



The District TIMES

The Official Newsletter of District 7870
October, 2008



New Rotarians in July

- Ed Guyot (Keene Elm City)
- Joy Riddell (Concord)
- Carlos Baia (Concord)
- Larry Gloekler (Concord)
- Al Jerard (Brattleboro)
- Craig Bennett (Brattleboro)
- Martin Leggott (Brattleboro Sunrise)
- Jason Bourassa (Capital City)
- Laren Remick (Henniker)
- John Capuco (Henniker)



Paul Harris Fellows

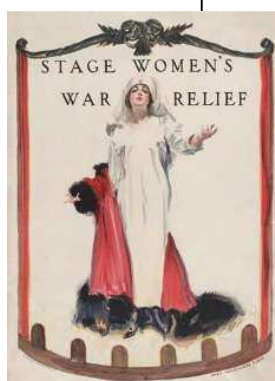
- Joy Mitchell (Bellows Falls)
- Warren Emley +1 (Concord)
- Victor Stoykovich +3 (Concord)
- Stu Richter +3 (Concord)
- Don Clarke +1 (Concord)
- Ray Ennis, Jr (Nashua West)
- William Shakespeare (Brattleboro Sunrise)

We are sad to announce the passing of
Rindge member
Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Parker

STEP BACK IN TIME

District 7870 Conference

May 29-31, 2009
The Balsams Grand Resort
Dixville Notch, NH



Dressing for a Step Back in Time

By Merry Lee Corwin

Who to be? What to wear? These questions dominate our thoughts as Halloween nears this October. But here's how to kill two birds with one outfit. Why not assemble the attire you plan to wear on Friday night of the District Conference and give it a test run on Halloween before the big reveal on May 29, 2009 at The Balsams Grande Resort?

The theme of Governor Alley's District Conference is A Step Back in Time, and The Balsams has plenty of time and plenty of eras from which to draw your inspiration. Choose any period from its 1874 construction to the present.

Re-invent Major General John Adams Dix, son of Colonel Timothy Dix, the original grant-holder for The Balsams area, which now bears his name – Dixville Notch. Dix, the son, served in the War of 1812 (think Tchaikovsky) and the Civil War.

If you're a march music aficionado, dress up as

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Dressing for a Step Back in Time

John Philip Sousa, who in 1918, played at the dedication ceremony of The Balsams when it was known as the Hampshire House.

Or live out your fantasy as J. Lannin, the man who owned The Balsams from 1918 to 1927. He also owned the Boston Red Sox when Babe Ruth played for them. Or, for that matter, come as Babe Ruth; he loved The Balsams. Or dress up as someone who stabled your horse in The Balsam's stables or played polo in the 1920s or 1930s. Or wear your father's old National Guard uniform, since they used to parade on The Balsams polo fields.

Stick your finger in an electric socket and come as Thomas Alva Edison, a frequent Balsams guest.

In the 1930s and 1940s, of course men wore tuxedos in the evening and women "dressed for dinner."

Fantasy golfers can come as famous Balsams' golfers over the year – President Teddy Roosevelt, American humorist Will Rogers or crooner Frank Sinatra. If you are into tennis history, you can be Bobby Riggs, two-time winner of the US Championship and also a winner at Wimbledon, who stayed at The Balsams. Tall? You can be former guests John Havlicek or Bob Cousy, Boston Celtics Hall of Famers.

Like to invent things, dream up a look for famous Balsams guest Rube Goldberg. That should be fun.

And did you know that comedian Jerry Lewis was once a waiter at The Balsams?

Like Big Macs? Come as Ray Kroc, founder of McDonalds, who liked to vacation at The Balsams in the 1960s.



District Golf Tournament

By DG Alley Boucher

This year's District Golf Tournament was held on Sept. 25th at the Lochmere Country Club in Tilton, NH. Many players drove to the golf course in a very heavy fog. Registration began at 7:30 AM and before the tournament was to begin, 78 players had registered and were anxious to take to the course. After filling up on coffee and donuts or muffins and purchasing raffle tickets and mulligans, all 78 players headed out to play at 9:00AM and were blessed as the fog had lifted and blue skies became predominant, with just a slight breeze. Since I am not a golfer, I viewed players at the 18th hole as the tournament was run as a scramble. It was fascinating to watch as each team approached that hole with such determination and watching the golf carts all coming and going to their next destination.

Everyone was in by 2:00 PM and stories of the day were flying around in all directions. It was like coming in from a sailboat race and listening to all the stories of each tack they took wrong or that the wind shifted to the wrong direction. Somehow Bill Pockl lost his golf shoes to some bet during the day and I was witness to the biggest smiley face I had ever seen. It was truly a site to behold.

Everyone then enjoyed a wonderful meal and the chance to win prizes. After tallying all the scores, the winning team of this years District Golf Tournament, earning the right to place their name on the trophy, was the team from the Concord Rotary Club.

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Membership Seminar

DG Alley Boucher

The membership seminar was held on August 14th at the Dartmouth Medical Center with approximately 70 Rotarians in attendance.

The evening started out with a light dinner and much fellowship. Membership Chair, Bill Pockl, then introduced PDG, Dave Benson who started the official program with a discussion regarding the state of Rotary's membership. Rotary's overall membership has remained stagnant for several years because we lose just as many members as we gain each year. Our district and zone have also been steadily declining in membership and I believe we need to work on changing this downward spiral. My goal this year is to have a net increase of 30 members.

Bill then introduced District Governor Elect, Michael Swinford, who provided an update on the recent Zone Membership Seminar he attended in Newburg, NY. DGE Michael spoke of various ways to increase members and to retain members. You can view his handouts on our district website under "Membership." The website is www.rotary7870.org

The group then witnessed a mock meeting filled with mistakes that Rotary clubs should not make (i.e., not saluting the flag, no invocation, not recognizing visiting guests, especially the DG, coming to the meeting late, and using a cell phone.) It was a good exercise especially for the new members in attendance as they were able to see everything that was wrong with this so called Rotary meeting.

The group was then divided into subgroups to talk about membership recruitment and membership retention. Some of the ideas discussed for recruitment were:

- Promote speakers in the newspaper
- Promote what your club is doing in the community
- Invite a friend to the meeting

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District Golf Tournament

This year proceeds from the tournament are going to our Polio Plus Campaign and because of the 78 players and their generosity I have the great pleasure to announce that we netted \$4,472.00 toward this great cause. I would like to thank you all for coming to play and by all the camaraderie going on it appeared that everyone truly enjoyed the day.

A great big thank you goes out to the chairman, Tom Space, who along with his son, Mike, worked many hours to make this event happen. I would also like to thank the other members of the committee, Ruth Clough, David Hoopes and Carolyn Scattergood.

Membership Seminar

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- Look into new businesses in the community
- Educate potential members about your club and Rotary
- Wear Badges so guests know who you are

Some of the ideas for retention were:

- Involve members on committees
- Invite dynamic speakers
- Have social events
- Recognize people who go beyond "Service Above Self"
- Respect and listen to each member
- Hold fundraisers
- Look into doing multi-club events

I would like to thank Bill Pockl, Dave Benson, and Michael Swinford for helping me put this event together. I believe people left with at least one new idea to bring back to their club. I would also like to thank those who took time out of their busy schedules to attend. Your participation was important.

Club Notes . . .



More information on all events listed below can be found in the September news letter on the district website, www.rotary7870.org

- October 4 Wallingford and White River Junction [Motorcycle Ride](#)
- October 4 Keene Rotary Club's [Penny Sale](#) and [Silent Auction](#)
- October 11 Ludlow Rotary Club's Annual [Chili Cookoff](#)
- October 16 White River Junction [Teambuilding Seminar](#)
- October 17 Hopkinton Rotary Club's Annual [Art Show](#) and [Wine Tasting](#)
- October 25 Henniker Rotary Club's award winning [musician and storytelling](#)
- November 8 Deerfield Valley Rotary Club's [Winter Sports Sale](#)
- November 15 Nashua Rotary Club's annual [charity auction](#)

Londonderry Rotary Club Presents

COMEDY NIGHT AT THE TUPELO MUSIC HALL

Featuring: **Harrison Stebbins - Jimmy PJWalsh - Maggie MacDonald**

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Doors Open at 7:15 pm - Show Begins at 8:00 pm

General Admission Seating \$25

Tickets Available at Martinelli Travel in the Apple Tree Mall, or Call Faye Sell at 603-434-4989

BYOB Venue -Visit BellaVinoWine Shop on the Premises

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Available at Show

Have dinner before the show at the Homestead Restaurant. **Tell them** you're going to the show and 10% of your food bill will be donated to Londonderry Rotary Club. In support of the many local charities and community service projects sponsored by the Londonderry Rotary Club.

District Foundation Dinner

When:	Wednesday, November 5 th	Thursday, November 6 th
Time:	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Where:	Okemo Mountain Resort 1554 Okemo Ridge Road Ludlow, VT	Crowne Plaza Nashua 2 Somerset Parkway Nashua, NH

Cost is \$35.00 per person. Cocktails at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30.

To pay by credit card, go to www.rotary7870.org and under District Events, click on Foundation Dinners for NH or VT.

To pay by check, make check payable to District 7870 for \$35.00.

Mail to: Alice Boucher DG
2 Dockham Shore Rd.
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Both dinners will feature:

- Recognition of Paul Harris Fellow's and Society Members
- Displays of Rotary Foundation projects
- Three dynamic, inspiring and interesting speakers
- A great meal and fellowship with our Family of Rotary

Please register by Oct. 15th, don't procrastinate - space is limited, and remember that attendance from your club counts towards the Governor's Bell Award. I hope to see you all there.

Yours in Rotary,
Alley DG

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July Attendance

Alton Centennial	73.00%	Gilford	68.63%	Nashua	NR
Bedford	NR	Goffstown	74.00%	Nashua West	71.80%
Bellows Falls	66.00%	Henniker	78.84%	New London	73.00%
Belmont	65.00%	Hollis/Brookline	77.07%	Newport	78.45%
Bennington	72.00%	Hopkinton	86.00%	Peterborough	NR
Bennington/Catamount	71.00%	Hudson/Litchfield	NR	Pittsfield	75.29%
Bethel	NR	Jaffrey/Rindge	80.10%	Poultney	0.00%
Bow	91.40%	Keene	67.69%	Queen City	74.00%
Brandon	49.00%	Keene/Elm City	87.00%	Raymond Area	73.91%
Brattleboro	72.33%	Killington-Pico	79.00%	Rutland City	85.00%
Brattleboro Sunrise	76.40%	Laconia	71.67%	Rutland South	97.65%
Capital City Concord	89.00%	Lakes Region	75.00%	Springfield	65.00%
Charlestown	75.00%	Londonderry	83.68%	Tilton-Northfield	68.00%
Chester	74.00%	Ludlow	77.40%	Wallingford	97.00%
Concord	65.89%	Manchester VT	80.00%	Wantas/Londonderry	83.00%
Deerfield Valley	79.95%	Manchester NH	NR	West Rutland	76.00%
Derry	73.00%	Meredith	71.00%	White River Jct	NR
Derry Village	81.03%	Merrimack	74.00%	Windsor	65.43%
Fair Haven	91.00%	Milford	82.00%	Woodstock	NR
Franklin	73.00%	Monadnock	76.60%		