



NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE



In Rotary, we have the opportunity to build bonds of friendship with fellow Rotarians around the world. And once a year, at our international convention, we have the chance to get together with all of our Rotary friends, to share new ideas, plan new service, and just have fun.

What better way to celebrate the end of the 2014-15 Rotary year, and Light Up Rotary with your friends, than to travel together to the 106th annual Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil? Whether you have never been to a convention before or are an experienced convention goer, this will be one you won't want to miss. Preregistration pricing ends on 31 March, so plan now for the biggest Rotary party of the year.

The convention will begin on Saturday, 6 June, and after the opening ceremony there will be a traditional Brazilian Carnival party and a Samba School Parade at the Anhembi Sambadrome. Even if you think you have no rhythm or can't carry a tune, you will find yourself dancing, singing, and laughing all night long. The party and parade will feature the bright colors, feathers, and sequins of Carnival costumes as well as the sights and sounds of samba, the Afro-Brazilian music and dance, and the delicious food and drinks of São Paulo.

On Monday night, Ivete Sangalo, winner of two Latin Grammy Awards, will entertain Rotarians. And every evening of the convention, Rotary Restaurant Nights will let you enjoy discounts in the culinary capital of Latin America. Savor fish from the Amazon, sushi with a Latin flair, Brazilian beef, and other offerings from some of São Paulo's 30,000 restaurants and bars. Admission to several museums in São Paulo, including the excellent soccer museum, will also be free with your convention badge.

Brazil reflects a diversity almost as great as Rotary's: Paulistanos, as the people of São Paulo are known, have created a lively culture with influences from all over the world. One of the highlights of any Rotary convention is always hospitality night, where you can get to know local Rotarians. Monday night is your chance to experience the paulistano lifestyle with the Rotarians of Brazil – but be sure to book early, as numbers are limited.

In Rotary, service and friendship go hand in hand. As you focus on the work of this Rotary year, I ask you not to lose sight of the importance of international friendship, and to register for the São Paulo convention now, at www.riconvention.org.

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CLUB ACTIVITIES

Meredith Rotary Club Sponsors Interact Club of Inter-Lakes HS

The Inauguration Ceremony was held at the Meredith Community Center on March 27, 2015 to recognize the official start of the 27 member Inter-Lakes High School Intact Club. The club members held their first service activity prior to their inauguration where they collected more than 400 canned goods for the Meredith Food Bank.



Inter-Lakes High School Intact Club members with their club bell held by ninth grade member Jasmine Schmalle.

District Interact Chair, David McBee, was instrumental in presenting the value of Interact to Inter-Lakes High School administration resulting in their full support of an Interact Club. Subsequently he collaborated with Meredith Rotary Club in establishing the club. If your club is interested in learning about and starting an Interact Club, contact David at (davidmcbee@tds.net), 603-566-9711.



District Governor Rich Berryman presents the club bell and gavel to President Gage Wheeler and Treasurer Victoria Heffron.

District Calendar

April - Maternal and Child Health Month

Apr 9, 2015

Merrimack Rotary - Excellence in the Workplace
O'Leary Adult Community Center

Apr 11, 2015

District Training Assembly - Keene High School

Apr 11, 2015

Bedford Rotary 37th Pasta Festival, BHS Cafeteria

Apr 18, 2015

Tilton-Northfield Rotary Rabies Clinic

Former Agway Building, Tilton

Apr 19, 2015

District 4-Way Test Competition Semifinals

Henniker

Apr 26, 2015

Ludlow 59th Annual Penny Sale - BRHS Gym

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 15-17, 2015

Laconia Rotary WiniDerby -Weirs Beach

May 16, 2015

Bow Rotary Open Car Show, Concord Group Ins.

Bedford Rotary Memorial Road Race - BHS

Raymond Area Rotary Thunder Run Obstacle Race

New England Dragway, Epping

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 6 - 9

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 LRSH

**CLUB ACTIVITIES****9th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake Rotary Challenge**

Join members from the Hollis-Brookline, Hudson-Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Nashua, Nashua West and Souhegan Valley Rotaries as they compete for the Rotary Club Bowling Champion Trophy at the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Nashua 9th Annual Bowl for Kids' Sake Rotary Challenge.!

Date: Thursday, May 7th 2015

Time: 6pm-8pm

Location: Merrimack Ten Pin

Funds raised supports matching Bigs with Littles in Southern New Hampshire (Amherst, Atkinson, Brookline, Derry, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Nashua, Plaistow, Salem, Wilton, and Windham). BBBSNH Nashua/Salem has been placing Big Brothers and Big Sisters in the lives of children for over 30 years. All of their energies, systems, child safety procedures, training and activities are focused solely on effecting positive outcomes for at-risk children through mentoring.

Rules & Regulations**Bowling**

The names of the participating Rotarian bowlers must be turned into Big Brothers Big Sisters before the competition. BBBS arranges for one lane per Rotary Club for a 5 person team. Please notify BBBS prior to the event to confirm the need for additional lanes. Rotary Clubs may bring additional bowlers - \$100 donation is appreciated by each additional bowler.

Each bowler must be a Rotarian, a Rotarian's significant other, or a family member. The bowler must be a current member of the club they are representing.

Teams are comprised of 5 bowlers. Each club is encouraged to bring an entourage of supporters. The entourage can make phone calls and collect pledges while their team is bowling; however, they are restricted from bowling.

Pledges

There will be an area set up at the event to make phone calls for pledges. On the day of the tournament, the closing time for the acceptance of pledges will be announced prior to the start of the competition. Any pledge received after that time will not be considered in the judging, but will be accepted by Big Brothers Big Sisters.

We will offer the "paper" pledge system like years past. Pledges will not be accepted if the information of the donor does not contain at least an address and a phone number as well as the name of the Rotarian who collected the pledge.

Rotary teams are encouraged to register their team and collect donations online through: www.firstgiving.com/BBBSNashua/bowl2015. Just click "Register" and choose the "Rotary Challenge" date.

Contact BBBSNH- Greater Nashua and Salem at 883-4851 or bbbs@bbbsnashua.org.



CLUB ACTIVITIES

Contact: Ruth Zax 428-7232

Are YOU feeling lucky?

Even if thirteen isn't your lucky number, we encourage you to sign up as a Chili Maker for the 13th Annual Fire On the Mountain Chili Fest, sponsored by the Henniker Rotary Club, scheduled for Sunday, August 23 from 12:00 noon- 4:30 p.m. at Pats Peak Ski Area, Henniker, NH.

The Henniker Rotary Chili Fest has become a "must attend" area event. Last year close to 2,000 chili enthusiasts sampled 38 varieties of chili from entrants across southern New Hampshire and as far south as New Jersey. We anticipate a larger crowd this year with two chili tasting contests (for professional and amateur chili makers), live musical entertainment, children's midway and a variety of craft and food concessions. We will again have an independent Celebrity Panel to judge the chili entries along with the general public Peoples' Choice voting.

Look for BIG CHANGES this year! We are bringing all the chili makers outside and out of those stuffy, crowded rooms, enabling attendees to move freely to each of our chili maker's tables. There will be more space, more vendors, more activities for chili aficionados, car buffs, kids and families and yes, fewer lines! Take in the Car Show, visit the vendors and listen to great live music performances.

We invite you to enter your chili in either the amateur or professional division to compete for the title of Best New Hampshire Chili and collect that Chili Pot at the end of the rainbow! This is a golden opportunity to showcase your unique chili recipe.

We especially encourage other Rotary Clubs in District 7870 to participate in the amateur contest this year. Entry forms, judging criteria and lots of other information about the event are available at <http://www.chilinelnewhampshire.org>. Be sure to check the website frequently as we update information about new activities at the festival. If you have any questions, contact Mary Krotzer, mskrotzer@yahoo.com or 560-6279. Last year proceeds from Chili Fest, enabled the Henniker Rotary to contribute over \$14,000 to local, regional, and international service and humanitarian projects.





MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

By Richard S. Rohe, District Membership Chair, Rotary Club of Rutland, VT

Is Membership Really Everybody's Job?

Well, the easy answer is “yes” and “no.”

Consider, for example, how many times you have heard Rotary leaders tell us that “Membership is everybody's job?” But too often when a leader says membership is “everybody's job” many of us hear “it's somebody else's job.” And we take comfort in that interpretation and continue talking and eating at the meeting. In fact, recruitment, orientation and retention leadership is the responsibility of the club Membership Chairperson...but it is also your job.

There are many ambitious priorities in Rotary, including the final eradication of Polio. In most clubs fundraising might be most important. However, with fewer members all goals become more difficult to attain. With more members all goals are easier and more fun to accomplish.

There is little question that our lives are busier today than ever before and the challenges that await us seem to increase each year. Fortunately most of us have that gene that demands that we help those in need. Rotary affords us that opportunity. Increasing Rotary membership is a global concern.

In 2014 Rotary International fielded 67,000 surveys to Rotarians in nine languages in 150 countries to ascertain the key concerns among a wide spectrum of global members about its Strategic Plan. The primary concern among the over 10,000 respondents was membership (68%). The second highest concern was membership diversity (32%), age and gender.

I hope you also share the concern of Rotarians around the world that the success and very future vitality of Rotary in general and your club in particular is contingent upon net membership growth. As in your business despite your best efforts some customers slip away for various reasons and we must always seek new business. In the case of Rotary that means new members.

So, if you will accept the premise that membership responsibility lies not only with your president and membership chair, but with you also, it begs the question, what can you do?

Don't wait to be asked to ask a prospect to join you at a meeting. Seize the initiative. You don't have to be an officer of your club to demonstrate leadership. Be proud of your club and offer to share the benefits of Rotary with your business and professional colleagues.

85% of Rotarians have never sponsored a new member. It's the old 80/20 rule of who does what, but worse. Don't be counted among this group. As you participate in various board meetings and committee meetings of other organizations, look around you and consider who might welcome the opportunity to serve that Rotary offers; tell them what Rotary is and what we do. If you perceive some interest give out the ABC of Rotary brochure or other literature and invite that person to visit your club as your guest. Just ask.

Whom do we want to ask? People just like YOU.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

Bedford	Kevin Flynn	Queen City	Valerie Anderson
Bow	Andrew Costen		Donna Wilczek
Brattleboro	Nick Keizer	Rutland South	Sheila McCutcheon
	Terry Keizer	Tilton-Northfield	Kamal Gosine
Concord	Jay Burgess	Souhegan Valley	Katherine Kokko
	Virginia Finer		
	Jen Miliken		
Jaffrey-Rindge	Peter David		
	Matthew McCarthy		
	Helene Rogers		
Keene-Elm City	Erin Meenan		
Merrimack	Thomas Young		
New London	William Dietrich		
	Lester Goldberg		
	Meghan Wilkie		
Poultney	Corey Harnish		

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@mcmann.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 next Newsletter Submissions: April 23rd.