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Greetings From Your District Governor Bill Stevens



Dear Rotarians,

As we hit the midpoint of the month of September, our focus turns to the important theme of Basic Education and Literacy. The midpoint of September also brings the midpoint of my travels around District 7870 making club visits, 30 down and 30 to go! As District Governor, I am proud to see the incredible work that our clubs are doing to support these vital areas in our communities. I continue to be humbled by the accomplishments of our clubs both large and small, including so many stories and examples of our work in Education and Literacy.

Literacy is the foundation upon which all learning is built. It opens doors to opportunity, empowers individuals, and strengthens communities.

Through our literacy initiatives, we are making a lasting impact on the lives of those in need. Whether it's providing books to children in underserved schools, hosting literacy events, or supporting adult education programs, our efforts are truly making a difference.

Education is the key to unlocking the potential of future generations. By investing in education, we are investing in the future of our communities. From supporting scholarships for deserving students to partnering with schools to enhance learning opportunities, our clubs are playing a crucial role in shaping the leaders of tomorrow.

I encourage each of you to continue your work in promoting literacy and education in your communities. By working together, we can make a real and lasting impact on the lives of those around us.

Thank you for your dedication to these important causes.

Yours in Rotary service,

Bill Stevens

District Governor 2024-2025



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

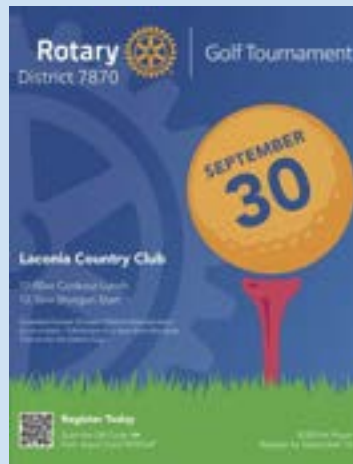
Questions, please email carol.powis@comcast.net. To sign up for sessions: <https://rlinea.org/>

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



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 6, 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.

Rotary Orientation for New Members

Our Zone Rotary Coordinators have been asked to put together an informational session for new members. This will be a tool to supplement what clubs are doing at the local level. The plan is a “high level” Rotary 101 info session. The first one will be a 45 minute session on September 24th at 7 pm. More details are coming.

The target audience will be all new members who have joined in the last year and those that are looking to join us.

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. Price \$35/person. Registration will open on the District Website shortly. Look for an email announcing the start of registration.



Chef Erika tells me that we will start with a selection of appetizers. The main course will be a choice of Beef Medallions in a béarnaise sauce or Poached Salmon with an herb sauce. Dessert will be tartlets with cannoli filling.

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.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together

Ken Yei (Queen City RC) will be hosting his next Coffee with Ken on **Fri. Oct. 4 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

Cady Hickman of Concord Rotary Club Addresses Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club

Cady Hickman of the Concord Rotary Club addressed the Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club on 8/15/24. She spoke of the importance of publicly messaging the mission of Rotary in our daily endeavors that captures the spirit of community, fellowship and helpfulness.

Cady drew upon her experience as the Community Engagement Manager for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central and Northern New Hampshire and her...prolificfundraising talents.



PHOTO: Jack Prendiville of the Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club presented Cady with a children's book selection, from which one of her choosing will be donated, in her name, to the Children's Room in the Concord Public Library.

Springfield VT Rotary Earns Two More Trex Benches for Springfield Community

As a reward for Springfield residents collecting more than a ton of thin film plastics for the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge, the Trex Company (Trex) provided the Springfield Rotary Club with two outdoor benches that were placed at the Springfield Town Library.



The Rotary Club entered the Trex Thin Film Plastics Challenge in February of 2023 on behalf of the Springfield community, placing a Trex Bin in the Springfield Town Library. In addition, thin film plastic was collected at McGee CDJR of Springfield, Springfield GMC, Springfield Hospital, Bibens Ace Hardware, Springfield Family Center, and the Springfield Food Co-op. Two other businesses outside of Springfield, Factotum Designs and McGee Office Products, also participated. Since that time, Springfield residents have been avidly pitching in to recycle their share of thin film plastics, diverting over 6,143 pounds (i.e. over 3 tons) of thin film plastics from the waste stream.



The Challenge is part of the Trex Recycling Program, aimed at encouraging the public to recycle their grocery bags, bread bags, produce bags, cereal bags, ice bags, case overwrap, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, Ziploc and other resealable bags, and similar bags and wrap for other objects. If the sponsoring group's participants collect 1000 pounds of thin film plastics, Trex will send the group a Trex Outdoor Furniture 48" Yacht Club Bench. Trex does not manufacture the benches, they are a purchased gift for meeting the minimum requirement in the program. The plastic that is turned in is being upcycled into Trex decking (www.trex.com). The benches are part of the Trex branded furniture line through Polywood (www.trex-furniture.com). Polywood uses milk jugs and water bottles to manufacture their furniture.

These are the seventh and eighth benches that has been donated. The first two can be found at The Common, the third at the Park Street School overlooking the Kingsbury House, the fourth at the North Springfield Bog Trailhead, and the fifth and sixth at the bus stop on Main Street.

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

The Trex Bin will remain in place at the Springfield Town Library. The Springfield Rotary Club has partnered with Friends of Springfield Town Library, the Union Park Neighborhood Association, the Black River Action Group, and Springfield On The Move (SOM). Working with the Green on Main, Springfield Rotary Club has launched another Challenge to earn an additional outdoor bench for the Springfield community.

The benches are dedicated to the 95th anniversary of the Springfield Rotary.

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 (-r): Tracey Craft, Springfield Town Library Adult Services Coordinator and Tracy Obremski, Technical Services Librarian.



Ludlow Ducks Successfully Navigate the Black River

For the 25th time, the Ludlow Rotary Club's (LRC) ducks, over 850 of them, successfully navigated the Black River, with the help of LRC members and friends. The annual event also saw the first two "winner" ducks to cross the finish line at Walker Bridge to be owned by the same person, Pat Williams.



The proceeds from this year's race will benefit the Lake Rescue Association whose members, along with LRC Rotarians, helped guide the ducks from the Depot Street Bridge to the finish line.

The winning owners of the race were: 1st Place-Pat Williams; 2nd Place-Pat Williams; 3rd Place-Marjorie MacIntrye; Last Place- Patricia Perdi; Corporate Duck Winner- Inside Edge Rentals at Okemo

Chief duck for the LRC, Sharon Bixby, expressed her thanks to the various groups that assisted in the event, especially Ludlow Health Center, Ludlow Town employees and those who purchased Duck tickets.

While some of the river guidance staff are still trying to dry out their shoes, Sharon indicated that the LRC is busy planning next year's "river exercise". The first objective will be to identify an area non-profit group to benefit from the 2025 duck race. For information, contact Sharon at 802-228-8823.

PHOTO: Some of the "river guiders" as they help ensure that every duck has a chance to cross the finish line.

CCSRC Guest Speaker/District 7870 Governor Bill Stevens

DG Bill emphasized the Districts commitment to Rotary's humanitarian mission while encouraging District Club members to pursue an innovative, problem solving approach to the cultural changes...and challenges ...confronting Rotary membership. His question and answer period evoked a thoughtful discussion.



PHOTO: District 7870 Governor Bill Stevens (r) presents a Rotary District banner to the Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club president Phil Nadeau.



Springfield Rotary Club Donates to SEVCA Headstart in Springfield & Chester

Each year, the new Springfield Vermont Rotary Club president applies for a district Rotary grant. The grant provides \$1,000 which is matched by the club.

This year, Springfield Rotary Club president Deb Cox noted that Inappropriate outerwear clothing is a barrier to children's physical activity in child-care settings. As Springfield Rotary president, Deb hopes to bring awareness to the need for appropriate outerwear clothing for children ages 3-6. Towards that goal, the club was able to purchase and deliver 60 rainsuits, 60 reflective vests, 60 pairs of mittens, 12 pairs of Croc shoes and four hanging/drying racks to SEVCA Head Start in Springfield and Chester.



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PHOTO: (l-r) Rainsuits, reflective vests, mittens, Croc shoes, and hanging/drying racks were donated to Chester SEVCA Head Start by Springfield Rotary Club. (l-r) Head Start Director Lori Canfield, Amber Albee, Randi Spittle, Kari Stevens, Jodie Parker, and Springfield Rotary President Debra Cox. Corbin & Gavin Albee are modeling the vests and rainsuits.

White River Rotary Celebrates End of Summer with Barbecue, Presidential Citation

HARTFORD – White River Rotary Club held its 'end-of-the-summer' cookout on Tuesday, August 25, 2024. The gathering of members and guests was held at the home of Nancy and Wayne Russell (Past DG and Past ADG). Joining the group was New London, NH's Club Secretary and District Assistant Governor Lou Botto and guest. Past DG David Saturley fired up the grills for steaks, chicken and salmon served along with beverages, delicious sides and desserts from members.



During the evening's festivities, Rotarian and longtime Club Treasurer Aaron MacAskill was presented with the Rotarian of the Year Award in recognition of his many years of Rotary service. Past DG David Saturley presented to Past President Joe Major the Rotary Presidential Citation, Rotary International's most significant award. The award letter from RI President Gordon McInally stated: "This past year (2023-2024) your Club demonstrated a commitment to achieve its goals, which ultimately help strengthen Rotary and shape its future." The Citation was given to the Club in recognition of White River Rotary's reaching its new membership goals, and was met with thunderous applause by the attendees.

Ludlow Rotary Prepares for 33rd Annual Area Chili Cook-off with Call to Area Chefs

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) is sponsoring its 33rd Annual Ludlow Area Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cook-off will be located at the traffic light on Depot Street. Admission is \$15 per adult, \$5 per child under 12 and \$35 for 2 adults and 2 children under 12. Price includes chili, bread, ice cream and cider. Proceeds will benefit the Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund to enable the LRC to continue its programs of local support.



According to cook-off chairman, Kevin Barnes, the LRC will welcome Chili entries from individuals, clubs, and businesses. New and exciting for this year, the serving positions will be randomized!

Plaques and three cash prizes will be awarded in the "People's Choice" category.

1st Place will receive \$ 200.00

2nd Place will receive \$ 100.00

3rd Place will receive \$ 50.00

Plaques will be awarded to the Chili with the most votes in the Judges Choice, Spiciest and Team Spirit categories. Judges this year will be police officers from our area Chief Jeff Billings, Sheriff Ryan Palmer, and Trooper Kevin Hughes.

Unless arranged otherwise, participants should deliver their heated chili by 10:45 a.m., set up and be ready to serve at 11 a.m. There is a \$10.00 entry fee. Participants will be provided with a table, ladle,



and sterno. Chili entrants are asked to provide five (5) gallons of chili for this event to ensure we have chili to serve to the end. The Ludlow Rotary will provide the servers if you can't attend, so even if you can't be there, your chili can still win cash and recognition! Let Chili Cookoff Chairman Kevin Barnes know in advance if arrangements are needed to pick up your chili.

Sponsorship Opportunities: If you can't make chili, you can support our fundraising effort as a sponsor. There are three levels of sponsorship, each named after a hot pepper:

\$75 Jalapeno Pepper Level (Donor recognition on the ballot)

\$150 Chili Pepper Level (Donor receives 2 free event tickets and prominent placement on ballot)

\$250 Cayenne Pepper Level (Donor receives 4 free event tickets, prominent placement on ballot and social media recognition)

Please mail your name, address and phone number along with chili entry fee or sponsorship fee to: Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc. (LARCF), PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. All entry fees and sponsorships are tax-deductible.

For more info, contact Kevin Barnes at 802-558-0479 or ludlowrotary@gmail.com.

PHOTO: The 2023 Chili Cook-Off was enjoyed by area residents and visitors.

News from Rotary Club of Goffstown

Our club has an ambitious schedule for the next month. Traditionally, we spend time on a roadside clean-up, a park clean-up, and replanting of flower barrels in two different towns. Thanks in part to a District Grant, the chrysanthemums will be planted shortly.

We also are conducting our annual Raffle for Tassels which raises funds for the scholarships we give out to seniors in two different high schools: Goffstown H.S. and John Stark Regional H.S. The first prize in the raffle is a \$500 gift card to the grocery store or gas station of the winner's choice. The second prize is a \$500 gift card to whichever location the first prize winner left on the table. Tickets are \$10 each, contact us at goffstownrotary@gmail.com.

The biggest event on our calendar, though, is bringing our grills out to the Goffstown Main Street Program's Giant Pumpkin Weigh-off and Regatta, October 19-20. If you've never seen a 1000 pound (or more!) pumpkin turned into a boat, you definitely need to put this on your calendar. We'll be at Rotary Park right on the river for both days. Come see us for a burger, hotdog, or our world-famous fried bologna sandwiches!



We'll close out October again at Rotary Park for the town's Trick-or-Treating on Halloween night. This is a huge family event in Goffstown, and one of our favorite things to do is to come out and see all the ghouls and goblins.

Raymond Area Rotary Club Thunder Run

The Raymond Area Rotary Club held its 11th annual Thunder Run on September 7, 2024.

The Thunder Run is a unique 5K race that includes rugged terrain, woods, water crossings, and man-made obstacles like tire walls, rope climbs, and more. In the days and weeks ahead of the race, RARC members worked hard to prepare the course, mowing, weed-whacking, and assembling obstacles. On race day it was "all hands on deck", as club members and other volunteers helped runners to find their way along the course, and cheered them on.



Race day weather was beautiful. Over 200 runners—many in groups of family or friends—came from near and far to participate. According to feedback from emails and Facebook posts, a good time was had by all, and we raised over \$18,000 for our club!

Wallingford Rotary Updates

District Governor Bill Stevens presented Wallingford Rotarian Barry Griffith with a Paul Harris Fellowship (PHF+2) for his many years of work as District 7870's Outbound Youth Exchange Coordinator. A well-deserved honor; congratulations, Rotarian Barry!

The Wallingford Club was also awarded the Presidential Citation by PDG Dave Saturley. Wallingford Rotary is one of only five clubs to achieve that goal for the 2023-2024 Rotary year.



LRC Hears from District Governor

Pictured is Ludlow Rotary President George Thomson with the 24/25 District Governor, Bill Stevens who is a member of the Bellows Falls Rotary Club. Bill is visiting all 55 Rotary Clubs in district 7870 during his one year term. Bill discussed the current status and initiatives of the District. He presented the president with a flag with the International theme for the year “The Magic of Rotary” and complimented the Ludlow Club for their support of Rotary initiatives local and international.



Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Donates First Trex Bench to Library

The Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club first learned about the NexTrex Recycling Challenge from the Springfield, VT, Rotary Club. After hearing an entertaining presentation from Marty Cohn, a Rotarian from the Springfield Club, Claremont-Sugar River decided to join the challenge in April of this year. Since then, the Club has partnered with numerous non-profit organizations in the Claremont community to collect plastic that is recycled into benches made from Trex material.



To date, the Club has overseen the collection of 3000 lbs of plastic, enough to generate three benches. The first bench was donated by the Club to the Claremont Fiske Free Library during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 6. The next two benches will be donated by community non-profits to the City, and placed in public spaces.

The Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club is grateful to NexTrex, Marty and his fellow Springfield Rotarians for their assistance in helping us launch the program. By collaborating, we have broadened our impact on the environment, the economy and the public. Together, we are removing more plastic from the waste stream, lowering people’s waste disposal costs and providing free, comfortable and durable benches for the public’s use.

Charlene Lovett
Past President, Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club



Boscawen Old Home Days CCSRC Raffle

Kim Kinney, former Merrimack Valley School District teacher and event organizer, draws the winning tickets at the Capital City Sunrise Raffle booth on a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon, at the annual “Boscawen Old Home Days” event.

Four “Market Basket” gift cards and gift baskets were won by local Fair goers.

In the background, looking on is our Clubs’ Treasurer, Mike Manning.



CCSRC Senior Member Proclaims Achievement

The Capital City Sunrise’s senior member, Dick Johnson, proclaims an historic, and ongoing, Rotary achievement following our 9/5/24 Club’s morning meeting.

On behalf of the CCSRC... and to ...all ...the senior Rotary members who helped make this happen Thank you ... 🙏

Photo: courtesy of Eddie Lassonde, CCSRC President-Elect.



White River Junction Rotary Sponsors Styrofoam Drive

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION – Eighteen volunteers helped to collect, sort and pack up 1,520 pounds of Styrofoam containers from nineteen towns across Vermont and New Hampshire last month, filling 76 “super sacks” that were packed into three 26-foot U-Haul trucks and a 6’ x 12’ U-Haul Cargo on a sunny August Saturday at the Mascoma Savings Bank parking lot on Sykes Mountain Avenue.

During a two-hour period on August 24, volunteers counted 271 cars entering the parking lot to drop off everything from



large coolers to little boxes. The drive, the first for the White River Rotary Club, was modeled on successful drives held by other Rotary Clubs. Other participating organizations included the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District and Mascoma Savings Bank.

White River Rotary underwrote the cost of the event, donating \$1,014.00 for reimbursement for the U-Haul rentals, gas and yard signs. Another \$400.00 is expected to come from the Town of Hartford. According to statistics presented by organizer Jennifer Durgin, \$878.32 was collected in cash donations from people dropping off their foam containers; Susanne Simon and other Thetford residents donated \$100; three sacks of foam containers came from multiple Windsor Dump Day drop-offs; six sacks came from multiple Hartford Transfer Station drop-offs, and three sacks came from Thetford Transfer Station drop-offs.

Styrofoam, also known as expanded polystyrene (EPS) can be recycled but only at a specialized facility. Styrofoam should not be left with newspapers, cardboard and other traditional recyclable materials, as it will release methane gas if put into a landfill. The Styrofoam collected last month was transported to Guilford, NH, where it will be chopped, heated and densified (a labor-intensive process) and turned into 45-pound blocks known as ingots. The ingots are sold to SOPRENA, a building manufacturer in Canada.

Volunteers from the White River Junction Rotary Club included Club President Amanda Roberts, past president Joseph Major, Matthew Young, Philip Hammond, Lynn Towne, past DG David Saturley, and Hank Clarke from Lebanon Rotary Club. The project also landed White River Rotary a grant for \$370 from the district.

Organizers said an estimated 350 - 400 households and businesses participated. Future Styrofoam/EPS Collections in the Upper Valley are planned for January and February in Hanover, NH and Norwich, VT; in the spring for "Sustainable Lebanon" and late summer/early fall of 2025 for Hartford.

PHOTO: Volunteers stand waist-deep in piles of Styrofoam, collected in White River Junction last month and sorted and packed at the Mascoma Savings Bank parking lot. The Styrofoam will be turned into 45-pound blocks which will be used for building material. (David Saturley photo)



International

Milford Rotarian Presents at International Conference, Earns Prestigious Research Fellowship

The Rotary Club of Milford is proud to announce that one of its members, the Rev. Craig A. Phillips, Ph.D., recently presented a paper at the World Annual Conference of the International Association for Reconciliation Studies in Assisi, Italy. The conference, which took place in July 2024, brought together academics and practitioners of peace-building from around the world under the theme "Reconciliation and Social Justice."



Dr. Phillips' presentation, titled "Strategic Remembrance and Forgetting: Navigating Memory and Amnesty on the Path toward Reconciliation and Justice," was well-received by the international audience. This achievement underscores the caliber of expertise and global perspective that Rotarians bring to our local communities.

A retired Episcopal priest and professor of Religion, Dr. Phillips and his wife Marguerite returned to New Hampshire in 2021, choosing Milford as their home. True to the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self," Dr. Phillips promptly joined the Rotary Club of Milford upon arrival, demonstrating his commitment to community engagement.

Despite retirement, Dr. Phillips remains active in academia. He currently serves as an adjunct Lecturer in Theology at St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH, where he continues to inspire and educate the next generation of students and scholars.

In a testament to his ongoing contributions to religious studies, Dr. Phillips was recently awarded a Short-term Research Fellowship at the New York Public Library. This October, he will delve into the library's rare book and map collections, focusing on his current project examining the earliest European maps of world religions and the emergence of religious studies as an academic discipline.

Dr. Phillips' recent achievements highlight the diverse talents within our Rotary community and demonstrate how Rotarians continue to make a difference both locally and globally, even in retirement.



Amigos De Honduras: A Program of Rotary District 7870 Foundation

The Amigos 2025 Team is getting ready to go to Honduras in January. (Note: the team is already at capacity so if you are interested in going on future trips we'd love to have you, but this one is not an option.)

But, we are very much in need of Financial Contributions and if you or your Rotary Club would like to do so please make checks payable to "Amigos de Honduras" and send them to our Treasurer, Jeff Mobus (19 Orchard Street, Springfield, VT 05156).

We are also in need of Medical Supplies (Important: Expiration Dates cannot be before October of 2025) and have provided a list of items below. If you have them please bring them to your Rotary Club and have one person collect them for your club. They can then contact me (cep617@comcast.net) and I will arrange to pick them up.

We need to receive these supplies by October 20th so we can organize the supplies and be in compliance with the new paperwork requirements. If you have the supplies before that, we would greatly appreciate receiving them sooner.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of Amigos de Honduras.

Christopher Parkinson, DG 2007-2008, 18 Senna Way, Moultonborough, New Hampshire 03254

Over the Counter Medical Supplies**

(Expiration Dates Cannot be before October, 2025)

1. Eyeglasses for Reading (Readers – 3.0 and higher)
2. Band-aids
3. Vitamins:
 - a. Children's Chewable (preferably not gummy)
 - b. Infants' liquid poly-vi-sol (or similar liquid vitamin)
 - c. Infants' liquid vitamin D
 - d. Adult Multivitamins (preferably not gummy)
 - e. Men's Multivitamins
 - f. Prenatal Vitamins
4. Pain Relievers:
 - a. Children's acetaminophen (Tylenol) chewable



- b. Infants' acetaminophen (Tylenol) liquid
 - c. Children's ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil) chewable
 - d. Infants' ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil) liquid
 - e. Acetaminophen (Tylenol, Generic) 325, 500mg
 - f. Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil, Generic) 200, 400 mg
 - g. "Baby" aspirin 81mg
5. Stomach medicines:
- a. Prilosec (omeprazole)
 - b. Zantac (famotidine)
 - c. Tagamet (cimetidine)
 - d. Tums (calcium carbonate chewable)
 - e. Laxatives
 - f. Miralax powder (polyethylene glycol)
 - g. Imodium
6. Seasonal Allergies
- a. Children's Benadryl, Claritin, Zyrtec
 - b. Benadryl (diphenhydramine)
 - c. Claritin (loratadine)
 - d. Zyrtec (cetirizine)
 - e. Eye drops – lubricating (single use, bottles)
 - f. Eye drops for seasonal allergies (olopatadine, pataday, patanol)
7. Cough and Cold
- a. Cough drops: any flavor
 - b. infant cough medicine (Zarbee's)
 - c. Children's cough and cold (liquid)
 - d. Adult cough medicine (pills are best)
 - e. Adult cough and cold (pills are best)

**Note: Great places to purchase large quantities of generic over-the-counter medicines are Amazon, BJ's, Costco, Sam's Club, and Walmart.



Fundraisers

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.

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: October 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:

