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As we start the Rotary Year of Unite for Good, I thought it might be helpful to review some basic principles of Rotary and what makes us Rotarians.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Early Rotary members emphasized the importance of acting responsibly and ethically and using our professions as an opportunity to serve. Honoring our commitments, however bold, is an ideal characteristic of a Rotarian. In 1932, The Four-Way Test was developed by Herbert Taylor, a Rotary Club of Chicago member and 1954-55 RI president, to guide his attempt to save a faltering aluminum company. Rotary later adopted it, and it underscores Rotary's value of integrity. The Four-Way Test has long served as an ethical guide for members to live by in their personal and professional relationships.



OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

OBJECT OF ROTARY

In Rotary's first decade, members set out guiding principles that evolved into what is now known as the Object of Rotary. They added the advancement of peace in 1921 and made the language more gender-neutral in 1989 and 1995.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;



- THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

ROTARIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Rotarian, I will:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them and their occupations with respect
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young people, help those with special needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians
5. Help maintain a harassment-free environment in Rotary meetings, events, and activities; report any suspected harassment; and help ensure non-retaliation to those individuals that report harassment

John Bob "JB" Siemienowicz

District International Service Chair Rotary 2024 – 2027 (DG 2021 -2022)

Rotary Club of Milford, New Hampshire

Caption: Framed Object of Rotary that hangs in DG Donna Deos' home office. It belonged to her father.

Rotary District 7870 Announces 2025 Recipients of the Janice H. McElroy Scholarship

Rotary District 7870 is proud to announce the 2025 recipients of the Janice H. McElroy Scholarship: Nattanan Kotseas of Dunbarton, New Hampshire, and Laura Maturo of Dover, Vermont.

This scholarship was established in memory of Janice H. McElroy, a Past District Governor and Past President of the Henniker Rotary Club. Before her passing in 2012, Jan requested that donations made in her honor support non-traditional students — individuals who completed high school or earned a G.E.D. and then waited at least three years before pursuing further education.



Nattanan Kotseas graduated high school in 2013 and pursued post-secondary education in Thailand between 2014 and 2018. She currently serves as the Library Coordinator Generalist at the Tucker Free Library in Henniker, NH, where she supports marketing, social media, grant writing, and children's programming. She aspires to become the library's director and is passionate about creating a welcoming space that reflects cultural diversity, including her Thai heritage. In the fall of 2024, Nattanan enrolled in the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Pittsburgh. She expressed that this degree would deepen her expertise and enhance her ability to serve the community. This marks the second year Nattanan has been awarded the McElroy Scholarship.

Laura Maturo graduated high school in 2003 and recently completed pre-nursing coursework at Grossmont College and Vermont Tech. She is employed at Thrifting New England in Brattleboro, VT, and owns La Serena Birth Services, where she supports families through birth and pregnancy loss. Laura's journey toward becoming a homebirth midwife is shaped by personal experiences and a strong commitment to compassionate, community-centered care. She will begin a four-year program at the National Midwifery Institute this year. The scholarship will help ease the financial burden and allow her to focus fully on her training and service to families in southern Vermont.



The Janice H. McElroy Scholarship Committee believes both recipients exemplify the spirit and vision Jan McElroy intended for this award.

District 7870 extends sincere thanks to the scholarship committee members: Jim McElroy (Honorary Member, Henniker Rotary); Peter Powers (Honorary Member, Hopkinton Rotary); Jay Burgess (Honorary Member, Henniker Rotary); David Saturley (Past District Governor, White River Junction Rotary); Bill Stevens (District Governor, Bellows Falls Rotary); Edward Carignan (Henniker Rotary); Paul Keiner (Henniker Rotary); Sandra McGonagle (Gilford Rotary).

District Learning

At the District conference, there was a request to hold training on Membership and Engagement. We are pleased to announce the first of our learning events will be held on Zoom on August 6th at 7:00PM and our speaker will be Tom Gump, Chair of the Membership Growth Committee at [Rotary International](https://www.rotaryinternational.org). Please sign up for this event on the District website. Questions to Ian Bowker ian@iconbroadcast.com, District Learning Facilitator.



