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Rotary International Free Virtual Event - June 20-26, 2020

Save the Date for Rotary International Free Virtual Event

“Now More than Ever, Rotary Connects the World: The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention”

When: 20-26 June

For more info, <https://www.riconvention.org/en>

Rotary Cares - Episode 25 - Rotary Youth Exchange

In episode 26 of the award-winning, monthly show, Rotary Cares, Brattleboro Rotary Club past president Marty Cohn discusses Rotary Youth Exchange District Chairperson for Rotary District 7870's International Student Exchange Program Jim Rumrill who is also a past president of Ludlow Rotary Club and two Youth Exchange students, Sofia from Sweden, and Paul from Germany. The show is directed by Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club past president Kevin Yager and produced by Brattleboro Community Television.

To watch the show, click here.

<https://www.brattleborotv.org/rotary-cares/ep-26-jim-rumrill-sofia-and-paul>

To listen to the podcast, click here.

<https://soundcloud.com/user-402413535/rotary-cares-ep-26-rotary-youth-exchange>



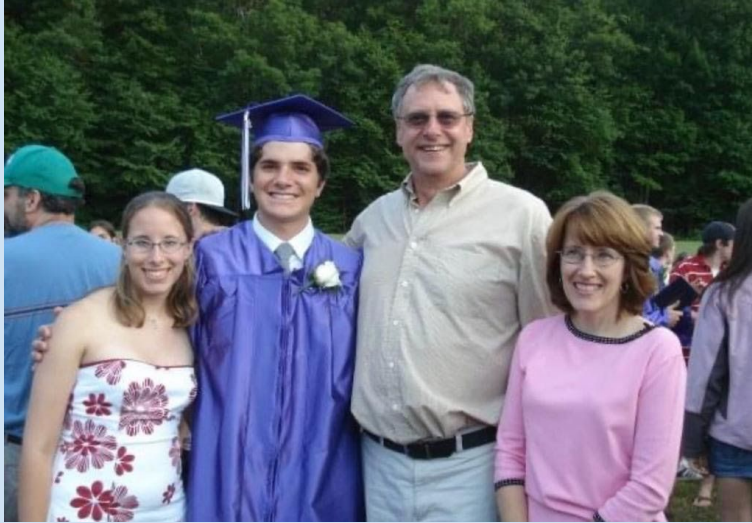
Where are they now?

This month, the youth exchange program features Felipe Bonsenso, former inbound student from Brazil hosted by the Bellows Falls club in 2006-2007. After completing his exchange, Felipe received his Bachelor's degree in law from the University of Sao Paulo Law School, and later his Masters in 2015. His love of aviation led him to specialize in this field and he now works on the finance side of the industry. He is one of a small group of attorneys in Brazil specializing in this field and has helped to design innovative financing structures that have been accepted globally.

Felipe credits his time on exchange for some of his successes today. He recalls preparing for his exchange back before Facebook and texting, reliable smartphones, etc and sees how it allowed him to fully immerse himself in life here. Conversations with host parents and Rotarians from that time still hold meaning today. He especially credits the advice of former inbound coordinator Steve Goldstein (Killington-Pico Rotary) both during his time in 7870 and while building his career as being particularly valuable. In Felipe's words, ".....I am sure he is watching over me. The exchange program helped me understand how global the world is and despite all the cultural issues we are essentially the same". Far beyond the trips and recreational opportunities of his exchange year, the relationships with the people are what has mattered the most. Felipe is a great example of how much an exchange matters in the life of the participants. He is pictured here with his hosts at graduation from Bellows Falls Union High School in 2007 and a more recent photo.

If you would like to learn more about the program or are interested in joining this amazing opportunity, please contact District Chairperson Jim Rumrill at jrumrill@hotmail.com or by cell at 802-380-2766. He or someone on the district committee would welcome the opportunity to make a presentation to your club.

Next month – Former students who are now doctors, fighting the Covid-19 pandemic around the world!



Club News

Rest in Peace, Bob Kirkbride from the Ludlow Club

We are saddened by the news of our beloved Bob Kirkbride who passed away on March 19, 2020. Bob was a devoted Rotarian of 63 years to our club. He often stayed after lunch to help clean the tables at DJ's after our regular weekly luncheon. Bob kept our club on its toes with his general comments, happy dollar stories and weekly program music director. He had near 100% attendance .. very seldom did he miss a meeting.

He participated with all club activities and he never missed a Penny Sale!



His smiling face will be missed by many. He was a true friend to many in our town and touched our hearts dearly. Bob was 93 years old.



We love you Bob

Rotary Food Drive Overwhelming Success

Thanks to a great team effort from Gilford Rotarians and Gilford Boy Scout Troop 243- and with support from the Gilford School District, the May30th food drive to benefit Gilford Got lunch exceeded all expectations. Concerned Gilford residents donated over 1500 food items and nearly \$2500 in cash. The amount of food collected filled the Gilford Got Lunch storage room at the Gilford Youth Center to overflowing- such that food had to be temporarily staged outside the room. Approximately 175 cars and exactly 3 motorcycles delivered food items or cash during the 3 hour effort.

While the drive was led and sponsored by Gilford Rotarians, Boy Scouts from Troop 243 – under the leadership of scout leader Courtney Kelley and assisted by adult leaders Chandler Jones and Kurt Webber- proved indispensable to the safe retrieval of food items from vehicles. Wearing gloves and masks, Rotarians and scouts safely removed non-perishable food items from all vehicles. Boy Scouts assisting were Kyle Gandini, Oliver Leandro, Riley Demers, Sebastian Jones Patrick Gandini and Derek Kelly. Meg Jenkins, Gilford High School nurse and Gilford School District Got Lunch liaison- was present throughout the morning providing invaluable assistance as well.

Residents who may have missed the drive- but who are interested in supporting Gilford Got Lunch- may still help by mailing a donation- payable to Gilford Got Lunch- to Gilford Rotary, PO Box 7091, Gilford, NH 03247.



Groundbreaking Ceremony for Dog Park

Rotary Club of Concord President [Warren Emley](#), participated in the groundbreaking ceremony Monday, June 8, of the Concord Dog Park, adjacent to Rotary Park on Old Turnpike Road. Rotary Club of Concord was honoring the generous donation made posthumously by Rotarian [Herbert C. Burnham](#), former Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Concord and longtime Rotarian and dog lover. The project will add running water for visiting canines and their humans!

Attendees included [1000 Friends of the MRGT \(Merrimack River Greenway Trail\)](#) President Dick Lemieux, [The Rotary Club of Concord, NH](#) President Warren Emley, Greg Bakos from VHB, Eric Feldbaum from the Land, Water and Conservation Fund and [New Hampshire State Parks](#), Heather Faria from [Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord Merrimack County, FL Merrill Construction, Inc](#), Mayor Pro Tem and Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee member Candace Bouchard, [City of Concord, New Hampshire](#) City Manager Tom Aspell, City of Concord Associate Engineer Martha Druker, and Concord Parks and Rec Director David Gill.

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White River Rotary Thanks Front Line Workers

HARTFORD – The Charitable Fund of the Rotary Club of White River Junction awarded \$18,000.00 in scholarships and awards to graduating seniors from Hartford High School and the Hartford Area Career and Technology Center (HACTC) this year.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions the High School and Technology Center were unable to have the usual award assemblies; video presentations were made where possible.

The Charitable Fund was established many years ago by three White River Rotarians who desired to provide a sustainable means of funding graduating Hartford seniors who wanted to pursue post-secondary education or establish a career path. The Fund has been sustained by individual giving and the Club's ambitious and rewarding fund raisers.

Several of the awards and scholarships are given in memory of outstanding Club members who exemplified the Club's motto, "Service Above Self."

Cayden Shaw received the Larry Chase Award, chosen by the Hartford High School faculty and administration for the most improved student in four years of high school education, of \$1,000.00 and the White River Charitable Fund Scholarship for an HHS student of \$4,000.00.

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Other awards and scholarships given to Hartford High School students were the Barwood-Droun-Kerr Scholarship of \$4,000.00, to Caroline Usher and the Frank Kenison Scholarship of \$5,000.00 over a two-year period, to Alannah Cole.

Awards and Scholarships to HACTC students were: Richard Miller Award, \$2,000.00 to Jordan Sarah Contois; the Jerry Cote Awards, chosen by the Chef in the HACTC Culinary Arts program, \$500.00 each to Haleigh Clark and Avery Hunneywell; and the White River Rotary Charitable Fund Scholarship for an HACTC student, \$4,000.00 to Nicole Harrington.



WHITE RIVER ROTARY SAYS THANKS -- From left. White River Rotary President P.J.Skehan, President-Elect Wayne Russell, Ray Stanford and Past President Rich Hoffman with the banner they installed near the entrance to Quechee Gorge thanking front line workers. (Photo by Ken Baldwin)

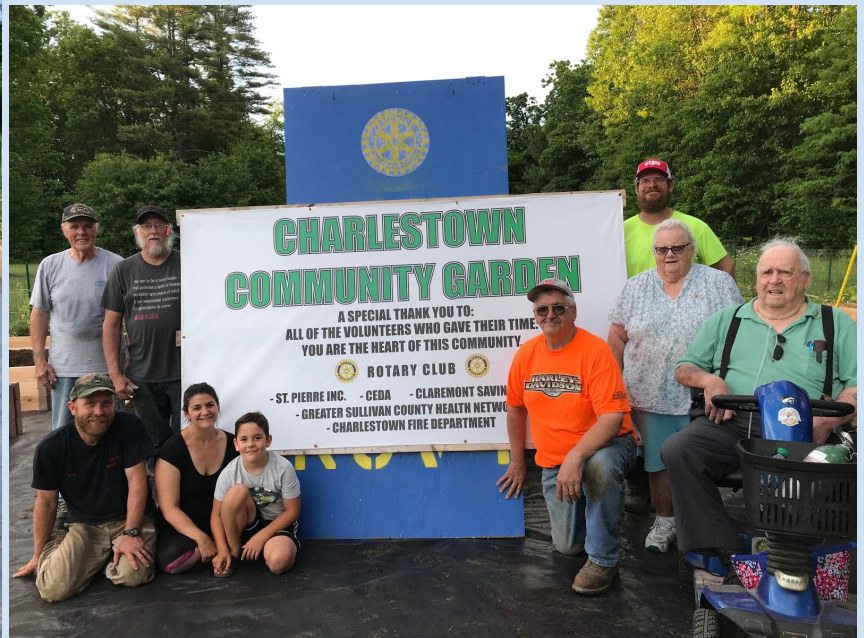
Charlestown Rotary Community Garden

The Charlestown Rotary Club embarked on a new venture this spring, in quick response to the current environment that we are living in. With food insecurity and financial stability at the tip of every tongue, the Rotarians in Charlestown brought a community garden to fruition on May 23, 2020.

The Charlestown Rotary Community Garden started with a plan for 28 raised beds. When these beds were quickly claimed, a plan was put into place to add an additional 10! The garden now has 38 garden beds, serving 25 families and the Charlestown Food Shelf. In addition to these families, the awareness of the ability to grow one's own food has grown through conversation and excitement surrounding this project.

There is no cost to anyone in Charlestown to have a bed in the garden. Rotarians met to place the planter blocks, as well as cut and place the sideboards for each bed. A gated deer fence was put in place to keep the hard work of our community gardeners safe from becoming a salad bar! With the hard work of the club members and the financial support of the club, each bed could be provided for no cost. Families and organizations bring in their own plants and seeds, maintain their beds, and reap the benefits -- sharing is encouraged!

This garden has made a tremendous difference in the lives of many families, directly at the Charlestown Community Garden through the opportunity to grow their own food in a beautiful and accessible location and indirectly through the ability of volunteers to bring forth a project that benefits Charlestown citizens at a time when everyone needs something tangible to feel good about.



Rotary of Deerfield Valley Continues to Serve the Local Community During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley has initiated several projects over the past few months to help the local community cope during Covid-19 crisis. Many club members have been busy making facial masks and distributing them to people in need. Over 1,000 masks were sewn and packaged along with a note from Club. Masks were distributed throughout the Valley in place such as the local post offices, Chambers of Commerce and even hung from the pergola in downtown Wilmington. In cooperation with the local Lions Club, the Deerfield Valley Rotary created several "Thank You Banners" directed towards first responders, medical personnel and essential workers and placed them in places of high visibility throughout Wilmington and Dover. To help our local children through this difficult time, the Club purchased various art supplies (markers, crayons, writing tablets) and distributed them to along with lunches provided by the local elementary schools.







Queen City Rotary Club News

Manchester, NH: The Queen City Rotary Club held a food drive to support local youth organizations on May 19. “Families with children are particularly vulnerable during this pandemic,” said Lisa Lally, co-chair of the Queen City Rotary Club Community Service Committee, “That’s why we sponsored this special project to support those in need.” This drive supported the Manchester Boys and Girls Club, Manchester Police Athletic League (MPAL) and Girls, Inc.

Rotary volunteers were available for curbside drop offs of non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products and kid’s activity items like coloring books, art supplies or board games. In all, the club provided donations to more than 100 families.

With over 60 local business and community leaders, the Queen City Rotary Club devotes itself to supporting youth in need as well as other non-profit causes. The club holds two major fundraising events each year and provides hundreds of hours of community service for projects across

FOOD DRIVE

Saturday
May 23, 9-11 am

To benefit Boys & Girls Club, MPAL & Girls Inc.

CURBSIDE DROP OFF @
NORTHEAST DELTA DENTAL/FISHER CATS
STADIUM
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS PLEASE.

Sponsored by
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Greater Manchester. As of this writing, the community service committee was planning a "Mask Up NH" project set for later in June.



An Easy But Important Community Project

Fourteen members of the Brattleboro Rotary Club and the Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club formed an ad hoc committee to brainstorm joint community projects during the COVID-19 crisis. One idea was to send a card to every resident in area nursing homes. And, they did. Close to 300 cards were sent to activities directors at Vernon Green, Pine Heights, Thompson House, Bradley House and Holton Home for distribution to residents. The feedback has been extremely positive since residents have felt very isolated and appreciated knowing that they were thought of outside of the facility. And, another benefit was by sending the cards, the clubs were supporting the United States Postal Service.



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Events and Fundraisers

100 Holes of Golf in One Day Tournament Rolls Forward!

The Masters and The British Open may have been canceled this year, but a premier Rotary sponsored golf tournament is rolling forward – **the 26th annual Milford Rotary 100 Holes Of Golf In One Day Tournament.**

In spite of and in light of the current Covid-19 pandemic, the Milford Rotary Club has chosen to carry-on with the 100 Holes of Golf Tournament. Each year this event raises considerable funds that are distributed to local, regional and international community and non-profit organizations, and are used to provide \$30,000 in scholarships to area students.

Given the tremendous impact that the Covid-19 crisis is having on all of our hometowns, we anticipate that community needs for assistance will be far greater in the coming year than ever before. **Proceeds from the 100 Holes Tournament will help us meet our commitment to the communities we serve and will support COVID-19 relief efforts.** The success of this event will help the Milford Rotary Club provide as much service above self as possible in the coming “new” Rotary year.

For now we are still on for June 26, 2020 at the Amherst Country Club. If possible, we want to take advantage of the longer daylight and cooler weather of early summer. Precautions will be taken to keep golfers, volunteers and staff safe. We are monitoring directives from Governor Sununu and re-evaluating the plans in light of any new requirements. But this tournament will still take place in some manner shape or form this year and the raffle will still occur!!

How can you help? Become a sponsor, come play golf, and/or buy a raffle ticket! For more information, please visit www.golf100holes.com.

Raffle tickets are ONLY \$20 each, with 10 chances to win on each ticket -

1st Prize is **\$5,000**

2nd Prize is **\$2,000**

3rd Prize is **\$1,250**

4th Prize is **\$1,000**

And 6 other prizes range from \$500 to \$750

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Each raffle ticket has six valuable coupons on it, including a \$20 off coupon to anyone of the three Giorgio's restaurant - which itself will pay back the price of the ticket!

Raffle tickets can be purchased online at <https://golf100holes.com/online-raffle-ticket-payment/>. When purchasing a ticket online, you will be asked to provide the name of the "Ticket Seller". Enter the name of any Milford Rotarian or please feel free to enter our Club President's name (Janet Langdell) as the "Ticket Seller". After the transaction, your "Ticket Seller" will make arrangements to get your tickets and coupons to you.



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

April 2020

Maternal and Child Health Month

May 2020

Youth Service Month

June 2020

Rotary Fellowships Month

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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: July 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:

