clubs. The weekend began with a dinner Friday evening in Meredith, followed by a full day Saturday that included a visit to the Squam Lake Science Center, a hike on Rattlesnake trail, the Sandwich Fair, the corn maze at Moulton Farms and finally a few hours at Fun Spot.

On Sunday, the group was hosted by the Gilford club for a day of adventures at Gunstock Mountain. All of the students participated in training and a zip line trip down the mountain. After lunch, the students enjoyed the mountain coaster, tree top courses and the scenic chair rides.

A sincere thank you to both clubs and the local families who opened their homes to the students and chaperones for the weekend. This is always a popular event on the youth exchange calendar.

Brazil At Last!

Violet Stanley, sponsored by the Windsor VT Rotary Club as an outbound student to Brazil, endured about every frustration and delay imaginable as she made the final preparations for her exchange year. Like all of our outbound students, she participated in multiple orientation meetings and weekends to prepare for her exchange. She worked on her language skills, began establishing relationships in her host country and was diligent in preparing the required documentation for her year in Brazil. After working through differences in expected dates of arrival, visa requirements and more, her visa was finally approved in mid-August and she was about to book her flight and be on her way. HOWEVER, the priority mail package containing her passport and Brazilian visa became lost in the postal system. After a few weeks of inquiries with no progress, the unopened package was returned to the Brazilian Consulate in Boston, MA. After confirming that the package was intact, the consulate held the package and it was retrieved in person. She was finally able to travel on September 26 and reached her host destination on September 27.

Violet showed the patience, flexibility and the perseverance that will serve her well on exchange. We are all happy that her adventure is finally underway.

It Is Not Too Late

We all have students in our local high schools who would be interested in spending a year abroad through the Rotary Youth Exchange program. It is not too late for you to find that student and get them involved in the program for the 2023-2024 school year. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Jim Rumrill at 802-380-2766 or jrumrill@hotmail.com.



Fundraisers

Rotary West 2022 Duck Fest - October 15, 2022

The Rotary Club of Nashua West will be hosting its Fifth Annual Duck Fest on Saturday, October 15th. Ten thousand baby rubber ducklings will again float down the Nashua River near Renaissance Park.



This year's event promises to be filled with tons of family fun activities and events. In addition to live entertainment from the Joe Mack Band, there will be a beer garden, food trucks and games and activities for adults and children.

Proceeds from this event will benefit 40 area nonprofit organizations, provide \$15K in scholarships for qualified high school seniors and allow our club the opportunity to support international humanitarian programs.

If you would like purchase ducks, they are \$5 each or can be purchased as adoption packages: a six quack for \$25 a quackers dozen for \$50 or a flock for \$100 by visiting <http://www.nashuaduckderby.com>.

Submitted by Carol Powis

A Tradition of Rural Whimsy - October 22, 2022



The Manchester, Vermont Rotary Club is returning to beautiful Taylor Farm in Londonderry for the Club's 6th Annual Cow Plop Bingo. In addition to Cow Plop Bingo, the event offers hayrides, ice cream from Wilcox Ice Cream, and a photo-op with our favorite bovine, Daffodil! Taylor Farm is a 180-year-old working farm operated by Jon Wright and his family. Daffodil will return to the bingo pasture as spectators watch to see where her cow pie lands. The correct guess wins a \$1,000 cash prize. The event, which is the Club's primary fundraiser of the year, will take place Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. [Taylor Farm](#): 825 Vermont Route 11, Londonderry, VT 05148.

The Club aims to raise funds to support the immediate community and Vermont-wide efforts. In 2022, Manchester Rotary has supported and contributed to the following endeavors:

- \$1,000 donation to VT Shire Kids, a nonprofit organization that provides a free book each month for children 0-5 who sign up for the Imagination Library program
 - Manchester Rotary has a long tradition of offering a scholarship for college-bound students
 - Our Club is also an active participant in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. The Club sponsors the exchange whether we send students to other countries or host them. This year we have an outbound senior from Burr and Burton Academy who is spending a year in Belgium. We are also hosting an inbound exchange student from Madrid, Spain. Through Youth Exchange, participating students are enriched by language, culture, and life-changing experiences
- Sponsor of Manchester Youth Baseball – Team “Rotary” sponsors a local youth baseball team and just completed paying for one of two electronic scoreboards at Applejack Field.
- Manchester Rotary installed a Free Library - Norm’s Nook – outside the Manchester Town Hall to further promote literacy. Here anyone in the community can take a book or give a book. We hope to provide even more literacy opportunities this coming year.

We invite everyone, especially our fellow Rotarians, to join us for this fun event. No masks are required, as this is an outdoor event. Participants can buy tickets online and need not be present to win: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-annual-cow-plop-bingo-tickets-406428497577>

Springfield Rotary Penny Sale Coming Up on October 22nd



The 68th Annual Springfield Vermont Rotary Club Penny Sale is coming up on Saturday, October 22nd at Riverside Middle School in Springfield, starting at 6 pm. As always, there will be over 300 prizes available with values over \$500 and many in the \$25.00 to \$50.00 range.

The culmination of the annual Penny Sale is the drawing for the Grand Prize of \$5,000 in cash! In addition, there will be a Door Prize winner selected, from the Grand Prize tickets, for \$500 in cash, to someone who is present at the Penny Sale. You can purchase your Grand Prize tickets now, in advance of the Penny Sale, from any Springfield Rotarian.

Over 300 prizes will be available, and it still costs just a penny per prize to participate in the Penny Sale! The penny per chance has always remained the same, even though the value of the prizes increases each year. You may donate as many pennies as you wish; for each dollar donation you receive 100 chances. All the Penny Sale proceeds are given back to worthy community projects and

organizations. Springfield Rotarians volunteer all their work on the Penny Sale and greatly appreciate the many donations of products and services from area businesses.

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 is now over \$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: Springfield Rotary Club President Karen Longo with some of the stuffed animals that will be part of the 2022 Rotary Penny Sale on October 22nd.

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

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:

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

[https://rafflecreator.com/pages/39601/2023-nashua-rotary-car-raffle---bmw-x3-or-\\$35000](https://rafflecreator.com/pages/39601/2023-nashua-rotary-car-raffle---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: November 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:

