



# The District **TI**MES

The Official Newsletter of District 7870

March, 2009



## Come One Come All

**DG Alley**

March is upon us and the District Conference is only 3 months away at the Balsams in Dixville Notch from May 29<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>, the weekend after Memorial Day. The response for this event has been overwhelming. To date we have booked 165 rooms out of the 175. We have great things planned for this event such as presentations from clubs that have “Made Dreams Real” in their community or in the world, our 4 Way Speech Contest Program, our exchange students that have been studying here all school year, a guest speaker from Little Rock, Arkansas, various awards, entertainment by DJ Andy Pratt and just downright fellowship.

Rooms are going quickly so do not procrastinate. Register now online with a credit card or pay by check by going to the district website, [www.rotary7870.org](http://www.rotary7870.org) Please do not call the Balsams to register as they will not accept reservations. You must go through the district to register.

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## March is Literacy Month

**PDG Hugh Haggerty**

Throughout the world Rotary clubs celebrate March with some sort of visible and meaningful project related to literacy. This year the R.I. Literacy Resource Group is urging all clubs to celebrate Literacy Month by devoting one of the club’s weekly meetings in March to a program about literacy. This is one of the criteria for achieving the District Literacy Award. You could highlight your literacy project or bring in a speaker to talk about a potential literacy initiative.

The traditional definition of literacy is considered to be the ability to read and write, or the ability to use language to read, write,



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## LOOK MOMMY, MY NAME IS IN A BOOK

Each year, since 1997, the Chester Rotary Club of Chester, Vermont, has donated individualized books to every first grader at the Chester Andover Elementary School in Chester. This year, Rotarians John Holme, Malcolm Summers and Ed Knapp had the pleasure of presenting the personalized books to the youngsters in the school library. “We do this because we love reading and we want to share that love with you,” Holme told the students.

Each fall the children in the first grade fill out a short information form giving their name, age, teacher’s name and the names of three friends or relatives. The information is sent on to a book publisher to be printed in a small book containing a story about that particular child. Summers said, “This is the first year I have participated in giving the children their books. But, it will not be the last”. Assistant Librarian, Debbie Knockenhauer, was presented with a copy of one of the books to be placed on the library shelves for future reference.

Chester Rotary, an affiliate of Rotary International, has a variety of projects each year that raise funds to assist the community and meet needs around the world. If you are interested in joining the Chester Rotary Club, we invite you to attend one of our breakfast meetings at the Heritage Deli, Route 103 South, Chester, Vermont any Thursday at 7:00 AM. You can contact the Chester Rotary Club at [chesterrotary@gmail.com](mailto:chesterrotary@gmail.com) or for more information. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.



## Gilford Club Helps Gunstock Adaptive Ski Program



The Gilford Rotary Club has been instrumental in the remodeling of the new building for the Adaptive Ski Program at Gunstock. In addition to completing the remodeling of the building the Gilford Rotary also donated \$400.00 to be used towards scholarships for the Adaptive Ski Program. The remodeling project was spearheaded by Rotary Member Tom Drouin. Pictured are Gilford Rotary President – Chuck Coons, Rotary member Tom Drouin, and Adaptive Ski Area Manager Nanci Ripley.

The Gilford Rotary is also known for its work on other building projects and programs. Some of which include the Tannery Hill Covered Bridge, The Glendale Docks Shelter, The Annual Rev. Raymond Wixson Senior Dinner and Holiday Celebration, The Cheryl Lynn Walsh Scholarship Fund, Neighbors in Need, and The Town of Gilford Drug and Alcohol Task Force are just a few of The Gilford Rotary’s many endeavors.

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## March is Literacy Month

listen, and speak. UNESCO has drafted the following definition: "Literacy is the ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, communicate, compute, and use printed and written materials associated with varying contexts. Literacy involves a continuum of learning to enable an individual to achieve his or her goals, to develop his or her knowledge and potential, and to participate fully in the wider society." In modern times, illiteracy is seen as a social problem to be solved by education. Using the United Nations definition of literacy, it was estimated that 20% of the world population was illiterate in 1998. This means that this population is unable to read or write a simple sentence in any language.

Literacy rates do vary from country to country or region to region. This often coincides with the region's wealth or urbanization though other factors play a role such as social customs in less developed countries which limits females from education. No one has chronicled the impact of oil money in the Middle East better than Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin in their classic book *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time*. The book details how the American mountain climber turned educator built the Central Asia Institute and constructed more than fifty progressive schools across rural Pakistan and Afghanistan to fight Islamic extremism by trying to alleviate poverty and to improve access to education, especially girls.

March would be a good time to undertake a new literacy project in your community and to publicize it. Some of our clubs donate dictionaries to every third grader in the community it serves. Clubs could sponsor summer reading programs in cooperation with schools or public libraries, or work with juveniles or young adults who find themselves in penal institutions. Most of the prison population suffers from a lack of basic literacy skills which means they lack the skills to finish school or the skills to get a job. Many of our Rotarians work as mentors in school where they are assigned to meet weekly with a student to develop social skills and to improve literacy.

If you make a club commitment to earn the District Literacy Award this year, you need to complete five literacy projects, one of which is to celebrate Literacy Month. This is doable, even for a club which has not yet started work on it. Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) to see the list of requirements.



### DEERFIELD VALLEY TUBE-A-THON

Mar 22, 2009

2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Mount Snow Tubing Hill - Mixing Bowl

Local schools spend a day on the hill raising money for their schools.

**Admission is free - the kids get sponsored to participate so they just show up with the sponsorship sheets**

## Got Pressure?

Controversy? We love to watch it, but hate to be in it. Pressure? No, thanks. Well, we have an extraordinary opportunity to learn how to handle both from a big time guest speaker at the district conference.

Who among us New England Patriots fans can forget the 2002 “Tuck Rule Game” between the Patriots and the Oakland Raiders (also remembered as the Snow Bowl because of the snow flying during the game)? In the final two minutes Oakland knocked the ball from Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, causing a fumble that appeared end of the Patriots season. Or did it? After reviewing the play, the referee applied the tuck rule and ruled “the fumble” a forward pass, which gave the Patriots a chance to win the game...and they did.



Because this is a family newsletter, we can't print the communications that referee got then, or after other controversial calls. But you can ask him at the district conference.

Yes, really. We are very, very lucky that Walt Coleman, a 19-year NFL referee who wears uniform number 65, will speak to us...and not just on football. He has lived a humanitarian life and is a captivating motivational speaker's motivational speaker.

In his other life, Walt is a fifth-generation family operator of Coleman Dairy in Little Rock, Arkansas. Outside of officiating, he serves on many local boards including the Little Rock Boys and Girls Club and Greater Little Rock YMCA. He's a former president of the Arkansas Dairy Products Association, Major Sports Association of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Little Rock Kiwanis Club and a George F. Hixson Fellow of Kiwanis International.. This year, he was inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame, joining his father, 1994 inductee Buddy Coleman.



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### **Come One Come All**

The cost for the conference includes all taxes and gratuity. All rooms have two double beds or one king size bed. The Balsams' full American plan covers three complete meals along with complete use of all facilities including golf (27 holes) and tennis (6 courts) without extra charge. There is extra charge for any rental equipment.

The theme for Friday night is a “Step Back in Time”. The era of the 20's, 30's and 40's, so how will you dress for this event? Saturday night is Black Tie optional. No jeans are allowed in the dining room at night and jackets are required for men in the dining room at night.

Hope to see you there.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

**Ed Winter**

**Keene Club**

## DISTRICT EVENTS

### District Assembly

This year's District Assembly will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Keene High School. The program scheduled will be very informative on a variety of subjects. Let's see if we can break the record crowd that attended last year. More information will be forthcoming from incoming District Governor, Michael Swinford.

### 4 Way Speech Contest Program



By **April 4, 2009** all Clubs should have completed their local contests & forwarded the names, addresses, telephone numbers of the **FIRST PLACE AND SECOND PLACE FINISHERS NO LATER THAN April 11, 2009** to Albert St.Pierre, committee chair or Daryl Royce, committee secretary:

**By Mail:** Albert St.Pierre  
43 Sunnyside Circle  
Charlestown, NH 03603

Daryl Royce  
180 Summit Street  
Charlestown, NH 03603

**By Fax :** 603-826-4171

**By E-mail:** daryl.pat@myfairpoint.net

**The district semi-finals will be held Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at approx. 1:00pm at the Henniker Community Center at 57 Main Street Henniker, NH.**

**If your student makes it to the finals then the club should be prepared to pay for them and their family to come to the conference to compete in the finals.**

### Ambassadorial Scholar Application Deadlines



**April 17, 2009 :** Applications must be received by the local Rotary Clubs.

**May 8, 2009:** Local Rotary Clubs interviews and candidate selection must be completed.

Local Rotary Clubs should express the importance of the candidate being present at the District Committee meeting on June 6, 2009.

*The President of the local Rotary club or a person appointed by the President will be the candidates "sponsor". Should the candidate become the Ambassadorial Scholar the sponsor will then attend Northeast Link training programs and will attend the Northeast Link gathering in the Fall with the candidate. The sponsor will assist, guide and be the primary contact for the candidate throughout their Ambassadorial Scholarship period (approximately 3 years).*

**May 15, 2009:** 12 copies of the selected candidate from the local Rotary Clubs must be received by the District Chair of the Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee (see below).

Donald Bennert, 5 Hooksett Tpke Road, Bow, NH 03304

**June 6, 2009:** The District Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee shall interview the candidates and make a selection at the Town Hall, Gilford,NH

The District's decision is then forwarded to Rotary International who makes the final decision and assignment of country and school.

Email Don Bennert at [flyfish361@xhub.com](mailto:flyfish361@xhub.com) or go to [www.rotary7870.org](http://www.rotary7870.org) for more information.

40th ANNUAL NEWPORT ROTARY  
SKI DAY

Tuesday  
March 10, 2009



Mt Sunapee Ski Resort  
Sunapee, NH

New - NASTAR Racing

Bring the Family

Prizes - Raffle - Auction



SEE YOU ON THE  
SKI SLOPE

# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Ski Meet & John W. McCrillis Trophy Race

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at Mount Sunapee, NH

## Registration Form

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Member: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_  
Plan to race? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ or Female \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Skier \_\_\_\_\_ or Rider \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Enter 50/50 raffle: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ or No \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Participation fee (includes lift ticket, race, & buffet lunch) <i>(\$52.00 for passholders &amp; others not needing lift tickets)</i>	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Less DISCOUNT IF PAID BY FRIDAY MAR. 6, 2009</b>	<b>(\$20.00)</b>
Plus optional 50/50 raffle at \$5.00 per entry (include one business card for each entry)	\$ _____
50/50 proceeds for District 7870 projects (make check payable to: Newport Rotary Club)	\$ _____
<b>Total Amount</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

### **Liability Release:**

I understand and accept the fact that skiing, snowboarding and/or racing on skis or snowboard is a hazardous sport that has many dangers and risks. I realize that accidents and injuries frequently occur at ski areas and that many obstacles and hazards exist and they may or may not be seen. I agree, as a condition of being allowed to participate in this event and as a condition of being allowed to use the ski area premises and facilities, that I freely accept and voluntarily assume ALL risks of personal injury or death or property damage. I hereby release Mount Sunapee Resort, its agents, employees, directors, officers and shareholders, and I also release Newport Rotary Club, its officers and members, from any and all liability for personal injury, death, or property damage which results in any way from my participation in the Rotary Ski Meet event and I accept full responsibility for any such damage or injury of any kind which may result. I agree to fully indemnify and hold harmless Mount Sunapee Resort, its agents, employees, directors, officers and shareholders, and Newport Rotary Club, its officers and members. I certify that I have read and understand this release from liability and I am signing it freely and of my own accord, realizing it is binding upon myself, my heirs and assigns.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Schedule: Tuesday, March 10, 2009

8:15 to 9:15 Registration/Check-in – in Goosefeathers, Spruce Lodge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
9:00 Lifts Open for Skiing and Riding  
9:45 Ski (and snowboard) race – Dual G.S. on Eggbeater slope  
11:45 Buffet Lunch – in Goosefeathers, Spruce Lodge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
12:30 to 3:15 Skiing & Riding – Enjoy the mountain  
3:15 Awards - in Goosefeathers, Spruce Lodge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
& Raffle Prize Drawings – in Goosefeathers, Spruce Lodge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

***Please complete and return the registration forms before March 6, 2009***

*Mail with check payable to: Newport Rotary Club to:*

Newport Rotary Club c/o Chris Eldredge, McCrillis and Eldredge, PO Box 539, Newport, NH  
03773

# MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



(Numbers in red are estimates)

Rotary District 7870	State	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Feb	Gain/Lost
Alton Centennial	NH	20	20	19	19	19	19	18	-2
Bedford	NH	43	43	43	37	35	35	35	-8
Bellows Falls	VT	28	28	28	28	30	30	31	3
Belmont	NH	18	19	19	19	19	18	17	-1
Bennington	VT	57	58	57	57	57	56	55	-2
Bennington/Catamount	VT	68	69	69	67	66	67	64	-4
Bethel	VT	24	23	26	26	26	26	26	2
Bow	NH	66	66	65	63	65	62	64	-2
Brandon	VT	22	20	18	18	18	18	16	-6
Brattleboro	VT	85	89	89	87	90	89	89	4
Brattleboro Sunrise	VT	38	39	37	38	41	41	41	3
Capital City Concord	NH	10	11	10	10	11	11	11	1
Charlestown	NH	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	0
Chester	VT	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	-1
Concord	NH	126	125	127	127	128	128	128	2
Deerfield Valley	VT	32	31	30	32	32	32	32	0
Derry	NH	32	32	31	33	32	33	34	2
Derry Village	NH	41	39	40	40	39	39	36	-5
Fair Haven	VT	19	19	19	19	19	19	19	0
Franklin	NH	31	31	33	30	26	27	27	-4
Gilford	NH	61	61	61	61	61	63	63	2
Goffstown	NH	26	24	24	25	25	26	26	0
Henniker	NH	28	30	28	30	31	32	32	4
Hollis/Brookline	NH	39	41	41	39	41	41	44	5
Hopkinton	NH	40	39	39	39	39	39	39	-1
Hudson/Litchfield	NH	14	14	13	13	13	12	12	-2
Jaffrey/Rindge	NH	40	41	41	42	43	43	44	4
Keene	NH	83	84	83	80	80	79	79	-4
Keene/Elm City	NH	57	58	56	62	62	61	62	5
Killington-Pico	VT	21	22	22	22	22	22	23	2
Laconia	NH	71	72	75	74	75	75	74	3
Lakes Region	NH	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	0
Londonderry	NH	39	39	39	37	35	35	35	-4
Ludlow	VT	30	30	30	31	32	32	32	2
Manchester	NH	75	75	75	78	78	79	77	2
Manchester	VT	34	37	34	34	33	32	32	-2
Meredith	NH	64	65	65	65	65	65	65	1
<b>Rotary District 7870</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Gain/Lost</b>



Merrimack	NH	34	34	34	33	35	36	36	2
Milford	NH	82	82	82	81	80	80	81	-1
Monadnock	NH	35	35	35	34	35	35	35	0
Nashua	NH	119	119	122	122	122	122	122	3
Nashua West	NH	84	84	85	85	86	88	89	5
New London	NH	64	64	64	64	64	64	58	-6
Newport	NH	32	31	32	32	32	32	32	0
Peterborough	NH	41	42	42	42	42	42	42	1
Pittsfield	NH	38	39	40	40	39	39	36	-2
Poultney	VT	19	20	19	19	19	19	19	0
Queen City	NH	61	61	61	64	64	65	66	5
Raymond Area	NH	23	23	23	23	23	24	23	0
Rutland City	VT	49	49	50	49	48	48	47	-2
Rutland South	VT	51	51	52	51	51	51	50	-1
Springfield	VT	41	42	41	41	40	40	41	0
Tilton-Northfield	NH	21	21	22	22	21	21	21	0
Wallingford	VT	18	18	18	18	18	18	20	2
Wantas/Londonderry	VT	14	14	14	14	16	16	17	3
West Rutland	VT	13	14	13	12	12	12	13	0
White River Junction	VT	24	25	24	24	24	24	24	0
Windsor	VT	30	30	29	29	30	30	29	-1
Woodstock	VT	78	78	78	77	76	76	75	-3
Total		2507	2524	2520	2500	2518	2521	2511	4



## LAST CALL

### Rutland VT - Saturday, March 28, 2009

Help your ensure your club's future success and sign up for either Parts I, II or III (must be taken in sequential order) for one of the last sessions of the Rotary 2008-2009 year at Stafford Technical Center in Rutland, VT.

Register online at [www.rlinea.com](http://www.rlinea.com)

Cost is \$65 each including breakfast, break and a three course lunch. \$10 additional registration fee at the door. Come join us, learn a lot about Rotary, have a great time with fellow Rotarians and have a lot of fun as well. Please e-mail or phone with any questions or signup problems. See you in Rutland..

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## ATTENDANCE

Londonderry	NH	97.79%	Newport	NH	73.28%
Rutland South	VT	96.00%	Keene/Elm City	NH	73.00%
Bow	NH	92.64%	Laconia	NH	73.00%
Queen City	NH	91.00%	Raymond Area	NH	71.01%
Wallingford	VT	90.00%	New London	NH	71.00%
Keene	NH	87.21%	Windsor	VT	70.51%
Derry Village	NH	85.50%	Bellows Falls	VT	70.00%
Fair Haven	VT	85.00%	Chester	VT	67.00%
Hopkinton	NH	85.00%	Charlestown	NH	66.00%
Brattleboro Sunrise	VT	82.00%	Hollis/Brookline	NH	65.60%
Rutland City	VT	82.00%	Gilford	NH	65.08%
Alton Centennial	NH	80.39%	Bennington	VT	65.00%
Ludlow	VT	80.00%	Pittsfield	NH	64.44%
West Rutland	VT	80.00%	Goffstown	NH	64.00%
Jaffrey/Rindge	NH	79.10%	Killington-Pico	VT	60.00%
Meredith	NH	79.00%	Manchester	NH	52.94%
Springfield	VT	79.00%	Brandon	VT	52.00%
Woodstock	VT	79.00%	Tilton-Northfield	NH	47.00%
Merrimack	NH	77.00%	Belmont	NH	44.00%
Nashua West	NH	76.48%	Wantas/Londonderry	VT	44.00%
Brattleboro	VT	76.10%	Bedford	NH	NR
Derry	NH	76.00%	Deerfield Valley	VT	NR
Bethel	VT	75.39%	Franklin	NH	NR
Capital City Concord	NH	75.00%	Henniker	NH	NR
Hudson/Litchfield	NH	75.00%	Manchester	VT	NR
Peterborough	NH	75.00%	Monadnock	NH	NR
Concord	NH	74.94%	Nashua	NH	NR
Bennington/Catamount	VT	74.00%	Poultney	VT	NR
Lakes Region	NH	74.00%	White River Junction	VT	NR
Milford	NH	74.00%			



### Welcome New Members

**Nashua West** – Steve Wilson, Bob Welch, Wendy Sage

**Merrimack** – Peter Giacapuzzi, James Gay

**Jaffrey Rindge** – Jackson (Mike) Littrell

**Bellows Falls** – Marion Hernandez-Kenyon, Lisa Clarke, Sonia Alexander, Matt Trieber

**Brattleboro Sunrise** – Jason Kass

**Rutland** – Andrea Coppola, Kevin Loso, John Decato

**Rutland West** – Donald Bara

**APPLAUSE!**



### New/Multiple PHF

**Milford** – Steven A. Desmarais

**Milford** - Richard “Fitz” Fitzgerald, Jr.