Club News

Springfield Rotary Club Awards Local Scholarships

Springfield Rotary Club President Debbie Cox and scholarship committee members Jim Fog, Bob Flint, Ed McQuaide, and Ed Grossman selected Kylie Nadeau and Madalyn Downing as winners of this year's local scholarships. Each student will receive a \$3,000 scholarship.

Nadeau is planning to attend the University of New England to study Middle and Secondary Education. Downing is planning to attend Champlain College to pursue a career in Social Work and Criminal Justice. Funds for the scholarship awards came from the annual Springfield Rotary Penny Sale, which will return this October.



PHOTO: Maddie Downing was one of the two \$3000 Springfield Rotary Club scholarship recipients.

2025 Scholarship Winners Visit Ludlow Rotary

Five of the seven winners of the 2025 Scholarships from the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) visited the recent meeting of the club to thank it for the awards.

Annually, the LRC offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors who live in its area of coverage which includes Ludlow, Mt Holly, Cavendish, and Plymouth. To date, the LRC has granted over

\$284,000 in scholarship awards. Pictured above are, from left to right, Kevin Barnes, LRC Rotarian;

Briana Barton - Windsor High School; Linsey Jane Miles - Green Mountain High School; Lola Saccardo - Compass High School; Andrei Solzhenitsyn - Green Mountain High School; and Evan Kirdzik - Green Mountain High School. Funding for these scholarships is largely obtained from the annual Penny Sale sponsored by the LRC in the Spring.



Photo credit-LRC member



Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Learns About China

At a breakfast meeting at the Cathedral of the Pines recently, Rachel Hsu was the guest speaker. Daughter of incoming Rotary President Tom Hsu, she recently completed a fellowship at Tsinghua University in Beijing and spent the previous half-year in Taipei, Taiwan. She discussed the timely topic of "Understanding China and Thoughts on Geopolitics." Her unique perspective on this globally relevant subject was very enjoyable and informative.



Bennington, VT July 4th Bell Ringing Celebration

The Bennington Rotary Club presented the 12th year of the Rotary Bell Ringing Celebration on July 4th. It is appropriate to recognize what the Founding Fathers did that July 4th in 1776 when they put their signatures on the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson knew the importance of the document that he wrote and he encouraged his countrymen to celebrate that day and every July Fourth thereafter.



The Rotary July 4th bell ringing event was inspired by Rotarian and Past President Jerry Albert. His research revealed that in 1963, both houses of Congress passed Concurrent Resolution #25 which reads in part:

"Whereas the tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall, Philadelphia, PA, at 2 o' clock in the afternoon of the 4th day of July, 1776, proclaimed the signing of the Declaration of Independence; now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the Congress hereby (1) declares that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells throughout the United States at the hour of 2 o' clock, eastern daylight time, in the afternoon of the 4th day of July, or at such other time on that day as may be determined by local authority, and (2) call upon civic and other community leaders to take appropriate steps to encourage public participation in such observance.

Bells were once the fastest means of communications in any town. U.S Navy ships also have bells. Used for signaling, keeping time, and sounding alarms, bells are an important part of a ship's



routine and readiness. Our bell comes from USS Bennington, an aircraft carrier that served our nation from 1944 through 1970.

Members of Bennington Rotary ring the bell 13 times. Once for each of the original states. This year DG Donna Deos rang the bell for New Hampshire with ADG Diane McCormick ringing for Pennsylvania. As I am sure many of you know, Vermont is the 14th State in the Union. The State of Vermont was born in Bennington. So it is only fitting that we ring our bell one more time...for Vermont!

Each year Bennington Rotary recognizes an outstanding individual or organization with the honor of ringing the bell the 14th time. This year we are proud to honor the Vermont Veterans Home as the 14th bell ringer. Representing the Vermont Veterans Home and ringing the bell are Navy Veteran Walter Jabs and Marjorie LaFountain, Therapeutic Activities Supervisor. They join past recipients including the Bennington Fire Department, Bennington Historical Society, Oldcastle Theater, Miss Teen Vermont Pageant, the Bennington Rescue Squad, Mount Anthony Interact Club, the Vermont National Guard, the North Bennington Village School, the MAU Chamber Singers, and Patricia Johnson, RN-SVMC.

Concluding the July 4th Bell Ringing Ceremony members of the Green Mountain Boys reenactment company (which includes several Bennington Rotarians) closed the ceremony with a musket salute.

Photo: Rotarian and Green Mountain Boy Jerry Albert assists Walter ringing the bell!

Handing off the Gavel - Queen City Rotary Club

The Queen City Rotary Club extended its heart-felt thanks and gratitude to outgoing President Natalie Jutras and welcomed the new President Heather Francoeur during a special ceremony held recently at the Puritan Back Room in Manchester.

“Natalie was an inspirational and energetic leader during the past year and helped our club flourish in all ways,” noted Francoeur. “We truly appreciate her service and strong commitment to our mission of helping kids in need.”



Over the past year, the Club completed numerous community service projects across the city, hosted its annual “Night at the North pole” celebration for inner city children, provided scholarships to outstanding students, held recognition events for public safety officers and area



champions, held a polio prevention fund drive, launched a monthly TV program on Manchester Public TV, and held two signature fund-raising events – the Reverse Raffle and Comedy Bowl. In May, the club held its annual charitable grants program and distributed \$50,000 in donations to 45 youth centered non-profits in Greater Manchester.

Additionally, the Club revamped its member outreach program and added several new members over the course of the year.

“What an amazing year it has been,” said Jutras. “I am so grateful to all the club members for their friendship, camaraderie, and unwavering commitment to our mission. I am excited that we will continue this momentum as I pass on the gavel to Heather.”

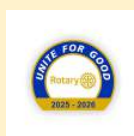
The club also recognized members Dan Bednarski, Monica Labonville, Linda Seabury, Tom Stewart, Hal Sullivan, and Pete Winslow with special awards for their extraordinary volunteer service and commitment to area youth.

The 2025-2026 slate of officers is: Heather Francoeur, President; Alisha Cahall, President-Elect; Sheamus Standish, Vice President; Cindy Gaffney, Secretary; Dan Bednarski, Treasurer; Monica Labonville, Past President; and Directors Karen Metz, Meg Timbas, Anne-Marie Hafeman, and Rick Lundborn.

The club meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 AM at the Puritan Backroom, 245 Hooksett Road in Manchester, guests are welcome. To learn more, please visit www.queencityrotary.org

About the Queen City Rotary Club: Composed of more than 50 community and small business leaders, the Queen City Rotary Club seeks to improve the lives of area youth and others through community service, volunteerism, and charitable giving. On a yearly basis, the club performs thousands of hours of community service and donates over \$50,000 to a host of nonprofits. To learn more, please visit www.queencityrotary.org.

Photo (l-r) - Natalie Jutras and Heather Francoeur



Phelps Named 2025-26 Springfield Rotary Club President

The Rotary Club of Springfield Vermont recently inducted Springfield resident Sue Phelps as its club president for the 2025-2026 Rotary year.

Rotary club members serving as officers with Sue this year are Secretary Marty Cohn, Treasurer Michelle Chamberlain, Immediate Past President Deb Cox and directors-at-large Jeff Mobus, Ed Grossman, John Somers, and Emma McGuirk.



Sue has been active in the Rotary Club of Springfield since 2014 serving as a club director and chair of the butterfly release for 2024.

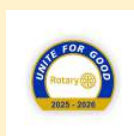
Sue is employed as Finance Director for Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions is the area agency on aging for southeastern Vermont and believes that every person should be able to age in the place of their choice with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Sue is treasurer and past president of the Springfield Regional Chamber of Commerce and is on the steering committee for Leadership Southeast Vermont.

As Springfield Rotary president, Sue hopes to continue making a positive impact on our community, whether through the annual food drive or supporting local students with scholarships. Sue is a graduate of Springfield High School and Champlain College. She has two children, Paul, a recent graduate of Vermont State University Randolph and Emma, a junior at Carnegie Mellon University.

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 (l-r) Springfield Rotary Club Past Presidents Karen Longo, Emma McGuirk, Deb Cox welcome Sue Phelps as the 2025-26 Springfield Rotary Club President.



Leadership Change at Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary

At the annual Gavel Night at the Cathedral of the Pines on Thursday, June 26, the J-R Rotary thanked outgoing President Rudra with a "gavel plaque" (pictured right) with gratitude for his fine year of service for the Rotary Year 2024-2025.

Accepting his new leadership responsibilities, President Tom Ahlborn-Hsu, (pictured left), outlined one of his goals for the year to bring both interesting and actionable programs with information to be shared which will help guide the Club in wisely committing resources in ways that best benefit our communities. While enjoying the fellowship of "service above self", Rotarians also learned that fellow members had been honored. A Paul Harris Fellowship for continual outstanding service to the community was awarded to Jon Fredrick, and a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of his donations to the Rotary Foundation was presented to Ben Wheeler.



Photo credit: Bob Schuamann

Ludlow Rotary “Passes the Gavel” and Summarize Past Year’s Accomplishments

At its annual picnic meeting at the lake home of Tom Harris, members of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) observed its traditional “passing of the gavel” and reviewed the club’s achievements in the past year. Out-going President, George Thomson, passed the gavel to Kevin Barnes, the new LRC President and led the Ludlow Rotarians in an analysis of what the club had achieved during the past year.

In summarizing the achievements of the past year, Thomson noted, “We have more than doubled the basic goals set forward by Rotary International (RI), earning its Presidential Citation. I want to thank the board members of LRC along with all the other members of the club for the great effort and dedication to meeting these goals”.

He listed some the goals achieved during his tenure which included:

- Working on a global grant from RI for Okemo Valley Technical Rescue, possibly in the range of \$40,000
- Agreeing to be an international partner with a Rotary club in India to setup a kidney dialysis facility in rural India



- Working hard to support the incoming student exchange program, with Jim Rumrill becoming the chair of the Essex Eastern United States Student Exchange program next year. This program, curtailed by Covid for several years, is an important avenue in learning about other nations through their students. Jim also led the effort to charter the Interact Club at Green Mountain High School.
- Awarded \$14,000 in scholarships to seven area graduates. This program has resulted in over \$285,000 in scholarships since its creation
- Raising the funds necessary to support scholarship awards and programs for local and regional groups through the Penny Sale, Duck Race, and Chili Cook-off
- Distributed books to schools in our district, including personalized books for elementary school youngsters
- Seeking partnership with area Rotary clubs for LRC's global grant proposals
- Continuing to ensure that LRC members still had fun doing all it could to help local, regional, and international groups in need of our assistance

Thomson indicated that he will become an Assistant Governor in the District, which covers New Hampshire and Vermont.

On accepting the gavel from Thomson, Kevin Barnes said he would continue to support efforts to address our goals. "I believe we have achieved a great deal and it is my intention to see that we continue to work on these goals and the new ones that will develop. This club may be small when measured in numbers against large Rotary clubs but it is huge in terms of what it can do and will do."

Information on the LRC and membership may be obtained from any Rotarian or by a call to Kevin Barnes at 802- 802-321-8720.

Photo: Out-going President George Thomson (Left) handing the gavel to Kevin Barnes (right), the new President for 2025-26.



Springfield Rotary Launches Fourth Year of Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program

For the fourth consecutive year, the Rotary Club of Springfield is helping combat child hunger through its Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program.

Past Club President Karen Longo explained that 54,000 students in Vermont are enrolled in the school lunch program. During the summer, approximately 75% of these children face increased risk of food insecurity. Those most vulnerable often experience wider achievement gaps and diminished academic and athletic performance—challenges that can have long-term consequences.

“Many children who attend the YMCA summer camp rely on daily meals for the bulk of their nutrition,” said Longo. “But those supports vanish on weekends. That’s why we launched the Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program—to fill that gap.”

Every Thursday evening, Rotary members pack shopping bags with nutritious, high-protein, low-sugar items. The bags are delivered Friday mornings to the YMCA and discreetly sent home with campers, ensuring they have food for the weekend.

“The goal is to help kids return on Monday ready to hike, swim, and learn,” Longo said. To date, the club has distributed nearly 633 food bags containing items such as bottled water, fresh fruit, peanut butter, crackers, veggie sticks, cheese snacks, noodles, fruit snacks, smart popcorn, carrots, pudding, hand sanitizer, and utensils.

The program will continue through the end of August.

Founded in 1927, the Rotary Club of Springfield is a vibrant service organization with over 40 members committed to community and humanitarian projects both locally and globally. To learn more, visit springfieldvtrotary.org.



Photo (l-r): Springfield Rotary Club Past President Karen Longo and President Sue Phelps delivered food bags for the Rotary Youth Weekend Food Distribution Program.



Bedford NH Rotary Partners with Youth and Community to Support Local Classrooms

Earlier this year, the Bedford Rotary Club proudly joined forces with the Bedford Presbyterian Church Youth Group, the Lions Club, and the Bedford High School Interact Club to support the “Supplies for Success” initiative—an outreach program focused on equipping local students and teachers with the essentials they need to thrive.



The February event brought the community together to collect and distribute over \$4,000 worth of classroom supplies and winter gear to two high-need elementary schools in Manchester: Parker Varney and Bakersville. Every classroom received carefully packed boxes filled with teacher-requested items, while school social workers were also provided with gently used snow gear to discretely distribute to students in need.

This successful collaboration showcased what’s possible when organizations with a shared commitment to service come together for the common good. Now, the “Supplies for Success” program is gearing up for another round of support. On Sunday, August 24, volunteers will gather at Bedford Presbyterian Church to pack a new round of classroom baskets for delivery ahead of the school year. Rotarians are warmly invited to participate or support the effort with donations.

Those wishing to contribute can donate directly through Bedford Presbyterian Church (memo: Supplies for Success). For questions or to get involved, please reach out to Sean Michalski, President of the Bedford Rotary Club.

Let’s continue to build a stronger, more compassionate community—one classroom at a time.

Rotary Club of Concord Visits CATCH’s Rosemary’s Way to Celebrate Community Milestone

Last week, members of the Rotary Club of Concord were invited to a summertime cookout hosted by **CATCH Neighborhood Housing** at Rosemary’s Way. The event served as a thank-you to Rotary for its \$50,000 centennial gift, which helped make the property’s new community room and outdoor patio grill area a reality.



As part of its 100th anniversary, the Rotary Club of Concord selected CATCH to receive this donation in recognition of the organization's deep impact on housing stability and community wellness in Greater Concord. With more than 100 residents now living at Rosemary's Way, including many families, the new gathering spaces are already enriching lives and building stronger neighborhood connections.

The visit offered Concord Rotarians a firsthand look at how their support is fostering meaningful opportunities for togetherness. Seeing families and neighbors enjoying the new space was a powerful reminder of Rotary's mission: Service Above Self.

The Rotary Club of Concord is proud to support CATCH's ongoing efforts to create affordable, inclusive housing—and grateful to be part of building lasting community infrastructure that serves residents for generations to come.

Wantastiquet Rotary Scholarship Recipients

The Wantastiquet Rotary of Londonderry VT has distributed scholarships to five deserving seniors attending Burr and Benton Academy and Long Trail. The recipients have each received a \$1000 scholarship. The recipients are: Cosby Lux - Concordia University ; Charles Cry - Villanova University; Moriah Herbert's - Colby Sawyer or St. Joseph College of Maine; Olavi Pajala - University of Vermont

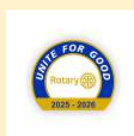


Sunrise Club Community Service Awards

Olivia Bentzler and Shannon Bentzler addressed the Sunrise Club on June 19th to express their gratitude as recipients of the annual Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club \$1000 Community Service awards , presented to graduating MVHS Seniors who have demonstrated exemplary volunteer service within their communities.

Olivia will be attending the University of New England in Portland, Maine this Fall, majoring in Marine Biology.

Abby is traveling south to St. Petersburg , Florida to attend Eckerd College and pursue a career in Animal Studies and Communication.



Both sisters promised to periodically return to the Club to update us on their post High School respective life journey . The two young woman are outstanding examples and product of the Merrimack Valley School District and of an apparent fortunate and supportive family life.

PHOTO: The two young ladies at the center of the photo are 2025 Merrimack Valley High School (Penacook NH) graduates (L-R) Olivia and Abby, flanked by their parents, Christopher G. Bentzler and Shannon M. James Bentzler.

Concord Rotarian Selected as “Young Professional of the Month”

Cady Hickman, Chairperson of the Concord Rotary Club Public Relations Committee, was selected as the “Young Professional of the Month“ by the Concord Chamber of Commerce, announced June 17, 2025 by Concord RC and Chamber of Commerce member, Tim Sink, standing to her left .

Concord RC President (2024-2025) Doug Bohlman is to her right.

Cady, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire, is a “New Hampshire based performer and marketing professional with a passion for creativity and community.”

She is a co- founder of “Queen City Improv”, performs regularly in local theatre productions and also teaches music and art in Manchester NH. To relax, she has set her sights on running 1/2 marathons in all 50 States.

When not volunteering her time and energies , she can be found leading marketing efforts at “Rumford Stone”, New Hampshire’s premier professional kitchen designers with offices in Pembroke and Bow NH .

The Concord Chamber of Commerce’s selection of Cady signals their recognition of individuals possessing a sound work ethic and willingness to “give back” to their community. Congratulations Cady.



Semi-Annual Cornhole Tournament “Cornhole Cup”

Sarah Hoffman, Hopkinton Rotary Club President (2024-2025), accepts the “Cornhole Cup” trophy from Doug Bohlman, Concord Rotary Club President (2024-2025) on June 18, 2025 for Hopkinton’s first place finish in the May 29, 2025 semi-annual Rotary Cornhole Tournament, conducted at Alan’s restaurant in Boscawen NH .



To Sarah’s left is Sean Skabo, Hopkinton Public Relations Committee Chair, with Art Olkonen, Hopkinton Sergeant-at-Arms, on Doug Bohlman’s right.

Presently a 4 team tournament comprised of the Capital City Sunrise, Concord, Bow and Hopkinton Rotaries...Hopkinton bested the Bow Club for first place in a nail biting, one game “winner take all” finale.

The Capital City Sunrise and Concord Rotary Clubs were the final two runner-ups .
Congratulations Hopkinton...

The tournament was conceived as a fundraising event, with each participating Club contributing \$250 to the prize purse, with the 1st and 2nd place finishers (Hopkinton and Bow, respectively) then donating \$750 and \$250 to a charitable cause of their choosing .

A fund raising, charitable cause event ...designed to revisit Paul Harris’ motivation to convene the very first Rotary Club meeting 120 years ago....to maintain personal relationships and promote fellowship amongst his colleagues...an initiative that blossomed into the largest global humanitarian service organization.

This event is our small contribution to that vision .

Next up the third edition of this Rotary tournament in November, 2025, at a date soon TBD.



White River Junction Rotary Club Passing of the Gavel

On July 1, another warm and muggy evening, the White River Rotary Club gathered at the Upper Valley's Aquatic Center's new outdoor venue for the Passing of the Gavel. Guests included DG Nominee Lou Botta and his husband Bill Hickey (New London) and AG Charlene Lovett (Claremont-Sugar River). Our own David Saturley (DVG) was the grill master serving up chicken, burgers and sausages accompanying tables laden with potluck dishes from club members.



President Amanda Roberts did the opening honors with introductions. She was thanked by all for her work on behalf of the Club and Rotary. David presented her with a lovely bouquet of flowers and was given a standing ovation.

The evening commenced with David administering the Presidential Oath to incoming co-chairs, David Ford and Gayle Ottmann. All Board members for the new year were present and administered their oath by David.

A big 'Thank You' to Joe Major, UVAC's Executive Director and Matt Young, Assistant Director (both Rotarians!) for providing the setting for a perfect summer evening with Rotarian friends and families.

International

International Coffee with JB - An Informal Zoom Get Together


The next International Coffee With JB will be held at **8:30AM** on **Friday, August 1st**. You can join by using the link:

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



Fundraisers





Blueberry Pancake Breakfast - July 27, 2025



**Blueberry
Pancake
Breakfast**

**Sunday, July 27, 2025
8:30 – 11:00**

**Twin Valley Elementary School
Wilmington, Vt**

Full Blueberry
Festival schedule!

www.RotaryDFV.org



Splash Dash 5K - August 9, 2025

The Greater Keene Rotaract Club is hosting its 4th Annual Splash Dash 5K on Saturday, August 9th. As our annual fundraiser, this event supports all our year-long service projects in the Monadnock region including our hallmark event, Operation Elves. If interested in walking or running at the event, registration is now open! Can't make it but still want to support our efforts? Consider making a donation online through RunSignUp or via the mail to PO Box 79, Keene, NH 03431.



Greater Keene Rotaract Club
a fundraising event hosted by the
Greater Keene Rotaract Club

SPLASH DASH 5K

Saturday, 8/9/2025
7:30am (Walk),
8am (Run) Start
Keene Family YMCA


SCAN ME

Early Bird Registration | \$25
Sign up by July 15th for a race t-shirt!

Registration discounts available
for groups of 3+ or 5+ racers.

 @keenerotaract  Greater Keene Rotaract Club

Rotary Club of Concord - Nine & Dine - August 14, 2025

Upcoming Events:

Get ready to tee off for a great cause at the Rotary Club of Concord's annual Nine & Dine! Registration is now open for this fun-filled golf tournament featuring nine holes, raffles, prizes, and group dinner catered by Alan's of Boscawen. Don't miss your chance to grab a VIP bracelet for extra games and exclusive perks. All proceeds support the Greater Concord community—email Kirby Clang to secure your spot today!



Rotary Club of Concord's
NINE & DINE
Sunny for a Great Day! Play, and support
Concord's Rotary Club
Beaver Meadow Golf Course
Thursday, August 14, 2025

BEAVER MEADOW GOLF COURSE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH 2025

SCRAMBLE FORMAT - 2:00pm Registration
3:00pm Shotgun Start
Dinner Provided by Alan's of Boscawen
-- est. start time 6:00pm

Registration and Payment Due by August 1st, 2025
No team holds


Deluxe: Includes signage
at tee or green
VIP: \$25 per person;
Bracelet includes:
2 mulligans
Putting contest
Stretch your luck
"Gimme string"

\$600 VIP Deluxe Foursome
\$500 Deluxe Foursome
\$125 VIP Individual
\$100 Individual


For questions and registration for, please email:
Kirby Clang at Kirby.clang@banger.com


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An Evening on the Greens at Haystack Golf Course





scan for tickets

Friday, August 15 5:00 PM

Presented by the Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley

Formerly "Putt & Pour", this scramble putting-only tournament is designed for golfers and non-golfers

THIS IS THE MOST FUN YOU WILL HAVE ON A GOLF COURSE!

Proceeds go directly toward supporting a variety of community needs, programs and scholarships in the Deerfield Valley

\$90 per person – gather your foursome and join us for cocktails, light fare, raffles, silent auctions, coffee & dessert and a great evening out!

To register, please visit <https://rotarydfv.org>
or call the Event Chair, Bob Pavia at 203-953-9999

www.RotaryDFV.org



Woodstock Rec & Rotary Club Golf Tournament - August 21, 2025

Woodstock Rotary is partnering with Woodstock Recreation to host a golf tournament on August 21st at the Woodstock Country Club. For information on how to register a team, please contact Steve Huveltdt shuveltdt@comcast.net or Gail Devine gdevine@woodstockrec.com.



Bethel Area Rotary Golf Tournament - September 27, 2025

Dear Golfers and Sponsors,

Please accept this letter requesting your support for the 2025 Driven to Serve Bethel Area Rotary Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at 1pm on Saturday, September 27 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



- Project Happy Holidays
- Community Halloween Event
- Providing Local Scholarships
- Global Relief Projects

There are two ways to support our Driven to Serve Rotary Golf Tournament fundraising event, including:

- Gathering a foursome to play golf on September 27
- Tournament/hole sponsorship

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.

Thank you very much for your support of Rotary.

Miscellaneous

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

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: July 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:

