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Greetings From Your District Governor Bill Stevens

Dear Rotary Family,



As your District Governor, I have the distinct pleasure of traveling around and meeting remarkable individuals who embody the spirit of our Rotary mission. This past month, I had two incredible opportunities to connect with one small subsection of our Rotary Family, our inbound exchange students, and I must say, I am profoundly impressed by each and every one of them.

These young ambassadors of goodwill have come from various corners of the world, bringing with them unique perspectives, vibrant cultures, and dreams that transcend borders. Their enthusiasm and courage to step outside their comfort zones to embrace new experiences is truly inspiring. It is a testament to the strength of the Youth Exchange program, which not only fosters international understanding but also cultivates lifelong friendships and global citizens.

The Youth Exchange program is one of Rotary's most impactful initiatives. It opens doors to cultural exchange and personal growth, providing our students with invaluable life experiences. These young leaders are not just representing their home countries; they are also representatives of Rotary's values—service, fellowship, diversity, and integrity. Through their experiences, they learn to navigate challenges, adapt to new environments, and develop a deeper appreciation for different cultures. They become ambassadors for peace and understanding, bridging gaps between nations and communities.



As I met with our exchange students, I was moved by their stories—the friendships they have formed, the challenges they have overcome, and the skills they have acquired. Each student brings a unique narrative, and together they weave a rich tapestry of experiences that enrich our Rotary community. Their presence in our clubs and communities reminds us of the importance of embracing diversity and fostering inclusivity.

Moreover, engaging with these young individuals reinvigorates our commitment to service above self. It challenges us to think globally while acting locally, encouraging us to support programs that empower youth and promote cultural exchange. I encourage each of you to take the time to connect with our exchange students, hear their stories, and learn from their experiences.

Please reach out to me if you want more information on our Youth Exchange programs, the traditional program or our Short Term Youth Exchange and I will connect you with program



leaders and/or former participants who stand ready to educate your clubs on the programs, either privately or as a program speaker.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to making a difference in the lives of young people. I look forward to witnessing the incredible impact our inbound exchange students will make within our communities and the lasting legacy they will leave behind.

In Rotary Service,
Bill Stevens
District Governor, Rotary District 7870

District News

Calling All 2025-2026 & 2026-2027 Presidents!

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Yes! You read that right. We are looking forward! We are being bold, innovative and trying new things – just like DG Bill is asking us to.

I would like to start learning who will be Club Presidents in my year as DG as I would like to start getting to know you and letting you get to know each other.

Likewise, I'm sure Ruth would enjoy that as well for her year as DG in 2026-2027.

To inspire you ~ we have decided that the annual President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) to be held March 21-22, 2025 will include the option for presidents of both of our years to attend.

What?! I know, crazy, huh?

Yes, we are encouraging you to plan ahead...pick your people now!

Little known fact: Rotary International actually expects all clubs to select their people ("Slates of officers") every November/December so that they can notify RI by 12/31 of the year. I know, I just blew some minds there. Well, I've been in Rotary for 22 years and it has always been that way! It has not always been done that way by lots of clubs, but I'm not here to tattle on anyone or make anyone feel bad. What's the saying? "You don't know what you don't know." Well, now you know! That excuse is blown. :D



Please work on setting up your nominating committees now, figuring out who you think would be great to lead your clubs moving forward, and start talking to them about it. Maybe even throw out a blanket invitation. The sooner we know who is in line, the sooner we can start working together to spread the fun, fellowship and family of Rotary around more.

Yes, there is more outside of your club! SO much more. There are other clubs! Full of other people... VAST amounts of FANTASTIC PEOPLE who are out there just waiting to meet you and get to know you. Spread your wings a bit. It'll be fun.

Oh, and to those of you who aren't sure if you want to be President of your club or maybe are shy and are waiting to be asked or encouraged – consider this your encouragement and your invite! Rotary is a team sport. We are called Clubs for a reason. People join Clubs to participate and all should be welcomed and encouraged to do so. You are now encouraged to consider joining the leadership team of your club. Shake things up! Do it your way. Be bold, try new things!

Any questions, email me at deosome@yahoo.com. Let's get this party started!
DGE Donna

Rotary Short-Term Youth Exchange Program

The Rotary Short Term Exchange Program offers students to be matched up with an overseas family and student, and then during the summer, the students visit each other's family - typically 3 to 4 weeks at each location.

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This past summer District 7870 had four students who participated in Rotary Short Term Youth Exchange.

Rotary 

1. Wilder (Wallingford Rotary) did his exchange with Lui in Switzerland.
2. Forrest (Wallingford Rotary) did his exchange with Kelyan in France.
3. Julian (Manchester VT Rotary) did his exchange with Henning in Sweden.
4. Everett (Hollis-Brookline Rotary) did his exchange with Leone in Italy





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Any student, age 15-19 as of July 1 of the exchange summer, of good character who possesses a warm personality and a desire to live abroad and host in return is eligible for Rotary's Short-Term Exchange. Children of both Rotarians and non-Rotarians are eligible.

Foreign language proficiency is not required. Many countries throughout the world teach English as a second language and most participating students are quite proficient in it.

There are no costs to the host Rotary club. Cost of travel, Rotary application fee, Rotary medical insurance, clothing and personal expenses are the responsibility of the participating students and their families. The application fee and medical insurance fee are less than \$300.

If your Rotary club would like to learn more about The Rotary Short Term Exchange Program, contact the District's Short-Term exchange chair, Gary Dehnel (Meredith Rotary) gcdehnel@verizon.net, 603-677-7910.

Rotary Leadership Institute - Why RLI?

RLI-NEA conducted its first session in the northeast of the 2024-25 Rotary year in Verona, NY. After the sessions, Janet Tenreiro, our Regional Vice Chair for Central NY District 7180 received and shared the following note from one of our attendees:



Janet, Just a quick note to say thank you to everyone involved in presenting the RLI program yesterday.

I am positive that the months and months to prepare for such an event are never understood by most. As with a duck, we only see the top of a duck sailing along serenely whereas the reality is the real labor is out of sight.

At any rate, thank you and all the staff for presenting another excellent training program for the good of order.



Best Wishes, Scott MacDonald, Owego Rotary President 2024-25

Engaging our members by providing knowledge combined with quality education through interactive participation – welcome to RLI 2024-25!

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

This year the Graduate Program will be Capturing the Value of Our Impact. Discussions will be wrapped around our ability to adapt as Rotarians in finding the right solutions while engaging members who understand community needs then taking it to the next level in demonstrating the results of sustainable changes that make a difference. Then, how do we illustrate our impact as we share our results through empirical data?

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
2024-25 Continuing Education Graduate Level: Capturing the Value of Our Impact

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 - Sat. Oct. 26, 2024

D7910 Marlboro, MA - Sat., Jan. 18, 2025

D7930 – Wakefield, MA - Virtual TBD

D7870 – VT/NH - Virtual Tuesday and Thursday evening, February 18 and 20, 2025

D7950 – Bourne, MA - In Person TBD

Other locations throughout NYS and PA are on the RLI/NEA website <https://rlinea.org/>

District Rotary Foundation Lunch, Sat., Nov. 16, 2024

Thank you to those of you who have already registered for the Foundation Lunch on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at 12:30PM. There is still an opportunity for you to join in the celebration. 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. Price \$35/person.

Registration is open on the District Website, or you can click on the link below:

<https://www.crsadmin.com/eventportal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=d4510d1d-c190-4e8d-8858-478215c512b0>

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. Some of our fellow Rotarians will 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.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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



Rotary Foundation Month Challenge

Rotarians inspire me everywhere I go in the world. Inspiration is also right on my doorstep here in District 7870. With World Polio Day coming up on October 24 and Foundation Month in November, PDG John Bob Siemienowicz and Milford Rotarian

Allise de Smet approached me about a matching challenge of \$5,000 for the Foundation Annual Fund and \$5,000 for Polio Plus. WOW! This is an amazing opportunity for District 7870 Rotarians to double the impact of their gift. As I said, inspiration struck. So PDG Randell Barclay and I will also pledge \$10,000 total to match gifts to the Annual Fund and Polio Plus.



The matching challenge will apply to the gifts made to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and Polio Plus between October 15, 2024, and November 30, 2024. If you give regularly, please consider increasing your donation. If you have never given to the Foundation, a gift of \$25 qualifies you for Every Rotarian Every Year. A gift of \$100 to Polio Plus or the Annual Fund makes you eligible for The Polio Plus Society or Sustaining Member, respectively. You can give online through Rotary Direct with a credit card or bank debit or give a check to your Club's Foundation Chair or Treasurer.

So please join John Bob and Allise in donating during Foundation Month. Let us all be the inspiration and share The Magic of Rotary through the power of The Rotary Foundation.

Dianne Richoz Barclay, District Rotary Foundation Chair

Polystyrene Removal

Hello Folks,

While you've heard about this before, we just wanted to remind everyone that our Rotary District 7870, in cooperation with our neighboring Districts 7850 and 7780, has been working successfully to help remove Polystyrene (Rigid Foam) from the waste stream in several of our District 7870 communities. This serves to help the environment, (the seventh area of Rotary Focus). We would like to ask you, and your local Rotary Club, if you would be willing to assist us in this endeavor. We need help with processing the collected polystyrene product into sellable densified bricks using the densifier we assisted the Gilford NH recycling center in obtaining. It's a light lift (literally) helping to feed the rigid foam into the machine, and we could use a few volunteers each week on Wednesdays. If you are interested, please contact me by email jay4steel@jaysteel.com or by cell at 603.321.9677.



If additionally, you would be interested in more information or a possible speaker for your meetings, please contact me at jay4steel@jaysteel.com. Also, attached a link https://www.gilfordnh.org/file/2627/Flyer_-_GSWC_Foam_101.pdf that may also be used to provide a more general overview for those that are interested.

Thank you for all you all do in our communities and in the world.

Be Well Always,
John Bob aka “JB”

Rotaract UN Days - 2024 - Geneva, Switzerland

As October draws to a close, excitement builds for an unprecedented opportunity for Rotaract members to engage with global issues at the heart of international diplomacy. Jill Pierson, President of District 7870 Rotex Club, is set to represent our community and District 7870 at the inaugural Rotaract UN Days in Geneva, Switzerland.

This groundbreaking four-day event, themed “Future Global Leaders in Action,” invites young leaders from around the world to come together for a transformative experience. Attendees will participate in a series of enriching activities designed to inspire and equip them with the tools necessary for impactful leadership in their communities and beyond.

The weekend will kick off with a welcome dinner, providing an opportunity for networking and collaboration among peers. Following this, participants will engage in informative panels and interactive workshops focusing on pressing global issues such as refugees, migration, and human rights. These sessions aim to foster understanding and motivate action towards solutions that can create positive change in our world.

One of the highlights of the event will be a guided tour of CERN, the renowned European Organization for Nuclear Research. Participants will gain insight into groundbreaking scientific research that has far-reaching implications for society and the future of our planet.

In addition to these enriching experiences, Jill will present a peace project framework that she has developed. This innovative project has the potential to be implemented on an international scale, addressing critical challenges and fostering a culture of peace within communities. Jill's commitment to advancing peace aligns perfectly with the values of Rotaract, emphasizing the importance of service, leadership, and global citizenship.



As we look forward to this exciting event, we encourage all Rotaract members to stay engaged, share their ideas, and consider how they can contribute to a brighter future for all. Together, we can create a world where peace, justice, and collaboration prevail.

Stay tuned for updates from Jill's journey to Geneva, and let's support her as she represents District 7870 on this remarkable global stage!

World Polio Day - 2024

Thursday, October 24, 2025, is world polio day. It is an opportunity for us to reflect on how many children we have saved from the scourge of polio. We are very close to eliminating polio. Polio is only endemic in two countries, Afghanistan and Pakistan. There have been 50 wild polio cases so far this year.

If you are a member of the PolioPlus Society, this is a good time to make your annual \$100 contribution. If you are not a member, please consider making a gift of any size to PolioPlus. There is the added benefit of the Gates Foundation matching your gift on a 2:1 basis.



You can make a donation with your credit card at <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together

Ken Yei (Queen City RC) will be hosting his next Coffee with Ken on **Fri. Nov. 1 at 8:30 AM** on Zoom. Coffee with Ken started during the pandemic as a way for District Rotarians to meet online and share their interests in Rotary. It also was a form for asking questions. The Zoom meeting typically lasts 40 minutes. These meetings are free flowing discussions on topics of interest to the participants. The group decides what to talk about. It is also a great way to find out what is happening around the District. Everyone is welcome. Here is the link:

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

If you are ready, pick up a cup of Joe and click on the link above or on the District Website <http://rotary7870.org> and join the meeting.



Club News

Ludlow Partners with Dolly Parton

September is known as Literacy Month for Rotary International, “More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That’s 17 percent of the world’s adult population. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.”



One literacy project the Ludlow Rotary Club sponsors is the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. This program mails a free book each month to children from birth through to their fifth birthday. The books are by acclaimed authors and each book has been selected to match the age of the children at the time of receipt. Children that participate in this type of program do better in kindergarten and throughout their academic career. The enclosure, Dolly Parton and the Ludlow Rotary Club, explains this program in more detail. The only eligibility criteria are that the child be a resident of Ludlow, Mt. Holly, Plymouth, Cavendish, Proctorsville or Reading.

For a child to receive these books - potentially 60 in all - all you must do is complete a registration card and mail it to the Ludlow Rotary Club at PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. If you want to save a stamp, you can give the completed registration card to the Ludlow branch of M&T Bank or Ludlow Insurance Agency.

If there is more than one child in your family under five years of age, they each should be registered because they will be receiving books tailored to their current age. Up to two children can be registered on the enclosed registration card.

The signature book of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library is “The Little Engine That Could”. Register your children today! We knew you could! Information concerning registered children is held in strict privacy and is only used to ensure the children actually receive the free books. There is no obligation on your part of any kind, except to have fun helping your children read and improve their reading skills.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Bixby at 802-228-8823. The Ludlow Rotary Club meets on Tuesdays at DJ’s Restaurant from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. Prospective members are welcome to join us for lunch to learn more about our club and how we promote peace, health, education, community projects locally and internationally. Visit us on Facebook or at www.ludlowrotary.com.



Ludlow Rotary Awards 2024 Community Service Award

Ludlow Rotary awarded their 2024 Community Service Award to the Glidden Family in honor of their many years of service to the area communities. Pictured left to right are Deputy Chief Bob Glidden, Jr., Rotary's Immediate Past President Tom Ray, Chief Bob Glidden, Sr., and Firefighter Karlene Glidden. Jr Firefighter Miles Glidden is not pictured.



District Governor Bill Stevens Visits Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary

President Rudra Aryal accepts District Governor Bill Stevens' banner prior to Bill's presentation on the status of Rotary within District 7870. Following Bill's informative presentation, he fielded several questions from our Rotarians and was impressed by reports of activities of the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club in full swing in preparation for the Annual Rotary Auction.



The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 26 and provides funds to support numerous local charities. Of special interest this year is support to the After School program, along with donations to scholarships, the sneaker program, libraries, food banks, Santa, Shelter and winter coats. Attendees at the Woodbound Inn gala will enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, a live and silent Auction, and a chance to win \$1000 cash, all for \$35 per person/\$60 a couple. The Club is grateful to so many local vendors who provide support and join in the fun for a valuable community cause.

Fall Projects - A Busy Time for Derry Village Rotary

The Fall is one of our busy times at the Derry Village Rotary club. Here are a few things we have recently rolled up our sleeves for:

Summer 2024 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY (ACS) RELAY FOR LIFE. The club annually supports this event through set up, running the



concession stand and clean up. This year we formed a relay team named “Craig’s Crusaders” in support of long-time member Craig Bulkley who is working on defeating some medical challenges. Through club efforts, over \$4000 was collected in support of ACS.



Sep 2024 END 68 HOUR OF HUNGER FOOD DRIVE. Twice a year we co-Sponsor a food drive for this amazing organization. Their goal is to support children who rely on help from school breakfast and lunch programs but have food challenges over the weekend and school vacations. This event collected over \$9600 in food and monetary donations, filling a mid-size U-Haul truck to the brim to support their good work.

JOHN H. MOODY MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC: Under beautiful skies, we have held this fundraising event for 34 years running with nary a rainout. All net proceeds from this event go to fund our Contributions budget for the following year. This year we had a full house of players and a banner year for Sponsorships received. The final numbers are being tallied but the bean counters are thinking we more than likely exceed \$35k in net profits, our best year ever.



OCT 2024 SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE / BUILD A BED – In a joint sponsorship between the Derry Village and Derry clubs, we once again held a bed construction project overseen by the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization. The beds are then provided free of charge to families with children that do not currently have beds to sleep in and are making due with something much less. With all lumber materials donated by Bensons (Derry) Lumber & Hardware, volunteers cut, sanded, drilled, preserved and branded 20 kits of all the components necessary to assemble a set of bunk beds. The beds are then delivered and assembled on sight to the kids in need. All mattresses, pillows, sheets, and bedspreads are also provided free of charge by this great organization. This year one of the Rotary club wives made stuffed animals for the kids as well. Even our District 7870 Governor Bill Stevens drove down from Bellow Falls Vermont to join us in all the fun!



Capital City Sunrise Rotary Present a “Trex” Park Bench

Members of the Capital City Sunrise Rotary present a “Trex” park bench to the Grappone Automotive Group and Larry Haynes, President and CEO of Grappone Automotive (far right).

The park bench was the fifth the CCSRC obtained from the Trex Corporation for its recycled plastic campaign and second awarded to Grappone Automotive in Bow / Concord.

A vast majority of our recycled plastic has been retrieved from Grappone Automotive, a renown philanthropic and immensely successful local business enterprise.



International

Zone Action Summit

Hello Friends,

District Governor Bill Stevens has honored me with the opportunity to be the District 7870 International Committee Chair, which is an excellent fit for me as I continue my Rotarian Lifestyle. As a result, I was invited to attend the Zone Action Summit in Mississauga, Ontario Canada during September 17th & 18th as our District representative. So, what does this mean? As International Committee Chair I will be tracking and assisting International efforts within our District. And for the next three (3) years I will continue to attend this Zone committee gathering with my contemporaries that have the same position in their District for both Zone 32 & 28. What a wonderful opportunity to share best practices and outcomes on international projects taken on by about 40 different Districts which includes about 50,000 Rotarian members! I am truly inspired, as was our “DG Track” (shown below) who also attended the Zone Summit to participate in their own areas of Rotary focus.



In order to share with others some of what I’ve learned and will be practicing, I would like to start hosting a monthly zoom meeting on the first Friday of each month. This would (hopefully) engage



other interested members of our District to build out a resource network and collect information on the international projects being proposed and ongoing in our District 7870. I will make arrangements to have “Coffee with “JB” link added to the District 7870 website and will plan on hosting the first of these monthly meetings on November 1st, 2024 at 8:30AM.

Thank you for all you and others are planning to do to serve and improve our world.

Spreading The Magic of Rotary,
John Bob / District 7870 International Service Coordinator

PHOTO (l-r): iPDG David, DGN Ruth, DGE Donna, District Trainer Ian & DG Bill

Bethel Area Rotary’s International Dinner - Oct. 20, 2024

Bethel Area Rotary’s International Dinner
Sunday, October 20, 2024
4pm-Bethel Town Hall



Join this year's District Exchange Students and fellow Rotarians at a meal celebrating our shared heritage of Food and Fellowship.

The International Dinner is held to commemorate United Nations Day and its mission to promote international cooperation and understanding. This year will focus on UN Day as A symbol of hope for global unity

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

It would be helpful for planning to have RSVP's sent to our president Jeanne Conde at BethelAreaRotary@gmail.com by Oct 16th.

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

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



International Updates from JB

We as Rotarians sometimes wonder what is going on at the District 7870 level. I would like to provide a couple cool updates on impacts that are current and will certainly benefit global citizens. This month's two items originated in RC Nashua and Nashua South Interact.

Honduras / Nashua South Interact

This amazing group of young people have decided to provide \$2,000USD of funding to purchase needed laptop computers for the Del Sola School just south of the city of Danli Honduras. As the District prepares for our next trip of the "Amigos de Honduras," my Team is putting together the organization needed to get this much desired equipment to the children at the rural school as a meaningful gift from our caring Students in Nashua, NH USA. As a trip participant on the last Amigo's de Honduras trip I heard numerous times how these computers would benefit the less fortunate children we met. Well done, Nashua South Interact!



PHOTO: Amigos to Honduras School Construction site south of Danli

Ukraine / RC Nashua & RC Claremont Sugar River

We have received a significant grant from RC Nashua for the purchase of water purification tablets to send to the frontlines of the ongoing War in Ukraine. These funds and funds from the RC Claremont Sugar River will be combined to additionally purchase generators for locations being affected



by the ongoing war. As we are aware, clean and safe water is key to survival and being able to find a viable power source when systems are destroyed is an asset that can make a huge difference. Thank you, RC Nashua & RC Claremont Sugar River!

PHOTO: Our JAVEL Water Purification Tablets Leaving RC Bialystok Poland. The Tablets arrive at RC Ukraine Unity (Club President Bartek Sawulski).



Ludlow Rotarians Host Rotary Exchange Student from Brazil

Ludlow Rotarians President George Thomson, left, and Kevin Barnes, right, with guest speaker Leandro Pedrosa, 2006 Rotary Exchange student from Brazil who spent his exchange year in Thailand. Pedrosa spoke to the Club about how Rotary changed the course of his life. Ludlow Rotary actively sponsors the international youth exchange program in an effort to promote world peace and understanding.



Fundraisers

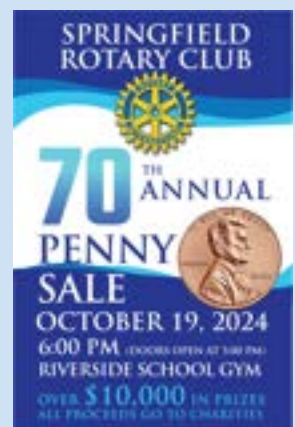
70th Annual Springfield Rotary Penny Sale - October 19, 2024

The 70th Annual Springfield Vermont Rotary Club Penny Sale returns this year on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024 at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 5 p.m., at Riverside Middle School in Springfield.

As always, there will be over 300 prizes donated by area businesses and individuals to be won. And, as always, each chance at a prize cost only a penny.

There are three prize series – red, white, and blue – and each series boasts at least 100 prizes. Each one-dollar series ticket is a chance to win any of the more than 100 series prizes – a penny per chance. Of course, to increase chances of winning, most people buy several tickets in each series.

Members of the Springfield Rotary Club are out in the community soliciting prizes. They also are selling chances for the Penny Sale's Grand Prize drawing for \$5,000 in cash. In addition to the Grand Prize, the tickets give the holder a chance in the Door Prize drawing for \$500 in cash. Attendees must be present to win the Door Prize. Grand Prize tickets are now available from any Springfield Rotarian, and they will also be available at the Penny Sale.



The Penny Sale is the Springfield Rotary Club's single largest annual fundraiser, raising most of the money that the Club returns to the community through scholarships and financial support to community projects and organizations. The Club currently awards annual scholarships totaling \$6,000 to college-bound Springfield High School seniors. Thanks to the success of past Penny Sales and their supporters, the Springfield Rotary Club has raised and given back to the community over \$600,000.

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. Rotary International is an international service organization with over one million members in over 200 countries. For more information, visit <https://springfieldvtrotary.org/>

5th Annual Nashua Rotary Car Raffle - WIN a 2025 BMW X3 xDrive30 or \$35,000

Buy your ticket early to get entered into all 3 - \$500 Early Bird Raffles – November 4, December 2, and January 6. Winning early bird tickets remain in the drawing for the Grand Prize! The Grand Prize Winner shall have the choice between a credit, in an amount not more than the value of a moderately-equipped 2025 BMW X3, OR a \$35,000 cash prize. The Winner may apply the credit toward the purchase of a moderately-equipped BMW X3 OR The winner may, if agreed between the winner and Tulley BMW, use the credit towards another vehicle of the same or greater price sold by Tulley Automotive including GMC, Buick or Mazda.



Additional information including raffle terms and conditions may be found on our website.

Tickets may be purchased through our Club website <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2946> or by click on the following link:

[https://rafflecreator.com/pages/39601/2025-nashua-rotary-car-raffle---bmw-x3-or-\\$35000](https://rafflecreator.com/pages/39601/2025-nashua-rotary-car-raffle---bmw-x3-or-$35000)



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. The District Newsletter is a means of communicating with other clubs in our district: items of interest, upcoming events, fundraisers or opportunities for service. **Deadline for next Newsletter Submissions: November 15th, 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:

