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**Rotary District 7870**



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March 13, 2020



My fellow Rotarians,

Our nation's coronavirus situation is changing daily. It is impossible at this point to determine if the risks from this virus will dissipate or expand, as the days go by and as additional test data becomes available.

Your District 7870 Conference Committee has given this issue much thought and discussion. We have decided to err on the side of conservatism.

To that end, District 7870 is cancelling the following District events and will replace them where possible with online methods. This includes the District Youth Conference and the District Conference. If you have already registered you will be refunded 100%. There are other District events being considered as well. You will be notified of those when the decision is made. Since each Club has their own unique circumstances, each must make their own individual decisions about their meetings and events.

Additionally, my recommendations are:

As many District meetings as possible to be conducted online.

I ask that each club, on an individual basis, to consider optional models for maintaining their Club's mission, member-to-member bonds, and esprit de corps. It is possible that in-person meetings may become unsustainable, perhaps sooner than we realize today.

This is an outstanding opportunity for us as Rotarians to reach out and be supportive of our neighbors and of our communities. Many of our extended family, particularly those who are elderly and those with immunity issues or otherwise vulnerable, may find themselves isolated, alone and perhaps frightened. Please do your best to assist as many others in need as you can.

Yours in Rotary,  
DG Nancy Russell

## **District News**

### **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- SAVE THE DATES**

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

WHERE: Honolulu, Hawaii

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



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HAWAII 2020**

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## Rotary LEADS Being Postponed

We have been closely monitoring the rapidly-changing situation around COVID-19 (commonly referred to as coronavirus), responding to new information as it arises. The best public health research on coronavirus shows that for the purposes of slowing its spread, it is crucial to avoid large gatherings before coronavirus is widely manifesting itself in a particular area. The health, safety and over all well-being of our Rotary family and their communities is our top priority. Therefore, we have decided to postpone Rotary LEADS (Leadership Education and Development Seminar) which was scheduled for April 4th in Lebanon.

Our new tentative date will be May 30th. This will give us over two months to figure out what direction this pandemic issue is going. We are all hoping that 11 weeks is enough time for the current crisis to calm down and we can get back to holding larger group meetings. We will continue to monitor the situation during this time and keep you posted.

In the meantime, please check out Rotary's new Learning Center. Go to My Rotary and check out all the options that are available to help you and your club:

<https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/course/208/GettingStartedWiththeLearningCenter>

We have added a new page on our District 7870 website called Membership Video Series. This link takes you to a series of short videos on membership topics that are geared for you to share with your club. Most of our presidents-elect were able to see several of these at last week's President-Elect Training Seminar.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/SitePage/zone-32-membership-membership-videos-grow-rot>

We will work to keep you informed as the situation changes and we can relax a little more about our social interactions.

Sincerely,  
Steve Puderbaugh  
District Governor 2020-2021  
Rotary District 7870 (southern NH & VT)

## Rotary Cares, Episode 25 - Rotary Takes a Bite Out of Hunger

In episode 25 of the award-winning, monthly show, Rotary Cares, Brattleboro Rotary Club past President Marty Cohn discusses two Rotary community nutrition projects with Gayle Ottmann, Community Service Chair of the Rotary Club of White River and Lorelei Morrissette, Resident Wellness & Services Manager for the Brattleboro Housing Partnership. Directed by Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club past president Kevin Yager in the studio of Brattleboro Community Television.

To watch the show:

<https://www.brattleborotv.org/rotary-cares/ep-25-gayle-ottmann-and-lorelei-morrissette>

To listen to the podcast:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-402413535/rotary-cares-ep25-rotary-takes-a-bite-out-of-hunger>



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## Club News

### **Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact!!!**

#### **HOLLIS BROOKLINE ROTARY INTERACT!!!**

These amazing young adults never cease to amaze me! We had close to 250 toddler pajamas from The Stork Project and people who donated. Our task, you ask? Remove hangers and all tags, fold neatly and place in the proper bin. The Stork Project will now be able to get these pajamas to children in need. Because of the incredible number of volunteers, we were able to complete our work in an hour. HOLLIS BROOKLINE ROTARY INTERACT ROCKS!!!!



## Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club Promotes PEACE

Roy Baldwin, a member of the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club and Executive Director of Monadnock Christian Ministries, presented a remarkable program at the breakfast meeting at Franklin Pierce University on Thursday, March 5. Highlighting Rotary International's role in promoting peace among its members and around the world, he began by engaging his audience in an exploration of what peace meant to them. Beyond the absence of war, definitions ranged from relationships devoid of conflict with respectful and healthy aspects. Roy pointed to negative peace as absent a feeling of safety or fear of violence. He indicated that "While peace is not devoid of conflict, it is often achieved when the conflict is healthy. Peace starts with each of us and our ability to create safe and healthy spaces."

The high level of bullying and teen suicides was cited as what may happen when there is a lack of joy and feeling unsafe with the resulting toll physically and emotionally on young people. Programs such as Rotary's BEST summer experience promotes attitudes and a positive environment that allows individuals and groups to flourish. Since positive peace reduces levels of conflict, it was observed that one of Rotary's great strengths is the ability to pull together the right people to work toward a common goal and create projects in our local communities. The Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club is in the tenth year of a summer partnership which serves middle school students. Clearly how we treat our young people promotes positive peace, and the club is currently seeking new partnerships to continue in some way the success of past summer camps.



## Concord Rotary Club Takes to the Court on Wheels

The Rotary Club of Concord took to the court on wheels recently when it joined in the Hoops on Wheels Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, this past Saturday, March 7th.

Rotarians, VP, Pieter Hollenberg, Lucy Morris and Capt. PJ Cistulli, were joined by Paul Barnwell, Angus Fredenburg, Angelo and Kevin Gray and Carey Borden.

The "Wheels" went 2-0 this year and the Club donated \$1000. to the worthy cause!

Rotary Regards,  
PJ Cistulli  
PR Director  
Rotary Club of Concord



## J-R Rotary Honors Student of the Month

Hannah Shea is a role model in school for being “safe, kind and caring”, the motto of the Jaffrey Grade School. Accompanied by her Principal Susan Shaw-Sarles (far left) and her parents Tammy and Mat, her accomplishments were recognized by Sam Lafortune and Jon Frederick on behalf of the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club. As a supporter of her peers, and a member of the Student Council, she is known throughout the school as a dedicated recycler, nominated for the award by her grade school staff.



## Brattleboro Rotary Canceling through March 31

Out of an abundance of caution and to keep our members healthy and safe, the [Brattleboro Rotary Club](#) is canceling our regular Thursday meetings through March 31, 2020. We are also postponing any committee event that is scheduled between now and March 31, 2020. We did not make this decision lightly, and we have no documented cases of COVID-19. However, we wish to adhere to the community guidelines put forth by our governor.

Our Four-Way Test asks us “is it fair to all concerned?” While many of us may feel healthy and want to interact socially, we must be mindful of our friends and family members whose health challenges may make them more vulnerable to COVID-19.

In the meantime, here are a few ways we encourage Rotarians to continue to connect and create community as good stewards of our great club:

1. Call, email, or text a Rotarian every day to check in on them and say hello.
2. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is some way one of us can assist you during this time (e.g. grocery deliveries.)
3. Use social media to spread a positive blurb about a Rotary Club of Brattleboro project or event.

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4. When we do gather again in a few weeks, be the first one there. We will be ready to see you and we will need your support!

Look for more communications from the club in the coming weeks. Thank you for your flexibility, patience, and grace as we continue to navigate this rapidly-changing situation.



## **International**

### **Focus of Global Grants and Review of Project Proposals**

An exciting word about the Focus of Global Grants and Review of project proposals. Since last Fall, I have reviewed six projects that involve Wheelchair distribution in the Philippines, Artisan Makerspace on the Pine Ridge Indian reservation, Malnutrition and Household Income in Guatemala, School improvements in Nicaragua, supporting education in Kingston, Canada, a school for autistic kids in Kenya, and microenterprise in southern New Hampshire.

The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers is a group of volunteer Rotarians who provide technical expertise and advice to Rotarians planning and carrying out Rotary grant projects around the world.

As a technical coordinator for the Cadre, review in nearly all cases was from my desk with follow-up phone calls and emails to project leaders. In every case, the scope and focus are powerfully impressive statements about Rotarian dedication to improving the quality of life for the less fortunate. Their investment in time, travel, communication and understanding of essential local needs and appropriate responses is an incredible testament to caring.

I feel very fortunate to be engaged in project review, to being able to dedicate the time to fully understand needs and proposed solutions, to envisioning the context and successful implementation. I have indeed been lucky to have had nearly 20 years involvement in a broad range of community development projects Latin America. This foundation is key to my being able to assess proposals and offer helpful edits. In all cases, the focus is on crafting proposals that will be successful, sustainable with clearly measurable outcomes. I am happy to discuss ideas as well as to offer suggestions about proposal design. I am honored to play a part, so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Tristam B Johnson Jr  
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## Events and Fundraisers

### **Gilford Rotary Goes Country - POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER**

#### **"GILFORD ROTARY GOES COUNTRY"**

When: [POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER]

Where Gilford Community Center, 19 Potter Hill Rd. Gilford, NH

Time 5:30 PM until 10:00 PM

Cost is \$50.00 Per Person

Dancing to Eric Grant Band with more modern country music as well as other dancing music

Catered by Curt's Catering, BBQ menu with BBQ Ribs, BBQ Chicken and Ice Cream Buffet

Many Silent Auction Items

Several 50/50 drawings



Tickets can be purchased at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com)

If you have any questions you can email me at:  
aliceboucher@metrocast.net

## 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](http://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](http://www.Golf100Holes.com) or contact Marc Chareth at [marc.chareth@edwardjones.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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: April 15th, 2020.**

### Website and Social Media

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

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

