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Greetings From Your District Governor Steve Puderbaugh



Greetings from your District Governor

It's hard to believe that we have been dealing with Covid-19 for over a year. The good news is that a lot of us are getting our vaccinations and we are starting our discussions on what our club meetings are going to look like as we make plans to meet together again. We had a good discussion with our President's Networking group this week on how to set up a high quality hybrid meeting experience

We determined hybrid meetings are doable but you need some dedicated folks to make it successful. The good news is that there are Rotarians and resources around the district to help make our meetings successful.

I am happy to say that I will be fully vaccinated by April 23rd and my wife Deb will be fully vaccinated soon. It is pretty amazing that I have managed to do my year as your District Governor without any live club visits. As I wind down the year, I would like our clubs to feel free to extend invitations to events and fundraisers over these last couple months of our Rotary year. As my schedule allows, I am willing to join you and assist you with a service project or fundraiser or possibly come as an attendee. I look forward to getting out and seeing and working with more of our Rotarians.

Our district has been very active this year with the million mask distribution. It was great celebrating our efforts to give out 5.5 million masks here in the northeast at our last distribution event on March 21st. Here is a video that was made after the second distribution. You will see a lot of us in the second scene unloading about 350,000 masks in Bedford. It is a great video:

https://youtu.be/AXiC_XbB1ok

There is also a documentary film being put together on the whole project which will be great to see. Interviews are currently being wrapped up if you have any great stories relating to our giving out masks.

One place I have been active in service is giving out food in Manchester with the NH Food Bank. There is a team of Rotarians and others to give out food to 700 families a couple times a month. I encourage you all to find these opportunities to serve in your community.

Rotary Rocks!

Don't forget we have our district-wide membership contest going until June 1st. We will have some new numbers this week but last month we had several clubs doing well in the competition. Windsor and Deerfield Valley were leading the charge. Capital City Sunrise is looking to jump in strong by sponsoring a Satellite club in Franklin. There is still plenty of time to bring in new folks to your club.

Please feel free to reach out to your Assistant Governors and the rest of our district leadership team. We are here to help!

Steve

District News

Rotary Cares, Episode 34 - Rotary Youth Exchange



In episode 34 of the award-winning, monthly show, Rotary Cares, Brattleboro Rotary Club past president Marty Cohn discusses Rotary Youth Exchange with guests Chairperson, District 7870 Youth Exchange Jim Rumrill and Rotary Youth Exchange student Paul Metzger from Germany. Both guests appeared in episode 26. Directed by Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club past president Kevin Yager. Produced by

Brattleboro Community Television.

To watch the show, click visit:

<https://www.brattleborotv.org/rotary-cares/ep-34-youth-exchange>

To listen to the podcast, visit:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-402413535/rotary-cares-ep34-rotary-youth-exchange>

Save the Date May 1, 2021 - LEADS/District Assembly

Hello Folks,

Please consider joining our District 7870 Team and other District Rotarians at LEADS/District Assembly on Saturday, May 1st, 2021. This event will begin at 9:00AM and will run until noon. The intent is to provide training and information that will help us prepare and learn from each other. Please check the District Website, Facebook page and Clubrunner emails for weekly updates. We believe the Keynote speakers for the main session will be impactful on your view of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. As your District Governor-Elect John Bob, I am excited to bring you a valuable Virtual Experience. Our outline of the sessions is provided below:

9:00AM 1st General Session

- Greeting
- Introductions
- Financial 2019-20 Report
- 2021-2022 Rotary Theme “Serve to Change Lives”

9:30AM Break Out Session (Participants Select Breakout Group for approx. 30 minutes)

- Public Image
- Youth Service – Rotaract & Interact
- Service Projects
- Presidents-Elect & AGs With DGE John Bob
- Membership
- What's your Rotary Meeting Going to Look Like?
- Fundraising Moving Forward

10:00AM 2nd General Session

- Introduction of DEI
- Keynote Speaker
- Q&A and discussion of DEI

10:45AM 3rd General Session – Youth Exchange

- It is not too early to plan for 2022-23
- The secret weapon Short-Term Exchanges
- Rotary Exchange Alumni Presentation

11:15AM Wrap Up / Conclusion (District Trainer Gary Dehnel & DGE John Bob)

- Discuss the new Trainer & Adviser/Vice Governor concept
- The value of the AGs to the PEs.

11:45AM Lunch Break - Everybody is invited to attend the afternoon 4-Way Test Competition.



Stay Well,
John Bob & Our District Team

Save the Date May 1, 2021 - Four-Way Test Speech Contest Finals



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Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest Finals

District 7870 Team is currently in overdrive to finalize our Four-Way Test Speech Contest FINALS scheduled for May 1st, 2021 virtually beginning at 1:00PM. This event will predominantly feature our four Awesome, Talented Finalists. These four outstanding District Representatives have developed timely and culturally relevant topics that connect to current events occurring in our daily lives. If you are interested in being a judge at the FINALS, please contact me at your

earliest convenience. This virtual exciting event is available for all interested District Members to join.

Our outline of the sessions is provided below:

1:00PM Four-Way Test Speech Competition

- Introduction (President of Charlestown Rotary Albert St. Pierre)
- Presentations of the Four Finalists
- Judges Deliberation
- Awarding of Prizes
- Closing Remarks by DGE John Bob

My Contact Information: DGE John Bob Siemienowicz

Email: jay4steel@jaysteel.com

Cell: 603.321.9677

I look forward to seeing you at this rewarding event!

Submitted by District Governor-Elect John Bob

Brick Purchase at Little Red School House

Purchasing a commemorative brick at the Little Red School House is a great way to recognize Rotarians, Friends, and Family.

We will close out this year's orders for bricks and pavers on June 1st so that they can be installed in the Paul Harris Memorial Garden in Wallingford Vermont by June 30, 2021. Orders received after June 1st will be installed the next June 2022.

Please note that we also offer Certificates in a presentation folder for an additional \$15.

You can fill out the form below or you can request a brick online at:

<https://rotary7870.org/50052/Page/Show?ClassCode=StoryDetails&Slug=purchase-a-brick-or-paver-for-the-little-red-schoolhouse>

Randell Barclay, Treasurer, Rotary District 7870 Foundation

Coffee with Ken!

Hi District 7870 Rotary Clubs,

I'm inviting you to the new event Coffee with Ken! What is Coffee with Ken?

As you all know, many of our district events have been canceled due to COVID. As a result, we've been missing building connections to members at other clubs. A couple of months ago, I reached out to John Siemienowicz of the Milford Rotary Club and we did a virtual coffee over Zoom to catch up. John liked it so much that he suggested that we have this as a regular event and open to all of the clubs.

So as a result, we'll be starting the inaugural Coffee with Ken on February 5th at 8:30 am. We'll be scheduling this on every first Friday of the month at 8:30 am. This event is an informal open space with no agenda, and the goal is to create and cultivate personal connections between clubs.

Members of at least the following rotary clubs have indicated an interest so far:

- Milford
- Hollis Brookline
- Souhegan Valley

- White River Junction
- Queen City Rotary

Let me know if you're interested in attending, and what club you're from!

Here is the ZOOM link:

Time: First Fri of every month, 08:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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| May 7, 2021 08:30 AM | Jun 4, 2021 08:30 AM | Jul 2, 2021 08:30 AM |
| Aug 6, 2021 08:30 AM | Sep 3, 2021 08:30 AM | Oct 1, 2021 08:30 AM |
| Nov 5, 2021 08:30 AM | Dec 3, 2021 08:30 AM | Jan 7, 2022 08:30 AM |

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Monthly:

https://us04web.zoom.us/meeting/upwqcOqhQDsJHNLdrI6ZbWTAVvH1SihYAtoo/ics?icsToken=98tyKu6gqTwpE9KVuR-BR7Y-B4_Cb_PwpmJEgo1xmA3MVRpRVTfXAPRqY4F2GOHx

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78773960966?pwd=QkFlTTZkdDJyRzJIa3phTmhzam1kQT09>

Meeting ID: 787 7396 0966

Passcode: DuQ4J3

Thanks,

Ken Yie, Foundation Co-Chair, Queen City Rotary

Zone 32 Foundation Gala Event

Due to the dramatic increase in popularity of the Global Grant program and the impact of Disaster Response Grants and our world pandemic, our Rotary Foundation has spent millions of dollars this past year and it is in need of our donations to replenish their funds.

Our Rotary International Director Valarie Wafer and the Foundation Trustee Dean Rohrs have organized a Foundation fundraiser gala event for May 12, 2021, at 8:00 pm. They have put together a very entertaining online program that costs \$115.00 (includes an online payment fee). Please go to trellis.org/rotary-gala for more info and to purchase the tickets. Of which \$100.00 will go to the Rotary Foundation (\$75 to Annual Fund and \$25 to Polio+). You will receive 100 Paul Harris points and a certificate to claim a tax deduction.

DG Steve Puderbaugh and I request you to take this opportunity and also encourage other Rotarians to support the Rotary Foundation with at least \$100. They can donate at the above site

or go directly to the Rotary Foundation site of <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate> and donate \$100 if they have a schedule conflict to join us at the Gala on May 12th.

Our district has a great history of supporting the Rotary Foundation and its programs. We have raised large amounts of money for Rotary's flagship program, Polio Plus as well as other programs supported by our annual fundraising.

I have been invited to more than 18 clubs so far to present the global impact of our district's Global Grants. If you are not one of those clubs, please invite me (7870dg1819@gmail.com) and I will be delighted to visit your club. Since 2014, our Rotary District 7870 has collaborated with sixteen different countries to participate in 34 Global Grant projects worth over \$3.2 million with life-altering impacts on more than a million men, women, and children.

In addition to the global impact, we have had a tremendous impact in our own district this past year with our District-wide Covid 19 Global Grants. We (under the leadership of DG Steve Puderbaugh, DGN Randell Barclay, and PDG Toni Gilmore) had grants totaling \$341,000.00 in support of community projects across our district. In the last count, with this COVID 19 Global Grant Project we have touched, directly and indirectly, more than a million people in our states of NH and VT.

On a totally different note, recent AARP newsletter shared that they have a community challenge grant program that some of our clubs might be able to take advantage of. Here is a link for more info:

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/?cmp=RDRCT-61887811-20200707>

Thanks for all you do in our communities!

Venu Rao
DRFC 2020-2023 (District 7870)
ARRFC 2020-2021, Zone 32
District Governor 2018-2019

Zones' Public Image Teams Host Special Event

The Zones 28 and 32 Public Image teams are proud to announce a special event to share high-end marketing techniques for all of our Rotarians. Please share this message with your district AND Public Image Coordinators.

Public Image The Musical will happen as a virtual event at 7PM on Wednesday, April 28 at 7PM ET.

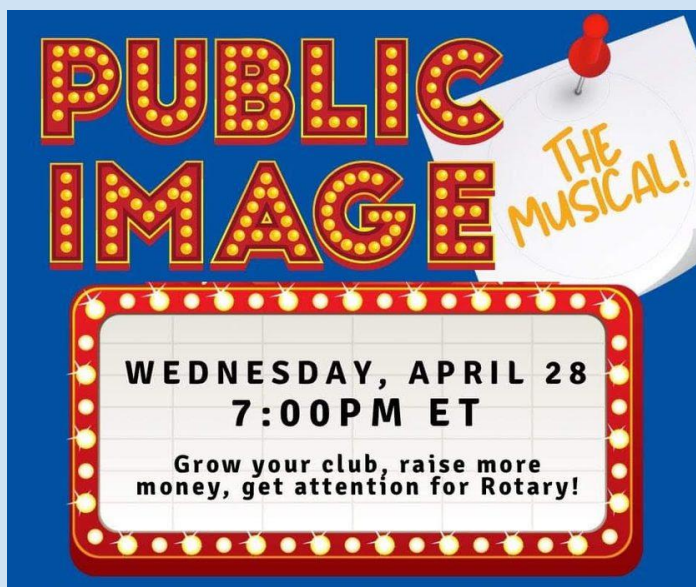
This fast-paced Zoom event features members of our Rotary Public Image Coordinators (RPICs) and Assistant RPICs sharing success strategies for growing your club, raising more money and getting attention for Rotary. Attendees will learn important skills such as video marketing, Facebook analytics, Instagram engagement, and making the most of our Rotary database. RPICs Michelle Morrow O'Brien and Michael Angelo Caruso (Zone 28) and Nikki Mederos (Zone 32) are anticipating a fun session with lots of aha moments for you. Nearly 100 Rotarians have already registered.

Nikki's Zone 32 PI team consists of Jennifer Aitken, Laura Yuricek Spear, Robert Friend and Amy Luckiewicz.

In Zone 28, Michelle and Michael are working with Brad Hollett, Martine Babineau, Kelly Elizabeth Hunt, Dan Dubreuil, Jim Cupper, Rosie Roppel, Marjolein Lloyd, Gus Lopes, Devankar Mukhi, Mary Lou Harrison, Melina Marzaro, and Kristina Hope Ennis.

Register at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xSdcxUUGQhWHj1YAtdkxow



Jan H. McElroy Scholarship Update

The Janice H. McElroy Scholarship Committee has extended the deadline to receive scholarship applications to May 15, 2021. District 7870 is proud to honor Janice's service to Rotary, the district and the world through this scholarship. It is the hope that many non-traditional students will apply for this generous scholarship with the support of the Henniker Rotary Club.

This scholarship fund is to be used to support the college education of non-traditional students from Rotary District 7870. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older and must have completed high school or have earned a G.E.D. There must be at least a three-year gap between graduating from high school and full time college attendance or a record of part-time college for three years after graduating from high school. Scholarship recipients earning a B average or better may apply for a subsequent year of support, allowing the possibility for support to continue until the supported course of study is completed. The scholarship can be used for expenses at a four- year or a two- year college, or for another type of accredited institution. A committee consisting of representatives from District 7870 will determine the Scholarship recipient each year. The scholarship award will be in the amount of \$2,500 and will be presented at a District Rotary meeting.

The application can be downloaded from the District website, in the left column entitled: "Application for Jan McElroy Scholarship": <https://rotary7870.org/>.

Rotary Rocks! 2020-2021 District-Wide Membership Contest

Rotary Rocks!

2020-21 District-Wide Membership Contest

How many new members has your Club inducted this year? You may be in contention for one of the great prizes that DG Steve is offering through Rotary Rocks!

District Contest Rewards

(Based on active members on September 1, 2020.)

Grand Prize: The club who has the highest net (per capita) growth in the 8-month period will be the winner.

· A cookout of marinated steak tips and chicken tenders prepared by DG Steve and Deb and other District leaders for club members and their guests.

Second Prize: DG Steve, Deb and other District leaders cook breakfast or lunch for their club at a mutually agreeable time and place.

Third Prize: A pizza party with 4 bottles of wine, 30 pack of Coke, and a case of a variety pack of Sam Adams beer.

**It's not too late!!! Plan today to challenge your members
to invite friends and associates to your Rotary meeting.
Earn points and gain rewards on June 1!**

**Are you ready for the challenge?
Let's increase membership and have fun!**

*For more information, contact District Membership Chairs
Carolyn Meub and Sandra McGonagle.*

Club News

Happy Campers

Rutland, Vermont: After considerable hype, Rutland South Rotary Club finally raffled off their new 25'10" Riverside Retro Travel Trailer from Dan Kearney's RV & Lightweight Towable on March 17. The lucky winner was Barbara Champine, from Florence, Vermont.



"I heard about Rotary South's fundraiser, had some extra cash, and was happy to buy a ticket for such a good cause", said Barbara. "I never dreamed I would win."

Barbara is excited for her 9 nieces and nephews, plus 19 grandnieces and grandnephews to enjoy the camper.

Rutland South Rotary also gave away 3 cash prizes. The winners were Eric Kaplan, \$1500; Tina Greene, \$1000, and Mike and Laurie Brochu, \$500.

The raffle raised \$39,000 to benefit youth programs in Rutland County.

Pictured in photo: L-R Back: Roger Louiselle, Rutland South Rotary, Winner Barbara Champine, John Sanborn, Rutland South Rotary. Front: Barbara's Grandniece, Anna Poremski, and Grandnephew, Leland Poremski.

Zooming with Queen City Rotary Club

Like many service clubs, the Queen City Rotary Club moved to virtual meetings in March of 2020 and the club has worked hard to stay connected despite the pandemic. We have continued many service projects, but done so at a distance and safely. We have also instituted breakout rooms which are randomly assigned at the start of each meeting. This enables members to informally chat and catch up. Further, we have held a broad range of fellowship events via zoom ranging from virtual trivia games to support for other nonprofits.

We have also used the zoom platform to engage a very robust schedule of outside speakers whom we might not have been able to get for an in person gathering. We have also continued to invite guests that are able to attend a meeting and "Try us out" without much disruption in their already busy schedules. This has led to a continuance of new members and attracts members of all age categories.

Our group at QCR is continually trying to keep things fresh, new, fun, innovative and interesting in these challenging times and welcome anyone to join our Thursday morning meetings.

Abenaki Chief, Don Stevenws, Speaks to Ludlow Rotary



Don Stevens, Chief of the Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk Abenaki Nation, spoke to members of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) during its recent weekly meeting.

During his comments, Stevens described the historical background of the Abenaki, its geographic location in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Canada, and the influx of southern tribes from the Connecticut and Massachusetts areas.

He noted that the Abenaki have a history dating back 11,000 years in this area. With the influx of Europeans in the 17th and 18th centuries, tribes from the Deerfield and Greylock areas of Massachusetts were forced north in Abenaki territory.

Of particular interest was the relationship between the tribes and the English and French settlers and military personnel. According to Stevens, the British, especially their military, was very

standoffish while the French tended to develop a rapport with tribal members. For this reason, the Abenaki allied themselves with the French during the French and Indian Wars.

Stevens described the period in Vermont during the early 1930's as a troubling one for Abenaki members. In 1931, the Vermont Legislature enacted eugenics laws forcing "undesirable" people to be sterilized.

This highlighted the perennial problem faced by the Abenaki in terms of their identity. Stevens noted that non-Indian cultures normally had a long history of their family and national identity. Unfortunately, the Indians, due principally to language differences, did not as far as the European-oriented people were concerned.

Stevens was the first Vermonter to be vaccinated during the Covid crisis. This was part of his effort to convince the Abenaki of the desirability of the vaccination to deal with Covid.

He also noted that the Abenaki language, initially with the help of the French, was being preserved. Currently Stevens has been working with Middlebury College to provide training in the language.

Don Stevens is an award-winning leader, businessman, writer, and lecturer. He has been featured in magazines, books, TV shows, and documentaries. Don was appointed to the Vermont Commission on Native American Affairs by Governor Douglas in 2006 for two terms where he served as Chair. He led the fight to obtain legal recognition for the Abenaki People in Vermont. He was able to acquire tribal land for the Nulhegan Tribe which had been absent for over 200 years. He has over 26 years of experience in successfully developing Information Technology, Logistics, and Manufacturing strategies for multi-million dollar companies. He proudly served in the US Army and graduated from Champlain College with a degree in Computer Information Systems.

VTANG Representative Addresses Ludlow Rotary Club



In a very detailed and interesting presentation, Chief Master Sergeant Jeffrey A. Stebbins of the Vermont Air National Guard (VTANG) discussed the role of that group with the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) during its weekly zoom-based meeting.

Stebbins emphasized that the role of the VTANG represented the epitome of "the importance of citizen soldiers" in supporting both the military and civilian role of the air national guard.

In describing the recent replacement of the aged F-16 jet fighters with the new F-35 planes, he noted that VTANG "is about one year out from being totally converted to F-35 planes". Currently all 20

F-35 planes have arrived at the Burlington International Airport facility of VTANG, making it the first base in the country to receive its full complement of the state-of-the-art aircraft.

The total number of VTANG members is just under 1,000 personnel. The bulk of this staff covers the maintenance of both the planes, airport, and structure needs. In addition to the military obligations of the command, VTANG members have played a vital role in Covid-19 relief and assistance.

Stebbins cited the following activities in which members of VTANG have provided assistance in the pandemic:

- VTANG has devoted over a 1,000 man-hours to building a removable hospital, erecting it, dismantling it, and, when a resurgence in Covid illness occurred, rebuilding it,
- Delivering over 3 million meals to VT residents
- Testing over 12,000 people for the virus, and
- Soon becoming involved in the actual handling of Covid-19 vaccinations

Grand Monadnock Rotary's March of the Masks

We all know the importance of PPE -Personal Protective Equipment – especially masks. Since last July, the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club has distributed a total of 36,000 masks to area residents, first responders, healthcare providers, front line providers and veteran facilities. The story of this effort is one of service and leadership. It's a story about answering the call, working together, and saving lives. It is the story, in short, of Rotary.

Starting in July, 2020 Grand Monadnock Rotary Club distributed 4000 masks at a drive-by event at South Meadow School and to area nursing homes and school children. These masks were part of a distribution covering much of New Hampshire, sponsored by the Plymouth, NH Rotary Club and Common Man Restaurants. Local clubs such as the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club picked up the local task delivery.

In October, the Rotary Million Mask Challenge Tour was held. This project was funded by the Rossi Family Foundation in Connecticut and put into action by our local Rotary organization, Rotary District 7980 (southern Connecticut). In turn, the Rotarians turned to neighboring Rotary districts to identify actual community organizations with need for the equipment. This time the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club distributed 22,000 masks locally.

Shiploads of PPE are the culmination of a project launched by Rotary District 7980 (Southern Connecticut), Rotarian Ted Rossi, and the Rossi Family Foundation. During the first 3 months of the pandemic, under the leadership of District Governor Dr. Jack Solomon, District 7980 raised \$500,000 to support those affected. The Rossi Family Foundation and Mr. Rossi, an East Hampton Rotarian, donated 200,000 masks to that cause – PPE that was distributed to clubs across

Connecticut. An additional 800,000 masks enabled District 7980 to expand the program into what was called Rotary's "Million Mask Challenge Tour." Subsequent phases have now distributed more than 5.5 million face masks throughout New England, employing at least nine major city center distribution points in six states, and we're proud to bring our Monadnock Region along for the ride.

January and February 2021, again Grand Monadnock Rotary is stepping up for a third round; an additional 10,000 disposable medical masks were delivered in the Monadnock Region to meet local need. Hats are off to Rotarians Bob MacDonald and Greg Robidoux for their organizing skills making this possible.



If you want to learn more about the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club and how you can be part of this important community organization, please contact this year's president, Harry Wolhandler, 603 827 3139, cell 603 852 8166, or harry@accelara.com. PHOTO: Grand Monadnock Rotary member, Bob MacDonald modeling the mask donated by Plymouth NH Rotary Club.

Souhegan Valley Rotary Club

Nashua, NH (April 12, 2021) - Souhegan Valley Rotary in Nashua, NH is a little club doing big things. We have two big projects that we excited to share with our fellow Rotarians.

One Saturday May 1st we are working with The Outreach Program to assemble, package and deliver 20,000 shelf stable, highly nutritious meals to five NH food pantries so they can stay stocked through the spring and summer months. Food insecurity is on the rise in NH and many families are struggling. Volunteers working together will make it possible to provide these meals for about \$.25 per meal. Our volunteers will all get together, stand at long tables and assemble the ingredients, in our case rice and beans and oatmeal plus vitamins and protein supplements, into sealable containers which then are given to the food pantries. These meals will stay here in NH where the percentage of people who miss a meal in a day increased over 200% since the start of COVID-19. Everyone is masked, and there is a lot of friendly competition among the groups to see who could fill a box with 60 meals the fastest. We will be feeding over 40,000 people with these meals and have fun doing it. We are calling this our 20K Meals on Kentucky Derby Day Food Project and we are doing it instead of our usual Kentucky Derby Day Event which was just not possible due to the pandemic. We are planning to make two meals, a Cinnamon Apple Rice meal that can be breakfast or a snack and Spanish Rice which is a main dish. Our meal tasters say both are delicious. We plan to do all of this in about 4 hours with about 25 volunteers. Afterwards we plan to go out for drinks to celebrate a job well done.

Our second big announcement is we are doing our First GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT. We are sponsoring the Gift Of Sight Global Grant Project. It was proposed by our member Krishna

Mangipudi and we are proud to be part of such a worthwhile endeavor. We have a chance to partner with the Kakinada Rotary in India to give 2 pieces of equipment to a clinic that services thousands of sight impaired people who cannot afford eye care. This part of India has people who suffer from terrible eye problems due to malnutrition and sun exposure and environmental factors. These eye problems lead to severe poverty and people can't work or support themselves. The numbers helped by this clinic are huge, 3.3 million people have been helped and 2.6 operations have been performed. This is one of the poorest parts of India and we can help. The clinic needs a piece of equipment called a Cata Rhex that costs \$25,000.00 and a Keeler Accutome that cost \$11,000.00. We are seeking a total Grant of \$40,000.00 to cover all the expenses. The equipment will be bought in India, and maintained by the people there and will save the sight of thousands of people and provide jobs and hope for them.

We are seeking donations from other clubs, and we need to have all the paperwork in and in order by the end of the month. This is a huge opportunity for NH Rotary and for our Club to be a profound help to very needy people. In America if you are born with poor eyesight you can always get help to see, to get an education, to get a job. That is just not possible for these people in India unless they get the help we hope to provide.

New Hampshire Rotaries are doing good things in the World.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Holden, Secretary, Souhegan Valley Rotary

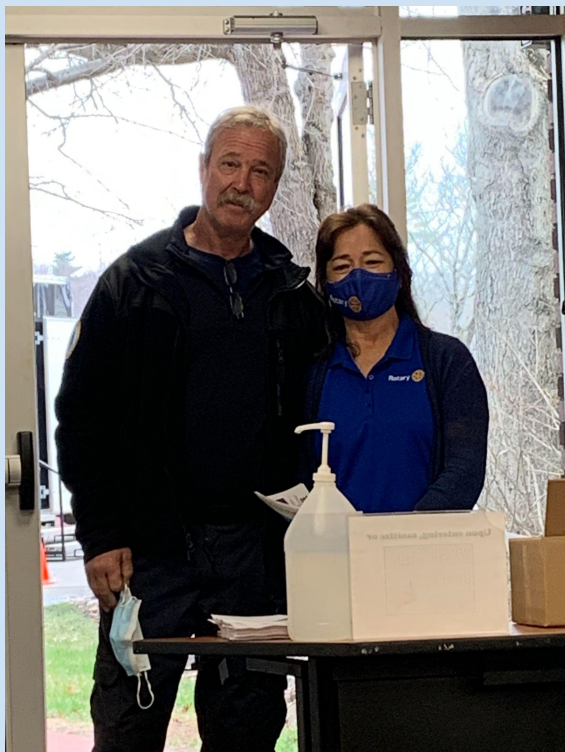
Rotarians Aid with Vaccination Clinic

Rotarians from the Club of the Deerfield Valley helped to set up a mobile vaccination clinic on Sunday April 11th in Wilmington Vermont. Rescue, Inc. from Brattleboro, VT has been traveling throughout the entire state for the past month and a half. A specialized team of EMT's have been trained to deliver and administer vaccinations to in-home populations at risk, and at mass vaccination sites.

The mobile unit contains an office, refrigeration units, a bathroom and 3 vaccination stations, which are used for the events. A separate fleet of Rescue vehicles are used for in-home mobile vaccinations.

When the state chose to do a clinic in Wilmington, Rescue Inc. called upon Rotary to help set up, volunteer, and break down the clinic. 200 community members were vaccinated in just a few hours and being able to be part of the process was very rewarding for those Rotarians who participated. As always, when Rotarians are asked to help with anything...they rise to the occasion!





International

Inter-Lakes Interact Club Sponsors Student in Rwanda

For the past two years Inter-Lakes Interact Club, sponsored by Meredith Rotary Club, has been sponsoring Samuel Mugabo, a eighth grade student in Rwanda, to attend school. Samuel is among more than 120 students who are provided school fees, supplies, uniforms, and health insurance from donations to Rwanda Children Educational Foundation – rwandacef.org. Without the many generous donations to the foundation, these very poor children would not be able to attend school.

The Interact Club corresponds with Samuel and during the club's April 11th meeting (via zoom) International Service chair, Maia, read Samuel's most recent letter to the club members.

Hello! Dear my lovely sponsors. It has been long time waiting for you, but was thinking of you since Covid-19.

Has so hard killing people there in your country, but have faith. I never give up. I prayed for you to God that you talk to me that you [??]. I shall thank God.

I am so happy for you for the letter you have sent to me too. I wish we can meet and I see you face to face. Me and my family thank you for your support and for your help.

May God bless everyone there. You are so [??]. Love you so much my dear sponsor.

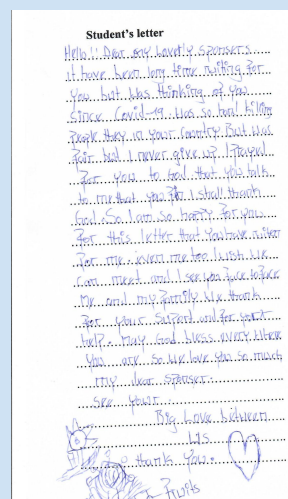
*See you,
Big love between us. Thank you!"*

Note: The "[?]" indicates an indecipherable word in Samuel's letter.

Inter-Lakes Interact Club will be sponsoring Samuel to attend ninth grade starting in September.



Picture of Samuel writing the letter



Samuel's hand written letter

Give Me Shelter - Rotary Clubs and You

Twenty-one years ago the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard founded ShelterBox and over those years ShelterBox has provided shelter for over 2 million people in harm's way.

Sadly, the work of providing tents and supplies is never done. More and more folks find themselves the victims of hurricanes, floods, and decades of armed conflicts that displace people from their homes, scattering frightened families in unfamiliar places with literally the clothes on their backs. In Syria alone, ShelterBox has helped over 400,000 people displaced by the humanitarian crisis, in Honduras, working with the Rotary Club of San Pedro Sula and Habitat for Humanity Honduras they are distributing gear to remote areas of the Mosquito Coast, helping over 3,200 families, and right now they are moving into the Tigray area of Ethiopia, supporting those displaced by civil war living outdoors or in crowded schools with rainy season about to unleash more harm and the risks of pneumonia and malaria on the most fragile among them.

BUT, you and your club can help. Join the numerous Rotary Clubs that have donated to ShelterBox and become a HERO CLUB for ShelterBox, like the Interact Club of Keene (who raised \$2000) and the Henniker Rotary Club who became are recent HERO CLUB members.

Just go to www.shelterboxusa.org to learn more or check out the Speakers Listing at the district website (rotary7870.org) for a ShelterBox Speaker's Bureau listing.

Thea Neagu of Romania Hosted by the Nashua Rotary Club

This month, we feature Thea Neagu of Romania. She was hosted by the Nashua Rotary club in 2012-2013. In her words:

I was part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program during 2012-2013, being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ramnicu Valcea from my home country of Romania. During my time in The United States, I was hosted by the wonderful Rotary Club of Nashua I had the privilege to be part of the amazing District 7870.



I returned home, to Romania, in the summer of 2013, after what I can easily call one of the best years of my life. The year after, I graduated from high school and I passed the admission exam for the Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest. Four years later, I got my Bachelor's Degree and decided to pursue further my education by completing a Master's program. In 2019, I got my Master's Degree in Criminal Law.



In the present, I am working as a legal counselor in a law enforcement office which conducts and supervises the foreclosure process and I specialize in the seizure of immovable property.

In the summer of 2014, I met my boyfriend, Daniel. We've been in a wonderful relationship ever since and we are both looking forward to the future.

There hasn't been a day since I came back to my home country in which I have not benefited from everything that I learned from the experience I had being an exchange student. From improving my communication skills, my understanding of cultural differences to managing situations that took me out of my comfort zone. The benefits are immeasurable. The most important thing though is the fact that all the people that I have met; my fellow exchange students, the Rotary members that made sure every trip we had was amazing, the Rotary Club that hosted me, and most importantly the people that opened their homes for me...my host families...have enriched my life and they will always remain part of my American family. I will forever be proud to say that I was part of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and I look forward to returning to the United States.

Fundraisers

Rotary Club of Nashua - Charity Car Raffle

Rotary Club of Nashua

CHARITY CAR RAFFLE



*BMW pictured is for advertising purposes only and may not be color or equipment delivered.

**2021 BMW X3 xDrive30i
OR \$35,000 CASH!**

PURCHASE TICKETS & FIND MORE INFO AT
WWW.NASHUAROTARY.ORG

ONLY 1000 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!
Ticket Price: \$100.00

THREE \$500 EARLYBIRD DRAWINGS!
Winning tickets remain in drawing for Grand Prize.
NOV 16 DEC 14 JAN 25

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING:
MAY 26, 2021 @ TULLEY BMW of Nashua

LESS THAN 100 TICKETS LEFT TO SELL. Win a 2021 BMW X3 or apply the credit to any car offered by Tulley Automotive (BMW, Buick, GMC, Mazda, Subaru). The winner also has the option of a \$35,000 cash prize. Additional information including raffle terms and conditions may be found on our website. Tickets may be purchased through our Club website

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2946>

or by clicking on the following link:

[https://rafflecreator.com/pages/39601/nashua-rotary-car-raffle---bmw-x3-or-\\$35000](https://rafflecreator.com/pages/39601/nashua-rotary-car-raffle---bmw-x3-or-$35000)

Capital City's Fall Staycation Raffle

Win a fall foliage stay for two nights and tickets on the steam powered Mt. Washington Cog Railway



Nights of October 2 & 3, 2021 at the 4-star Omni Mount Washington Bretton Arms in Bretton Woods

- Two day stay for two persons, in a luxurious room with two queen-size beds and a nicely appointed seating area
- \$250 for meals and incidentals
- Two front-row seat tickets on the Mount Washington Cog Steam Locomotive Railway for Saturday, October 3rd
- Magnificent Mount Washington autumn foliage scenery

All proceeds will benefit the charities of the Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club, Concord, NH and its international service projects.

Only 300 tickets to be sold

Claremont Sugar-River Rotary to Host Shredding Event

CLAREMONT, NH Save your Shredding!

Just in time for tax season, the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club and The Insurance Center have joined forces to host a paper shredding fundraiser on Saturday May 1. Documents will be professionally shredded on site from 9 am to 1 pm in the parking lot of Claremont Savings Bank at 145 Broad Street, Claremont NH by SecureShred.

Donations to the Club will be graciously accepted, and will go toward charitable projects such as First Night: Claremont, the Jeff Patton Stevens High School Alumni Scholarship, and PolioPlus, the Rotary campaign to eradicate polio worldwide.

This fundraiser will be pandemic friendly, as participants will not leave their cars. Please bag or box your papers. Paper bags are best, and please don't tie plastic bags. If you'd like to bring more than 5 bags or boxes, contact Allyn Girard to make arrangements.

If you are not able to bring your papers to us on May 1, you may also make arrangements to have your shredding picked up beforehand by contacting Allyn.



The poster features logos for 'THE INSURANCE CENTER' and 'Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club' at the top. The main title 'SHRED-A-THON' is in large, bold, blue letters with a red and yellow starburst background. Below it, the text 'Bring your old documents for shredding' is in a smaller, italicized font. The event details 'May 1, 9 AM - 1 PM' and 'Claremont Savings Bank 145 Broad St. Claremont, NH' are listed. A green diagonal banner on the right says 'Donations Appreciated!'.

THE INSURANCE CENTER
The Coverage You Need, The Award Service You Deserve

&

Claremont-Sugar River
Rotary Club

presents

SHRED-A-THON
Bring your old documents for shredding

May 1, 9 AM - 1 PM
Claremont Savings Bank
145 Broad St. Claremont, NH

**Donations
Appreciated!**

Covid-19 protocols will be observed, including social distancing and mask wearing. Rotary volunteers will collect your materials to be shredded from your trunk or backseat and carry it to the shredding truck. Alternatively, donations may be handed to a volunteer or dropped into the sanitized donation box.

This event will take place rain or shine. Materials one might desire to shred include: documents, old bills or tax documents, credit cards or any other confidential documents.

Shredding documents is important in order to protect your personal, and confidential information, and to help prevent identity theft. This event is open to individuals and businesses; you do not need to be a Claremont resident to participate.

Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club is proud to help with spring cleaning and in the effort to prevent identity theft.

DATE & TIME: Saturday May 1, 9 am to 1 pm

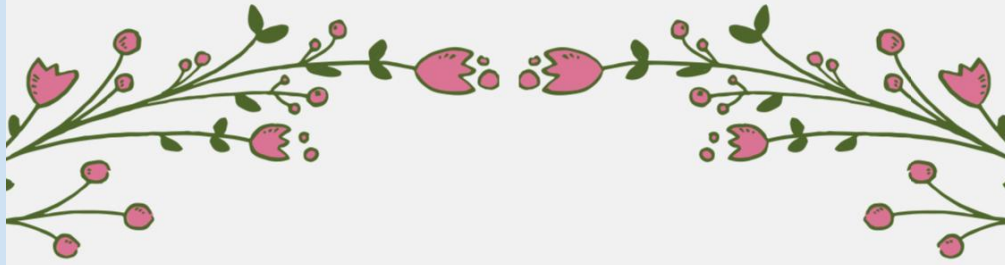
WHERE: Claremont Savings Bank at 145 Broad Street, Claremont NH

Media Contact: Allyn Girard

Phone: 603-727-1197

Email: Allyn@goldencrossamb.com

Help Create Mother's Day Gifts



HOOKSETT AREA ROTARY CLUB INVITES YOU TO
PARTIPATE IN THIS COMMUNITY SERVICE
PROJECT

HELP CREATE MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

In partnership with Granite United Way and
Madedar's, HARC is organizing the collection,
assembling and giving of gifts to mothers affiliated
with Easter Seals for Mother's Day.

**Use the link below to view and purchase items. All purchases
should be shipped to Madear's in Pembroke**

[HTTPS://WWW.AMAZON.COM/HZ/WISHLIST/DL/INVITE/6DST93U
?REF_=WL_SHARE](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/6DST93U?ref_=wl_share)

Easter Seals in Manchester serves families in Manchester,
Hooksett, Allenstown, Bedford, Derry, Londonderry, Epsom,
Pembroke, Goffstown, New Boston, Bow and Concord



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 2020 Membership and New Club Development Month

September 2020 Basic Education and Literacy Month

October 2020 Economic and Community Development Month

- 5-11 October — Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week
- 24 October — World Polio Day

November 2020 Rotary Foundation Month

- 2-8 October — World Interact Week

December 2020 Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

- 15 December — Last day for early registration discount for the 2021 Rotary Convention

January 2021 Vocational Service Month

February 2021 Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

- 7-11 February — International Assembly, Orlando, Florida
- 23 February — Rotary's anniversary

March 2021 Water and Sanitation Month

- 8-14 March — World Rotaract Week
- 31 March — Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

April 2021 Maternal and Child Health Month

- 30 April — Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

May 2021 Youth Service Month

June 2021 Rotary Fellowships Month

- 12-16 June — Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan

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: May 15th, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

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:

