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International Conference 2020- SAVE THE DATES

WHEN: Saturday, June 6, 2020 - Thursday, June 11, 2020

WHERE: Honolulu, Hawaii

HOW TO REGISTER: <https://www.riconvention.org/en>

LAST DAY FOR EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT:
December 15, 2019



District 7870 Rotary Conference 2020 - SAVE THE DATES

The District Conference will be **May 1-3, 2020** at the Portland Marriott at Sable Oaks, South Portland, Maine.

Friday begins at 2pm and ends Sunday at 11am.

Mark you calendars!

PETS 2020- SAVE THE DATES

PETS (Presidents-Elect Training Seminar) is March 5-7, 2020 at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel and Conference Center in Framingham, MA.

Web site: <https://www.rotarynepets.org/>

Rotary Cares, Episode 22 - Community Service

In episode 22 of the award-winning, monthly show, *Rotary Cares*, Brattleboro Rotary Club past president **Marty Cohn** talks to Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley President **Angel Balch** and Rotary Club of Keene Elm City Community Chair **Dan Smith** about local community service projects. Directed by Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club past president **Kevin Yager** in the studio of Brattleboro Community Television.

To view the show, go to:

<https://www.brattleborotv.org/rotary-cares/ep-22-angel-balch-and-dan-smith>

To listen to the podcast, go to:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-402413535/rotary-cares-ep-22-community-service>



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Club News

Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley Distributes 250 Winter Coats

The Rotary Club of the Deerfield recently distributed 250 winter coats to needy children and adult throughout the community. The Club partnered with Operation Warm from Chicago to provide this much needed clothing in time for the winter season. The club received a grant from Operation Warm and matched it with their own funds to cover the \$5,000 cost. Coats were distributed through community schools and the local Food Pantry.



Rotarians in the picture are: (LtoR) Bobbee Dee Molitor, Crista Gannon, Joe Arnold, Angel Balch, Karen Storts-Avery

Wallingford's Exciting Meeting on November 25th!

It was a busy meeting for Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club on Monday, November 25th: The club was awarded a Rotary International Presidential Citation for 2018-2019 by IPDG Venu Rao; our Interact Club also received a Presidential Citation for meeting and exceeding all of the goals; one of our newest members, Kevin Mullin, received a Paul Harris Fellowship award; IPDG Venu also announced to our club that the District Nominating Committee had nominated our President, Randell Barclay, to be our District Governor Nominee Designate for the year 2022-2023, and he also took the opportunity to present President Randell with his Major Donor Level 1 pin; finally, we inducted our newest member, Kell Giffin, into our club! There's a lot going on in the Rotary Club of Wallingford, Vermont!







Donations to Santa Programs in Jaffrey and Rindge

Gail Therriault, Charitable Giving Chair of the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club, (not pictured) gave donations at a recent breakfast meeting at Franklin Pierce University to Jan Wilkins (right) for Jaffrey's Santa's House and Marilyn Griska for Operation Santa in Rindge. Club President Jon Frederick (left) observed this special annual support for the many children who benefit. It was reported that currently some 75 children for Rindge and 215 for Jaffrey will be provided gifts. The wrapping party for Santa's House is Thursday December 19th at the former Family Dollar Store in the Monadnock Plaza in Jaffrey from 9 AM until done – folks are urged to please come for an hour or stay all day to help. Volunteers will be provided with holiday music and a light lunch. It would be helpful to contact the Jaffrey Chamber to let them know that you are coming for planning purposes, and bring scissors and extra gift boxes for wrapping. In addition if anyone brings a unwrapped toy to Emma's Restaurant in Rindge through this coming week they will receive 1/2 price on their appetizer.



Interact of the Month Award

Sheila Bergeron of the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club (right) presents the Interact of the Month Award to Meghan Graf, a two year member of Interact Club at Conant. She is Secretary and she keeps track of everyone's volunteer hours. She initiated the Purple Pinky fund raiser for World Polio Day, and did extensive research into the history of Polio resulting in several presentations to local groups including Rotary. Her prideful mother Heidi (left) joined the breakfast presentation at Franklin Pierce University on Thursday December 5.



Brattleboro Rotary Club Helps Project Feed the Thousands

The Brattleboro Rotary Club held its annual fundraiser in which members donated \$600 to Project Feed the Thousands.

According to Rotary Club president Carla Lineback, each week the Brattleboro Rotary holds its luncheon meeting at the American Legion and once a year members donate their luncheon fee to the Project Feed the Thousands.

Lineback said, "Entera Artisanal Catering generously donated soup as a visible way to remind us of the less advantaged folks living in the Brattleboro area."



Hudson-Litchfield Rotary has the Christmas Spirit

Hudson-Litchfield Rotarians have been busy this month spreading holiday cheer. On Saturday, December 7, H-L Rotarians rang the bell for donations to the Salvation Army. It was cold, as always, but great fun greeting Market Basket shoppers in Hudson.

On December 5th, we dropped off Christmas gifts at the St. John the XXIII's Food Pantry for our adopted family. St. John's Food Pantry provides food year round for needy families, and at Christmas time they provide a Christmas dinner and presents for each family registered with them. The volunteers there do a terrific job! We're happy to help them and our adopted family!

We've also been selling our Christmas ornaments. This is the third year H-L Rotary has sold ornaments featuring local landmarks and attractions as a fundraiser. This year's ornament, the Alvirne Chapel, joins our 2017 Benson's Wild Animal Farm and 2018 Christmas on the Town Common ornaments. This year, Country Brook Farms has graciously given us a new venue to sell our ornaments. Ornaments are \$15 each and can be purchased at Country Brook Farms or by emailing us at jvmadden23w@comcast.net. Merry Christmas to all from the Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club.



Busy December for Rotary Club of Goffstown

December was a busy month for the members of the Rotary Club of Goffstown. Our generous members selected "angel tree" recipients from the towns of Goffstown, New Boston, and Weare, and spent time shopping for kids from 1 to 92 (well, not quite 92, more like 13). We have been doing this for several years now. Gifts this year included clothing, sporting goods, books, and for the first time, ballet wear.

We also participated in the Goffstown Main Street Program's Friday Night Under the Lights event. This is the town's traditional holiday celebration with tree lighting, hayrides, and visits with Santa. For our part, we served hot cocoa to the happy crowd under the twinkling lights of Rotary Park. This year was particularly festive with a light dusting of snow all night long.

Our speakers this month included a representative from Friends Forever International in Durham and our own Kay Layne who spoke about the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Both gave us a good lesson in how working with young people can help lead to a more peaceful society. We also were happy to welcome home for a visit our friend Durwood Sargent who was our recipient of the Paul Harris Fellow award from the district's allocation. Durwood is a past president and terrific supporter who has moved out of our area. We miss his smiling face, and it was great to see him.

We wish all our Rotary friends a very happy, and peaceful 2020.



Rotary Club of the Deerfield Does Holiday Food Program with Lions

The Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley joined hands with the Whitingham Lions Club to do their annual Holiday Food Program. Funds for the food are raised by the Lions through the Hungry Lion Bike Tour in September. Rotary then donates funds and manpower for the program. Rotarians and Lions packed Thousands of pounds of food the evening of Dec. 13, but the purchasing of food and organization of Lists of families, delivery routes, and volunteers were made 5 days prior to the event. Deliveries were then made to 230 families in need on Dec. 14, in very rainy weather. Like the mail service though...deliveries are made regardless of rain, snow, sleet or ice! This is always a great partnership of two service organizations, to fulfill a great need in 5 town

Photos:

1. Bags all lined up and ready to go
2. Mark Hanna (Lions president) and myself
3. Letter that accompanies food
4. Our Two service signs
5. Our Rotarians at packing (including our youngest members!)





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Monadnock Club Happenings

Monadnock Rotary Club's schedule has been limited because of holidays: Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and a snow storm. December 10, Chris Flynn spoke at our meeting. He was involved in local banking throughout his career. After retiring three times, he currently serves on a number of boards including RiverMead and Peterborough Players. He presented information about the role of demographics in his business decisions. He feels current data can prove critical in planning for businesses and government to make decisions for the immediate and future decisions. Mr. Flynn was a founding member of Monadnock Rotary Club.

December 17, Steve Jackson, presented information on the Park Theatre in Jaffrey, and its campaign to build this community facility in downtown Jaffrey. January 7, Balmeet Kaur Khalsa presented information about a possible new community breakfast program. The club's Holiday Party took place at Aldworth Manor on January 6. The Manor is listed on the National Registry of History Places. New member, Dr. Tammy Long, one of Aldworth Manor's owners, was inducted into the Club at that event. The club meets on Tuesday mornings, at 7:30 in Dublin, at Community Church Community Room.

Pegg Monahan, 2019-2020 President

Derry Village Rotary Happenings

Derry Village Rotary club has changed their meeting location

After years of meeting at the Merion Gerrish Community Center in Derry, Derry Village Rotary now has a new breakfast meeting location:

The Astro Café at Pinkerton Academy

5 Pinkerton Avenue

Derry, NH 03038

Meeting time remains the same: Tuesday 7:15 AM



Another Active Fall season for the Derry Village Rotary club –

Although the club has events and projects throughout the year, Fall and the Holiday season are always a busy time for Derry Village:

· OKTOBERFEST Celebration: October welcomed in our 2nd annual OKTOBERFEST. Designed to be more family oriented, our celebration includes a Kinderfest (run by the Derry Village Interact



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club), petting zoo, live music, a market area, food trucks and games, in addition to the traditional OKTOBERFEST fare. The celebration exceeded all goals for attendance and financial income and has become a very nice complement to other happenings in the greater Derry area this time of year.



· **2019 NUTFIELD HOLIDAY PARADE:** Derry's Annual Holiday Parade, Co-hosted by the Derry Village Rotary club and the Greater Derry / Londonderry Chamber, was held 30 November. This has been a tradition with the club for many years and a great way to welcome in the Holiday season. In addition to doing much of the set up and logistics for the event, club members, along with their Interact Club, push shopping carts and carry donation canisters throughout the parade, collecting food and money donations for the Derry First Parish Church food pantry. This year we collected approximately 800 pounds of food and over \$1200 to assist neighbors in need.



· **2019 SECRET SANTA SHOPPING:** Another annual tradition, the club coordinates with three local charity organizations, the Derry Community Fund, the Upper Room, and the Greater Derry Salvation Army, to purchase items for individuals and families that could use a little help during the Holidays. Wish lists are drafted by the groups and Derry Village uses influence with local merchants to purchase the items requested. A large portion of our Contributions budget goes toward this event but our goal of helping those in our community that are less fortunate is achieved.



· **2019 SALVATION ARMY GIFT DISTRIBUTION:** Derry Village takes their Secret Santa shopping event to another level with the Salvation Army. The club assists them with Holiday Kettle Bell ringing outside the Derry Walmart. Plus, in conjunction with our Secret Santa Shopping event, on December 14 we assisted the Salvation Army with their annual gift distribution day. Pinkerton Academy offers the Alan Shepard Memorial Building for the day where all gifts collected are set up, and families are given a time where they can come in to pick up Secret Santa gifts, food boxes and choose additional clothing, toys, etc. that they would like. Derry Village helps them with their shopping and getting the items back to their vehicles.



Derry Village Club members receive awards –

Two members of the Derry Village Rotary have recently received awards for their excellence and dedication:

· Bill Gardocki - Bill was recently selected by all other club Service Award honored members, to receive the Paul Harris Service Award. Bill, a 1989 Club Charter member, business owner and instructor in Landscape Design at UNH, was selected for this award based on his continuous involvement in virtually all activities and projects taken on by the Derry Village Rotary.



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· Matt Johnson - Business owner, Southern NH University varsity lacrosse coach, club member since 2014 and current President, was inducted into the Keene State University athletic hall of Fame, Class of 2019. Matt started as goalie for multiple championship Pinkerton Lacrosse teams and was a 4 year starter for Keene State where he still holds just about every all-time record possible for a goalie at that school.



Keene Elm City Rotary Brings the Gift of Words to Area Students

In November and December, members of the Keene Elm City Rotary club delivered more than 350 dictionaries to third and fourth graders in the Monadnock region. The club launched its dictionary project in 2007 with the goal of supporting literacy and instilling a love of language in local students by providing them with their own personal dictionaries.

Rotarians visited 15 schools and conducted word games. Members shared words they love and asked students to share and find their favorite words in the dictionaries.

“It’s an opportunity to strengthen students’ minds with the power of words, make new friends and carry on our mission of supporting the health and wellness of children in the Elm City region,” said dictionary project chair Todd Watkins.

November also brought the opportunity to work with the Keene Community Kitchen. Keene Elm City Rotary Club members helped deliver nearly 100 Thanksgiving meal boxes to guests of the Community Kitchen who are unable to pick up their meals and packed and delivered school vacation food boxes for families in need.

We are looking forward to a New Year of service and camaraderie and wish you all a happy and healthy 2020!



[DictionaryClass image: Rotarian Susan Newcomer leads a class in word games with their new dictionaries]





[Thanksgiving boxes image: Keene Elm City Rotary members pack up Thanksgiving food boxes for delivery]

Pantry Plunge 2019

Derry Rotary Club president, Adam Mead participated in the 3rd annual Pantry Plunge held at Beaver Lake on December 14.



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Global Grant is Initiating Small Business Startups in Rwanda

Last April seven New Hampshire Lakes Region Rotary clubs and Meredith's Interact club donated \$14,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Those donations were matched by District 7870's District Designated Funds and The Rotary Foundation to create the \$49,000 *Rwanda Children Education Foundation (RCEF) MicroCredit Global Grant*.

Since 2013 RCEF, a Laconia, NH based 501C3 non-profit organization, has been providing school fees, scholastic materials, and supplemental food to poverty stricken children in Rwanda so that they could attend school. RCEF always had a plan to provide micro-loans to micro-business groups or families so that they may start local businesses to then be able to experience self-sufficiency and finance their children's education on their own. But RCEF did not have the resources to start the micro-loan project. That is where the power of Rotary Global Grants came to make that plan come to reality.

In November RCEF Board of Directors members visited Rwanda to see how their sponsored students were doing as well as seeing first-hand how the *RCEF MicroCredit Global Grant* was progressing. Since last April, when the Global Grant got underway, there have been over 50 microcredit loans distributed and all have been on time in paying back their monthly loan payments, thus allowing more loans to be distributed in the future. The Board of Directors found that our MicroCredit Global Grant was and is really *making a difference* in Rwanda. From RCEF, here is one example of how the grant money is being put to work...

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Three ladies joined together six months ago to apply for a microcredit loan. Their plan involved grinding cassava roots along with other plant roots to make blended flour that is both a healthy and popular staple in Rwanda.



Cassava Roots



Blended flour ready to be sent to stores

The business includes a place for materials storage and grinding, hired transportation, and two different retail outlets each staffed by one of the three partners.



One of the stores selling the flour

The business has prospered and the ladies have been able to hire nearly a dozen helpers to assist them. All loan repayment dates have been met, in fact they are ahead of schedule! It is amazing to observe how creative and productive these ladies have been once given an opportunity.

The RCEF staff has told us that “Your contributions to the Rotary Global Grant Fund have made this possible.”

Events and Fundraisers

Laughter for a Cause - Comedy Bowl 2020

Queen City Rotary Club announces Comedy Bowl 2020

Manchester, NH: (December 15, 2019) Great food and fun will be on the menu as the Queen City Rotary Club hosts its annual comedy bowl fundraiser in late January. The annual event, which includes a buffet dinner, comedy show and cash bar, will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at St. George’s Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Manchester.

“The comedy bowl is one of our most important fund raisers,” said Monique Ruth of the Queen City Rotary Club. “And 100% of the proceeds from the event will directly benefit youth charities and agencies across Greater Manchester.”

Queen City Rotary Club Comedy Bowl
Saturday, January 26
6:00 p.m. social hour
7:00 p.m. buffet dinner
8:00 p.m. comedy show
St. George’s Greek Orthodox Cathedral
650 Hanover Street
Manchester, NH

For sponsorship information or to reserve your seats, please visit the club’s website at www.queencityrotary.org.

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

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

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

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: January 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:

