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Greetings From Your District Governor



Very soon, the country will hear about it on the news. (CNN, NYT and other major coverage). You are getting a sneak peek today. You know the COVID-19 pandemic is pushing the healthcare system to its limits. What if there was a way to help, from the safety of our homes, and make a real difference?

In the last three weeks, a Rotary-related non-profit, The Global Impact Group, has initiated a new volunteer opportunity called Volunteer Surge. This Group was co- founded by Rotarians in District 5160.

I urge you to go to www.tgig.org and learn more. You'll see it's an opportunity for us to help our communities, as well as the nation, with the fight against COVID19 - right now. There is also a letter that will be sent to all Rotarians in our district.

You know as well as I, that one letter won't produce the level of sign- up that we need. Please follow up with your members. Encourage them to check out the website. Encourage them to ask questions, encourage them to sign up, and most importantly, encourage them to share this opportunity with friends and family. It may be initiated by Rotary, but it is NOT limited to Rotarians!

I want to stress: the success of this program will be driven by the immediate participation of our clubs and members.

Important tasks for you to do, this week:

1. Review the website www.tgig.org before your next online meeting. Put a discussion of this initiative on your meeting agenda. Give your members an opportunity to hear from each other, so that all will understand the need, and the opportunity to help.
2. Watch for more info as it becomes available.

3. Give me some feedback. You in District 7870 are among the first to hear about this, and to be asked to sign up. What else can we do to make the roll-out to other districts and clubs better?

I appreciate your help with this. The rest of the country is watching, and we hold the success of this program in our hands.

Sincerely,
DG Nancy Russell

District News

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The Rotary Leadership Education and Development Seminar (Rotary LEADS) that had been scheduled for April 4th has now been re-booted as a series of online Zoom meetings. Rotary LEADS is a rebranding of the former District Assembly by the incoming District Governor Steve Puderbaugh. Rotary LEADS is open to all Rotarians.



We will kick off Rotary LEADS on April 25th with Ken Bosse giving a leadership talk entitled See It-Be It (Creating an Obtainable Vision). Ken has received great reviews when speaking at other leadership events. Ken is also a former Rotary club president.

We will also have a brief discussion on our District's Youth Exchange program before turning it over to Carolyn Johnson. Carolyn is our Zone Membership Coordinator and she will join us from Maine. Her presentation will be titled Grow Rotary: People,

Purpose, Projects and Promotion.

While we were disappointed that the Covid-19 situation caused our live meeting to be cancelled, we are excited to bring most of the planned content to the district via online meetings. As we are all a

bit tired of being socially isolated and we are looking forward to getting Rotary back on track, we hope that many Rotarians will take advantage of the opportunity to join our training while at home.

Following our first talks on April 25th we will have further Zoom meetings scheduled over the following 11 days. On April 30th we will have our District Rotary Foundation Chair Rick Manganello give two presentations. The first will be an overview of the Rotary Foundation. This will be followed by a talk focused on Rotary Foundation Grants.

The following night, we will again have 2 presentations. The first will be facilitated by two of our Assistant Governors Gary Dehnel and our new AG Angel Balch. The plan is for this to be more of an open discussion format. The first will be focused on service projects that they have had success with. We would like to focus on projects that other clubs may be able to adopt for their community. We will have some clubs ready to share and then open up the discussion so others can share and discuss their ideas that have been successful. This is scheduled for an hour. If we run out of time we will schedule another session.

The second session on April 30th will focus on Fundraisers that clubs are willing to share. We will use the same format with some clubs ready to share ideas and others can join the discussion. This discussion will be facilitated by another of our great Assistant Governors, David Saturley. Two more excellent presentations are scheduled on May 2nd. At 8 am our speaker will be PDG Marty Helman who has a new Rotary Zone title of Innovative Club Advocate. The title of her presentation will be Growing a More Flexible Rotary Post Covid-19. She will allow time for questions before our second presentation at 8:30 am.

Our next talk on May 2nd will be by Laura Spear. Laura is part of our Zone 32 Public Image Coordinator team. Her presentation will be: What's Rotary: Become an Effective Communicator through Rotary Public Image Resources

Our last scheduled presentation will be held on May 6th. PDG Chris Parkinson will be giving us a presentation on this year's Amigos de Honduras trip and the hope to take another team back next year.

Following the Amigos presentation, Chris will be joined by Krishna Magipudi and our future district governor Randell Barclay to discuss the Rotary Friendship Exchange. We are hoping that post Covid-19, we can get our plans back on track to do a 2-way exchange with South Africa.

Contact DGE Steve Puderbaugh or PDG Chris Parkinson for more details on Rotary LEADS.

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Rotary Clubs in Vermont and New Hampshire Help Australian Bushfire Relief Effort

While the Australian bushfires were being put out in February of this year, Rotary clubs in Vermont and New Hampshire were gathering funds to help with the aftermath. This resulted in \$26,709 being donated to the effort by 44 clubs Rotary Clubs in District 7870.

Rotary District Governor Nancy Russell said, “We saw homes destroyed, animals injured, children sheltering, and forests in flames and we knew we had to act.” Russell continued, “We reached out to Australian Rotary and began working with Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) that had established the Rotary National Bushfires Appeal.”

“In Australia, Rotary is a “second response” organization that moves in after the first response phase is complete,” said Mike Whitehouse, RAWCS treasurer, “This includes replacement of infrastructure such as community halls and other facilities, as well as reconstruction of farming fences and sheds.” Whitehouse added, “Volunteer teams of Rotarians are involved in this hands-on approach.”

Whitehouse added, “The collaboration RAWCS has formed with The Rotary Foundation and the 21 Australian district governors are harnessing the real power of Rotary to distribute money in a sustainable manner, to where it is needed, in a fair and equitable way, with full corporate governance and accountability.



District 7870 Rotary Conference 2020 - CANCELLED

The District Conference scheduled for May 1-3, 2020 at the Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks, has been **CANCELLED**.

International Conference 2020 - CANCELLED

2020 Rotary International Convention cancelled because of growing coronavirus concerns

The Rotary International Convention, scheduled for 6-10 June 2020, in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, has been cancelled in response to the ongoing threat of COVID-19, the illness caused by the novel coronavirus.



Club News

Derry Village Rotary Club - Just Another Day . . .

Despite the troubling times, Derry Village has stepped up the pace with added agenda items and community support projects:

- Due to Covid 19 challenges our usual meeting place, the Astro Café @ Pinkerton Academy, is no longer available for use. However, relatively normal meetings are being held via ZOOM. Dress code is “Morning Casual” and breakfast is BYO. Meeting attendance has not suffered, in fact it has taken an upswing. It’s easy and FREE. If your club is not already taking advantage, you should try it.




Circumstances forced us to postpone a Community Improvement Program effort we had just initiated. However, a portion of the money we would have used to fund that effort has been reallocated in additional contributions to local charities and nonprofits having food pantries. Derry Village has made contributions of cash and sweat equity food pickups and deliveries to pantries sponsored by the Greater Derry Salvation Army, The Upper Room, End 68 Hours of Hunger and the First Baptist Parish Church. We are continuing to reach out to local organizations to offer whatever assistance they might need.



Our most recent effort has just taken root. Spearheaded by Derry Village Rotary and in conjunction with the Rotary clubs of Derry and Londonderry, we have rolled out our **Lights of Hope** initiative. We are asking the entire community to light window candles (similar to Christmas candles) in support to not only first responders and health care workers but to everyone in the community as a show of unity to defeat the terrible effects of this virus. We ask all other Rotary clubs to join us in this show of solidarity.

LIGHTS of HOPE

Let's show our support for those stricken with COVID-19, and for those families who've lost loved ones to the disease. Let's show our support for each other, for 1st Responders, for healthcare workers, and for retail workers and volunteers within our Community. Let's all place lights – maybe electric holiday candles – in our windows so, together, we shine Lights of Hope in the darkness. In a community-wide act of resolve and unity against the disease, let's all light our windows every night from 8-9pm. Spread the word!



Joint Initiative By:

Derry Village
Rotary
Club

Derry
Rotary
Club

Rotary
Club of Londonderry

Words of Hope and Encouragement from the Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact

Submitted by Susan Holroyd, Advisor for the Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact

Just when some of us are losing hope, our HB Rotary Interact pulls through for us. Here are some letters of encouragement they sent to our friends at Xavier House New. Take the time to read these. Enjoy them as if they were meant for you. Please consider sending your own letter of hope to residents of a nursing home, or a children's hospital, or Xavier House.

Hello Xavier House Residents,

I can't wait to play games with you guys again once this blows over. I hope you are all doing well.
From,
Brian

Xavier House,

Stay strong in this difficult time. It affects everybody in some individual way, and as long as we all do our part it will be over before we know it. Best wishes -Camden G and the HBHS Interact Group

Dear Xavier House,

In times like these, I find it necessary to find the good in every situation. I hope everyone is getting the chance during their day to do something that is fun and enjoyable so that they can put a smile on their face. Nothing is permanent, and I wish everyone the best.

With love,
Rachel

Hello! My name is Sophie and I'm a Sophomore at Hollis Brookline High School. Currently, we're out of school until May 4th, and let me tell you it's getting very boring! But I know that soon it will all get better, and social distancing is the only way to everyone safe. I hope you know that you have people thinking of you during this tough time. Please keep your spirits high and your hopes up while this is going on!

Hello! My name is Nik, and I am a member of the Hollis Brookline High School interact club. I wanted to reach out and send my best wishes to those who are somewhat struggling right now through these tough times. I have a lot of time on my hands, so if anybody needs someone to talk to and be there for them, I will be happy to help. Stay strong everyone!

I hope this email finds everyone that needs some compassion. We will all get through this crazy time and live to tell about it to the ones that come after us. I hope everyone reading this email is happy,

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healthy, and understanding of what we can do to decrease the time in quarantine. Please wash your hands, practice social distancing, take vitamins and medicine, and don't touch your face because that is how the virus spreads. It is not for just some of us, but rather for everyone's safety and benefit. We will all get through this and resume our daily lives as soon as possible but first, we need to make smart choices. Best of health, luck, and stay strong!

Hollis Brookline High School InterAct Students,
Rory and Tate

Hello Xavier House, my name is Cole and I am a student at Hollis Brookline high school. Over February I played board games with you guys and really enjoyed it, I hope everyone is doing alright through these crazy times. I hope everyone and their families are safe and doing well. Sincerely,
Cole

Hello all at Xavier House,

Though this crazy time we are all in I hope you find pleasure in those around you. While there are definitely things I miss, I am enjoying the time spent with the people around me. We will all get through this together. Sending prayers and happy thoughts.

You are all loved.

Sincerely,

Ryan

From the Rotary Club of Goffstown

The Rotary Club of Goffstown has installed signs of encouragement around the four towns the club covers: New Boston, Dunbarton, Weare, and Goffstown, NH. The signs have been planted along roadsides, in front of area businesses, and on Rotary Park in Goffstown Village. Two sets of messages are being used: We Are All in This Together and One Day at a Time. On the reverse of each sign is the message, Don't Give Up. The signs were purchased from the non-profit, Don't Give Up Movement, located in OH, <https://www.dontgiveupsigns.com/>. The club has previously purchased wrist bands with similar messages to give out to teenage trick-or-treaters at Halloween.

Thanks, Robbie Grady, President

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Jaffrey and Rindge Supports Local Food Pantries

Responding to the call for cash contributions to the food pantries in Jaffrey and Rindge, the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club Board of Directors took a bold move to contribute significant funds to both pantries. The decision was confirmed by data collected on the need for funds to provide purchased protein, since most stores such as Hannaford which previously donated deli as well as bakery goods several times a week were running short themselves. According to Owen Houghton, Treasurer of the Jaffrey Food Pantry and also a Rotarian, the donations came at just the right time: “The Monadnock Hunger Walk scheduled for May 2 was canceled by the pandemic – the one day event was transformed into a month-long effort and provided much needed funds at just the right time. Encouraged by Rotary’s efforts other groups have been also responding to this model, resulting in an “April shower” of support to food needs in our area. The Lions Clubs in Peterborough and Jaffrey have both sent contributions and the new model promises to be a winner!”

New Hampshire Channel 9 WMUR provided an additional boost with a special interview with Monadnock Hunger Walk Chair Julie Flood on Tuesday, April 14. The outpouring for food pantries in need around the eastern Monadnock area is heartwarming as food pantries are currently seeing more participants than ever since the state issued its most recent stay-at-home order. Jaffrey and Rindge Food Pantries rely on donations from the local Rindge grocery stores, particularly for things such as meat, but supplies have dried up - they are struggling to keep meat stocked for their own customers. The most helpful donations for food pantries right now is the cash generated by the Monadnock Hunger Walk. For more information, visit the Monadnock Hunger Walk 2020 Face book page. Thanks to our local non-profits and food volunteers!



Events and Fundraisers

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Recognition with a Little Red School House Brick

Something every Rotary club should do on a regular basis, especially at this time of the year. It is time to recognize the successful completion of your club president's year or the long time efforts of a great member.

What better way to recognize a person than creating an engraved brick or paver in the Rotary Wheel in the Paul Harris Memorial Garden at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Wallingford, VT.



Created in 2010 to help provide the funds to support the operation and maintenance of the Little Red Schoolhouse in Wallingford, VT, this 20' diameter Rotary wheel currently has over 319 engraved bricks (red) and pavers (white) installed.

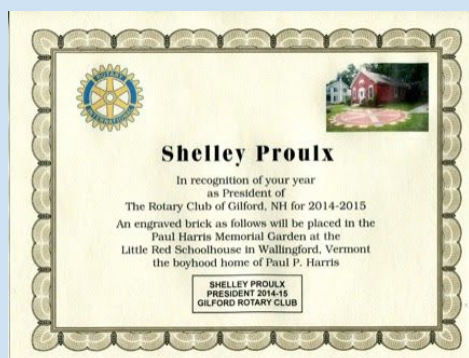
Donations have been received from Rotarians, clubs, Zones, and Districts from around the world.

You or your club can easily purchase a red brick for \$200 or a white paver for \$300. In addition, there are still 18 gear teeth available for \$1,500 each.



New bricks and pavers are ordered in late May each year and installed in June prior to the Changing of the Gavel Dinner.

We are also offering a presentation certificate in a folder for an additional \$15. Be sure to give us at least 2 weeks to produce and mail a certificate



The cutoff for orders this year will be **May 25**. If you want to place an order you can access our brochure by clicking "Little Red Schoolhouse Brochure" under "Documents" on the left side of the home page at www.Rotary7870.org.



You can also order online with a credit card by going to www.Rotary7870.org and click on the EVENT “Purchase a Brick or Paver for the Little Red Schoolhouse”.

If you have any questions , please email me at Randell.Barclay@gmail.com.

Randell Barclay, Treasurer District 7870 Foundation

26th Annual Milford Rotary 100 Holes of Golf Tournament - NEW DATE

The Milford Rotary Club presents
26th Annual 100 Holes Of Golf In One Day



Friday June 26, 2020
at The Amherst Country Club
Route 122 Amherst, NH
Calling all Golfers, Sponsors & Volunteers
Tee Off at 6AM ~ Post Event celebration at 8PM
www.golf100holes.com
All proceeds support the
charitable and scholarship programs of the
Milford Rotary Club Foundation



Same great golf tournament but with a NEW DATE!

26th Annual Milford Rotary 100 Holes of Golf in One Day Tournament

If you are a golfer, you've probably wished at the end of the round that you could play just "a few more holes". Once again you'll have that chance at the Milford Rotary Club's 26th Annual 100 Holes of Golf in One Day Tournament on June 26, 2019 at the Amherst Country Club.

That's right – JUNE not July! We are moving the 100 Holes Tournament up a month to take advantage of the longer daytime light and cooler temperatures. As always our goal, in addition to raising lots of money for charity, is to ensure that the 100 Holes Golfers have a wonderful experience throughout to event! Last year we added a complimentary breakfast and the committee is working on additional features to enhance the 2020 100 Holes golf experience for our players and volunteers.

During this event individual golfers play 100 holes of uninterrupted golf in one day. 2020 marks the 26th consecutive year for Milford Rotary's signature fundraiser that has raised over \$1,250,000 for local community charities and scholarships. A few hardy golfers have participated in nearly every tournament, and one golfer has played in all 25 previous tournaments! As Rotarian Steve Desmarais has said "I look forward to this every year. For a golfer, it's a daylong blast!"

For more information about playing in Milford Rotary's 100 Holes of Golf in One Day Tournament, please visit www.Golf100Holes.com or contact Marc Chareth at marc.chareth@edwardjones.com or 603-801-8036.

Calendars

District 7870 Calendar

So much going on within the clubs in the district! Be sure to regular check this District Calendar of Events: <http://rotary7870.org/events/calendar>

Do you have an entry for the District online calendar? Please email your entry to: prrotary7870@gmail.com.

Months of the Rotary Year

Many months of the year are designated by Rotary International for special significance. Here are the ones for this [Rotary year](#):

August 2019

Membership and New Club Development Month

September 2019

Basic Education and Literacy Month

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October 2019

Economic and Community Development Month
7-13 October — Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week
24 October — World Polio Day

November 2019

Rotary Foundation Month
4-10 World Interact Week

December 2019

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January 2020

Vocational Service Month
19-25 January — [International Assembly](#), San Diego, California, USA

February 2020

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month
23 February — Rotary's anniversary

March 2020

Water and Sanitation Month
9-15 March — World Rotaract Week
31 March — Preregistration discount ends for the [Rotary International Convention](#)

April 2020

Maternal and Child Health Month
30 April — [Rotary International Convention](#) registrations and ticket cancellations are due

May 2020

Youth Service Month
CANCELLED: 1-3 [District 7870](#) Conference at Sable Oaks in Portland, Maine (Friday begins at 2pm and ends Sunday at 11am)

June 2020

Rotary Fellowships Month
CANCELLED: 6-10 June — [Rotary International Convention](#), Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

Miscellaneous

Have Something You'd Like to Share with the Entire District?

Updates and short (1 page) articles, along with images (**Word and JPEGs only. NO PDFs please**) may be submitted to Martin Cohn and Maureen Mooney at prrotary7870@gmail.com to be included in the Monthly Newsletter. The District Newsletter is a means of communicating with other clubs in our district: items of interest, upcoming events, fundraisers or opportunities for service.

Deadline for next Newsletter Submissions: May 15th, 2020.

Website and Social Media

Be sure to check (and share) the Rotary District 7870 **website** at: www.rotary7870.org.

Be sure to join (and share) the Rotary District 7870 **Facebook page** here:

