



NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



As president of Rotary, it's my job to encourage and inspire Rotarians wherever I meet them. It's also my job to listen to what they have to say. Whether it's a successful project or a challenge to overcome, a great Rotary Day or a new idea, I want to hear what Rotarians are thinking, doing, and planning. So whenever I travel, I ask my hosts to talk to me about their clubs. What's going well, where do they see a need to improve, and what can we at RI headquarters do to help?

The answers are always interesting and often surprising. Sometimes I have a suggestion or an idea to contribute; sometimes I am able to make a connection that will move a project forward. Often, I go back to Evanston with ideas and insights that help guide us in our decisions. But what I value most about these conversations are the stories I hear – the stories that, taken together, tell the story of Rotary.

In Atlanta, I attended a Rotary event honoring teachers and heard story after story about the gift of literacy and how it transforms lives. In Istanbul, I attended a wheelchair race and learned how Turkish Rotarians are working to improve the lives of people with disabilities. In Lima, Peru, I talked to a former Rotaractor who waited nearly 20 years to be invited to join a Rotary club, and heard about how returning to Rotary has transformed her life.

I've heard stories that have made me laugh, and stories that have moved me to tears. I've heard stories of how our service changes the lives of others, and how it changes us as Rotarians. When I hear these stories, I can't help but wonder: How many other lives could we change for the better by bringing more people into Rotary? And how many more people could we bring into Rotary simply by sharing our own Rotary stories?

In this Rotary year, I ask all of you to do just that: Share your Rotary stories. Tell them to your friends, on social media, and through Rotary.org. Our Rotary stories are what inspire us, and what encourage others to join us; they help light up our service, as we work to Light Up Rotary.

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**CLUB ACTIVITIES**

NH LEAD 2015
Leadership Education
and Development Conference

Developing leadership skills for...


- ... your business
- ... your community
- ... your personal life

Friday, February 27, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

New Life Church
84 Nottingham Road, Raymond NH

Join fellow business leaders for this exciting day of dynamic speakers and networking. Those currently in management or leadership roles will leave with many tips and techniques to better their management or leadership style. Those not currently in management or leadership roles will leave knowing how to be an aspiring member of their organization and better prepared for advancement.

All proceeds benefit the Raymond Area Rotary Club's service projects and scholarships.

 **Serving Our Communities Since 1980**
Raymond Area Rotary Club
www.raymondarearotary.org

Boston Bombing Talk Heads Rotary Leadership Seminar

The Raymond Area Rotary Club is again sponsoring a leadership seminar on February 27th. A full day of excellent leadership speakers is planned. The keynote speaker will be Dan Linskey who was the ground commander at the Boston Marathon bombings and headed up the ensuing manhunt in April of 2013.

Chief Linskey's presentation is called Responding to Terror: Life Lessons from the Boston Marathon Bombing. He has developed a multimedia presentation using recordings and pictures from the days surrounding the event in Boston.

NH LEAD 2015 Leadership Education and Development Conference will be held at the New Life Church facility at 84 Nottingham Road in Raymond, NH. The club's first LEAD conference held in 2013 received excellent reviews. Two of the highest rated speakers from the 2013 talks, Ken Bosse and Don DeAngelis have been brought back with new presentations.

The Raymond Area Rotary club along with the sponsors of the event will invite the local police and fire chiefs to the conference as their guests. All proceeds from the event will benefit local and international projects that the club supports.

For more information go to raymondarearotary.org or contact Steve Puderbaugh 603-895-3163

District Calendar**February - Peace and Conflict Prevention/
Resolution Month**

Feb 27, 2015

Raymond Area Rotary Leadership Seminar
New Life Church

March - Water and Sanitation Month

Mar 12 - 14, 2015

PETS, Framingham MA

April - Maternal and Child Health Month

Apr 11, 2015

District Training Assembly - Keene High School

Apr 11, 2015

Bedford Rotary 37th Pasta Festival, BHS Cafeteria

Apr 19, 2015

District 4-Way Test Competition Semifinals
Henniker

May - Youth Services Month

May 02, 2015

Souhegan Valley Rotary Kentucky Derby Party

Boston Billiards Club, Nashua

Newport Rotary Penny Sale

Newport High School

May 16, 2015

Bow Rotary Open Car Show, Concord Group Ins.

Bedford Rotary Memorial Road Race - BHS

May 29 - 31, 2015

District Conference - Marriott Sable Oaks

S. Portland, ME

May 30, 2015

District 4-way Test Competition Finals

At District Conference

June

June 7 - 10

Rotary International Convention, Sao Paulo, Brazil

June 19 - 21

Nashua West Rotary Rock'en Ribfest, Budweiser
Brewery, Merrimack NH

June 29, 2015

District Passing of the Gavel

Little Red School House



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Rotary Club of Bedford, NH Sponsors Interact Club at Bedford High School

The Inaugural Celebration was held at the Bedford Public Library on January 25, 2015 to recognize the official start of the Bedford High School Interact club as a part of Rotary International. There are 21 members of the newly formed club.



Meghan Lydon the Bedford High School Club Advisor and Honorary Rotary member with several members of the Interact Club



Rotary Club President Mary Ann Senatro presents the official Interact Club banner to the President of the Interact Club



Members of the Interact Club, Rotary District Governor Rich Berryman, and Rotary Club President Mary Ann Senatro



WHAT YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ARE LOOKING FOR IN ROTARY

By Chris Davidson, Rotary Club of Newport News, Virginia

I attended the first-ever Rotary Young Professionals Summit held in Chicago on 26-27 September, which gathered 30 Rotarians under the age of 40 to discuss how Rotary can better attract and engage young professionals.

The summit was a huge success and thoroughly captured the essence of what Millennials and members of Generation Y are looking for — mentorship, friendship, opportunities, and fun. One of my Rotary mentors, past RI Vice President Anne L. Matthews, who I had worked with on district membership projects, had encouraged me to apply.

Joining Rotary as a 32-year-old young professional was a life-changing event. I knew I wanted to develop my leadership skills and was looking for ways to meet influential members of my community. Once I was exposed to Rotary, I realized that the best way to develop relationships with successful people was to work alongside them in the service of others. One year after joining the Rotary Club of Newport News, I traveled to Zambia as part of a grant to build footbridges in remote “limited access” communities. Rotary offers so much to young people who have the desire to help others, make connections, and learn servant leadership in a world that desperately needs more of that.

The Young Professionals Summit took place in an unconventional meeting space in downtown Chicago, furnished with coffeehouse-style seating and optimized for creative thought. For two days, we engaged in a variety of brainstorming exercises, interactive games, and small group activities, concluding each with a facilitated discussion. Ideas were documented live on large white boards by a professional sketch artist.

Common themes that emerged included:

- Young professionals are not opposed to joining a club with older members, but they are seeking clubs with a broader range of members that reflect many different categories of diversity.
- Millennials and members of Generation Y want to do significant acts of service that make a real difference in the lives of others.
- Young professionals are appreciative of the business and mentorship opportunities they experience through Rotary. However, they do not feel these benefits, and others, are being marketed effectively to their generation.
- The younger crowd is looking for a fun, flexible experience with Rotary and prefers to avoid stuffy traditions, rituals, and internal politics.

Summit attendees came from all over the United States. My favorite part was definitely the new friendships I formed. I also got a sense that Rotary International intends to put our collective ideas into action. As one of my new friends, Adam Barth from North Carolina, said, “Rotary should be a verb, not a noun.” If these young professionals are any indication, I’d say the future looks very bright for Rotary!



Chris Davidson, 36, is a member of the Rotary Club of Newport News, Virginia, USA, and served as club president in 2012-13. He is currently membership chair for District 7600 (Virginia).



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Heather Baker
Wilson Graeme

Rutland South

Judith Miller

Henniker

James McEwan

Monadnock

Mike D'Agata
Jennifer Loyd-Pain
Timothy Andrews

Bennington Catamount

Gregory Mason

Queen City - Manchester

John "Jack" Mennzie

Ludlow

James Verzino

Brattleboro

Edwin Bachelor

Souhegan Valley

Neil Ankertell

Merrimack

2015 District 7870 District Conference

Please join us for the annual District 7870 Conference at the Marriott Sable Oaks in Portland Maine.

Only \$700 per couple or \$525 per single for two nights, meals, and a lot of fun.

Click here to register online: [REGISTER ONLINE](#)

[Click here](#) to download a hard copy Registration Form



HAVE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE ENTIRE DISTRICT?

Updates and short articles, along with images may be submitted to the Newsletter Editor, Dennis McMann, at dennis@mcman.net to be included in our Monthly Newsletter. The District Newsletter is a means of communicating to other clubs in our district; items of interest, upcoming events, fundraisers or opportunities for service.

Deadline for March Newsletter Submissions: March 23rd.