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Greetings From Your District Governor Bill Stevens

Hello Rotarians,

April is upon us, and with it, we have the wonderful opportunity to celebrate this month's theme: "Rotary's Focus on the Environment"! As members of Rotary, we are dedicated to positively impacting our planet through sustainable practices and community engagement.

At Rotary, we believe in the responsible use of Earth's resources to benefit all living beings. Our efforts aim to create harmony between people and the environment while nurturing the natural world around us.



Here are some exciting ways you and your club can get involved this month:

1. **Protect and Restore Nature:** Work on projects that safeguard our landscapes and ecosystems. Whether it's planting native species or restoring local habitats, every effort counts!
2. **Educate and Empower:** Host workshops to teach communities about conservation and resource management. The more we share knowledge, the stronger our collective impact!
3. **Support Sustainable Practices:** Embrace local agriculture and fishing methods that protect our natural resources while ensuring community well-being.
4. **Innovate for a Greener Future:** Look into projects that encourage the use of renewable energy and energy-efficient practices. Let's inspire our communities to adopt eco-friendly solutions!

This April, let's highlight our commitment to the environment and celebrate the incredible potential we have as a Rotary community to make a difference. I encourage each club to share your environmental projects and ideas, so we can learn and grow together.

Thank you for your dedication to making our world a better place!

Yours in Rotary,

Bill Stevens
District Governor, District 7870



District News

D7870 Youth Conference - April 19, 2025

The Rotary Youth Conference will be on Saturday April 19th at Souhegan High School. Once again this conference is being originated and implemented by the Youth. Like last year, each Interact Club will have an opportunity to have a booth to showcase their projects. This conference is open to all D7870 Rotary Youth, including exchange students - inbound and outbound (short/long term) and affiliates.

For more information, contact Claudine Hessmer-Husainy Chair New Generations 603-714-8690 or hessmer65@gmail.com.

Rotary District 7870 Assembly - April 26, 2025

Dear Rotary Members,

I am thrilled to announce that the Rotary District 7870 Assembly will take place on April 26, 2025, at Londonderry High School in Londonderry, NH. Please mark your calendars for a day filled with inspiration, collaboration, and celebration of our shared commitment to service!



Event Details:

- Date: April 26, 2025
- Time: 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM
- Location: Londonderry High School, Londonderry, NH

A couple of exciting features you won't want to miss! This year's assembly will showcase the incredible journeys of our Exchange Students, who will deliver heartfelt speeches reflecting their experiences and the impact of cultural exchange.

Additionally, we will host the finals of the esteemed 4-Way Test Speech Contest. This competition provides a platform for young speakers to articulate their thoughts on ethical decision-making, and I encourage everyone to come out and support these talented individuals as they share their insights.



This assembly is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Rotarians, exchange ideas, and strengthen our commitment to the values we hold dear. I look forward to seeing you all in Londonderry for a day of learning, inspiration, and fellowship!

Warm regards,
Bill Stevens, District Governor,
Rotary D7870, 2024-2025

RYLA - Deadline for Student Applications May 1, 2025

Rotary District 7870 is partnering with Rotary District 7850 to have students attend their RYLA! To see the promotional video, visit <https://youtu.be/oGEF5ludjX0>. To learn more, visit: [Rotary Youth Leadership Academy | Rotary District 7850 \(rotary7850.org\)](https://rotary7850.org).



The cost is \$385 to sponsor a student to attend. The deadline for student applications is May 1, 2025. Please reach out to Carson Wenz (carsonwenz123@gmail.com) or Bob MacDonald (bobmacdonald68@yahoo.com) if your club is interested in sponsoring a student or being more involved with RYLA.

WHO: Students completing sophomore year
WHEN: 8 AM, Fri. June 20 to 1 PM Sun. June 22, 2025
WHERE: Northern Vermont University, Lyndonville, VT
TO APPLY: Applications are accepted through your local Rotary Club. To find the nearest club, go to <http://rotary7850.org/SitePage/ryla>. To learn more, click on the RYLA link under the Youth Services tab!



District 7870 Announces the Janice H. McElroy Scholarship Program

Rotary District 7870 is pleased to announce a district wide scholarship in memory of Janice H. McElroy, who served as Rotary District 7870 Governor in 2011-2012 and was instrumental in securing a Rotary International grant of \$412,000 to help southern Vermont rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Irene. This scholarship is made possible due to donations from friends, colleagues and Rotary Clubs throughout the District 7870.



Prior to her death in 2014, Jan McElroy requested that any donations received in her memory be dedicated to establishing a scholarship fund for non-traditional students. It will be awarded to a person who is 21 years of age or older and has completed high school or earned a G.E.D. There must be at least a three-year gap between graduating from high school and full time college attendance or a record of part-time college for three years after graduating from high school. The scholarship can be used for expenses at a four- year or a two- year college, or for another type of accredited institution, such as a technical or vocational program. The scholarship award will be a minimum of \$1,000.

Applications may be obtained on the Rotary District 7870 home page [<https://www.rotary7870.org/>] Applications need to be completed and received no later than May 15, 2025. The selected recipient will be notified in late May and will be presented the award at a Rotary event soon.

For more information, contact Sandra McGonagle at mcgonagle@metrocast.net.

Little Red School House Bricks

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

Wallingford was the childhood home of our founder Paul P Harris. The Little Red School House was built by Paul's great-grandfather in 1818. In 1928 a group of local Rotarians bought this historic building. In 1933 it was dedicated as



“The Little Red Schoolhouse.” Paul Harris returned to Wallingford for the dedication ceremony. Today, the Schoolhouse acts as a historic site that stores and displays Paul Harris memorabilia and is the meeting place of the Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club.

You or your club can purchase a red brick for \$200 or a white paver for \$300. In addition, there are still 18 gear teeth available for \$1,500 each. New bricks should be installed in June prior to the Changing of the Gavel Dinner which will be held on Saturday June 28, 2025.

We are also offering a presentation certificate in a folder for an additional \$15. Be sure to give us at least 2 weeks to produce and mail a certificate. You can order online with a credit card by going to: <https://rotary7870.org/donate/buy-a-paver-for-the-little-red-school-house-foundation/>

Note: The ordering system is different this year. Contact me if you have questions.

The cutoff for orders this year will be May 15, 2025.

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

Randell Barclay, Past District Governor
Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club

Foundation Recognition Points and How You Can Accumulate Them

Foundation recognition points are awarded to donors who contribute to The Rotary Foundation through the Annual Fund or PolioPlus, or who contribute to sponsorship of a Foundation grant. Donors receive one recognition point for every U.S. dollar contributed to these funds. (Contributions to the Endowment Fund are not eligible.) Donors can transfer Foundation recognition points to others to help them qualify as a Paul Harris Fellow or Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Foundation recognition points belong to the original donor until the donor's death, unless the points are transferred, or until the donor uses them (the surviving spouse of a Major Donor may also use the points).



What is the difference between recognition amount and available Foundation recognition points?

Recognition amount reflects the total Paul Harris Fellow recognition you have accumulated through your personal contributions plus all recognition points you've been given by other



individuals, clubs, or districts. Recognition points given to you don't count toward Major Donor recognition.

Available Foundation recognition points reflect points you have accumulated through personal outright giving to the Foundation. All points listed can be transferred to other individuals for Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Consider recognizing a fellow Rotarian or a community member with your PH recognition points! Honor them at an upcoming meeting or your club event. What better way to honor those who serve!

Where can I quickly find my PH recognition points? (1) Sign in at MyRotary, go to My Account, then My Donations or (2) on the ClubRunner mobile app, click the three lines at the top left corner then click Recognition under My Club.

Additional information about Foundation Points and PHF pins can be found here:
<https://rotary7930.org/documents/en-us/35a55a01-c066-423a-9216-461180e38032/1/>

D7870 Announces 2025-26 District Grant Opportunities

District 7870 is pleased to announce the availability of District Grant Funds for the 2025–26 Rotary year. With approximately \$31,000 in grant funding available, clubs are invited to submit applications for up to \$1,000 each to support meaningful community service projects. At a minimum, grant funds must be matched dollar-for-dollar with club funds.

District Grants are an excellent way to extend your club's impact locally while engaging members in hands-on service. To ensure equitable distribution, grants will be awarded based on the number of applications received and total funds requested.

Last year's grants included: Gear Up for School backpack program, scholarships, vision testing in South Africa, food insecurity, providing coats for children, seasonal gifts for children, Rotary Youth Exchange events, RYLA, Amigos de Honduras, cultural center bathroom restoration, after school programs, vocational training for women in Rwanda, Styrofoam recycling program, school desks for students in Haiti.



Key Grant Guidelines: Funds must support a specific community project (local or international). The project must include active Rotarian participation. Clubs must be current on all financial obligations to Rotary International and the District. Clubs which received a district grant for 2024-25, must have uploaded the final report to the district website by April 15, 2025. A club representative must attend a required “District Grant Final Report Training” every year to receive district grant funds. Choose one of the dates below, it should take less than ½ hour. See District Website Calendar for links. Clubs must enter at least the six Priority Goals in Rotary Club Central. We hope clubs will enter more goals.

Important Dates

District Grant Final Report Training May 6, 2025 5PM Via Zoom

District Grant Final Report Training May 9, 2025 8AM via Zoom

Application Deadline: Midnight, May 31, 2025

Award Notification: By July 15, 2025

Fund Distribution: By August 15, 2025 (pending final TRF approval)

Final Report Due: April 15, 2026

How to Apply: Clubs must submit applications online via the District 7870 website under the drop down menu for “Grants and Donations” (<https://rotary7870.org/>)

Need Help? For assistance, contact:

- AG Geoff Souther, District Grant Chair – districtgrants7870@gmail.com
- PDG Randell Barclay, Stewardship Chair - Rotary.Randell@gmail.com
- Dianne Barclay, District Rotary Foundation Chair – Dianne.FHRotary@gmail.com

Let’s continue to do good in the world - in our own communities and around the world!

The Power of Setting Goals: Why Every Rotary Club Should Plan for Success

Setting goals is one of the most powerful tools a Rotary club can use to ensure a vibrant, impactful, and fulfilling year of service. The Rotary International Strategic Plan encourages every club to establish clear goals at the beginning of each Rotary year. By setting goals, clubs can focus their energy, measure their progress, and celebrate their achievements more effectively.



Why Set Club Goals?

- **Focus and Direction:** Goals provide a roadmap for the club's leadership team and members. They clarify priorities and help allocate resources wisely.
- **Member Engagement:** When members see that their club is working toward clear, meaningful objectives, they are more likely to be engaged and motivated.
- **Accountability:** Goals create shared expectations. They make it easier to track progress and hold the club accountable throughout the year.
- **Recognition:** Rotary International recognizes clubs that achieve their goals through programs like the Rotary Club Excellence Awards (formerly the Presidential Citation), offering an opportunity to celebrate the club's hard work.

Clubs that set and monitor goals consistently grow stronger and have a greater impact in their communities and around the world.

How to Enter Club Goals on Rotary Club Central

Rotary Club Central is the online platform where clubs set, track, and report their goals. It is accessible through My Rotary on rotary.org. Here's how to enter your club goals:

1. **Sign In:**
 - Visit www.rotary.org and click Sign In at the top. Enter your My Rotary username and password.
2. **Access Rotary Club Central:**
 - Once signed in, hover over Manage at the top menu.
 - Under Club & District Administration, click on Rotary Club Central.
3. **Select Your Club:**
 - If you have leadership access (e.g., club president, secretary, or executive secretary), you will be able to manage your club's goals directly.
4. **Choose the Rotary Year:**
 - At the top, select the correct Rotary year for which you are setting goals.
5. **Enter Goals:**
 - Under each section (Membership, Service, Foundation Giving, Public Image, and others), click Edit to enter your club's goals.
 - Be sure to save after entering each goal.
6. **Monitor Progress:**
 - Throughout the year, you can return to Rotary Club Central to update your progress. Regular updates help you stay on track and make adjustments if needed.



Important Tip:

Rotary Club Central is designed to be dynamic — goals can be adjusted if circumstances change. However, setting thoughtful, realistic goals early in the year provides the best foundation for a successful Rotary year.

Final Thought:

As our founder Paul Harris once said, “Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.” Setting and achieving goals is how we transform vision into meaningful service. Let’s start strong, aim high, and make this next Rotary year our best yet!

Club News

Derry Village Rotary Club supports the Greater Derry Diaper Drive

The Derry Village Rotary Club proudly reaffirmed its commitment to the 2025 Greater Derry Diaper Drive with a generous donation of \$1,000 and active participation. Rotarian Susan Ochoa initiated the drive in 2014, and after her joining Rotary in 2018, the club has consistently sponsored this event. The collected diapers are donated to The Upper Room, a family resource center in Derry, aiding their TIPS Program (Teen Information for Parenting Success).



Ochoa collaborates with local businesses to set up drop-off locations and promote the drive. This year, around 10 local businesses and non-profit organizations participated. In addition to the \$1,000 check, another \$3,000 was raised for purchases, and approximately \$1,000 worth of diapers were collected.

Derry Village Rotarians actively bring their causes to the club, ensuring that the community receives vital support through various initiatives. The Derry Village Rotary Club is proud to support this important cause and looks forward to continuing its involvement in the future.



Hopkinton Rotary Recognizes Parker Potter as Citizen of the Year

Hopkinton Rotary is honored to recognize Parker Potter as this year's Citizen of the Year. Parker has been an important facet of our community from watching over children as a crossing guard, serving on the board of Two Villages Art Society, and as a contributor to the Concord Monitor on happenings in our community. Each year, the Rotary Club makes a \$1,000 donation to a local non-profit organization in the name of the Citizen of the Year. Parker selected the Hopkinton Food Pantry for this year's donation.



PHOTO: Parker Potter with current and alumni members of the Crosswalk Posse

Springfield VT Rotary Donates Trex Bench to Springfield Community Players Theatre

The Springfield Rotary Club has once again made a positive impact on the community by donating a Trex outdoor bench to Springfield Community Players Theatre, following a successful effort by local residents to collect 1,000 pounds of thin film plastics for the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge.

As part of the Trex Recycling Program, Trex awarded this eleventh bench to the Springfield Rotary after Springfield residents contributed to the collection. The plastics for this donation came from several local contributors: 55% was gathered at the Springfield Town Library, 16% from Magee Office Products, 12% from Springfield Food Co-op, and the remaining amount was collected from Bibens Ace Hardware, Casey CDJR of Springfield, Springfield GMC, and Springfield Hospital. Since February 2023, the Springfield Rotary Club has collected over 9,144 pounds (more than 4.5 tons) of thin plastic film.



The Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge is designed to encourage recycling of items such as grocery bags, bread bags, produce bags, cereal bags, ice bags, bubble wrap, Ziploc bags, and other similar plastic films. When participants collect 1,000 pounds of these materials, Trex rewards the group with a 48" Yacht Club Bench, which is part of the Trex Outdoor Furniture line through Polywood.



These benches are made using recycled plastic, including milk jugs and water bottles, while the collected plastic is upcycled into Trex decking.

Plastic pollution is a significant environmental issue, as plastic materials don't fully decompose, breaking down into microplastics that pose risks to wildlife and are difficult to clean up. The Trex Challenge offers a creative solution to reduce plastic waste, which can damage mechanical equipment in curbside recycling programs. By participating in the challenge, Springfield residents are helping to reduce harmful plastic pollution while making a lasting contribution to the community.

This donation marks the eleventh Trex bench placed around Springfield. Previous benches can be found at locations such as The Common, the Park Street School, the North Springfield Bog Trailhead, Main Street, the Springfield Town Library, and Elm Street School.

Volunteers from the Springfield Rotary Club and from the Springfield Town Library collect and weigh the bags, report the bags' weight to Trex, and deliver the bags to Trex's closest participating drop-off retailer location, Shaw's Supermarket in Springfield. The Trex Bin will remain in place at the Springfield Town Library.

Looking ahead, the Rotary Club has already begun collecting plastic film for another bench as part of their ongoing efforts to support the community. The benches are dedicated to celebrating the 95th anniversary of the Springfield Rotary.

Founded in 1927, the Rotary Club of Springfield is a vibrant community service organization with more than 40 members dedicated to both local and international service projects. For more information, visit <https://springfieldvtrotary.org>.

Photo (l-r): Springfield Community Players board members Tom Fields and Bernice Clark.

Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Honors Student of the Month

The Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club at a breakfast meeting on Thursday, March 27 welcomed the Ludlam family and honored Ellee Ludlam, 7th grader at Conant Middle High School as Student of the Month. Rotary Chair Sam Lafortune stated that Ellee was an exceptional student who consistently goes above and beyond in both school and her community. Her teacher James Norby stated "She actively participates in class discussions, offering thoughtful insights. Her assignments always demonstrate a strong work ethic and creativity. Ellee's commitment to



excellence and her respectful, kind demeanor make her a standout learner in every way." Pictured left to right - Norby, Ellee, mother Molly, dad John, two adoring brothers and Rotary President Rudra.

Wallingford Memorial Club held Benefit Dinner

The Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club held a benefit dinner for a local family who lost their home to a fire in February. No fee was charged but goodwill offerings totaled more than \$1,000.00. The Club was assisted by the Mill River Interact Club, who helped cook and serve a delicious meal of homemade pasta, bolognese sauce and garlic pull-apart rolls (many thanks to our resident chef, Erika Berner!) and desserts donated by Rotarians. It was a lovely community dinner for a great cause.



PHOTO (l-r): Erika Berner and sous chef Myles Donohue

Londonderry Rotary “Bring Back the Trades Skills Expo” - April 26, 2025

The Rotary Club of Londonderry is sponsoring Bring Back The Trades Skills Expo concurrently with the District 7870 Assembly. We are encouraging all Assembly attendees to visit this event. District Leadership will be allocating time for you to attend.

Bring Back the Trades is bringing their Skills Expo to Londonderry! Join us for a unique experience where students, parents and community members can explore various trade skills and learn from industry professionals. Whether they're interested in plumbing, HVAC, electrical work, construction, or other trades, this expo is the place to be. Get ready to roll up your sleeves and dive into the world of skilled trades! Free admission. The Bring Back the Trades Skills Expo is brought to you by the Londonderry Police Department, The Rotary Club of Londonderry and Londonderry School District.



Former Lt. Governor Zuckerman Addresses Ludlow Rotary

Former Lieutenant Governor David Zuckerman recently addressed the Ludlow Rotary Club advocating for ranked choice voting. He is an advocate for voters having the option to rank the candidates in a multi-candidate race when no candidate gets more than 50% of the votes in a race. He feels this allows more candidates to enter a race and gives the option for more open discourse on the issues.



The LRC meets every Tuesday for lunch in Ludlow. The LRC is small and is always looking to welcome new members. If you would like to attend a meeting and learn how you may 'Serve Humanity' while enjoying the fun and fellowship of others, please contact any Rotarian or drop a note to Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow Vermont. And, don't forget the Ludlow Rotary Penny Sale, April 26, 6:00 PM, Ludlow Elementary Gym.

Photo credit to Kevin Barnes.

Spotlight on Student Voices: A Successful Four-Way Speech Contest

The Rotary Club of Concord and the Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club were proud to once again co-host the annual Four-Way Test Speech Contest—an inspiring evening celebrating student voices, thoughtful reflection, and the values of Rotary.

Under the leadership of committee chair Lucy Morris, this year's contest brought together students from four local high schools to explore the Rotary Four-Way Test through their own unique lenses. From passionate storytelling to persuasive arguments, each speech demonstrated the creativity and courage of these emerging leaders.



Congratulations to Our Winners! The top three winners of the contest were: First Place: Jade McKay, Trinity Christian School; Second Place: Sophia Collie, Bishop Brady High School; Third Place: Matthew-Steven Bissah, Bishop Brady High School

We also extend our congratulations to the top speakers from each participating school: Shelly Smith, Concord High School; Jade McKay, Trinity Christian School; Sophia Collie, Bishop Brady High School; Lily Moser, Merrimack Valley High School



We are grateful to all Rotarians who supported the event as volunteers, organizers, and attendees. Special thanks go to the individuals who helped ensure the event ran smoothly, including members from Concord Toastmasters, Concord TV, and others who generously offered their time and expertise.

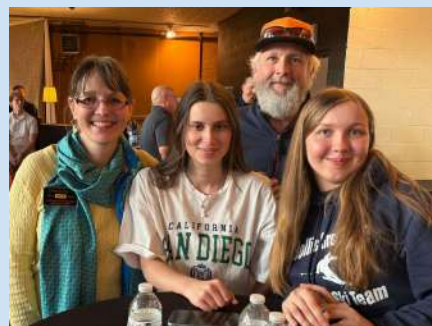
We were honored to welcome several distinguished guests from District 7870, including Past District Governors Richard Berryman and John Bob Siemienowicz, along with District Governor-Elect Donna Deos. The presence of two Rotary Youth Exchange students—Evelina Parashchak from Ukraine and Amelie Steinke from Austria—added to the spirit of global fellowship that defines Rotary.

To all who helped bring this event to life, thank you. Your commitment to youth, service, and community uplifts and empowers the next generation of leaders.

Up Next: Concord Rotary Club's Major Raffle. The Rotary Club of Concord is now preparing for its annual Major Raffle. Tickets are \$100 and include entry to a special evening event featuring a silent auction, hors d'oeuvres, and more. The grand prize? A \$10,000 winning ticket! Those interested in supporting this exciting fundraiser should reach out to a Concord Rotarian for ticket information. Don't miss your chance to win big while supporting Rotary's work in Greater Concord.

4-Way Test Speech Contest/Phenix Hall, Concord, NH

Nineteen local High School students assembled at the historic Phenix Hall in Concord, New Hampshire on March 19th, 2025 to compete in preliminary trials of the Rotary District 7870 4 Way Test Speech Contest, demonstrating their persuasive communicative skills to a capacity crowd of visiting dignitaries, family members and fellow students .



In the audience were Rotary District 7870 Governor-Elect (2025-2026) Donna Deos (Bow Rotary) and Rotary District 7870 International Service Chair (2024-2027) John Siemienowicz (Milford Rotary), accompanied by Rotary International Exchange Students (L-R front ,seated) Evelina Parashchak of Lviv, Ukraine and Amelie Sleinke of Wollsdorf, Austria. Milford, and Hollis-Brookline were the student's respective host NH Rotary Clubs.

As the ...oldest generation... of our nation's elected leaders continued to debate and challenge our Constitutional obligations to free speech and civil liberties on a national stage, our nations...



youngest generation...projected a thoughtful, mature and hopeful vision for our nation, that evening, on a stage once graced by Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln's message then, was of a similar vision pronounced that evening ... one bound by the timeless virtues of truth, fairness, goodwill and Rotary's visible embrace of a "diverse, equitable and inclusive" global community.

Gov. Scott Hosted by Springfield Rotary Club and Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce

Over 45 people attended the Annual Governor's Luncheon hosted by the Springfield Rotary Club and the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce at the River Valley Technical Center to hear Governor Phil Scott's vision for Vermont. Among the priorities for his administration are housing and public safety.



PHOTO (l-r): Chamber President Mike Schmidt, Chamber Executive Director Taylor Drinker, Gov. Phil Scott, Springfield Rotary President Deb Cox and Springfield President-elect Sue Dana.

International

International Coffee with JB - An Informal Zoom Get Together

Hello All,

“May International Coffee With JB Update”

I am pleased to inform you that our most recent “International Coffee with JB” (held on the first Friday of April) had over twenty (20) attendees. International Coffee With JB is always held at 8:30AM on the first Friday of the month. Our next session will be May 2nd 2025 and will start at 8:30AM as usual.



You can join by using the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78773960966?pwd=QkFlTTZkdDJyRzJIa3phTmhzam1kQT09>



For the Month of May session our topic will be a presentation by Stephen Henrich from the RC Hollis/Brookline about his recent trip to Nyamata Rwanda and a discussion of how Women in East Africa can possibly break the cycle of poverty. AWHI provides the funds under local control in small cooperatives working with their African partner, AHI (Africa Hope Initiatives), empowers women in their communities to become self-sufficient within five years using just an initial grant of funds.

Hopefully, you can join us!
Be Well, JB

Hopkinton Initiates Successful Global Grant with Brazilian Rotary Club

Isabella, a Brazilian Rotary exchange student for the school year 2023-4, asked the Hopkinton Rotary club if it might know if a club from our Southern New Hampshire, Southern Vermont district would be interested in partnering with her home city sponsor, Curitiba in a Global Grant. The grant would fund a much needed highly technical medical instrument needed for the main hospital in Curitiba, a city of nearly 2 million located south of Rio de Janeiro. The instrument, a Stryker SPY, indicates lack of blood flow/potential for infection for major operations and would significantly reduce the incidence of infection and potential death.

Hopkinton saw the \$105,000 grant as an opportunity and agreed to take on the responsibility of being Curitiba's international partner. Through club and individual donations and with district and The Rotary Fund matches, nearly \$44,000 was raised here and the balance of the \$105,000 required came from Curitiba Rotary clubs, district and The Rotary Foundation matches.

This is how Rotary's magic happens - through 46,000 clubs and 1.4 million members, one Rotarian working with another together for a common goal, across town or across the world.



Fundraisers

Bellows Falls Rotary Club Hosts Adult Spelling Bee Fundraiser - Sponsorship & Team Registration Now Open - May 9, 2025

The Bellows Falls Rotary Club is excited to announce its upcoming Adult Spelling Bee fundraiser, taking place on **Friday, May 9**, 7pm at the Moose Lodge in Bellows Falls. This lively and entertaining event will bring together community members, local businesses, and spelling enthusiasts for a night of fun competition in support of Rotary's service projects, charitable giving, scholarships, and more.



If you think you have what it takes to be crowned spelling bee champion, gather a team of four and sign up today. Team registration costs \$200 per team, and only 10 teams will be able to compete. Don't miss this chance to showcase your spelling skills while supporting a great cause.

Businesses and individuals looking to make an impact can become event sponsors. Various sponsorship levels are available, offering promotional benefits such as brand recognition, advertising opportunities, and on-site engagement. The deadline for sponsorship and team registration is Friday, May 2nd.

For sponsorship details, team registration, and more information, please visit bfrotary.club/page/adult-spelling-bee. You can also call or email Sam Howard at saamjm@gmail.com or (802) 376-9983.



Greater Keene Rotaract Hosting a Karaoke Night - May 21, 2025



Newport Rotary Resurrects Penny Sale - May 31, 2025

We are resurrecting our Penny Sale--May 31 6 PM at the brand new Newport Community Center 15 Meadow Road, Newport, NH. Although our membership numbers are down, we are taking a leap of faith and planning our first Penny Sale since the pandemic. 150 prizes with a minimum value of \$15, plus several grand prizes and a cash raffle. All are welcome for a fun evening in our great new community location. We appreciate your support that will help fund our scholarships and other service projects. For information: Charen Urban, President 603 995-1248.



Brattleboro Rotary Club's 50th Annual Charity Golf Tournament - June 5, 2025

Save the Date!

Thursday, June 5th, 2025

The Brattleboro Rotary Club's
**50th Annual Charity
Golf Tournament**

Thank you for your past support.
We hope you will be able to join us this year!

For more information, contact Gina Pattison at 802-251-8485
or gpattison@bmhvt.org. Or visit us online at www.BrattleboroRotaryClub.org.

Milford Rotary's 100 Holes of Golf Offers 50/50 Split with Other Clubs - June 20, 2025

The Milford Rotary Club will hold its 31st Annual 100 Holes of Golf in One Day fundraiser on Friday, June 20 at Amherst Country Club. This event has become one of the District's largest and best-known fundraisers, attracting golfers from throughout the region to play 100 holes on a dedicated course—a golfer's dream.

A significant amount of the money raised comes through the sale of raffle tickets, which provide cash prizes totaling \$12,500 including a \$5,000 top prize. In addition, each raffle ticket offers six discount coupons worth more than the \$20 ticket price. It is an easy sale! The Milford Rotary Club makes ticket sales available to other Rotary Clubs in the District through our 50/50 program. Each participating club receives half of all the income from the raffle tickets they sell, and an online sales option is available through our event website! For



more information, contact Jay Dinkel at Jay.dinkel@comcast.net or 603-801-1601. Visit our event website at Golf100Holes.com

District Calendar

So much going on within the clubs in the district! Be sure to regularly check this District Calendar of Events: <http://rotary7870.org/events/calendar>

Do you have an entry for the District online calendar? Please email your entry to: prrotary7870@gmail.com.

Months of the Rotary Year

Many months of the year are designated by Rotary International for special significance.

July – Maternal and Child Health Month

August – Membership & Extension 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 – Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

March – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene 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. **Please limit your photos to one per article.** 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: May 14th, 2025 at 6 PM.**

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:

