



# The District **TJMES**

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## A Kindergarten Rises in Honduras



The construction of this new kindergarten in Honduras was financed by southern Vermont and New Hampshire Rotary clubs. Two members of Springfield Rotary Club, **Dave Lawrence** and **Henry Swierczynski** were members of the construction team.

**Our  
Foreign Exchange Students  
enjoy  
Okemo Mountain**



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## The Not-Conference

By Merry Lee Corwin

At The Balsams May 29-31, we'll have the district conference and the not-conference. We've covered the golf, the eating and the drinking in previous newsletter issues. Here are some of the other not-conference things we can do.



**Fly-fishing.** The 32-acre, spring-fed Lake Gloriette was developed in 1898 and is home to many trout. Rowboats, canoes and paddleboats (and life-vests) are complimentary for guests. Use the resort's equipment or bring your own. Fishing licenses are not required on The Balsams property. Free.

**Tennis.** The Balsams has three superb red clay courts and three plexi-pave hard courts. Bring your own racket or use theirs. Free.

**Swim** in their lakeside outdoor, heated pool. Free.

**Walk or hike.** Larger than Manhattan Island, The Balsams 15,000-acre estate varies more than 2,000 feet in elevation. The rugged terrain ranges from sheer 800-foot cliffs to rolling countryside, with gorgeous mountain, forest and lake views. A professional trail master and staff maintain a sprawling network of trails for walking, hiking, climbing and mountain biking. The hiking trail system includes 34.8 miles of safe, well-marked and annotated trails to navigate. The resort has hiking-trail maps. Free.

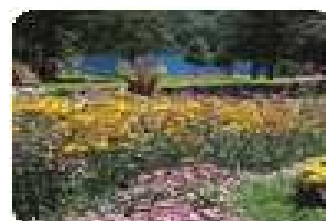
**Mountain Bikes.** The Table Rock Trail provides access to a stunning precipice, overlooking Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. The bike trail system includes 39 miles of well-marked and non-motorized annotated trails. Mountain biking guided tours are conducted regularly. \$15 for a half day.

**Lakeside activities** include canoeing, kayaking, paddle boating, badminton, shuffleboard, volleyball, croquet and horseshoes. Free.

**Movies** are screened in The Balsams theater every night. Free.

**Putting green,** just off the main house. Free.

**Billiards** in their four-table Billiard Room. Free.



**Scavenger Search.** This is a Balsams signature activity that combines history and some District 7870 zaniness, with a prize for the winner. Free.

**Morning coffee** and tea and pastries are complimentary every morning in The Sunroom. Free.

**Rainy Day.** We know it wouldn't dream of raining on our Saturday afternoon off...but if it does, the resort will put on a special, cut-throat Word Bingo game tailored for us District 7870ers. Free.

**The Balsams Spa** offers massages, facials, pedicures, manicures, hair, body-waxing and, of course, eyelash tinting. Cost varies.

## **Sign Up for The Following Activities in Advance**

Note: *Space is limited in the following activities, so please sign up in advance with Activities Chair Bill Pockl at [BSLOCKSMITH@msn.com](mailto:BSLOCKSMITH@msn.com). A sign-up sheet will also be available at The Balsams if space is available.*

**History Tours** take place inside The Balsams' magnificent buildings and go into some depth about the property's remarkable times gone by. Maximum 40. Free.

**Walking Tours.** The grounds near the hotel consist of 35,000 plants and flowers in five major garden areas. The guided tour offers historical perspective for all of it – Lake Gloriette, Table Rock, the west wing area, the original 1866 structure. Maximum 40. The walking is level and less than a mile. About 45 minutes. Free.

**Kitchen Tours.** This big, professional Balsams kitchen is not your home kitchen. Maximum 15 people each tour. Free.

**Culinary Demonstrations.** Well, who wouldn't want to see (and taste) this? The Balsams is a world-renown Culinary Institute. Forty-five minutes to an hour. Maximum 25 people. \$12 per person.

**Wine Tasting.** To reiterate from a previous issue, The Balsams celebrated wine cellar features over 4,000 bottles from 310 different labels, and is continually recognized by *Wine Spectator*. 40 people maximum. \$25 per person.

**Crazy Champagne Putting Contest.** It's just what it sounds like – a little game, a lot of giggling. The Balsams will arrange this for us on their putting green. \$15 per person

**Horseback Riding.** See the variety of horses and rates available at <http://www.thebalsams.com/2480.aspx>. Tour the Balsams' world-class 50-mile road and trail system that winds through beautiful lakes, mountains, forests and pristine wilderness areas with spectacular scenery. Set this up in advance with Leo at 603-237-8121 or email [leonardaj@yahoo.com](mailto:leonardaj@yahoo.com).





## **Merrimack High School Students Make a Big Splash with Pure Water Vending**

**By Jane Stark**

**Pure Water Vending** was started back in November 2007 when Jane Stark of Merrimack, New Hampshire High School watched a video in school about contaminated water in the third world and the effects it had on children. The movie really moved her. She went home thinking about how she could help as each day according to the film, 6,000 children die from contaminated water.

Jane found a non-profit organization called Pure Water for the World in Brattleboro, VT ([www.purewaterfortheworld.org](http://www.purewaterfortheworld.org)). They provide water filters and basic hygiene education to families in third world countries, mainly Honduras. Each water filter costs \$75 and supports a family of seven. Jane convinced 3 of her friends to join her in a project which they called Pure Water Vending ([www.purewater vending.org](http://www.purewater vending.org)). The foursome purchased a water vending machine located in the Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center in Merrimack and stocked it with water bottles selling for \$1 each.

The proceeds they make from their machine are donated to Pure Water for the World. They have sold over \$1500 worth of water bottles since May 2008 when the machine was installed. Their business is non-profit. They did set up budget - 1/3 of the profit goes directly to PWW, 1/3 goes to buying more water, and the final 1/3 goes into the bank to buy more machines. They wanted to make the project as simple and sustainable as possible.



**Noelle Joubert, Jennifer Defelice (Owner of Broadway Bound), Jane Starke, Melia Robinson, and Julia Phelps.**

The group entered in a contest called the @15 Challenge from Best Buy (a national electronics retailer based in Minneapolis) to win \$10,000-- with the help of friends voting and support from Rotary District 7870, they won! There were 30 teams across the country who were selected (each with their own non-profit business benefiting different causes) and then via vote by text and computer the top 15 teams were chosen. It was a miracle. When national voting started Pure Water Vending was locked in 3rd place. After a major ice storm in December knocked out power for 1.5 million New Englanders for upwards of two weeks, the team's ranking fell from 3rd to 19th place - all because their voters were without computers or telephones. After a massive get out the vote effort from the community and Rotary, the team ended up in 8th place overall with over 6,000 votes!

Pure Water Vending has now received the \$10,000 from Best Buy. The team is looking to use the money to buy more Pure Water Vending machines and, along the way, get other groups of students involved. Their initial goal was to raise awareness, and having done so, now they want to expand their fundraising by bringing Pure Water Vending into other communities in their area.

Photo caption

Left to Right: Noelle Joubert, Jennifer Defelice (Owner of Broadway Bound), Jane Starke, Melia Robinson, and Julia Phelps.



## **Membership Recruitment Plan**

**By DG Alley**

This article's idea has stemmed from one of my District Governor classmates, DG Steve Silverman from District 7950. Steve has put this idea to practice in his district with great success.

Around the world clubs have been struggling with membership, but in District 7950 they have experienced a net growth this year. I believe Steve has formed one or two new clubs this year.

He has asked his clubs to not only set a membership goal but to write a membership recruiting plan to achieve the goal. For clubs that were unsure how to write a plan, he suggested the following which has been very successful.

### ***Hold a Public Open House***

Hold a public open house after work, 7 – 8 PM, but indicate cocktails and a snack would be available at 6:30. After brief welcoming remarks- don't do a 40 minute boring power point presentation, instead invite a few respected members of the community who have benefitted from your Rotary club to speak for 2 – 3 minutes.

#### ***Suggestions:***

A School Principal:

- has received dictionaries
- students of the month recognized
- has an interact club or has received scholarships

Fire Chief or Police Chief

- club has donated emergency equipment or rescue equipment
- held an Amber Alert registration drive
- blood drive

Director of Human Services Agency

- have supported a food bank
- shelter, or senior center

A youth exchange student, a polio survivor, or some Rotarian that has done hands-on humanitarian work with a matching grant in a developing country.

### ***Sell Rotary's Emotional Appeal***

Sell Rotary's emotional appeal, how your community is better because of your Rotary Club and how good Rotarians feel when they serve their community. Most importantly tell the prospective members what's in it for them if they join. Invite them to identify needs of interest to them that are not being met that your club could get involved with to help meet those needs. End with a Q&A period and be done on time.

There are many resources on the RI website, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) or on our district website, [www.rotary7870.org](http://www.rotary7870.org) for more membership information.

## Newport Rotary Club Ski Day



The Newport Rotary Club held its 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Newport Rotary Ski Day on March 10, 2009. It was a beautiful day and the conditions at Mt. Sunapee were fantastic.



Thank you to all the clubs that participated.

We hope you had a good time. We appreciate your support and participation in our Chinese Auction.



Norm Frates, David Barrell, Ingrid Nichols  
Woodstock Club

Congratulations to Woodstock Rotary Club. They really cleaned up with prizes. Once again they have won the McCrillis Cup. Ingrid won the first place female and Norm was the second fastest male. A special thank you goes to Norm's wife from bringing the McCrillis Cup down from Woodstock during the day.

Fellowship Award – Woodstock Rotary Club



Woodstock also won the Fellowship Award for most members from the club attending with 13.

And the Milford team left saying that maybe they should go to Chili for training before next year! Good luck guys.



Last Place Winners - Milford Rotary Club



Jorge Zamora from Bolivia

It was very exciting to have two foreign exchange students join us for the day. Jorge Zamora won first place border and Violette Jorez won third place for the women.



Violette Jorez from Belgium

Hope to see you all next year.  
**NEWPORT ROTARY CLUB**

## Fun in the Sun is Cancelled DG Alley

It is with sadness that I must cancel the celebration I had planned for the raising of money for the polio campaign. When I made my official visit to all clubs I mentioned that the club presidents voted to raise the \$3000 in one year as oppose to doing it over the next three years. The total I was looking to raise from the clubs was \$180,000, but to date I have only seen \$110,000 put into the polio campaign. It appears to me that we will not raise the money I was hoping for and given the time and work that would go into putting on a celebration, I am canceling the event.



If you have money for the polio campaign that you were going to give the day of the event, please send it in now. Many clubs gave me checks when I visited their clubs with Newport being the first club to hand me a check for \$3,000. Prior to this check being given to me a very generous person donated \$10,000 at the end of June last Rotary year and then another \$10,000 for this Rotary year. I've since learned that another person has been very generous as well and has donated \$10,000, so actually without their generosity we would only have \$80,000 in the polio fund.

If your club can not make the \$3000 commitment, I hope you can do the \$1000 that Rotary International is asking all clubs to do this Rotary year. If you have not started to work on raising this money, you still have time to do so. There are still around 32 clubs that have not contributed anything.

Maybe we will be able to have some celebration at the District Conference on what we have raised. We all need to work towards ending polio and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation agrees whole heartedly as they have donated another \$255,000,000 to help us eradicate polio.

Let us all help to "Make Dreams Real" for the defenseless children under the age of 5 that are so vulnerable to this disease.



### The HENNIKER club welcomes the following new members . . .

Karen Bixby-Remick	July 2008
John Capuco	July 2008
Neil Levesque	September 2008
Otto Neilsen	September 2008
Patty Jensen	January 2009



**Karen Bixby-Remick** and her husband Oren, of the HENNIKER club have a new baby girl, **Molly Pearl**, born March 1, 2009. There is also a new email address for Karen - - [Karen.remick@yahoo.com](mailto:Karen.remick@yahoo.com).



## FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE

Rutland South	VT	96.96%	Laconia	NH	72.00%
Londonderry	NH	95.31%	Bennington	VT	70.00%
Fair Haven	VT	92.00%	White River Junction	VT	69.00%
Bow	NH	91.25%	Milford	NH	68.00%
Brattleboro Sunrise	VT	90.00%	Peterborough	NH	67.00%
Derry Village	NH	88.25%	Pittsfield	NH	65.29%
Rutland City	VT	87.23%	Henniker	NH	65.20%
Keene/Elm City	NH	87.00%	Franklin	NH	64.58%
Hopkinton	NH	86.00%	Goffstown	NH	63.00%
Wallingford	VT	85.60%	Hollis/Brookline	NH	61.90%
Meredith	NH	85.00%	Gilford	NH	61.32%
Alton Centennial	NH	84.31%	Lakes Region	NH	61.00%
Derry	NH	84.00%	Windsor	VT	57.69%
West Rutland	VT	84.00%	Belmont	NH	56.00%
Hudson/Litchfield	NH	83.30%	Brandon	VT	55.00%
Keene	NH	82.56%	Wantas/Londonderry	VT	55.00%
Merrimack	NH	81.00%	Killington-Pico	VT	54.00%
Charlestown	NH	80.00%	Manchester	NH	44.12%
Queen City	NH	80.00%	Tilton-Northfield	NH	35.00%
Brattleboro	VT	79.72%	Bedford	NH	NR
Newport	NH	78.33%	Bethel	VT	NR
Bellows Falls	VT	78.00%	Chester	VT	NR
Nashua West	NH	78.00%	Deerfield Valley	VT	NR
Bennington/Catamount	VT	76.00%	Manchester	VT	NR
Capital City Concord	NH	76.00%	Monadnock	NH	NR
Raymond Area	NH	75.96%	Nashua	NH	NR
Jaffrey/Rindge	NH	75.60%	New London	NH	NR
Ludlow	VT	75.00%	Poultney	VT	NR
Woodstock	VT	75.00%	Springfield	VT	NR
Concord	NH	74.08%			



**The RUTLAND club welcomes . .**

Jason Cable &  
Andrea Coppola

### **New PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS From NASHUA WEST**

Lee Allison (m)  
Lisa Garrod  
Miles Garrod (m)  
Brad Smith  
Randy Smith (m)  
Jon Tamposi (m)  
David Heath  
David Gottesman (m)  
Bill Pockl (m)  
Lynda Levine  
Catherine Lasky  
Roy Rankin  
Susan Hogan  
Ken Mermer





## Membership Development YTD

Rotary District 7870	State	July 1st	Aug 1st	1-Sep	1-Oct	1-Nov	1-Dec	1-Feb	1-Mar	Gain/Lost
Alton Centennial	NH	20	20	19	19	19	19	18	18	-2
Bedford	NH	41	43	43	37	35	36	37	35	-6
Bellows Falls	VT	28	28	28	28	30	30	31	31	3
Belmont	NH	18	19	19	19	19	18	17	17	-1
Bennington	VT	57	58	57	57	57	56	55	55	-2
Bennington/Catamount	VT	69	69	69	67	66	67	64	66	-3
Bethel	VT	24	23	26	26	26	26	26	26	2
Bow	NH	66	66	65	63	65	62	64	64	-2
Brandon	VT	20	20	18	18	18	18	16	16	-4
Brattleboro	VT	85	89	89	87	90	89	89	91	6
Brattleboro Sunrise	VT	38	39	37	38	41	41	41	40	2
Capital City Concord	NH	10	11	10	10	11	11	11	11	1
Charlestown	NH	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	0
Chester	VT	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	16	-1
Concord	NH	123	125	127	127	128	128	128	127	4
Deerfield Valley	VT	30	31	30	32	32	32	32	32	2
Derry	NH	31	32	31	33	32	33	34	34	3
Derry Village	NH	38	39	40	40	39	39	36	36	-2
Fair Haven	VT	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	0
Franklin	NH	30	31	33	30	26	27	26	26	-4
Gilford	NH	61	61	61	61	61	63	63	64	3
Goffstown	NH	24	24	24	25	25	26	26	27	3
Henniker	NH	28	30	28	30	31	32	33	32	4
Hollis/Brookline	NH	41	41	41	39	41	41	44	44	3
Hopkinton	NH	42	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	-3
Hudson/Litchfield	NH	14	14	13	13	13	12	12	12	-2
Jaffrey/Rindge	NH	41	41	41	42	43	43	44	43	2
Keene	NH	83	84	83	80	80	79	79	77	-6
Keene/Elm City	NH	57	58	56	62	62	61	62	60	3
Killington-Pico	VT	21	22	22	22	22	22	23	23	2
Laconia	NH	71	72	75	74	75	75	74	72	1
Lakes Region	NH	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	0
Londonderry	NH	39	39	39	37	35	35	35	33	-6
Ludlow	VT	30	30	30	31	32	32	32	32	2
Manchester	NH	75	75	75	78	78	79	77	78	3
Manchester	VT	34	37	34	34	33	30	30	30	-4
Meredith	NH	64	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	1
Merrimack	NH	34	34	34	33	35	36	36	37	3
Milford	NH	82	82	82	81	80	80	81	81	-1
Monadnock	NH	33	35	35	34	35	35	35	35	2
Nashua	NH	119	119	122	122	122	122	122	122	3
Nashua West	NH	84	84	85	85	86	88	89	91	7
New London	NH	64	64	64	64	64	64	58	58	-6
Newport	NH	32	31	32	32	32	32	32	33	1
Peterborough	NH	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	43	1
Pittsfield	NH	38	39	40	40	39	39	36	37	-1
Poultney	VT	19	20	19	19	19	19	19	19	0
Queen City	NH	61	61	61	64	64	65	66	65	4
Raymond Area	NH	23	23	23	23	23	24	23	26	3
Rutland City	VT	49	49	50	49	48	48	47	47	-2
Rutland South	VT	51	51	52	51	51	51	50	50	-1
Springfield	VT	39	42	41	41	40	40	41	41	2
Tilton-Northfield	NH	20	21	22	22	21	21	21	21	1
Wallingford	VT	18	18	18	18	18	18	20	20	2
Wantas/Londonderry	VT	14	14	14	14	16	16	17	16	2
West Rutland	VT	13	14	13	12	12	12	13	13	0
White River Junction	VT	25	24	24	20	20	20	18	19	-6
Windsor	VT	30	30	29	29	30	30	29	28	-2
Woodstock	VT	78	78	78	77	76	76	75	72	-6
<b>Total</b>		<b>2494</b>	<b>2523</b>	<b>2520</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>2514</b>	<b>2516</b>	<b>2505</b>	<b>2502</b>	<b>8</b>