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Rotary District 7870



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Venu Rao, District Governor

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## Greetings From Your District Governor



Dear Fellow Rotarians:

I am truly enjoying my visits to your clubs, specially meeting and chatting with the Club Board Members.

By the time you are reading this District News Letter, I will have completed visiting 51 Rotary Clubs in our District. I am very grateful for your hospitality and your friendship. My sense of pride as a Rotarian increases every time I visit a new Rotary Club, and I learn what commendable services we provide to help our local and international communities. I am reminded of a song from the Sound of Music – “...somewhere in my childhood or in my youth, I must have done something good.....” to be this lucky to be one among all these Rotarians.

As needs in our communities continue, so does our charity work and the need to tell our story to make our communities aware of the good work we do. We have some immediate tasks at hand to do just that. We have completed the first quarter of our Rotary year. The District Awareness Team is gearing up to develop an integrated narrative of our 59 clubs and share it with all the news outlets in New Hampshire and Vermont to tell our remarkable story.

To help accomplish this, we need from every club, please provide the following to AG and email them to: [prrotary7870@gmail.com](mailto:prrotary7870@gmail.com).

1. Amount raised in the last three months (July to September), first quarter
2. Number of hours of service (just provide one cumulative number) the club Rotarians have provided in first quarter
3. Charities supported and any heartwarming stories to share.



Do not forget to get banners or flags in your town's main street for the State Rotary Week (October 22 – 28), as proclaimed by the NH and VT State Governors. Plan for a social event during that week and invite all your local leaders and tell your club's cumulative charity dollars and service to your community for the last decade or more. District Chair for Rotary Week, Krishna (krishna90@live.com) is ready to help.

As we were discussing during my visits to your clubs, we are acutely aware that the declining membership at the District level is not because of failure to recruit new members, it is because of losing members faster than we are recruiting. To put it simply, the declining membership is a membership retention problem. Our District Membership Team is focused specifically on membership retention issue.

District Membership Team Chair, Richard Paiva (richard.paiva@milfordk12.org), and Assistant District Governor John Siemienowicz (John4steel@jaysteel.com), member of the District Membership Committee, will be approaching those clubs that have membership retention issues. They are willing to work with the President, area Assistant District Governor, and the club leadership team to find out if the club has already plans in place to address the issue and/or looking for any help. We do not have ready-made solutions, but if we put our heads together, we can certainly solve the retention issue.

Rich and John also want to request from those clubs that have documented procedures to vet new members, induct new members, and engage new members. Rich and John would like to collect these procedures and share with the clubs that might like to use them to help with their member retention issues. Clubs that have a documented new member induction/engagement process and implemented it, have none or negligible member retention problem. Having a robust new member induction/engagement process and implementing it is an effective weapon against the membership retention problem. Please cooperate with the District Membership Team so that we all can help each other.

I wish everyone of you a joyful and fun-filled Rotary second quarter.

Venu Rao  
District Governor, 2018-2019  
District 7870

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## **District News**

### **Rotary Week 2018**

Rotarian Krishna Mangipudi (Rotary Week Event Chair) has been working very hard with clubs across the district to celebrate Rotary Week 2018 (October 21-28)! To see how various clubs are celebrating this week, go to Instagram #RotaryWeek7870.



## N.H. Rotary License Plate

You can now purchase the new NH ROTARY License Plates from the NH DMV.

You will need to purchase a pair of Rotary Wheel License Plate Stickers for application to those DMV License Plates. The price is \$19.00 for the two stickers and you must order here and either pay by any credit card or by downloading the form and mailing a check as described on the form.

Click **here** for instructions about the process.

To order Wheel Stickers and pay by credit card, **click here**.

To pay by check, **click here** to get the necessary mail-with form.

The stickers will be sent to you by first class mail. Please verify your mailing address.

Link on the District 7870 website: <https://rotary7870.org/Stories/get-nh-rotary-license-plates-1>



## Sherm Carter Memorial Golf Tournament 2018

On September 10th the Windsor Rotary Club held the 17th Annual Sherm Carter Memorial Golf tournament. Sherm was a long time member of the Windsor Rotary Club who passed away many years ago and is still greatly missed by the Windsor Rotary Club, his family and his many friends. Every year the proceeds of the tournament are donated to The Rotary Foundation and other worthy Rotary projects.

Photo Caption: Vivian Carter, Sherm's widow, and three of the four members of the winning team, Ben Gallagher, Chris Gould and Don Griswold.



## Meeting at the Covered Bridge

The Rotary Club of Gilford recently held its breakfast meeting at the Covered Bridge which they designed and built in 1995 as a Club project. The meeting was a time of reminiscing about working together as Rotarians to accomplish such a monumental challenge. The Covered Bridge was pulled across Gunstock Brook by a team of oxen on Old Home Day in 1995. The citizens of Gilford gathered around cheering the farmer with his team of oxen and putting their own shoulders to the bridge to nudge it in place. Over the last thirteen years, the Gilford Covered Bridge has become a cornerstone of Gilford Village, connecting the Village with the Town Hall, Gilford Fire



Department, and the Gilford Police Department. It is a source of great pride for the Town of Gilford and Gilford Rotarians.



## Rotary Youth Exchange 2018

Fifteen of our youth exchange students were graciously hosted by the Rotary clubs of Meredith and Gilford over the Columbus Day weekend. Meredith started the weekend with a delicious welcoming dinner on Friday evening, highlighted by the monthly celebration of student birthdays, when each student sings Happy Birthday in their own language (sounding a bit like a tower of Babel). Somehow trick candles were placed on the cupcakes for Anna and Lise which caused quite the surprise! After a welcome and outline of the events to come from Meredith YEO Dean Gulezian, Rotarians from Meredith hosted the students in their homes each evening, sharing lives and stories and creating new friendships.

Saturday was filled with adventure courtesy of the Meredith club: the Squam Lake Science Center, a hike and picnic on Rattlesnake Mountain, the fun of the Sandwich Fair and Moulton's Corn Maze, and ending the day at the world's largest arcade, FunSpot. Gilford club and YEO Jim Sherman offered a wonderful new gift to students this year with a pass to Gunstock's Adventure Park on Sunday. Students had their run of the mountain for four hours and returned to the picnic area tired and happy from their explorations. After a full weekend of activity and being together, it was evident that each student is feeling a part of the exchange student family, and a part of our greater District Rotary family as well.

Many, many thanks to the Meredith and Gilford RYE committees and clubs for the time, energy, planning and thoughtfulness given to making this such a memorable weekend of unique New Hampshire experiences for all our exchange students!





## Rotary Open World Program

Recently, all Rotarians were sent information on the Rotary Open World Program. I researched the program Renewable Energy is one of the themes for a delegation from Serbia. Rutland, Vermont is now the solar capital of New England. Killington and Local Universities are very involved in renewable energy, as well. Our Club, Killington/Pico would be interested in hosting this group, but we are far too small to take this on, alone. I am looking to see if other Clubs would like to participate or combined efforts in this opportunity.

There are 5 delegates and 1 Coordinator that will be in the group. They arrive in the US for 9 days and nights. One night will be spent in DC; we would look to our state Congressional Representative to help with this. It would be our local Rotaries responsibility to provide housing, meals and transportation (local). The housing would be with members of the clubs. We also would be responsible for Prepare an 8-day program in accordance with the civic theme, cultural events, recreational and social events between the area clubs.

Rotary International receives a grant from the World Program Center and is able to reimburse the Rotary clubs for many of program hosting expenses. Reimbursements will be up to \$3,900. This theme seems to be a great opportunity for Rutland County to shine! It is something I would be happy to help organize. But I would need everyone to take a look at the details, to see if it is the right fit for the Clubs in our district.

I really believe the state and local players in renewable energy would get on board with this effort.

The date they arrive is February 27th. The dates they would be in Vermont are March 1st to the 9th.

There is much more information. If your club is interested in this opportunity and members are willing to help plan, please contact me for further information.

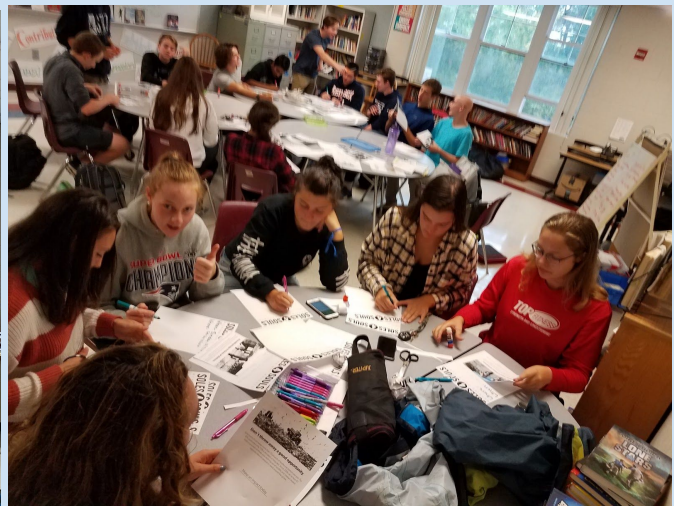
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## Interact Works on Soles4Souls

This incredible group of Interact students has begun to plan their 1st global project. They will collect gently worn and new shoes for soles4souls, a non-profit enterprise that creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothes around the world. Our shoe drive will run from October 7th through the 20th. Collection sites are being worked out. Stay tuned! And save your shoes!

1st row: Larissa Stam, Ellianna Jordan, Emily Sartell, Lauren Ingraham. 2nd row: Maren Anderson, Elizabeth Bonette, Meaghan Coutu, AnnMarie Tremblay, Oliver Hugh, Rory Klauber, Cole Lorig. Back row on right: Nik DiRenzo, Brian Holroyd, Isaac Connelly, Sreekar Chilakapati, Ryan Coutu, Connor Russell, Marshall Coutu.



## Governor Scott Speaks to Ludlow Rotary Club

Governor Phil Scott was the featured speaker recently at the Ludlow Rotary Club's (LRC) luncheon meeting at DJ's Restaurant. The meeting was well-attended by Rotarians and invited guests. The Governor spoke at length about the need for continued cooperation in Vermont between the legislature and executive branches as well as the need for greater bipartisanship in the US Congress. He noted that he had attended the funeral of the late Senator John McCain and was impressed by the message that speakers stressed on the need for greater cooperation between the major political parties. Scott indicated that McCain's own life was an example of placing concern for the nation over political priorities. He detailed what objectives Vermont needed to make to improve its economy and enhance its "working age" population. In this context, he cited the need for policies that would encourage younger workers to move to the state and provide resident students with reasons to remain in the state subsequent to graduation. Picture above, following the governor's speech, are, from left to right, Gabi, the LRC's 2018-2019 Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Brazil; Rotarians Kim Lampert and Jill Tofferi; and Governor Phil Scott.



## Brattleboro Memorial Hospital

The Brattleboro Rotary Club presented a check for \$20,000 to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital from the net proceeds of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Brattleboro Rotary Charity Golf Tournament held in June 2018. Over the past six years, the club's total donation to the hospital is \$130,944.

PHOTO (l-r): Brattleboro Rotary Club President Bill Vermouth and Brattleboro Hospital president Steve Gordon





## White River Honors October Students of the Month

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION – Every year from October through May, the Rotary Club of White River Junction holds one of its meetings every month at Hartford High School's Hartford Career And Technology Center (HACTC) for the purpose of recognizing the Students of the Month.

The students in the Culinary Arts Program prepare the lunch, which is held in the Getaway Lounge at the HACTC. The first such meeting of the school year was held on October 9, at which time the October Students of the Month were honored.

After remarks by Rotary President **Rich Hoffman**, School Counseling Coordinator **Tim Hebert** presented certificates to the HACTC Students of the Month. They are: **Jason Ball**, Collision Repair Level I, Rivendell Academy; **Richard Foucher**, Automotive Technology Level I, Windsor High School; and **Sean Lewis**, Automotive Technology Level II, Lebanon High School. Also recognized was **Zachary Dexter**, Collision Repair Level II, who was unable to be present.

Hartford High School Principal **Nelson Fogg** then presented certificates to the Hartford High School Students of the Month. They are: **Katie Hartell**, Science (Chemistry); **Shawn Adams**, Technology; **Emma Urso**, English (American Literature); **Evaline Rivat**, Mathematics; and **Tucker Guyette**, Social Studies. Also recognized was **Georgia Winn**, World Language, who was unable to be present.

The Culinary Arts students prepared a meal of minestrone soup, steamed collard greens, and roast pork with applesauce, Sweet Georgia squash (donated by Rotarian David Fairbanks Ford), and apple crisp for dessert. Chef **Patrick Gobeille** then had the students, bedecked in white aprons and chef hats, come out of the kitchen and introduce themselves, to great applause.

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Cutlines: (for group picture)

Hartford High School Students of the Month for October, left to right: Tucker Guyette, Social Studies; Shawn Adams, Technology; Emma Urso, English (American Literature); Eddie Jeon, music; Evaline Rivat, Mathematics. Missing from picture: Katie Hartell, Chemistry; and Georgia Winn, World Language. (Photo courtesy Hartford High School)

There are also individual photographs of Jason Ball, Collision Repair Level I, Richard Foucher, Automotive Technology Level I, and Sean Lewis, Automotive Technology Level II, who are the

HACTC Students of the Month. (Photos courtesy of HACTC). Missing: Zachary Dexter, Collision Repair Level II.



## KECR Hosts Clarence DeMar Marathon

On September 30, 2018, the Keene Elm City Rotary Club (KECR) hosted the 41<sup>st</sup> annual Clarence DeMar marathon. Established in 1978 to honor Keene resident and seven-time Boston marathon winner, Clarence DeMar, it is a qualifying race for the Boston marathon. In 2012, the KECR took over management of the race and expanded it by adding a half marathon, as well as the Kid's DeMar and Super Seniors marathons.

The race has become a popular community event. This year, nearly 300 runners from 43 states completed the full marathon. More than 400 runners—many of them from the local area—completed the half marathon.

In addition, more than 1,000 students in the Monadnock region took part in the Kid's DeMar marathon. As part of its goal to encourage childhood health and wellness, The KECR works with local schools to register children in kindergarten through fifth grade for the Kid's DeMar. Students who log 25 miles of running and walking in the summer can join the course to run the last 1.2 miles, and each is awarded a medal.

Community members age 70 and older who log 25 miles jogging or walking over the summer can complete the last 1.2 miles of the course as part of the Super Seniors race. This year close to 200 Super Seniors took part. All the runners were cheered on by hundreds of community members who manned water stations and set up cheering sections in front of their homes.

Monies raised through corporate sponsorships and Team DeMar runners, who raise money for specific KECR and Keene Rotaract Club initiatives, help fund the KECR's annual local and international service efforts.

[IMAGE: Runners at the start of the DeMar marathon]



## Rotarians Featured on Local Public Access TV

**WHITE RIVER JUNCTION** – As part of local efforts to recognize October as National Polio Awareness Month, and the third week of October as Rotary Awareness Week, three members of the Rotary Club of White River Junction were recently featured on “A Closer Look”, aired by CATV-8, the local public access cable television channel.

CATV-8 Executive Director Donna Girot interviewed **Philip Hammond**, **Wayne Russell** and **David Fairbanks-Ford** in the station's studio, focusing questions on Rotary International's “Polio Plus” campaign to eradicate polio from all areas of the world. The panelists also talked about efforts to bring clean drinking water to towns and villages by means of water filtration devices, and many other topics.



The program can be viewed online by clicking on the following link:  
<http://catv.cablecast.tv/CablecastPublicSite/show/7740?channel=1>

# World Polio Day

Help us make 2019 the first year around the world as POLIO FREE!

To make this effort we are asking that each member of your club pledge \$20.19 toward Polio relief before 12/31/18.

We would also ask that your club recognize this day and promote public awareness.

To make a contribution your club foundation chairperson should be able to assist you on your giving's. You can also visit Rotary International at: <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>; select Polio donation. All Polio contributions are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition also.

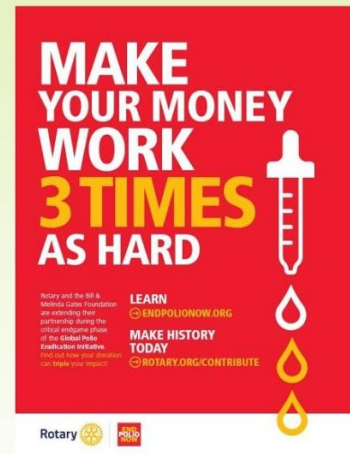
## WORLD POLIO DAY OCTOBER 24, 2018



Please also remember the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is pledging matching money to Rotary's contributions. This district-wide effort is a team effort. Let's all come together to support Polio and end this disease. We are so close. You can help us!

Please share with the Public Awareness committee your Polio efforts. Promote your club's recognition in your local papers and social media.

Be proud of your club and its accomplishments!



## **Events and Fundraisers**

### **Fundraiser for ConVal Quest**

Hancock - The Peterborough Rotary Club will be hosting a fundraiser for ConVal Quest, a middle school summer camp program, on Saturday, October 20, 2018, at 6 pm, at the Sargent Center in Hancock.

The night of Dinner and Dancing will be celebrating and supporting ConVal Quest will feature signature dishes from local eateries and a live jazz ensemble featuring the Mike Wakefield Quartet.

Bowling Acres Grill, Brady's American Grill, Cooper's Hill Public House, DelRossi's Trattoria, Farm House Table Bakery, Hancock Inn & Fox Tavern, Harlow's Pub, Post and Beam Brewing, Roy's Market Catering, Sargent Center, Sunflowers, and Waterhouse will provide gourmet dishes for the buffet banquet.

ConVal Quest is also sponsored by NH Charitable Foundation, NH Ball Bearings, Monadnock Paper Mills, Bar Harbor Bank, Vose Farm, LLC., Bellows Nichols Insurance, and Life Safety Fire Prevention.

ConVal Quest is a free summer camp/school for 85 middle school students who would gain from it but otherwise be unlikely to attend such a camp. ConVal Quest is run by Nature's Classroom at Sargent Center in Hancock, NH.

ConVal Quest blends hands-on educational programs using nature's outdoor classrooms with challenges of their adventure camp programs in a supportive social culture devoid of electronic devices. Students from both South Meadow and Great Brook middle schools get an opportunity to maintain their academic skills and learn in a non-traditional school setting that emphasizes cooperative learning. A recently retired local psychotherapist says she supports ConVal Quest because she "treated many middle school students who grew in self-esteem and confidence because of this program."

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be obtained at the website, [peterbororotary.org](http://peterbororotary.org) or by check to PO Box 354, Peterborough, NH.

The Peterborough Rotary Club is looking forward to a great dinner and dancing event. We extend our thanks to all community members who have supported and helped sustain this program, now entering its sixth season, which has meant so much to middle school students from across the ConVal District.

For More Information Contact:

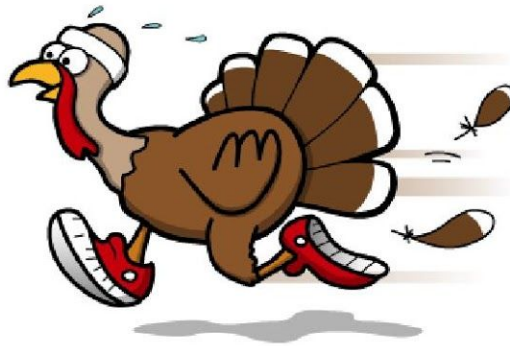


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## **Club's 6th Annual Turkey Trot 5K on Thanksgiving Morning**

This will be Merrimack Rotary Club's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Turkey Trot 5K. The event has come a long way from approximately 100 registered runners in the first year vs. close to 400 registered runners last year. It has been a very successful event.

The generosity of our sponsors and the participation of all the runners have allowed the Merrimack Rotary to donate tens of thousands of dollars to worthwhile local causes. Proceeds have gone to purchasing Coats for Kids, Holiday Gifts from Operation Santa's Holiday Tree for the less fortunate and last, thousands of dollars have been donated to various Merrimack Food Pantries. If you like to walk, run and support a great cause, please see the attached for more information.



The Rotary Club of Merrimack sponsors

## **Turkey Trot ~ 5K Road Race**

Thursday, November 22, 2018 (Thanksgiving morning)

Registration starts at 7:00 am

Race starts at 8:00 am

Race starts at Merrimack Middle School, 31 Madeline Bennett Drive  
Merrimack.

Pre-Registration is \$15.00 (kids) and \$20.00 (adults).

Race Day Registration is \$15 (kids) and \$25 (adults).

First 160 registrants receive a free race t-shirt.

2018 proceeds will pay for Coats for Kids, Holiday Gifts to the less fortunate  
and Merrimack Food Pantries

Please bring a canned good to the race

Race sponsorships are available

To pre-register to run and/or volunteer at the race:

**Please visit**

**[www.merrimack5k.com](http://www.merrimack5k.com)**

or contact Bob Freed, Merrimack Rotarian

603-533-0678 ~ [bob.freed@techtransport.com](mailto:bob.freed@techtransport.com)

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Rotary Club of Merrimack  
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## Calendars

### District 7870 Calendar

So much going on within the clubs in the district! Be sure to regular 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](mailto:prrotary7870@gmail.com).

### Months of the Rotary Year

Many months of the year are designated by Rotary International for special significance. Here are the ones for the new [Rotary year](#):

#### **September 2018**

Basic Education and Literacy Month

#### **October 2018**

Economic and Community Development Month

24 October — [Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event](#)

21-27 October — Rotary Week in NH and VT

#### **November 2018**

Rotary Foundation Month

5-11 November - World Interact Week

10 November – Rotary Day at the UN

#### **December 2018**

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

#### **January 2019**

Vocational Service Month

#### **February 2019**

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

23 February — Rotary's anniversary

#### **March 2019**

Water and Sanitation Month

11-17 March — World Rotaract Week

#### **April 2019**

Maternal and Child Health Month



## May 2019

Youth Service Month

3-5 May – District 7870 Conference at the [Doubletree Danvers, Massachusetts](#)

## June 2019

Rotary Fellowships Month

1-5 June 2019 — Rotary International Convention, Hamburg, Germany

## 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 Troy Aarthun, Dick Mills, Robert Schaumann, and Maureen Mooney at [prrotary7870@gmail.com](mailto: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: December 15th, 2018.**

## Website and Social Media

Be sure to check (and share) the Rotary District 7870 **web site** at: [www.rotary7870.org](http://www.rotary7870.org).

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

