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Greetings From Your District Governor



The work of Rotary begins in the community. Economic and community development is just one area of focus that Rotary has asked all clubs to focus on. Here are some ideas:

1. 190 million people are funding their business endeavors through micro finance. Partner with a local micro lender to improve access to financial services and provide financial infrastructure in the community.
2. Develop mobile banking resources in partnership with a micro lender. Cell phones which can be used to make deposits and transfer funds, can increase access to banking systems in developing communities.
3. When supporting service projects in a developing community, purchase goods and supplies locally to stimulate the economy and avoid unnecessary shipping fees. 1.4 million people nearly half of which are employed live on less than \$1.25 per day.

4. Expand vocational training opportunities, including job placement programming at local nonprofit organizations. Send a vocational training team to teach business leaders in developing communities how to create a business plan and maintain accurate financial accounting.
5. Partner with a cooperative that provides training, joint economic ventures and ownership of assets to its members through a democratic structure. Provide equipment or supplies to a cooperative to increase production and sales in the local market.
6. Support entrepreneurs and small businesses in developing communities. The success of local business leaders can multiply employment opportunities in the community.

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. What is your club doing to tackle these challenges?

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



2019 Rotary District Golf Event

The 2019 Rotary District 7870 Golf Event was held Friday August 16th at the Bretwood Golf Course.

16 Clubs sent Rotary golfers scrambling around the course (Deerfield Valley Rotary sent FOUR TEAMS) and the weather was sunny and warm. The winners of the District 7870 Golf Trophy for 2019 was.....



Deerfield Valley Team #1 at 13 under par comprised of Bruce Mullen, Joe Arnold, Gordon Lucas and Bob Pavia

2nd place was a tie with Nashua West coming in 2nd after a match of cards and Manchester (last year's champions) coming in 3rd.

Fun was had by all and the course and food (Thank you again Chuck and Bonnie Shortsleeve) were great.

PDG Rich Berryman

District 7870 Rotary Foundation Dinners 2019

There will be two regional Rotary Foundation Dinners:

- **Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at the American Legion Post 67, 3 Depot Street, Chester, VT**
- **Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the Courtyard Marriott Event Center in Nashua, NH**

The Rotary Foundation Dinners will take place from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

The Foundation Dinners will have food stations and there will also be a cash bar. During the Foundation Dinners, Rotarians and Non – Rotarians will be encouraged to network with each other, view the displays, and presentations. The Rotary Foundation Dinners will showcase many of

the Rotary Foundation Projects that our District is engaged in. It is also an opportunity to learn about Rotary and the Foundation, as well as, using this event as a means of encouraging non-Rotarians to consider becoming members.

There will be a formal program at each event with featured speakers on Foundation activities. The dinner time will be 6:30pm to 7:30pm. The formal program will begin at 7:30pm . There will also be several presentations by Rotary Clubs from our District that are sponsoring Foundation Projects and would be interested in other Clubs participate in their projects.

The cost is \$37.50 per person for Rotarians and their Spouses. Every Rotarian is encouraged to bring a friend, who could be a Prospective New Member, for free. Tickets will be pre-sold to provide an indication of the anticipated attendance. Please purchase your tickets on the District Website using credit or debit card. You may make a check payable "Rotary International District 7870" and mail a check to :

Randell Barclay, Treasurer
9171 Cold River Road
Shrewsbury, VT 05738

As the ticket pricing indicates, we would encourage you to invite a non-Rotarian to the Foundation Dinner so that they may consider becoming a new member, as it will be a great way to introduce them to Rotary.

Each Event Ticket will include one raffle ticket and the chance to win some excellent raffle prizes. Additional tickets will be available for purchase for \$5 each or 3 for \$10.

In advance of the Dinners, the Club Presidents for 2019-20120 will be asked to commit to the following:

- Promote attendance at one of the Foundation Dinners convenient to their area and encourage them to bring their District Grant and Global Grant Projects to display at the Dinner
- Provide a raffle prize equal in value to \$25 or \$1 dollar per club member whichever is greater
- Provide 3 to 5 pictures via email of club event(s) to rotaryrick@outlook.com for the purpose of being included in a power point presentation

We hope to see you all at the Rotary Foundation Dinners.

There is Help in the District if Planning a Project

No matter what your project is, no matter what size or focus, you can get help from experts. Project planning & design are not inherently simple as there are many variables that can affect the outcome. There is a team of Rotarians who have had years of experience developing, designing, implementing and evaluating projects and they are available to help.

Projects need some sort of initial assessment that confirms the need and allows those who will benefit the chance to identify what will be most helpful, most useful. Observing that there are hungry kids does not necessarily require the gift of food. Instead, it may be more useful with greater impacts if the kids are involved in gleaning, harvesting fruits or vegetables from cooperating farms. Noting the lack of a playground may gain rich guidance if kids or users are involved in the design and construction.

You may also assume that your project will create substantial impacts and long-term benefits but without involvement of those who will benefit, the project may simply fall apart, lack maintenance, lack supervision, lack ownership. A small rural hospital may need equipment, but without local expertise to maintain or guide use, the equipment might quite easily be left in storage.

Project elements require support to keep them running. If your project plans to provide clean potable water by the installation of a pump, it may be vital to determine whether repair parts are available and how easily accessible. Someone in the area needs to be able to conduct routine maintenance and, ideally, repairs when required. Also, if the pump requires a power source, electricity or fuel, an assessment should determine whether the power source is reliably available. Both may require a payment, and the project design needs to determine how that payment can be sustained.

Right, so who are these experts? They are members of the Cadre of Technical Advisors, some of whom live in our District, but most are spread around the world. If you have a domestic project, there is someone to help. You can also have access to an Advisor if your project is international. Get in touch with me, tristamjr@gmail.com, and I will connect you with an expert. We care about helping, mentoring, with project design no matter what scale, and we want to help you realize the greatest possible impact from the investment of project resources. Please get in touch.

Club News

CVTC Receives Charitable Giving Donation

Ellen Avery, Director of the Contoocook Volunteer Transportation Company, receives a donation from the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club's Charitable Giving Chair, Gail Therriault. The Jaffrey and Rindge citizens receive the lion's share of transportation services that CVTC provides to over a dozen nearby towns in Cheshire County. Rotary is about to launch the annual Raffle ticket sales which helps support such local charities. The Raffle Party event is scheduled for Friday, November 1 at Shattuck – a \$50 ticket available from any member admits two and includes entry to a Cash Raffle of \$2000 , \$1000 or \$500 .



Deerfield Valley Club at District 7870 Golf Tournament

The Rotary Club of the Deerfield Valley was well represented at the recent District 7870 Annual Golf Tournament with 16 club members participating. One foursome rose to top of the leaderboard with great round of 59. The winners pictured below with the District trophy were (L to R) Joe Arnold, Bruce Mullen, Bob Pavia and Gordon Lucas. A great time was had by all.



Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Become Alzheimer's Walk Sponsor

Following a recent presentation by Nicole Von Dette, a staff member for the MA-NH Alzheimer's Association, at a Thursday Breakfast meeting at the Shattuck, the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary made a substantial donation to become a sponsor of the 2019 Western New Hampshire Walk for Alzheimer's Disease. She shared insights with the club and numerous guests relative to early signs of Alzheimer's Disease, which affects over 5.8M people, the majority of whom are over 65 years old. Following her informative presentation, President Jon Frederick (pictured) presented Nicole a "Certificate of Appreciation" and indicated that "our Rotary Club donates annually to the Food Pantries of both Rindge and Jaffrey in the name of our presenters who share their expertise with us at our meetings." Chris Selmer and Owen Houghton, co-chairs of the walk in Keene on September 14, received the sponsorship donation and thanked Rotary for recognizing the great need to increase funding for research. The funds will support the walk team of the Adult Care Center in Jaffrey, where many early dementia citizens receive loving care.



Manchester Rotary Cow Plop

The Manchester Vermont Rotary held a cow plop on August 31 at Taylor Farm in Londonderry, Vermont. It was a beautiful afternoon with families, locals, and tourists in attendance.

Daffodil the cow selected Kim Murphy as the \$1,000 jackpot winner. Kim bought tickets several years in a row for this event and this year is the lucky winner! Kim's daughter Quinn was a Rotary outbound exchange student to Italy in 2015/16.



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Everyone came together for a great time and a successful fundraiser—if you weren't able to make it this year, we look forward to seeing you next year!

Pictured left to right: Rotary prospective member Bill Muench, exchange student Midori Ramos Diaz, exchange student Amrita Tunjungbiru, and Rotary members Barb Muench, Phil Ehret, Lynn Rawson, April Chase, and Kathie Stone.



Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Launches Project Nicauragua

Inspired by the potential for a Rotary Foundation grant, the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club has been planning a project for many months aimed at making structural improvements to the 13 schools in the rural Nicaraguan community of Chacraseca. These repairs include roofs, windows, doors, floors and ensuring adequate number of latrines as well as building hand hygiene stations.

With an estimated cost for all repairs between \$60-70,000, the club is encouraged by such local support as the Jaffrey-Rindge Lions Club's significant contribution pictured. The Keene, Peterborough and Milford Clubs have also committed funds to this Chacraseca Schools project. International Committee member John McCarthy is



shown with Lions' members Dianne Phillips and Rich Comeau , who have supplemented the club, district and foundation to help meet a sixty thousand dollar goal. The upcoming J-R Raffle on November 1 will also show the communities' support for this project.

In partnership with FNE International whose co-founder and current board chair is Jaffrey club member Travis Kumph, the foundational support has been laid to support logistics and on the ground efforts. With the grant application essentially complete, we are hopeful for early approval by the Rotary Foundation. There will be opportunities for area folks to travel to Nicaragua and support the effort, with a possible trip via the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce starting March 14, 2020 open to any and all!

The club is committed to the goal of developing and strengthening the relationship between our communities which will pave the way for future collaboration and projects together.

Henniker Rotary Club Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest

The 17th annual Henniker Rotary Club *Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest* is officially over and it was a blast! The weather was sultry, the band smokin' and the chili ***muy caliente!*** --- a perfect day at Pats Peak, with close to 2,000 attendees and lots of tasting and activities to keep everyone busy all afternoon. Rotary District Governor **Nancy Russell** joined Henniker Rotarians and served as a Best Booth Design Judge. And, for the first time, we held a Hot Pepper Eating Contest with a large crowd of onlookers cheering and providing moral support as these 12 brave (some say foolish) contestants downed plates of jalapeno and habanero peppers.

Fire on the Mountain Chili Fest has been the Henniker Rotary Club's signature fund raiser for nearly two decades fueling its philanthropic efforts both local and international. It is a family-friendly, destination event attracting visitors from southern NH as well as Massachusetts and vacationers from other locations. Pats Peak Recreation Area is perfect for this event, allowing us to spread out, have 44 chili sampling tents including entries from the **Goffstown and Hopkinton Rotary Clubs**, craft, service, beverage food vendors, a KidZone, Car Show, Music Tent and space to just hang out and enjoy the afternoon with family and friends.



It indeed takes a village to mount a production of this magnitude and the 30 Henniker Rotarians are indebted to the many volunteers who work alongside us to make Chili Fest a success year after year. They include the 44 Chili makers (a number of whom as Henniker Rotarians also volunteer throughout the day), vendors, volunteers from the Hillsboro/Deering DECA club, White Birch Center for Active Living and the New England College Sports Teams, as well as friends and family of the Henniker Rotary Club and especially, our hosts Pats Peak, without whom we could never pull off *Fire on the Mountain*. Likewise, our judges Rick Broussard, Editor, NH Magazine, Adam Parker, Corporate Chef, Fratello's Italian Grille and the Homestead Restaurants and Matt Ingersoll, Food Editor, Hippo Press, event photographer, Kat Strange and Master of Ceremonies, Steve Friedman from 92.5 The River, all of whom volunteer their time to insure the day is a success.

In addition we thank our sponsors: Ayer & Goss Fuels, Davis & Towle Insurance Company, Dunkin' Donuts of Henniker, Edmunds Ace Hardware, Henniker Family Dentistry, Henniker Pharmacy, Henniker Veterinary Hospital, Merrimack County Savings Bank, Morse Sporting Goods, New England College and TDS Telecom, as well as our media partners, Granite Quill Publications and 92.5 The River.

Most of all, we are grateful to the nearly 2,000 attendees who helped us raise funds that will go out into the communities we serve and to people in need around the world. As Rotarians, we feel a great sense of accomplishment about the success of this event, but without the attendees, Chili Fest would not happen at all.

For information on Chili Fest 2020, contact Mary Krotzer, mskrotzer@yahoo.com or go to our website www.chilinenhampshire.org



Milford Rotary ~ 5th Annual President's Lawn Party

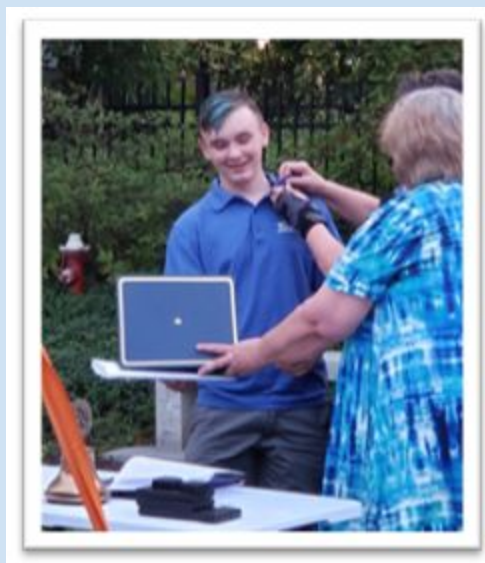
Originally called the Queen's Lawn Party when started by Past President Cynthia Dokmo, subsequent Milford Rotary Club presidents have continued the tradition of a family gathering and cook-out on the Community House Lawn to celebrate the end of summer and the successful completion of three of our major annual events. With the 51st annual Milford Rotary Swim Meet, 25th annual 100 Holes of Golf in One Day Tournament and the 51st annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast wrapped up, it was time to gather and say thank you to our extended Rotary family. The support of our nuclear families and friends, our community partners, and our event sponsors allows Rotarians to fulfill "Service Above Self" and to do all the good in the world that we do so well!



The evening included two new member inductions, an honorary member induction, five Paul Harris Fellow presentations, and the much anticipated return of our "club band" - Stevie and The Chick Magnets. The band was fantastic, the fun was infectious, and the fellowship and sisterhood were fabulous.

Sponsors Al Hoyt and Bob Moulton participated in the inductions of new members Michelle Iosua and Tina Brown. Aiden Dunbar was named an honorary member of Milford Rotary. When asked why he likes to come to our noontime meetings and many events, Aiden responded "I like to help." And that he does!

Past President Bob Moulton recognized Mike Ciardelli's many years of dedicated service with a PHF+1. This presentation was extra special as it was part of PRID Robert Hall's Polio Plus challenge to all of the clubs in RID 7870.



Community members Marcelle and Joseph Oneail were each named a Paul Harris Fellow for their outstanding support not only of Rotary causes but of so many more in our Souhegan Valley community. As Papa Joe's Humble Kitchen, they also have the best burgers in the valley!

President Elect Tim Finan was presented his first Paul Harris Fellow for his tireless dedication to the club and to our community. Tim is a former Milford Selectman and serves on many municipal committees in his "spare time".

The evening was capped off by the return of Stevie and The Chick Magnets! Band members include Paula Telage, Chad Zingales, Steve Desmarais, Julie Whitcomb, Doug Knott, Mike Ciardelli and Joe Raczek. They rocked the lawn!







5:30pm - 8:30pm
Fri. Oct. 11th & Sat. Oct. 12th

\$18 per person/night for tickets
 purchased online by Sept. 30th
 \$20 per person/night after Sept. 30th
 10 tasting tickets per person per night
 Valid IDs required for proof of age
 Online ticket sales available at
MilfordPumpkinFestival.org

COMMUNITY HOUSE LAWN

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 Milford NH Rotary  Milford NH Lions Club 













































All proceeds support charitable & scholarship programs and future Milford Pumpkin Festivals!



Hopkinton Rotary Pays Tribute to Connie Powers

Hopkinton Rotary paid tribute to Connie Powers in August by making Connie an Honorary Member. This posthumous distinctive was in recognition of Connie's outstanding service to the Club, as well as District 7870, in her years accompanying PDG Pete Powers to numerous conferences, events, and work parties, like the 2018 Arbor Day tree planting pictured above. Connie passed away in June, but her infectious smile and good deeds will long be remembered by her many Rotarian friends.



Connie Powers, standing on the left, is flanked by her husband of 62 years, PDG Peter Powers and Rotarian Darragh Madden and Darragh's two daughters.

Events and Fundraisers

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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Springfield Rotary Annual Penny Sale - October 19, 2019

SPRINGFIELD ROTARY CLUB



67th Annual PENNY SALE

October 19, 2019
Riverside School Gym

6:00 PM

(Doors Open at 5:00 pm)

Over **\$10,000.00** in prizes
All proceeds to charities

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Derry Village Rotary Club's 2nd Annual Oktoberfest - October 5

We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Oktoberfest, hosted by the Derry Village Rotary Club! The event will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019, from 12pm to 6pm in the field at the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Derry – 40 East Derry Rd. Derry, NH 03038. All events and festivities will be under tents so the celebration will continue both rain or shine!!

This is a fun, outdoor, family friendly event for all to enjoy! 100% of proceeds will benefit local charities in the Derry area!!

Here is a list of just some of the things to look forward to...

- Authentic Oktoberfest draft beer and cider selection imported from Germany.

- Food Trucks.

- Authentic German fare provided by The Prime Butcher of Hampstead NH.

- Kinderfest! An-adult supervised area with free games, activities and bounce houses for the kids.

- Live Music

- DJ hosting and announcing all day.

- Oktoberfest themed contests including a wife carrying contest, keg toss, stein hoist and a “Battle of the Badges” tug of war contest pitting Derry Police vs. Derry Fire!

- FREE PARKING – there will be free parking onsite and continuous shuttle service to overflow parking throughout the event.

Tickets are now on sale, go to <https://tickets.beerfests.com/event/derry-village-rotary-oktoberfest> and take advantage of VIP tickets and early bird savings.



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Visit the Derry Village Rotary Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DerryVillageRotary/> and select "Interested or Going" to receive notifications and please "Share" it with all your friends to ensure we can make the event a success and do our part to serve those in need.

Ludlow's Rotary Club's Annual Chili Cook Off - October 12, 2019



Ludlow Rotary Club's 29th Annual Chili Cook Off

October 12, 11am-2pm
(Ludlow Traffic Light @ Main & Depot Streets)

Dozens of Chili Entries
(Hot, Sweet, Spicy, Meat, Veggie . . .)

Vote for Your Favorite!

\$10 per person,
includes Chili, Bread,
Cider and Ice Cream



**All Proceeds Support
Ludlow Rotary Community Projects.**

To Register: timberinn@tds.net

More Info: ludlowvtrotary.org



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Driving for a Cause - Queen City Road Rally - October 12, 2019

As part of its ongoing mission to support youth in need across greater Manchester, the Queen City Rotary Club proudly announces its fall fundraiser- The 2019 Road Rally.

**Saturday, October 12 @ 4:00 p.m.
St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
650 Hanover Street, Manchester**

“The Road Rally is a wonderful part of our legacy,” said Ann Butenhof, President, Queen City Rotary Club. “And as with all of our efforts, 100% of the proceeds directly benefit youth across the community.”

The Road Rally is “a scavenger hunt on wheels,” according to event co-chair Rory Parnell. “Teams compete against each other to figure out clues and solve puzzles to find their next destination in the quickest time with the most correct answers. It’s also a neat way to explore greater Manchester and learn about its rich history.”

Ms. Butenhof noted that the Rally has been held for more than 30 years and that many teams return each year to take part. “Old and new teams alike love the challenge,” she said. “It’s a team sport on wheels.”

What is the key to success?

“I think puzzle solving ability, a good imagination, a vehicle to navigate through Manchester, patience, a sense of humor and teamwork are key attributes,” noted Mr. Parnell.

Participants not only have fun and learn more about the Queen City, but they also are supporting our local youth community in need, Ms. Butenhof added. She noted that all proceeds benefit Greater Manchester youth organizations. “Our club was thrilled to support more than 40 organizations this past spring dispersing over \$50,000 in grants and scholarships. Helping kids in need is at the heart of our mission and the annual Rally is one way we support that.”

Early bird registration is \$150 per car if signed up by September 30. After September 30, the fee is \$175 per car. Registration includes the Rally, post-event buffet dinner, prizes, and more.

The club is also making tickets available (\$20 in advance, \$25 at the door) if someone only wants to attend the dinner and awards ceremony.

For more information on the event and to register please visit the Queen City Rotary’s website at www.queencityrotary.org



The Queen City Rotary Club meets each Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Puritan Backroom in Manchester, guests welcome.

Pairings III: An Evening of Spooks, Sips and Sounds, Oct. 25, 2019

PAIRINGS III

AN EVENING OF
SPOOKS, SIPs AND
SOUNDS

COSTUMES OPTIONAL

October 25, 2019 * 6:30-9:30 pm * \$100 per person
Nashua Country Club * 25 Fairway St, Nashua NH

The Rotary Club of Nashua offers an evening to enjoy the pairing of wine, beer, spirits, music and gourmet food. The evening will feature tasting of premium wines, beers and spirits, symphony musicians providing a variety of music in three different rooms, and a lavish array of exquisite cuisine by the Nashua Country Club.

PROGRAM

There will be jazz, popular, and light classical music in various locations throughout the first floor of the Country Club.

To purchase tickets visit Rotary Club of Nashua Mondays at noon at Nashua Country Club or

online at <https://nashuarotarypairingsthree.eventbrite.com>



Nashua Rotary Club

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2020 Henniker Rotary Raffle Tickets Now On Sale

If it's late September, it's time for the wildly popular Henniker Rotary Monthly Raffle – where for \$10 you get 12 chances to win \$100. Each month a winner is drawn, the card goes back into the fishbowl and can get selected again—so you have multiple chances to win. Tickets for the 2020 raffle will be on sale beginning September 21 at Henniker's Music on Main Street at the Rotary booth and at a range of community activities between now and the holidays, including the Congregational Church Holiday Fair.

If you buy a book of 5 raffle tickets for \$40, you save \$10 and have 60 chances to win the monthly drawing. Catch up with your favorite Henniker Rotarian and buy your tickets from them. Or contact Dan DaCosta, dand3090@aol.com.

Funds raised from the raffle go right back into the community supporting a range of local non-profits as well as Rotary International projects.

Goffstown Rotary Club Holding Annual Raffle - Thru Oct. 30

Goffstown Rotary Club is holding its annual Raffle For Tassels Fundraising Drive. Each year the club identifies \$1000 in prizes to be raffled off, with the proceeds going to its scholarship fund. This year, the prizes are two \$500 gift cards, one to Hannaford and the other to Irving Gas. Tickets are \$10 each, and are on sale now through October 30th. The club has a goal of selling 400 tickets.

Last year, the club gave out two scholarships to high school seniors from Goffstown High School and John Stark High School in Weare. In the past, the club has also supported the Medallion Fund from the NH Charitable Foundation which provides scholarships for those returning to vocational training.

For more information, or to purchase a ticket, contact Robbie Grady, robbiegrady@msn.com.

International

Start Planning your World Polio Day Event Now

World Polio Day is 24 October. Now's the time to start planning events in your community. You'll find resources to help you plan and promote your event, including a sample press release and social media messages and graphics, in the [World Polio Day Toolkit](https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day).
<<https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>>



Last year, Rotarians hosted more than 4,000 World Polio Day events in 90 countries. Let's plan even more events this year to let the world know that the fight to end polio isn't over.

Please join us on World Polio Day.

When Dr. Adrian Levesque, Jr., Dreams, He Dreams Big

After visiting Guatemala on a vacation, he saw a need, and has taken steps to make life better for the woman and children of that country

By Elizabeth Covino, Vice President, Rotary Club of Nashua

Dr. Levesque is a member of the Rotary Club of Nashua. He followed his father's footsteps when he joined the family's dental practice and made weekly Rotary Club meetings a priority.

While planning a Southern Caribbean cruise vacation with his wife in 2015, Dr. Levesque booked an excursion to a Mayan village. He researched the destination and found that they would be visiting a vocational school and Rotary had an involvement. Dr. Levesque and his wife Jane made the trek by boat from the cruise port to the base of the location in an hour and a half. They made their way to the top of a steep hill where there were individual thatched round classrooms. He noted many healthy looking children and Rotary water filters were abundant.

The Levesques were greeted by smiling students and teachers. Although language was a barrier, he told them he was a Rotarian. He was quickly embraced by the teachers who hugged him and kept repeating, "Gracias Rotario." The teachers were very aware of the generosity of Rotary who

supported their school for more than two decades. The school is part of Ak 'Tenamit, which means "New Village" in the Q'eqchi' language. It is a Rotary development project in Eastern Guatemala on the Dulce River. The project includes a teaching restaurant, classrooms, healthcare clinic, etc. The students range in age between 14 and 18. They graduate with a skill in many fields that can pull them out of the chain of poverty.

This trip changed Dr. Levesque's life. He learned about the lack of quality health care in Guatemala. Guatemala is one of the most dangerous countries in Central America to give birth, particularly among the indigenous populations who make up the majority of the country. He specifically learned about the high death rate of women who lack access to healthcare and who experience complications during childbirth at home. Sixty-five percent of Mayan women give birth in homes on dirt floors. Two women die needlessly every day giving birth, with hemorrhage being the most common cause of death. He knew he could help. And he knew he could start with the International Committee of the Rotary Club of Nashua.

The midwives in question are students and graduates from three midwife schools that are part of universities in Guatemala. Upon graduation, these students go back to their respective villages to practice. Their biggest needs are basic medical supplies, stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs, hemoglobin meters, urinalysis testing kits, suture kits, baby dopplers, etc. These women live on \$2 USD per day, and cannot afford a \$100 stethoscope. Dr. Levesque and his committee saw the key to helping these women would be to hold two 5-day roundtable weekends a year, provide the students with travel vouchers, hotel and food, training and birthing supplies and diagnostic tools to take home to their villages.

The Rotary Clubs of Nashua and Hollis, individual Rotarians, and Rotary District 7870 provided funds that were matched by The Rotary Foundation that provided a Global Grant to fund the project.

First they created an NGO (a nonprofit organization that operates independently of any government). It was set this up as a co-op to support the midwives both student and graduates. (Asociacion Para La Promocion de la Parteria en Guatemala). (ASOPAR) It now has 75 midwife members and an 8 member board of directors.

Rotario Ciudad de Guatemala, the oldest Rotary Club in Guatemala, has assisted us as the host club. Additionally, Jeffrey Sullender, Ph.D., CCN, has worked closely with the midwives for many years in Guatemala teaching nutrition and helping them deliver services to the Mayan women. The friends he made in Guatemala have become the cadre of Guatemalans who organize and help them with the roundtable week-ends.

Four years ago, Dr. Sullender, addressed the Rotary Club of Nashua, regarding the plight of pregnant women in Guatemala. Dr. Sullender has worked closely with Dr. Levesque, and Nashua,

NH, Rotarians Lyn Marino, Dr. Ernie Marino, and Rick Manganello. He spoke of the overarching goal of alleviating a high incidence of maternal and infant deaths among the indigenous Maya. He said that Guatemala is a challenging country to work in. There is a lot of discrimination against the indigenous population and there is the language barrier, as there are many languages that are specific to villages. For example, of the 26 midwives who attended the first roundtable week-end, there were 6 different Mayan languages spoken among them and they did not understand each other, except for Spanish that is a requirement of the midwife schools.

The indigenous people have a hard time trying to get any health care. The most common reason for death in women during child birth is hemorrhage. He said the midwife is a trusted and respected part of the community. Dr. Sullender said that being a midwife is a calling, not something you normally train for as a profession. The government regulates what a midwife can charge for examining a woman, following her for 8+ months, delivering and caring for the baby at Q500, or \$68 US dollars. Most of the time they get a chicken for compensation.

Very often in clinics a Mayan women who speaks no Spanish may be turned away or be left to die without treatment. Some of the students face retaliation by their families because, as a woman, they pursued an education. Dr. Levesque explains that it is against the culture of some villages for girls to get an education. It is the hope with the NGO that was created, that more midwives can be trained and it will help expand the political, economic, social impact of their work.

“I have a purpose, that is to save women and children’s lives in Guatemala” said Dr. Levesque. My ultimate goal would be to build a maternity clinic in Chichicastenango dedicated to the Maya. He calls this his “pie in the sky” goal. “The midwife graduates need a place to practice their profession, an environment where Mayan traditions and modern medicine can be available to the indigenous population. This would be a maternity clinic manned by a physician who is sensitive to the Mayan culture and the midwives would serve as interns,” he said.

Many of the midwives have reported that lives were saved because of the training they received in diagnosing early problems. Other midwives have held training sessions for midwives in their villages teaching in turn what they learned at the roundtable events, and most have accompanied and advocated for a pregnant woman at hospitals and clinics.

For more information on the Guatemalan Midwives Project, go to: www.midwivesGT.org. Dr. Adrian Levesque can be reached at alevesque@aol.com.

Midwife photo caption: A Guatemalan midwife student practicing different birth positions on the Abdominal Palpation Model.





NHSSouth Interact: Students from Nashua, New Hampshire, representing the Rotary Interact Club of Nashua High School South, contributed over \$1,248 for the purchase of 26 Doppler Units for the midwives of ASOPAR. Doppler units can assist the midwife in making important assessments of the health and wellbeing of the baby. The midwives are grateful for the generosity of the students in making this purchase possible. Dr. Adrian Levesque (left) and Dr. Ernie Marino (second from left), from Nashua Rotary Club present the Acknowledgement Awards to the student leaders.

Guatemalan child caption: This photo was taken by Dr. Levesque on his first trip to the visit Guatemalan villages. The face of this young girl has resonated with Dr. Levesque for over a decade.



Pure Water for the World - Executive Director Job Search

Organization Profile & Vision

Introduction:

Pure Water for the World, Inc. (PWW) is a Vermont-based nonprofit organization that currently operates in the Caribbean and Central America delivering sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene solutions to children and families living in underserved communities. This year, we celebrate our 20th anniversary of making a difference in the world.

PWW has grown from a small Rotary Club project, serving people in El Salvador, to an engaged player in the global Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) community. Today, PWW has a budget in excess of \$1,000,000 annually, and 40 employees located in the U.S., Honduras, and Haiti.

PWW's programs are driven by our vision and mission. We envision a world in which all people have safe water, proper sanitation, and the knowledge to sustain it for future generations. Our mission is to improve lives by empowering people with access to life's most basic necessities - safe water and sanitation. We accomplish our mission by partnering with people in underserved communities and providing these communities with the tools and education to establish and sustain safe water, hygiene, and sanitation programs, effectively changing behaviors.

In Fiscal Year 2018, PWW reached more than 14,000 people with safe water, sanitation and hygiene programs. Since its inception, PWW has reached more than 750,000 people in Haiti and Central America.

The following highlights key activities that PWW has undertaken:

- PWW has supplied schools, households, and entire communities with clean water systems and latrines; and has empowered families, teachers, medical personnel and others with critical education regarding healthy hygiene practices.
- PWW has been an implementation partner of leading international NGOs, such as Save the Children and UNICEF.
- PWW has developed a successful program for WASH training and consulting services.
- PWW has received construction grants for community water systems.
- PWW team members have made presentations at global WASH conferences and have led and published technical studies.

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· PWW Country Directors are actively engaged with local, regional and national government and international actors to support the development and implementation of country-specific WASH initiatives.

PWW is focused on growing and expanding our current work in the countries where we now operate as well as reaching additional Central American and Caribbean countries. We have already begun some expansion by virtue of our WASH training and consulting programs in countries where we are not implementers. We see much potential to continue this growth and reach of our WASH program through our training portfolio.

The PWW Board of Directors is looking for an Executive Director who will help lead the organization in expanding its impact and effectiveness. The organization is well poised for expansion, having established a successful model for helping communities create sustainable WASH projects.

PWW's website www.purewaterfortheworld.org tells a great deal more about the organization's story – what we do, who we are, and what we have achieved.

Organizational Structure

The Executive Director of Pure Water for the World oversees an operation with a total staff of approximately 40 people who live and work in the United States (primarily in Rutland, Vermont), Haiti and Honduras. Most of the staff is currently located in either Haiti or Honduras. The international staff delivers programs, in varying locations, across each country. The Haiti and Honduras teams are each managed by a locally based Country Director. The Country Directors report to the Executive Director.

The US-based staff, reporting to the Executive Director, is comprised of a Deputy Director, an Office Manager, and an Office Assistant. PWW also employs contract staff for grant writing, marketing communications, and other specialized services.

PWW has a strong, supportive Board of Directors that is well connected, diverse and experienced in the relevant WASH technologies and needs in the targeted geographies. The Board has the ultimate responsibility for the organization. The Executive Director reports to the Board and is the face and voice of the organization. The Board oversees PWW and approves the annual budget, major administrative policies and fundraising initiatives, financial decisions and strategic directions - working in collaboration with the Executive Director. The Board looks to the Executive Director for leadership, guidance, fundraising, and the overall operational responsibility for PWW.

Pure Water for the World, Inc. Executive Director Job Description

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Job Title: Executive Director

Reports to: Pure Water for the World Board of Directors

Primary Administrative Office: Rutland, Vermont

Status: Salaried, full-time position

Desired Start Date: Dec. 2, 2019 or earlier

Organization: Pure Water for the World, Inc. (PWW) is a Vermont-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to improve lives by empowering people with access to life's most basic necessities: safe water and sanitation. We do this by partnering with underserved communities in Central America and the Caribbean, providing the education and tools to establish sustainable safe water, hygiene and sanitation programs. PWW's staff is based in the United States, Haiti, and Honduras.

Job Summary: The Executive Director (ED), working with the Board of Directors, has overall leadership responsibility for achieving the organization's mission and strategic goals and administration of the programs, staff, and budget. The Executive Director is the primary representative of PWW, with the national and global WASH community, and directs the relationships with key PWW stakeholders, including funders. We are looking for a dynamic leader who can represent the organization on the global stage. The Executive Director should be a leader, a communicator, and proactive strategic thinker who believes in the mission of PWW and wants to significantly grow PWW's funding and what it does so that our programs can reach more people.

Responsibilities

Fundraising & Communications:

- Oversee the development of fundraising and resource mobilization programs with specific targets in high-yield areas to enable PWW to grow and attain its strategic goals.
- Strengthen PWW's presence among and relationships with U.S. and global WASH organizations to garner new opportunities for PWW.
- Ensure an effective Communications plan, aligned with PWW's mission and goals.
- Oversee and support execution of donor and volunteer cultivation efforts.
- Effectively communicate program results with an emphasis on successes, lessons learned, and best practices to create a model for replication by other organizations.

Strategic Planning & New Business:

- Provide leadership to reach PWW's strategic goals, as outlined its established and updated dynamic 5-year Strategic Plan which is developed with and approved by the Board.
- Actively engage in reviews and updates of the Strategic Plan.
- Lead efforts to keep strategic goals up-to-date and in alignment with PWW's mission.
- Provide direction to PWW, and advise the Board of Directors, on WASH trends and opportunities that require changes to the Strategic Plan and/or PWW's programs.
- Build partnerships, as appropriate, with WASH sector leaders and funders to broaden PWW's programs and community impact as well as develop new opportunities.

Financial and Organizational Management:

- Maintain high quality accounting, finance, and administrative management; ensure systems are compliant with all relevant local and national laws and regulations where PWW operates.
- Prepare a proposed annual budget to submit to the Board, with regular budget updates, that accurately reflect the financial condition of PWW.
- Ensure PWW's staff applies program excellence, strong project management skills, and rigorous program assessments.
- Supervise, coach, and develop PWW's experienced and high-performing staff. Hire and discharge staff, except for some key positions that require Board review and approval.

Board Governance:

- Communicate effectively with the Board, providing timely and accurate information for the Board to undertake its responsibilities and make decisions.
- Support the development and engagement of a strong Board of Directors; serve as ex-officio of each committee.
- Support and help plan Board meetings.

Professional Qualifications

- A bachelor's degree is required.
- Five or more years of experience in managing a business or organization with responsibilities for budget development and implementation, as well as program and personnel management and oversight.
- Experience or education related to nonprofit management, international development, humanitarian assistance, and/or WASH issues, would be helpful.
- Some direct experience with how nonprofit organizations work, including the regulations, expectations and requirements that nonprofits face in their operations, would be helpful.
- Transparent and high integrity leadership experience.
- Ability to interface and engage successfully with diverse donor organizations and volunteers.
- Ability to effectively fundraise and secure grants.
- Experience in applying entrepreneurial and innovative approaches to strategy development.
- Previous experience in managing geographically dispersed, multicultural and/or international teams would be helpful.
- Demonstrated ability to work and communicate effectively with senior-level business or nonprofit organization leaders, such as a Board of Directors.
- Ability to engage a wide range of stakeholders and cultures to convey PWW's mission and strategic future.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, including public speaking.

- National and international travel is required. Must maintain a valid passport.
- U.S. citizenship or a valid green card to work in the United States.
- Spanish, French, and/or Creole language skills would be helpful.

Salary commensurate with experience and other qualifications.

Pure Water for the World is headquartered in Rutland, Vermont and the Executive Director position is based there. Ideally, the new Executive Director will be located in or close to the Rutland area.

To Apply:

Please email a letter of interest, resumé, and three employment references to: info@purewaterfortheworld.org by October 1, 2019, with Executive Director Position as the subject line. Please direct any questions about the position to the same address.

Pure Water for the World, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

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

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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: October 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:

