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Greetings From Your District Governor Bill Stevens



Hello Rotary District 7870 members,

As we delve into the month of August with a focus on Membership Recruitment and Development, I am pleased to share some highlights from my recent club visits. During these visits, I have had the privilege of witnessing the incredible work being done by our members across our district.

I have seen firsthand the passion and dedication of our Rotarians as they work tirelessly to make a positive impact in their communities. From local service projects to international initiatives, our clubs are at the forefront of creating change and fostering connections. I have been inspired by the generosity and kindness of our members, and I am proud to see the spirit of Rotary alive and thriving in each club I have visited. I was especially proud to have participated in two service projects the past two Saturdays, "Gear up for School" in Manchester which had volunteers from at least seven Rotary Clubs attend and the "Splash Dash 5K" in Keene, where we had volunteers from two Interact, two Rotaract and two Rotary Clubs in attendance.



It is through these experiences that I am reminded of the power of Rotary - the power to bring people together, the power to make a difference, and the power to change lives for the better. Let us continue to build on this momentum as we welcome new members into our Rotary family and strive to create a better world for all.

I urge each one of you to actively participate in membership recruitment efforts. It is through the collective efforts of our members that we can bring in new perspectives, ideas, and talents that will further enrich our clubs and projects. Let us open our arms wide to welcome new members into the fold and show them the incredible impact Rotary has on both local and global communities.



I believe that each one of you has the power to inspire others to join us in our mission of Service Above Self. Let's work together to make this August a memorable one by growing our Rotary family and making a lasting impact in the communities we serve.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and commitment to Rotary District 7870. Together, we can achieve great things and make a lasting impact in the communities we serve.

Yours in Rotary service,

Bill Stevens
District Governor 2024-25

District News

Rotary Leadership Institute - Why RLI?



Engaging our members by providing knowledge combined with quality education through interactive participation – welcome to RLI 2024!

This year District 7870 will work with surrounding districts to offer the opportunity for District 7870 clubs to grow and strengthen club leadership. Our first event will once again be in-person and will be held in St. Johnsbury, VT hosted by D7850 to the north on October 26th.

Topics will include how to effectively engage members and build confidence through club communication; our Rotary International Foundation and how to utilize resources for building domestic and international programs; how to build better and more substantial service projects in our communities; strategic planning and analysis to internally strengthen clubs; and discussions on public perception and public relations to build and strengthen public and community awareness of what we do and what we can offer.



Interactive learning format is the basis for all RLI programs. Lecture format is only used to provide specific information to make a point to develop a deeper understanding of a particular topic.

RLI consists of either three full day sessions or a ZOOM option divided over two nightly sessions for each course:

Course 1: My Rotary World

Course 2: The Club

Course 3: My Rotary Journey

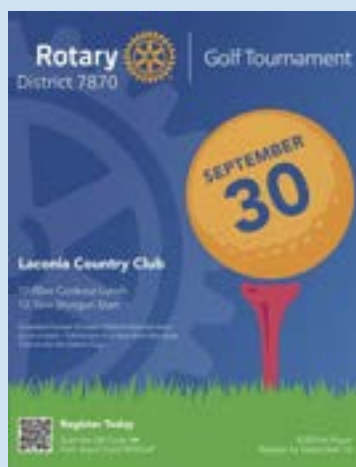
2023 Continuing Education Graduate Level: Succession Planning for Your Membership

Questions, please email carol.powis@comcast.net. To sign up for sessions: <https://rlinea.org/>

Where will RLI-NEA courses be held?

- **D7850 -St.Johnsbury, VT – In Person October 26, 2024**
- **D7910 Marlboro, MA TBD**
- **D7930 – Wakefield, MA – Virtual. TBD**
- **D7870 – VT/NH – Virtual. Tentative – February 18 & 20**
- **D7950 – Bourne, MA - In Person TBD**
- Other locations throughout NYS and PA

District 7870 Annual Golf Tournament - September 30, 2024



For sponsorship opportunities, click [here](#).



Call for Nominations for District Governor 2027-2028

Nominations are now being accepted for the position of District Governor for the Rotary year 2027-28. Please consider nominating a qualified candidate from your club. Application materials and a job description are available on the District Website <http://rotary7870.org> in the site pages section entitled “District Governor Application Materials”. Note: you must be logged into the District website to access these materials. District Governor (to serve 2027-2028).

Qualifications for District Governor are as follows:

- Nominee must be a Rotarian in good standing of a Club in the District
- Nominee must be of outstanding personal caliber and must maintain full qualifications of membership · The integrity of the Nominee’s classification must be without question
- Nominee must be a member of a functioning club, in good standing, that has no outstanding indebtedness to Rotary International or District 7870
- Nominee must have served as a Rotary Club President for a full term · Nominee must have been a Rotarian for at least seven (7) years at the time of taking office
- Nominee must demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability, (Physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of District Governor) Traditionally, the nominating committee also looks for Nominees with a record of club and district participation, an outstanding attendance record, and demonstrated civic interest in their community.

Rotary International suggests that Nominees have necessary computer skills, and Rotary International also mandates attendance at the Governors-Elect Training Seminar and the International Assembly.

Please upload all nominations and supporting documents on the District Website <http://rotary7870.org> under the Site Page “District Governor Application Materials” no later than September 6th, 2024. Submissions uploaded after September 6, 2024 will NOT be considered. Interviews of the candidates for District Governor 27-28 will take place during October 2024, invitations will be forwarded to each candidate. Specific times will be assigned to each candidate. Failure to appear for any reason will automatically eliminate the candidate from consideration.

Thank you for ensuring that all qualified candidates receive this information.



Want to find a Global Grant to participate in? How about a Project Fair?

I was excited to receive an email from Howard Tours announcing the next West Africa Project Fair (WAPF) will take place in Accra Ghana from October 29 to November 5, 2024. This annual event is a unique opportunity for Rotarians to come together, share ideas, and collaborate on impactful humanitarian projects in the seven West African Rotary Districts representing 15 countries. This will be their first hybrid event with some participants traveling to Ghana and others joining online. I am planning to attend in-person.

I had previously traveled with Howard Tours to the project fairs in Benin (2018) and Liberia (2019). I participated in the online WAPFs in 2021 (as a panelist) and in 2022 (as a speaker).

Howard Tours is owned and run by Past Rotary International Director Brad Howard. He leads the tour to the West Africa Project Fair. PRID Brad was involved with the creation of the West Africa Project Fair, twenty years ago, so has a deep knowledge of the organization and of West Africa. He also serves on the board of the Rotary Action Group that runs Rotary Family Health Day. (RFHA). The cost of the tour includes your hotel, registration for the Fair, most meals, the gala celebration dinner, the meeting with the US Embassy staff and escorted sightseeing. Not included is your air ticket to and from Ghana, though they can help arrange that for you.

To find out more click on: <http://www.howardtours.net/rotary-project-fair--health-days.html>

This year we will spend one day participating in a Rotary Family Health Day and providing support to the doctors and nurses running these popup medical clinics. We will also have a day going to visit the existing projects of local Rotary clubs.

On reach trip we have a meeting with the US Embassy, often with the Ambassador. They will brief us on the local economy and political situation.

The high point is the project fair, where clubs from around West Africa present their District and Global grants. The event usually includes a Grant Management Seminar to get the clubs certified to host or serve as international partner in Global Grants.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information about the West Africa Project Fair.

Randell Barclay (PDG 2022-23) email: rotary.randell@gmail.com



District Rotary Foundation Lunch, Saturday November 16, 2024

We are pleased to announce our first post-Covid in-person Rotary Foundation Event on Saturday, November 16, 2024. We will be holding a celebratory lunch at the Little Red School House in Wallingford Vermont. Our chef is Wallingford Past President and gourmet chef Erika Berner.

Our keynote speaker will be Rotary Foundation Trustee Marty Peak Helman. Marty is a member of the Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor Maine; she was District Governor of District 7780 in 2012-13 and is an Arch Klumph Society Member. Among many topics, she will be talking about Rotary launching a new peace center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul, Turkey.



Our District Governor Bill Stevens will be the master of ceremonies. Our District Rotary Foundation Chair Dianne Barclay will talk about why we give to the Rotary Foundation. We will invite some of our fellow Rotarians to talk about their District and/or Global Grant experiences. We will also recognize Rotarians who have increased their support for The Rotary Foundation and why it is their charity of choice.

Registration will open in mid-September so be on the lookout for the announcement email and details in the District Newsletter

Randell Barclay, Wallingford Rotary, District Rotary Foundation Stewardship Chair.

My Rotary Foundation Moment: Supporting Rotary's Mission Made Easy

When I became a member of the PolioPlus Society, I realized that I had to remember to send my \$100 a year to the Rotary Foundation. Some years I forgot. I realized talking to other Rotarians that there is an easier way to send my donation to the Rotary Foundation: that is using the Rotary Direct System. The best way to enroll is online at <https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct>. There is a brochure that talks about how to set this up [Rotary Direct Recurring Giving Brochure](#).



I was able to set up my donations of \$25 each quarter on the website using my credit card. I was able to see my recurring donations in my Rotary profile at my.rotary.org. I could also modify or cancel my recurring donations at any time from that page.

So here are some details: Rotary Direct allows you to set up automatic contributions on a schedule that works best for you—monthly, quarterly, or annually. This means you can support the causes you care about without having to remember to make a donation each time. Simply set it and forget it!

Rotary tells us that giving online significantly reduces the administrative costs to The Rotary Foundation. This means that more of your donation goes directly to the programs and projects that need it most.

Rotary Direct is a secure way to make your donations. Your personal and financial information is protected, giving you peace of mind that your contributions are handled safely and securely. Your contributions are processed promptly, ensuring that funds are available for immediate use in Rotary's life-changing projects. Whether it's eradicating polio, providing clean water, or supporting education, your recurring donations help sustain these vital efforts year-round. You can choose where your donation goes.

Each contribution made through Rotary Direct is receipted individually and credited to your personal, club, and district accounts. This makes it easy to track your giving and ensures that you receive the recognition you deserve for your generosity.

By opting for electronic contributions, you reduce the need for paper receipts and mailings, contributing to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly way of giving.

Together, we can continue to do good in the world and make a lasting impact. I would be delighted to visit your club and talk about the impact that the Rotary Foundation has in our District and around the world. Just email me. dianne.fhrotary@gmail.com

Dianne Barclay, District Rotary Foundation Chair, Slate Valley Rotary (formerly Fair Haven RC)



Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together

Ken Yei (Queen City RC) will be hosting his next Coffee with Ken on **Fri. Sept. 6 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

Wantastiquet Rotary Hears from Grace Cottage Hospital

The Wantastiquet Rotary Club recently had guest speakers Martha Dale, President of the Grace Cottage Board of Directors, Olivia Sweetnam, new CEO, and Charma Bonanno, Director of Development, who talked about the 75-year-old Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital history and future plans. A \$20 million dollar capital campaign is now in the early phases with a \$5 million grant to kick it off and it has already raised over \$9 million dollars to add on to the current facility.



The Rotary Club learned that the family health & hospital center offers many great services and is still accepting new patients. They have 15 primary care providers on staff. There are full laboratory services, Diagnostic Imaging, Hospice Suites, and 19 inpatient beds in the hospital. They are well known in the area for their Physical and Occupational Therapy. Their newly expanded Emergency Room is available 24 hours a day and is very accommodating. They also have Messenger Valley Pharmacy, and a Community Wellness Center.



For several years in a row, the Brattleboro Reformer's Readers' Choice Awards have named them Best Hospital, Best Emergency Room, Best Physical Therapy, Best Doctor, Best Pediatrician, Best Pharmacy, and Best Place to Work.

In the past 4 years, Primary Care visits have increased by 50%, however due to age and space limitations the increased volume has become a real concern and thus the need to expand the current facility.

3rd Year of Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program Underway

For the third year, The Rotary Club of Springfield has implemented a Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program to help fight child hunger in Springfield.

According to Springfield Rotary Club Past President Karen Longo, 54,000 students in Vermont participate in the school lunch program. During the summer, 75% of these children will potentially struggle with food insecurity and hunger. The most at-risk children for food insecurity are also the ones who are most affected by the achievement gap, and poor academic and athletic outcomes that can have lifelong effects.



“Currently some of the children attending the YMCA summer camp rely on the food program for most of their nutrition during the week,” Longo explained, “These supports do not exist over the weekend, so the Rotary Club of Springfield established the Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program for campers.”

“The Rotary Club prepares shopping bags filled with high protein, low sugar foods every Thursday evening and delivers them to the camp on Friday mornings,” Longo said, “The bags are sent home discreetly with the campers on Fridays to ensure they are well fed over the weekend and can come in Monday mornings, ready to hike, swim and learn.”

So far, close to 100 shopping bags were distributed that contained water, fruits, a jar of peanut butter, crackers, veggie sticks, cheese crackers, noodles, fruit snacks, smart popcorn, carrots, pudding, hand sanitizer and utensils.



The Springfield Rotary Club will continue to support the Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program until the end of August.

The Rotary Club of Springfield, founded in 1927, is an active community service club of more than 40 members who engage in community and human service projects both locally and internationally. For more information, visit <https://springfieldvtrotary.org/>.

PHOTO: Springfield Rotary Club Past President Karen Longo chairs the Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program

At Ludlow Rotary - the Subject is Ducks!

Ludlow Rotary Club President, George Thomson, is pictured holding a rubber ducky as the LRC kick-offs planning for its 25th annual Duck Race down the Black River on Saturday, August 24 at 12 Noon. The rubber duckies, purchased by individuals and businesses, get dumped into the river from the Depot Street bridge and finish at the Walker Bridge. Ducks may be purchased from LRC Rotarians and its website <http://www.ludlowrotary.com/>.



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Souhegan Valley Rotary Scholarship Program: Celebrating the Aspirations of Six Exceptional Students

This is the third year the Souhegan Valley Rotary of Nashua has offered a non-traditional scholarship program. Seeking students with a strong work ethic interested in an educational path, different from the traditional 4-year college. "Service Above Self" - inspires Rotarians to prioritize assisting others, reflects the program's original purpose as an investment in our local community's youth. Applicants from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. This year the Souhegan Valley Rotary is proud to announce its six distinguished recipients, each a testament to the power of dedication and the pursuit of excellence:



- **Jack Mallett**, a passionate photographer, is honing his craft through a dual focus on Photography and Advertising. His vision is to capture the world through lenses that inspire and inform. Jack will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.
- **Kuhu Jayaswal** is at the forefront of innovation, studying Computer Engineering at the prestigious Olin Institute. Her ambition is to contribute to cutting-edge technology advancements that can transform industries.
- **Leah Jones and Gina Todisco**, both studying Animal Science at UNH, are driven by a love for animals and a commitment to improving their welfare. Their academic pursuits are laying the groundwork for significant contributions to veterinary science.
- **Andrew McCarthy** combines his academic endeavors in Business Administration at UNH with practical experience as the first mate on a Fishing Charters boat. His unique blend of education and hands-on work embodies the entrepreneurial spirit.
- **David Roy**, an Eagle Scout with a strong foundation in leadership and community service, is pursuing a degree in Health Science at Quinnipiac University. His goal is to become a Physician's Assistant, a role that will allow him to make a profound impact on patient care.

At Souhegan Valley Rotary, we firmly believe in the power of education and the impact it can have on transforming lives. We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to all the recipients!

About The Souhegan Valley Rotary: The Souhegan Valley Rotary Club (Nashua, NH) was formed in 2010 when a small group of local business professionals identified a need for a Rotary club that met in the evenings, appealed to a wide demographic and still had a significant impact on the community. To learn more, visit <https://www.happyhourrotary.com>

International

Amigos Mission Team Upcoming Trip

The 2025 Amigos Mission Team is beginning preparation for their mission trip that is scheduled to leave on **Saturday, January 25th and return on Saturday, February 1st**. There is a great deal of interest, and the team has a maximum number of members which is 28 team members (A function of the bus size). So, if you read this and are interested in going on a future mission trip, let me know and I'll add you to my email list.



I am pleased to announce that this year's team leaders will be Dave Lawrence, formerly of Springfield Rotary and currently with Lancaster PA Sunrise Rotary, and myself. We are always looking for members that are medical and dental professionals.

This year's trip will have the same three areas of focus as with previous trips: medical and dental brigade, school construction, and a Water and Sanitation project. Typically, the projects on these mission trips require funds of between \$10,000 and \$15,000. We very much appreciate the support we've received in the past from clubs and Rotarians, and we hope you continue this support by making a contribution to support our 2025 Mission. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Please know that 100% of the funds that are contributed will go to the projects, as our team members fund their own travel expenses, and the administrative costs are donated.

The Rotary International District 7870 Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization under the rules of the Internal Revenue Service. Our Tax Id is 26-0197796. If you have questions or would like a copy of our 2024 report, please email me at cep617@comcast.net Also, please let me know if you'd like me to present to your club.

In closing, thank you for your support of the Rotary District 7870 Foundation and of Amigos De Honduras, and once again let me share with you one of my favorite quotes from Margaret Mead: **“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”**

Sincerely,

Christopher E. Parkinson, Past District Governor and Chair of Amigos De Honduras

Photo caption: Nurse Practitioner Nicole Lang from the Henniker Club

Where Are They Now?

This month, we feature Ms Roxana Stefan of Romania. She was an inbound exchange student, hosted in Hopkinton, New Hampshire during the 2009-10 Rotary Year. In her words.....

In 2009, I embarked on an incredible journey that would shape my future in ways I could never have imagined. As a Rotary exchange student from Romania, I found myself in the welcoming community of Hopkinton, New Hampshire, and attended Hopkinton School. This experience was more than just an academic exchange; it was a transformative adventure that broadened my horizons and enriched my life.



Being an exchange student provided me with the unique opportunity to meet people from all around the world. Through Rotary, I connected with fellow exchange students who came from diverse cultural backgrounds. We shared our stories, traditions, and perspectives, creating a vibrant mosaic of global friendship. These interactions not only enhanced my understanding of different cultures but also helped me develop a deep appreciation for the rich diversity of our world.

Living and studying in the United States taught me invaluable life skills. One of the most significant improvements was in my communication abilities, especially my English. Immersing myself in an English-speaking environment allowed me to practice daily and become more fluent and confident. This skill has been essential in my professional life and has opened many doors for me.

Beyond language skills, the experience helped me grow into a more mature and adaptable individual. Navigating a new country, school system, and social environment pushed me out of my comfort zone and taught me resilience and independence. These qualities have been instrumental in my journey towards becoming a successful adult.

Admittedly, the beginning was not easy. The initial adjustment period was challenging, but the Rotarians were deeply involved and very attentive to their exchange students' needs. They organized activities such as city visits, skiing trips, and various social events to help us integrate and forget about homesickness. Their support played a crucial role in making the transition smoother and more enjoyable.

Today, I am proud to say that I work as a dentist in Romania and I have my own dental clinic. The skills and confidence I gained during my exchange year played a significant role in my professional development. The ability to communicate effectively, understand and empathize with people from different backgrounds, and adapt to new situations has been very important in my career and life.

One of the most cherished aspects of my exchange experience is the lasting relationships I formed. I remain in touch with my host families, who welcomed me with open arms and made me feel like a part of their own. These bonds have endured over the years, and we continue to share updates, celebrate milestones, and support each other across the miles. In fact, one of my host families visited me in Romania, giving them the chance to explore my culture, meet my family, and experience the beauty of my country. This visit was a testament to the enduring nature of the relationships formed during my exchange year.

Looking back, my year as a Rotary exchange student in Hopkinton was an essential chapter in my life. It was an experience filled with learning, growth, and discovery. I am immensely grateful to the



Rotary Club for providing me with this opportunity and to everyone who supported me along the way.

The exchange program not only shaped my personal and professional life but also instilled in me a lifelong commitment to fostering international understanding and goodwill. To all current and future exchange students, I encourage you to embrace every moment, learn from every challenge, and cherish the friendships you make. The world is full of amazing people and experiences waiting to be discovered.

Unfortunately, the Rotary exchange program became quite small around the world following the two-year Covid-19 shutdown. However, efforts are underway to rebuild it, and the spirit of global unity and personal growth that the program embodies remains strong.

As I continue to navigate my path, the lessons and memories from my exchange year remain a guiding light. The Rotary exchange program truly exemplifies the spirit of global unity and personal growth, and I am honored to be a part of this incredible community.

Fundraisers

Putt and Pour Tournament - August 19, 2024



**PUTT and POUR
TOURNAMENT**

Monday, August 19, 2024

2:00 PM
Haystack Golf Club

18 mini golf style team scramble putting tournament.
4 people per team.

GOLF * PRIZES * RAFFLES * DINNER

Gift auction, following the tournament

\$90 per person- Golf and dinner
\$40 per person- Dinner only, 4:30 PM
\$75 Tee Sponsorship
Bring your own putter and ball.

www.RotaryDFV.org



Springfield Rotary Club 3rd Annual Butterfly Release Fundraiser - August 23, 2024

The Rotary Club of Springfield Vermont is hosting its third annual live butterfly release fundraiser on Friday, August 23, 2024. Donors can purchase a butterfly to release in support of Rotary's community service projects.

According to Springfield Rotary Club past president Karen Longo the butterfly release is to remember and celebrate with families who has passed away. "For the past two years, we released over 400 butterflies while raising close to \$4,000 for local community projects," explained Longo, "This fundraiser creates a way to remember and honor our friends and family."

"We are encouraging donors to release butterflies in remembrance of a loved one or in celebration of a loved one," Longo said, "All the butterflies that will be released will be of the Painted Lady variety which is a natural species to the area."

The butterflies are \$10 each and can be purchased each Friday at the Concerts at the Comtu or through a Springfield Rotary Club member until August 16, 2024 in order to be listed in the remembrance booklet. At the last concert on August 23rd, the butterflies will be released as the names of those being remembered are read. In the event of rain, the butterflies will be released the next day at noon.

The Rotary Club of Springfield, founded in 1927, is an active community service club of more than 40 members who engage in community and human service projects both locally and internationally. For more information or to download the butterfly order form, visit <https://springfieldvtrotary.org/>.

PHOTO: Springfield Rotary Club past president Karen Longo released butterflies at the Comtu Park concert.



Rotary Club of Rutland's 3rd Annual Build Better Friendships Pickleball Tournament - Sept. 7-8, 2024

Pickleball is continuing to explode in popularity and is being embraced by our schools and senior centers alike, it continues to be the fastest growing sport in America. No matter the level of play, beginner, or experienced player, pickleball boasts the health and well-being of everyone through exercise and social interaction.



The Rotary Club of Rutland will host the **Third Annual Build Better Friendships Pickleball Tournament (BBFPT)** in partnership with Vermont Sport & Fitness, Rutland Racquet Club and Rutland Recreation & Parks Department to be held **Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8, 2024**. The tournament features non-sanctioned competitive play in the round-robin format. Registration is now open, visit www.rutlandcityrotary.org.

The courts throughout the region will host 80 plus tournament players per round plus spectators. In addition to the actual tournaments, as we have for the prior events, there will be a Pickleball Clinic at Monsignor Connor Park. The last two years we have taught 70 “newbies” the game with Denise and Jim Bellew, two of our area’s top pickleball facilitators. A host of accomplished support people will be on board making this a great opportunity to learn the sport the right way, with safety always in mind.

The Second Annual Build Better Friendships Pickleball Tournament turned out to be another great success as we brought contestants from Glens Falls, Burlington, Woodstock, Manchester’s VT and NH and beyond. We did “Built Goodwill and Better Friendships” as several of the contestants have played together since and our pickleball groups continue to grow. Fact is; the lion’s share of last year’s “newbie” players is now playing to a much higher level and several will play in this year’s event.

Covid-19 did take a toll on our ability to raise the funds we need to do what we do best, community service and we needed to catch up. We needed to find a fundraiser that can be grown from year to year. Rutland is suited for a large pickleball tournament, and it worked for all, and we had a great time doing so. Let us make Rutland “**Pickleball Central in Vermont,**” or New England for that matter.

About Rotary Club of Rutland: Founded in 1919, the Rotary Club of Rutland is one of the oldest Rotary Clubs in New England. Our membership has always reflected a wide diversity of local

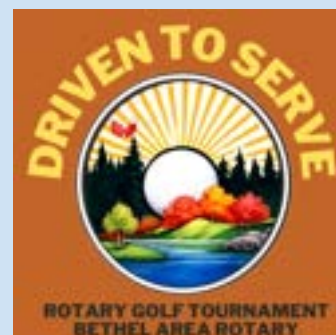


business leaders and community partners with a commitment to Service Above Self. The focus of the Rotary Club of Rutland is community service. Throughout the year we are active in a variety of hands-on projects as well as mentoring and knowledge sharing activities.

For more information please contact: Steve White: stevewhitevt@gmail.com, 802-236-1951

Putt and Pour Tournament - September 28, 2024

Announcing the 2024 **Driven to Serve** Bethel Area Rotary Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at 1pm on Saturday, September 28 at Montague Golf Club in Randolph, Vermont. The Bethel Area Rotary Club is a proud part of our communities and of Rotary International, a global network of more than 1.2 million members. Locally, we support the towns of Barnard, Bethel, Pittsfield, Rochester, Royalton, Stockbridge, and Tunbridge.



Our service projects include:

- International Youth Exchange
- Food Shelf Support
- Community Garden
- Project Happy Holidays
- Wild Woods Halloween Event
- Providing Local Scholarships
- Global Relief Projects

There are two ways to support our **Driven to Serve** Rotary Golf Tournament fundraising event, including: (1) Gathering a foursome to play golf on September 28 and (2) Tournament/hole sponsorship or prize donation

Contact Jenny Hewitt - hewittvt@gmail.com or 802-779-1257 or Jeanne Conde - BethelAreaRotary@gmail.com with questions, to sign up a team of 4, or to make a donation.

Seventh Annual Rotary West Duck Derby - Oct. 12

The Rotary Club of Nashua West will be hosting its Seventh Annual Duck Derby on Saturday, October 12 th. Ten thousand rubber ducklings will again float down the Nashua River, this year launching from the Millyard Technology Park. The Duck Derby is the Rotary Club of Nashua West's main fundraiser.



This year's event promises to be filled with tons of family fun activities and events. Food trucks and games and activities for adults and children will also be available.

All the money raised through this fundraiser benefits 40 area non-profit educational, health, human services and youth organizations. It also provides \$15K in scholarships for qualified high school seniors and allows the club an opportunity to support international humanitarian programs.

Cash prizes will be awarded to three winners: First Place \$2,500, Second Place \$1,000, and Third Place \$500.

This event is only possible with the support of our sponsors. Currently, we are looking for individual and corporate sponsors. If you are interested, please reach out to Carolyn Oguda at carolyn.n.oguda@gmail.com

If you would like to 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>.

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. Here are the ones for this Rotary year:

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. 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: September 15th, 2024 at 9:00 AM.**

Website and Social Media

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

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

