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Greetings From Your District Governor



In 1917 Rotary International President, Arch C. Klumph proposed an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world.” His vision became The Rotary Foundation. When you give to The Rotary Foundation you support Rotarians work across the world, and help ensure our future. You can choose where to direct your donation and how you wish to give.

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that changes lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace.

Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Give and become a part of Rotary’s life changing work!

The following clubs received banners:



Hollis-Brookline, NH: First per capita giving, 100% TRF giving and EREY

Capital City Sunrise, Concord, NH: Second per capital giving, 100% TRF giving and EREY

Wallingford, VT: Third per capita giving

Belmont, NH: TRG Giving

Deerfield Valley (West Dover), VT: TRG Giving and EREY

White River Junction, VT: TRF Giving and EREY

The following clubs received recognition for End Polio Now COA:

Bow; Capital City Sunrise, Concord; Charlestown; Gilford; Henniker; Hollis-Brookline; Keene; Killington-Pico; Milford; Nashua; Nashua Wet; Rutland

Congratulations to each of you.

Whenever I think of The Rotary Foundation I think of gratitude – gratitude for the opportunity to serve others.

Now you know I have a story to tell.

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read “I am blind, please help.” There were only a few coins in the hat – spare change from folks as they hurried past.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around and wrote some words on the back side. Then he put the sign back in the boy’s hand so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon that hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man returned to see how things were.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, “Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?”

The man said, “I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way.” I wrote, “Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it.”

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Both signs spoke the truth. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind, while the second sign conveyed to everyone walking by how grateful they should be to see.

DG Nancy Russell

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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!

Rotary Cares, Episode 21 - Eradicating Polio

In episode 21 of the award-winning, monthly show, Rotary Cares, Brattleboro Rotary Club past president Marty Cohn talks to Brattleboro Sunrise Club Past President Michelle Pong and Rotary District 7870 Past District Governor Rick Manganello a focus area of Rotary International – Eradicating Polio. Directed by Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club past president Kevin Yager in the studio of Brattleboro Community Television.

To view the show,

<https://www.brattleborotv.org/rotary-cares/ep-21-michelle-pong-and-rick-manganello>

To listen to the podcast,

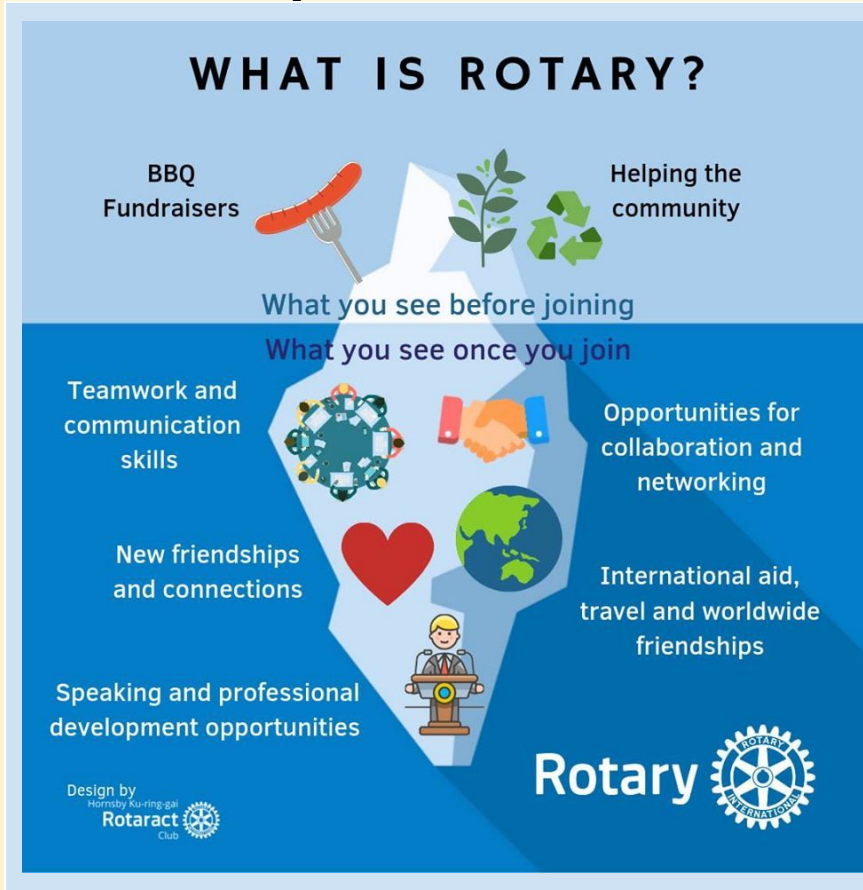
<https://soundcloud.com/user-402413535/rotary-cares-ep-21-eradicating-polio>



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What is Rotary?



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Gilford Rotary Changes Meeting Place

Gilford Rotary has changed its meeting place.

We now meet at Gilford Community Church
19 Potter Hill Rd.
Gilford, NH 03249

Busy Fall Season for Rotary Club of Concord NH

It's been a busy and very fruitful few weeks for the Rotary Club of Concord NH, this Fall as members kicked off the season with the taping of a new TV show at Concord Community TV called "Rotary Today" and hosted by Club President Warren Emley. Folks are invited to watch the monthly program on www.concordnhrotary.org.

Also in partnership with ConcordTV, seven Club members and one Rotarian family member (see photo) recently dropped by the TV studio and taped a video holiday greeting as part of the TV station's seasonal offerings to nonprofit organizations in Concord. Look for the greeting on the Concord Rotary website which will be up soon on www.concordnhrotary.org, or to view the full series of holiday greetings, watch on demand on www.yourconcordtv.org.

More big news is the Club's annual raffle fundraiser which was held on October 29th. The raffle and event raised more than \$30,000 through ticket sales and a silent auction. It was a fun evening with special entertainment provided by some very talented Rotarians and friends, and the announcement of a few very lucky raffle winners who supported the Club's mission by purchasing tickets for this special raffle fundraiser.

All in all, a very busy few weeks this Fall for the Rotary Club of Concord, NH, with more to come as Club members will be donating their time throughout the holidays to the Salvation Army as bell ringers, an annual tradition that demonstrates to the public the spirit of Rotary which is "Service Above Self."



Inter-Lakes Interact Holds Annual Fall Banquet

The Inter-Lakes Interact Club, sponsored by Meredith Rotary, held its annual Fall Banquet on November 4th. During the banquet seven new members were inducted, bringing the club's membership to thirty-seven. In recognition of its numerous 2018 – 2019 academic year achievements, the club was presented with *The Rotary Citation for Interact Clubs*. Club members and guests heard presentations from Make-A-Wish and Rwanda Children Education Foundation after which each of them received a cash donation from the club. The donation to RCEF will go to sponsor a Rwanda student to attend 7th grade in 2020. In October the club collected approximately 1,400 pairs of socks. During the banquet the socks were given to four local charities who distribute winter clothing to those in need.

The Fall Banquet was just the kick-off for busy November and December when members will volunteer for a *Dancing with Stars* fund raiser, hold their own *Cupcakes-for-a-Cause* fund raiser, volunteer at the *Children's Auction* and *Rotary Senior Christmas Dinner*, and sing Christmas carols at the *New Hampshire Veterans Home*.



Caption: Member Inductions



Caption: Rotary Citation for Interact Clubs



Caption: Socks Donation

Meredith Rotary Receives Civic Project Award

The Meredith Rotary Club was honored to receive the Civic Project Award from the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce for the Hesky Park Pavilion Beautification project in November. During the summer months, Rotarians tore down the pre-existing pavilion at Hesky Park, and installed a new timber frame pavilion with picnic tables overlooking Lake Winnepesaukee. The pavilion is dedicated to the people of the lakes region continuing the vision of the late Joe Cerutti who worked tirelessly for the betterment of our community.



Meredith Rotary Hosts Youth Exchange Students

On Friday evening October 11, students met their weekend host families at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Meredith, during a dinner sponsored by the Meredith Rotary Club. On Saturday, October 12, the students began with a trip to the Squam Lake Natural Science Center. From there, the group climbed Rattlesnake Mountain. Then they attended the Sandwich Fair, compliments of the Sandwich Fair Association. After the fair, they enjoyed winding their way through the corn maze at Moulton Farm, compliments of Rotarian John Moulton. They finished the day at Funspot. Each student was provided a \$20 gift certificate for Funspot, compliments of the Meredith Police Department. On Sunday, October 13, the students spent much of the day at Gunstock Mountain Resort, participating in Premium Adventure activities, sponsored by the Gilford Rotary Club.



Meredith Rotary Hosts Cookout for NH Veteran's Home

On October 19, members of the Meredith Rotary Club hosted a cookout for residents of the New Hampshire Veteran's Home in Tilton. Rotarians provided hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni and pasta salad, beverages, and cake to residents.



Meredith Rotary Hosted Casino Night

On October 17, 2019, the Meredith Rotary Club hosted "Casino Night" at Church Landing in Meredith. The event was a fundraiser for a variety of non-profit groups in the Lakes Region that included a night of casino games, a silent and live auction. Some of the live auction items include an inflatable kayak from Watermark Marine (valued at \$550); a round of golf for four (including cart) at the Laconia Country Club; one cord of firewood (from Chippers); a Squam Lake Dinner Cruise; dinner and beer tasting at Twin Barns Brewery for eight; dinner for eight at Giuseppe's Ristorante; and dinner for six at Canoe Restaurant. More than \$16,000 was raised during the event.

Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact

The HB Rotary Interact and HB National Honor Society came together tonight to support the 2nd Annual Greater Nashua Food Council's Dinner at The Lawrence Barn. We set up, registered diners, served and then cleaned up. These teenagers are so eager to help and do good. Their empathy is a clear result their families and community. I am VERY proud and honored to be allowed to be part of their lives.

Ava Chretien, Ana Ellis, Delaney Weimer, Samantha Morse, Lia Eisenberg, Hannah LaPointe, Natasha Ferro, Max Marshall, Susan Holroyd, Rory Klauber.



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Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact Helps Stork Project

The Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact was asked by the Stork Project to help by shopping (with donated money) for winter boots for children in need. These 3 amazing teens gave up their Sunday afternoon (of Columbus Day weekend). The 1st store we went to had NO winter boots out yet. We hit the mother load in the 2nd store and found 40 pairs in the required sizes! Our 2nd round of shopping will be in the next couple of weeks. Way to go Interact!! Emily Sartell, Brian Holroyd and Eli Rasmussen.



Paul Harris Service Award to Rob Stephenson

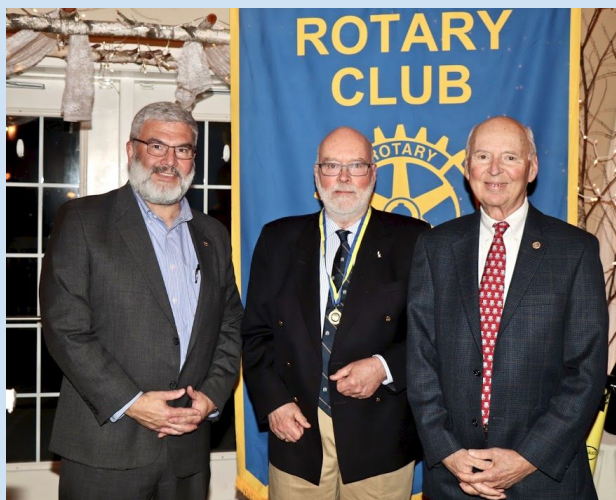
The Paul Harris Service Award, given every year at the annual Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Raffle, recognizes a citizen for outstanding service which exemplifies the motto of Rotary: SERVICE ABOVE SELF. At the event on November 1 at The Shattuck Rob Stephenson became a Paul Harris Fellow. He is pictured in the middle with Jon Frederick, Club President (left) and presenter Clay Hollister, who also honored previous citizen winners: John Peard Senior, Bob VanDyke, Susan Leach, Jack Belletete, David Kemp, Marc Tieger, Lorna Letourneau, David Tower and Allen and Nancy Clapp.

Rob was cited for his many skills and interests which have benefited the community: preservation, conservation, public health, city planning, architecture, genealogical research, museum management, writing and town history. As a commissioned officer in the Public Health Corps, a Fulbright Scholar, lecturer at Harvard, MIT, and Yale, he is best known locally for his writing skills, with well over a dozen studies, reports and books that he has contributed to or created. His most current contribution, as editor, is an impressive book on The Life of Laban Ainsworth, a most distinguished citizen of Jaffrey.

As the principal visionary and researcher of the production of “Deep Water”, the fascinating dramatic account of the Dean Murder, Rob demonstrated his scholarly labor of love so evident in service to preserve buildings, land, and the environment in our area. Serving on numerous committees and organizations, local and regional, his leadership includes President, Chair, trustee, treasurer or secretary. He was also thanked for special stewardship of the Jaffrey Meetinghouse by finding and writing grants of \$161,000.

Rob runs a world-wide organization of scholars and historians interested in the Antarctic, The Antarctic Circle. He maintains a world class library on the subject, lectures far and wide; is a member of the Royal Geographic Society and has traveled extensively in the Antarctic and the polar regions.

Clay Hollister noted that among his many tangible, significant, and enriching gifts to the community is the charming Jaffrey Little Library that Rob created at our Post Office, and the annual 4th of July reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Meetinghouse, further evidence of Service Above Self!



Events and Fundraisers

Derry Rotary Sells Tickets to SuperBowl Raffle

The Derry Rotary Club is selling tickets to our annual SuperBowl raffle. The winner can choose from \$8,000 cash or a trip for two to the SuperBowl in Miami, including three nights lodging, and a transportation allowance. Tickets are \$100 each or three for \$200 (must be the same entrant).



Merrimack Turkey Trot 5K on Thanksgiving Morning

MERRIMACK, NH -- The Rotary Club of Merrimack is sponsoring the Turkey Trot 5K Road Race on Thursday, November 28, 2019 (Thanksgiving morning). Registration starts at 7:00 am and the race starts at 8:00 am.

Race starts at Merrimack Middle School, 31 Madeline Bennett Drive, Merrimack. Pre-Registration is \$15 (kids) and \$20 (adults). Race Day Registration is \$15 (kids) and \$25 (adults). First 160 registrants receive a free t-shirt.

Please bring a canned good to the race for the local food banks. Race sponsorships are available.

To pre-register to run, walk, or volunteer please visit us at: www.merrimack5k.com!



All Proceeds in 2018 went to toward Coats for Kids, Merrimack Food Banks and holiday gifts for less fortunate families. We will be using all funds raised for those three areas again in 2019.

If you have questions or prefer to contact someone via phone to register or volunteer please contact: Bob Freed, Rotarian (603) 533-0678 or bob.freed@techtransport.com

Founded in 1971, the Rotary Club of Merrimack is a volunteer organization of business people and professionals supporting the community. Merrimack Rotary projects have included the Roger Duhamel Pavilion at Watson Park, scholarships, reconstruction of Kids' Kove Playground, support for Merrimack flood relief, the Merrimack July Fourth festivities, the Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest, Interact Club, lighting at Reeds Ferry fields and more. The club works with other clubs on international projects like eradication of polio, Pure Water for the World, and hurricane relief in Honduras.

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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)

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June 2020

Rotary Fellowships Month

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

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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: December 15th, 2019.

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:



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