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August Newsletter

I want to congratulate our clubs across the district on their resilience and innovation as they respond to our current Covid-19 situation. Most of our clubs are meeting regularly via Zoom or other platforms and in the case of some small clubs, are meeting live. While some clubs are “hunkered down”, we have others that are doing great community service projects and even some successful fundraisers.

Some (including me) are getting a little tired of the amount of time we are spending in front of a computer screen doing Zoom meetings and webinars. This is especially true when we are doing it for our profession too. That being said, there is no doubt that the rapid rush to embrace technology to stay connected is going to be here to stay in some form going forward.

During my meetings with clubs and their boards, I am encouraging clubs to develop a hybrid model for club meetings as we move forward. This means having both a live portion when we can “safely” have in person fellowship and at the same time have a virtual component online. With that

in mind, we are developing a Technology Advisory Team. We want to have a resource where clubs who are trying to figure out technology options for their clubs and club meetings, can go for advice. Some will need basic advice on doing a Zoom meeting while others will want to develop a YouTube channel and post videos of their meetings and speakers.

In other news I want to report that the District-Wide Covid-19 Global Grants have been approved and all the donor funds and associated paperwork has been submitted as of August 11th. We are expecting the funds which total over \$340,000 will be coming back to our district around the end of August. This has been a huge effort that we will be celebrating soon.

As we were putting the disaster response grant and these Covid Global Grants together, one of our incoming club presidents said “I am proud to be part of this Rotary district!”. Those are certainly my sentiments too.

Governor Steve

Jennifer E. Jones Makes History, Becomes First Woman Named Rotary President-Nominee

By Ryan Hyland

Jennifer E. Jones, of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2022-23.

Jennifer E. Jones, a member of the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, has been nominated to become Rotary International’s president for 2022-23, a groundbreaking selection that will make her the first woman to hold that office in the organization’s 115-year history.

Jones will officially become president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge her. Jones says she sees Rotary’s Action Plan as a catalyst for increasing Rotary’s impact.

“As we reflect upon our new strategic priorities, we could have never envisioned that our ability to adapt would become our North Star during what is inarguably the most profound time in recent history,” Jones said in her vision statement. “Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances. Using metric-driven goals, I will harness this historic landscape to innovate, educate, and communicate opportunities that reflect today’s reality.”

As the first woman to be nominated to be president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. “I believe that

diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership,” Jones said. “I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family.”

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University’s Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary’s rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary’s Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts.

Jones recently led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000. Jones has also received Rotary International’s Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation’s Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

<https://www.rotary.org/en/jennifer-e-jones-makes-history-becomes-first-woman-named-rotary-president-nominee>



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Introducing Zoom 28/32 Summit, Online! Open to ALL Rotarians

It's all here ... thought-provoking messages from leadership ... opportunities to interact with our senior Rotary leaders ... and breakouts with district leaders from across our two Zones. It's leadership training & fellowship - and so much more! Best of all, it's at no cost to you, from the convenience of your home or wherever you may be! Join your friends from throughout Zones 28 and 32* on September 23-25 via Zoom for our annual gathering – traditionally known as the Zone Institute -- now a series of opportunities to interact with Rotary's movers and shakers.....

Join us for talks from:

- Rotary International President-Elect **Shekhar Mehta**, from West Bengal, India, on the future of Rotary
- **Jennifer Jones**, The Rotary Foundation Trustee, Past R.I. Vice-President, and Incoming RI President '23-'24 on how the Rotary Foundation has learned to respond rapidly in this changing environment.
- **Brenda Cressey**, TRF Trustee and Past Rotary Foundation Chair, on fundraising in challenging times.
- **Michael McGovern**, Rotary's Polio chair and Past R.I. Vice-President, on how the infrastructure built to end polio has been turned to fight COVID 19.
- And a special presentation by **DF Pace**, Rotarian, Rotary Peace Fellow and captain in the Philadelphia Police force, on how to match policing with peace.

We promise you ... lots of time for Q&A and discussion, all designed to support you as you put the words of these Rotary leaders to work in your Club and District.

So join us!

7:00 pm ET/4:00 pm PT September 23-24-25. Zone excitement is just a Zoom away!

For free registration go to

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=6a165149-fb35-4dbd-9f72-ac6dd0704f44>

District News

How does my club earn a Rotary Presidential Citation for 2020-2021

Every year the incoming Rotary International President sets his/her theme and goals for their year. The RI President also defines the requirements for Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs to receive a Presidential Citation.

This year the citation process is quite different but more straight forward. President Holgar Knaack has set 25 goals for clubs and will award a citation to clubs that complete any 13 goals. These goals are set out on the my.rotary.org website:

<https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/rotary-citation-goals-and-instructions-2020-21?embed=true>

and FAQs

<https://my-cms.rotary.org/en/document/rotary-citation-frequently-asked-questions?embed=true>

A club officer (president, treasurer, or secretary) can set goals on Rotary Club Central (my.rotary.org) and update your club's progress. RI will review your goals and your self-reported progress towards those goals to determine if you should be awarded a citation. A review of this year's 25 goals shows that many clubs in the district could obtain a citation.

So why do a Rotary Citation? It is a benchmark to determine how your club is performing with respect to the goals of Rotary International. It might highlight an opportunity to strengthen your club, for example completing a club strategic plan. It can also be used to align your Interact or Rotaract club with your club goals. Are you doing Service Projects? Are your members involved with Rotary Action Groups or Rotary Fellowships? Does your club give to the Rotary Foundation: Annual Fund and/or PolioPlus? Does your club have an online presence? These goals are straight forward and some of them can be fun and enrich your club's membership.

Past Rotary International President Ian Riseley (2016-17) said "As an organization, Rotary has always had a difficult time conveying the scope of our work: not just what we do, but how we do it, and the value of what we contribute to the world." The setting and tracking of goals on Rotary Club Central allows RI to be able to accurately measure and communicate the scope of the humanitarian work we, as a global organization, are already doing.

To quote Assistant Governor Gary Dehnel "Let's make DG Steve Puderbaugh proud of his DG year by having a whole lot of our clubs achieving the RI Presidential Citation this year." If you have questions about how to pursue a Presidential Citation, entering and tracking goals, please contact your Assistant Governors who are ready to help and advise you.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful and safe Rotary year.

Advocating for Fellowship and Fun in Rotary Service*,

Randell Barclay
District Governor Nominee 2022-23
Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club

*My favorite Rotary closing from PDG Eric Kimani, District Governor 2011/12 D9200 (Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda)

District 7870 Receives 28,000 Masks; More to Come

Rotary Districts across New England received thousands of surgical masks in the last couple of months, promptly distributing them to small hospitals, first responders, homeless shelters, schools, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, homes for the elderly, senior centers, and police and fire departments.

Last month, District Governor Steve Puderbaugh announced that Jack Solomon, a past Rotary District Governor from East Hampton, Connecticut, was arranging for the free distribution of flat, surgical masks to Rotary Districts in the six New England states, thanks to a generous donor in his district.

The next effort is going to be much bigger. There will be as many as 1 million masks coming in. Robert Friend, The Public Image Chair of Rotary District 7980 says that "discussions with The Rotarian Magazine are underway and my hope is that they will engage. Meanwhile, we are looking to emblazon the tractor-trailer journey, dubbed the Rotary "Million Mask Tour" with the Rotary logo and our Campaign. In the next several weeks, as the schedule comes together, we will roll this out and look for your help in generating awareness in your District and surrounding areas."

PDG Nancy Russell, of the White River Junction Rotary Club, coordinated the distribution of masks in our district and put out the word that Rotary Clubs needing masks to distribute should contact her with their requests. Fifteen Rotary Clubs in Vermont and New Hampshire responded.

District 7870 received 28,000 masks that we distributed in July, Russell said, "and we have requests for an additional 100,000. The next shipment is due in September." The average distribution of masks per club was 2,000, she said.

To date, the following Rotary Clubs in the District have participated: Keene, Brattleboro, Brattleboro Sunrise, White River Junction, Poultney, Meredith (NH), Guilford (NH), New London, Queen City, Bedford, Derry Village, Milford, Barre and Wallingford.

Additionally, 120,000 masks were sent to Solomon's district; 24,000 to District 7910; 6,000 to District 7950, and 6,000 to District 7890.

White River Rotary distributed 3,000 masks to LISTEN, a local non-profit, and to the Hartford Area Career and Technology Center (HACTC), Russell said.

The Derry Village Rotary distributed 1500 face masks to area organizations that expressed a need.



Figure 1 - Derry Boys & Girls club Executive Director Art McClean, support staff and kids



Figure 2 - Sonshine Soup Kitchen (l-r) President-elect Rick Metts, Christine Fudalla Executive Director, President Ryan Hazelton



Figure 3 FBC Food Pantry (l-r) President Ryan Hazelton, Director Judy Jurentkuff, President-elect Rick Metts



Figure 4 The Upper Room (l-r) President Ryan Hazelton, Director Brenda Guggisburg, President-elect Rick Metts

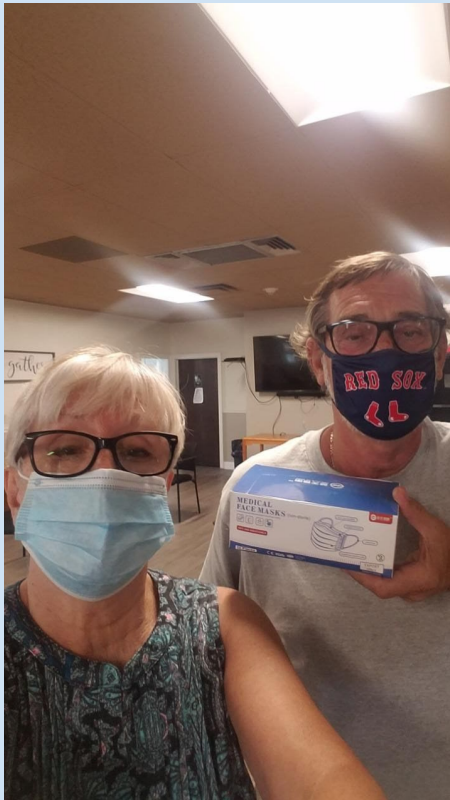


Figure 5 The Derry Friendship Center (l-r) Director Carol Bowden, Rotarian Steve Dente

Helpful Hints for Meetings during COVID

1. Continue with “HAPPY DOLLARS” comments every so often, so everyone at your meeting gets their “minute of fame” and is able to participate. Go down your list of participants to give everyone a chance to speak.
2. Contact members who never show up to Zoom, by PHONE for a friendly chat. Some members may not be comfortable with technology but will appreciate a phone call to know they have been missed.
3. Think about having Board meetings in person. Small groups can socially distance.
4. EMAILS: discourage long, lengthy emails to members from yourself or from other members in the club. People are getting tired of having to be on the computer all the time and tend to disregard or ignore lengthy communications. Group Texts are an option.
5. Record your meetings and send the link. Members who do not attend, may want to listen to the meeting at their leisure rather than read through the minutes.

6. Encourage members to invite GUESTS! It is much easier for guests to attend zoom meetings and have an opportunity to see what Rotary is all about. Recorded meetings can also be sent to guests.
7. Consider HYBRID meetings: Those who are comfortable meeting in person can meet, while you activate Zoom for other members at the same time.
8. Consider socially distanced socials...BYOB/BYOF in large areas such as parks, etc.

WE WILL ALL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER! 😊

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Rotary Rocks: District-Wide Membership Contest



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Rotary Rocks!

2020-21 District-Wide Membership Contest

Rotary is a great organization and a vital part of our lives. The relationships and experiences that are available through Rotary locally and around the world are amazing. The challenge we have is getting our members to reach out and invite other potential Rotary members to come join us.

Is your club up for a challenge?

Goals:

- Increase membership by inviting potential members to visit our clubs.
- Create a contest within your club to encourage participation. Offer prizes to provide incentives.
- Participate and compete for prizes in a district contest.

The Specifics:

- The Rotary Rocks Membership Contest will run from September 1st to April 1st.
- Your club will make the rules for your club's contest and decide what "rewards" can be earned locally.

Ideas:

Divide your club members according to the alphabet in equal teams or some other criteria.

Assign points for different accomplishments.

Invite someone to attend	1 point
Having them show up to a meeting	2 points
Having a new member join	5 points

(Secretary or membership chair will tally votes and keep the contest visible with a chart or regular announcements at the meetings.)

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 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 variety pack of Sam Adams beer. The Puderbaughs are willing to host the cookout or pizza party using their house and game room if the club members want to make a road trip to Candia.

Each Rotarian who personally sponsors someone will have their name entered into a drawing for a free district conference registration. We plan to hold the drawing April 1st.

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

Offering Value to Our Public Image

By: Sam Cassista, Public Image Chair District 7870

Hello on behalf of the public image committee. We are taking this opportunity to lay a foundation in Public Image efforts that we can make progress on today and build out over the next few years. Most people will agree that the most important part of communications is consistency and that's what we intend to build over years to come.

The public image committee is a group that's committed to being of great value to our district. We will do it more successfully with thoughtful input from you; your guidance is most welcome! At the present time, it seems like the two roles we will take on are to 1) promote the success we achieve when we are united and 2) promote reasons why Rotary should be something many people consider for their lives. We will do so through a few new media platforms and by engaging with personal experiences of club members.

Do you have a great Rotary minute to share or anecdote that highlights your favorite part of being a Rotarian? We would love to hear about it! Please connect with me at samantha.cassista@gmail.com, so that we might take a delightful and memorable moment of yours and make it a moment of curiosity for someone else who likewise is inspired to be a Person of Action.

Yours in Service, etc, etc, etc...

Sam

Foundation Dinners - SAVE THE DATE

Foundation Dinners on November 12, 2020. Save the date! More details to follow!

Club News

Brattleboro Rotary Launches New Cable Show During Pandemic

The Brattleboro Rotary Club has created a new cable show through its local community television station, Brattleboro Community Television. The show is called "Brattleboro Rotary Club Speaker Series" and utilizes the record function on ZOOM. Each speaker at the club's weekly meeting gives permission to be recorded. A link to the show is sent to members who missed the meeting, as well as being posted through social media. This allows the public to see the quality of presentations that Rotary is able to attract. You can check out the series by going to <https://www.brattleborotv.org/brattleboro-rotary-club-speaker-series>.



Goffstown Rotary for August

The Rotary Club of Goffstown has been meeting via Zoom since April, but that doesn't mean our members are sitting still. Recently, volunteers worked on improving our Rotary Park, delivered masks to 10 different organizations (thank you, District and PDG Nancy Russell!), and are working on plans to conduct a school supply drive. Our Annual Car Show has been converted a virtual show, and we are working on the details for that. We will be using our Facebook account, check it out. We also had the necessary repairs made to our street clock thanks to Philip D'Avanza,



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Goffstown-based Clockmaker. If your community has a clock that needs work, Phil is a master craftsman who has repaired clocks of all sizes --- from steeples to mantel clocks. We have also decided to re-instate our Citizen of the Year award and name it after one of our charter members, Richard Hopf. Rich has been an inspiration to the club since its founding.

Brattleboro Rotary Club Inducts Lynde as 71st Club President

The Brattleboro Rotary Club recently inducted Brattleboro resident Carl Lynde as its 71st club president for 2020-2021.

Rotary club members serving as officers with Lynde this year are President-Elect Phil George, Secretary Regina Stefanelli, Treasurer Rhonda Calhoun, Vice President Roger Allbee, and Immediate Past President Carla Lineback.

Lynde has been active in the Brattleboro Rotary Club since 1989; participating in Rotary's many community projects.

“Being a Rotarian offers members a wide variety of local, regional and international volunteer activity such that an individual can tailor to their interest and time,” Lynde said, “The fellowship experience at regular meetings has been very rewarding.”

“And, the speakers at our weekly club meetings range from local nonprofits to an international war crime judge to an OPEC speechwriter,” Lynde added.

Lynde is a Senior Vice President at TD Bank with over 45 years of banking experience. He joined TD Bank in 1984 as an Assistant Vice President, Commercial Lender. He is now a Senior Commercial Relationship Manager, providing financing, treasury, and banking solutions to commercial clients throughout southern Vermont. He received the 2018 “Outstanding Community Service Banker Award” from the Vermont Bankers Association.

He is a Past President of the Brattleboro Area Chamber of Commerce, a board member for Building a Better Brattleboro, member of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), including on the Board of Trustees from 1992-2015 and Board President for three of those years. Lynde has served on the boards for the Winston Prouty Center, Thompson House,



and Brattleboro Union High School district. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors for Brattleboro Memorial Hospital for more than 10 years, including as Board Chairman.

Carl is a graduate of Nathaniel Hawthorne College. He lives with his fiancée Pam Matweecha in Brattleboro. He has two sons, a daughter in law, two stepdaughters, and five grandchildren.

Milford Rotary Club Annual Passing of the Gavel 2020/2021

The Milford Rotary Club recently held their annual Passing of the Gavel, via a Zoom meeting, and the 2020/2021 Board of Directors took their oaths of office for this new Rotary year. As is tradition, Milford Rotary Past President Chris Rogers, CPA, presided over this year's event. The incoming leadership team includes: President Tim Finan (Network Consulting Engineer at Cisco), President Elect Paula Telage (Director of Corporate Giving at Home Health & Hospice Care), Vice President Doug Knott (President at Knott's Land Care, LLC), Immediate Past President Janet Langdell (Owner at The Langdell Homestead Barn Wilton Center), Secretary Tom Young (Paralegal at Sturm Law, PLLC), Assistant Secretary Jane Lyttle (Physical Therapist at Monadnock Community Hospital), Treasurer Todd Leo (Private Wealth Advisor at Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.), Assistant Treasurer Verna Hoyt (Bookkeeping Assistant at Page 1 Bookkeeping, LLC and Janet L. Spalding CPA) and Directors David Hanlon (Co-Owner at NH Custom Builder, LLC), Billy Clark (Vice President at Turnstone Corporation), Mac McNamara (Classic Signs, Retired), Paul Wydra (Owner, wydraTEK LLC - Small Business IT Consulting), Douglas Rupert (Banking Consultant, Retired) and Claudine Hessmer-Husainy (President at Andy's Summer Playhouse), Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Ciardelli (Retired, past President of Ciardelli Fuel Company) and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Grella (President at Grella and Son Irrigation).

The Milford Rotary Club serves the towns of Amherst, Milford, Mont Vernon, Lyndeborough and Wilton and, these days, meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon via Zoom. The Club consists of 71 active volunteer members who raise funds for scholarships, and to support local charities, throughout the year with events such as their 100 Holes of Golf in One Day, Annual Pancake Breakfast and by selling Christmas Trees.

Last year, Milford Rotary raised and donated over \$100,000 through its charitable giving and scholarship programs. If you would like to see what the Milford Rotary Club is all about, or join us for our weekly Zoom meeting, please send a message to MilfordNHRotaryClub@gmail.com or visit MilfordRotaryClub.org.



1st Row Left to Right: Todd Leo, Claudine Hessmer-Husainy, Jane Lyttle, Paul Wydra
 2nd Row Left to Right: Doug Rupert, Paula Telage, Doug Knott, Mac Mcnamara
 3rd Row Left to Right: Janet Langdell, Tim Finan, Tom Young, Verna Hoyt
 4th Row Left to Right: Dave Hanlon, Bill Clark

Milford Rotary Club Awards \$32,000 in Local Scholarships

The Milford Rotary Club is pleased to announce that it has awarded \$32,000 in scholarships, in amounts ranging from \$1,000 - \$2,000, to 26 deserving students in the Milford, Amherst, Wilton, Mont Vernon and Lyndeborough area.

The Milford High School recipients are: Autumn Aren, Gabriella Monico, Elisabeth Roadcap, Valeri Vander-Heyden, and Lauren Auger.

The Souhegan High School recipients are: Thomas Greenwood; Megan Tupaj, Isabelle Aiello, Alec Reitter, Micheal Estabrook and Alexandra Lacrosse.

The Wilton-Lyndeborough Cooperative High School recipients are: Natalie April, Madeline Smith, Kaitlin LoVerme, and Jude Roberts.

The following students were awarded our club's Marcia Perry Scholarships for Performing Arts: Evmorfia Alton - Amherst, Delaney Corcoran - Mont Vernon, and Sarah Whittier - Milford.

The following returning students received scholarship renewals ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500: Elise Lambert - Amherst, Hannah Kelley - Wilton, Allie DeGraffenried - Milford, Karly Infanti -

Amherst, Emmett Ramm - Amherst, Allison Skare - Milford, Lexi Balam - Lyndeborough, and Fiona Kennedy - Wilton.

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If you would like to see what the Milford Rotary is all about or get more information about the Club's community service and scholarship programs, please visit milfordrotaryclub.org

White River Rotary will be Watching as Sixteen-Year-Old Open Water Swimmer to Attempt the English Channel

DOVER, ENGLAND – When 16-year-old Vera Rivard attempts to swim the English Channel later this month, her coaches at the Upper Valley Aquatic Center (UVAC) and the members of the White River Rotary Club will be among those cheering her on – long distance.

The UVAC, based in White River Junction, first approached the White River Rotary Club last spring as Vera and her family were working to raise the funds needed to qualify her for the attempt – and then to travel to the United Kingdom to perform the challenging task. White River Rotary agreed to help sponsor the teen, who lives in Springfield, NH, and spends summers on Lake Memphremagog, in the Northeast Kingdom town of Derby, Vermont. Other sponsors include Allen Pools and Spas and TYR Swimwear.

Then came Covid-19, and the question: would this have to wait? Luckily, the answer was no. UVAC Executive Director Joe Major, a Rotarian, kept the club apprised of her progress and Vera addressed the club by telephone just before she and her family left for the UK in early August. She talked about her upcoming English Channel swim challenge and her recent swimming around Manhattan Island in the 20 Bridges Around Manhattan Island in July.

Vera, whose specialty is open water swimming, has been a member of the UVAC swim team since she was five years old. She has dreamed of swimming the English Channel her whole life. She'll get that opportunity the last week of August; her "swim window" is Monday, August 24 through Saturday, August 29. Captain Peter Reed, skipper of the boat Rowena, based in

Folkestone, will decide when – or if – her swim will happen. Vera will get only a few hours' notice and weather can sometimes interfere with a swimmer's success.

Vera, her sister Margaret, 13, and her mother Darcie arrived in Dover, England, on August 8 and will be quarantined for the next two weeks. Her father, Kevin, was unable to make the trip because of all the time commitments due to the quarantine restrictions, her mother said.

The family will be posting updates on Facebook and Instagram as they find out more about the swim. The link to track her swim is:

<https://www.channelswimmingassociation.com/pilots/rowena>.

Vera is happiest in the water and excited to try this newest challenge of the English Channel to test her limits, her family says. In preparation for the English Channel attempt, she traveled to attend Cork Distance Week in Ireland.

“I am constantly being asked why I do this? Why are you trying this when you are so young? Why swim so far, or why swim in such cold water? I only have one answer. Because I love it! I feel it is what I am meant to do. I feel completely ‘me’ when I am in the open water,” says Vera.



PHOTO: Vera (left) with her sister, Margaret. Photo courtesy of Upper Valley Aquatic Center

Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Sponsors Alzheimers Walk

The Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary became a second year sponsor recently of the Western New Hampshire Walk to End Alzheimers Disease. The club has become increasingly aware that as an International organization Rotary has been working for cure and disease prevention which will benefit all who have or will have Alzheimer's and Dementia worldwide. The fact that one in three of us are touched by this dreaded affliction has hit members hard, as several members are caregivers or have lost loved ones.

As a club of action under the leadership of new President Jed Brummer, a team of members formed a convoy recently to hold a breakfast meeting in the parking lot of Cheshire County Nursing Home Maplewood, where member Peter Davis was residing with his wife Barbara. At his own expense, and for the past three months, Davis has resided at the Maplewood facility so that he might be with and give personal care to Barbara. Were he to go home, because of the pandemic, he would not be allowed to re-enter the building. He has been unable to attend weekly meetings since the pandemic, so the meeting was therefore brought to him by over 20 cars led by a motorcycle and greeted by a state trooper in the parking lot.



The usual opening ceremony with invocation, pledge to the flag and singing "Oh Beautiful" was inspiring in this new meeting setting. Although unable to come outside, Davis was visibly touched, and so were the Rotarians, seen in this picture (with Peter in the middle). In addition to its sponsorship of the Alzheimers' continuing efforts in research, education and advocacy, this convoy team joins many other Monadnock Area teams who are virtually walking in western New Hampshire this fall, culminating in a celebration of support on September 26 in Keene. More information about the walk can be found at alz.org/walk.

International

Kenya Project by Bennington VT Rotary Club

BENNINGTON - If you think the attached photo looks familiar...look again. These bovine beauties are not reclining in an oft-photographed VT or NH landscape, but in a green field near Nyahururu, Kenya. A service project by the Bennington Rotary Club this spring will provide these two with more companions.



On February 21, 2020, our club hosted Jennifer Musick Wright, founder of the non-profit organization HEAL. After two impactful volunteer experiences at orphanages in Zimbabwe and Kenya where she witnessed the issues facing orphans and vulnerable children, Jen set out on a journey that led to the creation of both HEAL and a community in rural Kenya where children are taught that change is possible. Regardless of their background or any difficulty they have faced in their young lives, every child in the community is empowered to believe that positive change is possible. HEAL:Raising Our World One Child at a Time is a non-profit organization which recognizes that poverty and disease have forced innocent children to live in unbearable conditions. It seeks to design and implement progressive models for orphanages that encompass HEAL:

Health, Education, Ample nutrition and Love.

Jen's presentation described the projects on the 12-acre Community Center in the central highlands of Kenya. In each of the images of the Rapha Children's Home, Secondary School and Sustainability Project, the smiling faces of the children touched our hearts.



The project that resonated with our club was the Cow Project, in which the school is working to establish a dairy to milk for the children and offer the surplus for sale at the local market, making the center more self-sustaining. This certainly passed the Four Way Test.

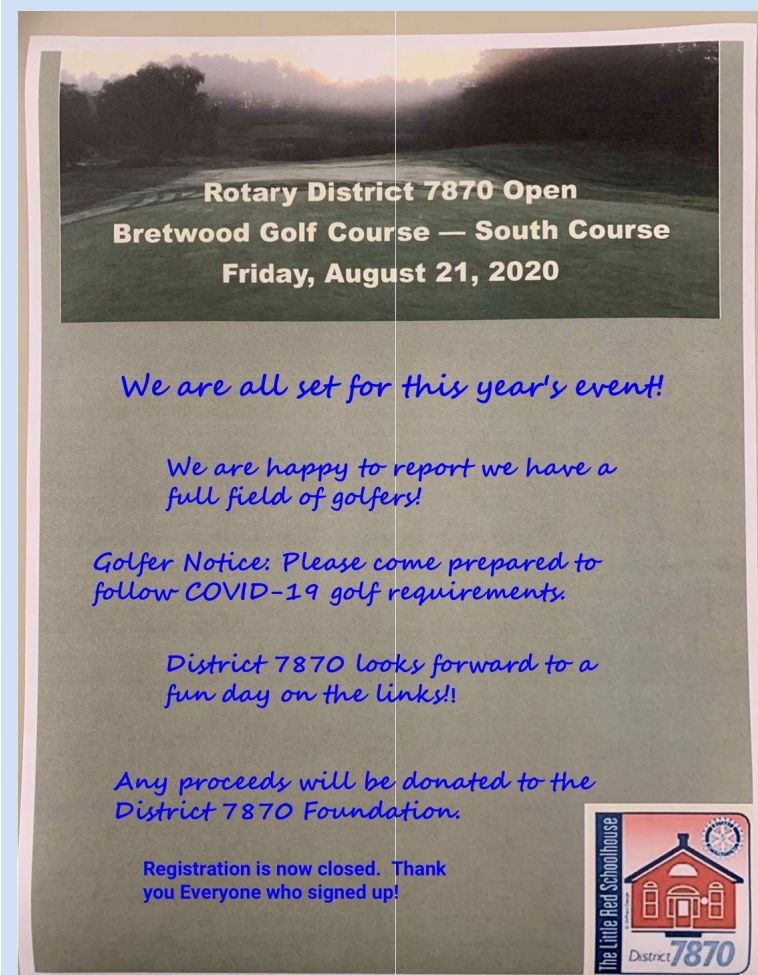
We began collecting funds from club members with the hope of raising enough money to purchase a cow for the project. The following week we had a contribution jar decorated with cow spots labelled “Cash Cow” on the reception table. When our meetings went virtual, so did the playful “Cash Cow.” The project, originally intended to be a one-month drive, stretched out until early May. In the end we collected \$830, which was supplemented by our club with \$670 so that HEAL was able to purchase TWO cows.

The Rapha Community Center has many other worthy projects. We continue to be in contact with Jen and entertain visions of turning our small efforts to support Rapha into a District or even Rotary Foundation project. Learn more about HEAL by visiting www.healraisingourworld.org

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Events and Fundraisers

Rotary District 7870 Open at Bretwood Golf Course- August 21.



Rotary District 7870 Open
Bretwood Golf Course — South Course
Friday, August 21, 2020

We are all set for this year's event!

We are happy to report we have a full field of golfers!

Golfer Notice: Please come prepared to follow COVID-19 golf requirements.

District 7870 looks forward to a fun day on the links!

Any proceeds will be donated to the District 7870 Foundation.

Registration is now closed. Thank you Everyone who signed up!

The Little Red Schoolhouse
District 7870

Rutland South Rotary Raffle - COVID edition! WIN this beautiful, BRAND-NEW Camper

This year, in lieu of our in-person raffle, the Rutland South Rotary Club will be raffling off a BRAND-NEW CAMPER! This will not replace our beloved raffle and fundraiser, which we will reinstate once it is safe to do so. In the spirit of Rotary, and being "People of Action", we're taking this opportunity to try something new, and hopefully raise some much-needed funds for the youth in our community! We were lucky enough to partner with a long-time friend of Rotary, Dan Kearney of Dan Kearney's RV and Lightweight Towables, who has hooked us up with a BRAND NEW, 25'10" Riverside Retro travel trailer. This is a lightweight, half-ton towable, with an MSRP of \$33,500. It sleeps four, is fully self-contained with a full-size bathroom, gas/electric refrigerator, microwave, and queen bed. In addition to the interior features, there are outdoor conveniences too, including a shower, awning with stabilizers, and outdoor speakers for your favorite tunes! Whether you're a camper or glamper, taking vacation or stay-cation, this is the perfect, lightweight, compact trailer for you to enjoy with the family; or perhaps to even take a break from the family...

The Rutland South Rotary Club supports the youth in our community, and with your help, we'll help ensure every child has the same opportunities to learn and engage, whether learning in school or remotely.

Tickets will be available soon! For \$100, you can WIN BIG with this compact travel trailer! But wait! There are cash prizes too; we'll also be giving away a 2nd prize of \$1,500, 3rd prize of \$1,000, and 4th prize of \$500 CASH! A limited number of tickets will be sold, more details and drawing date to follow.

To view more photos of this beautiful home away from home, please visit <https://www.dankearneysrvcenter.com/default.asp?page=xInventoryDetail&id=4994469&p=3&s=Year&d=D&fr=xAllInventory>. For questions, or to set up a tour, feel free to reach out to our resident camper-guru, Roger Louiselle, at 802-236-7713.

****Winner must take possession and complete necessary paperwork for the transfer of the RV within 15 days of drawing. RV is FOB Rutland, VT. Winner is responsible for all applicable taxes, title, and registration; subject to all applicable laws for charitable raffles.**







45th Annual Charity Golf Tournament - Brattleboro Rotary Club - September 24, 2020

Save the Date!

Thursday September 24th, 2020

The Brattleboro Rotary Club's

45th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Thank you for your past support.
We hope you will be able to join us this year!

For more information, contact Gina Pattison at 802-257-8314
or gpattison@bmhvt.org. Or visit us online at www.BrattleboroRotaryClub.org.

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



Rotary Opens
Opportunities

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: September 15th, 2020 at 9:00AM.

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:

