



# *THE INSPIRATION*



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## Greetings From Your District Governor Steve Puderbaugh



It is hard to believe our Rotary year is over half over. While it is nothing like I envisioned when I agreed to be your District Governor, it has still been amazing to see all we are accomplishing across the district. I hope you and your club are staying healthy and engaged. It looks like we can see an endpoint to this pandemic so we can get back to hugs and live fellowship in our local meetings.

I want to share several thoughts:

### **District Conference**

First I want everyone to Save the Dates of November 12-14. This is the new date of our District Conference at Church Landing in Meredith. We felt the original May date was not feasible to have a live event due to the slow rollout of the Covid vaccines. We have a lot planned for this conference and a great location. Stay tuned for more details around July 1st when registration opens.



Rotary Opens  
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## Masks

Between all the masks coming in as part of the Million Mask Challenge, we have distributed around 350,000 masks throughout our district. I am sharing photos of our mask pick up in Bedford and a photo of kids masks distributed by the Queen City Rotary. The Rossi Foundation in CT may be importing more so stay tuned for that opportunity. Between our District-wide Covid grant and these masks, our Rotary clubs have made a lot of new community connections.



## Membership

We still have our Rotary Rocks district membership contest going. We were planning on extending the end of the contest until June 1st since the district conference has been postponed. This hopefully allows some of our clubs to go back to live or hybrid meetings which certainly helps with recruitment.

I also want to encourage you and any new or potential Rotarians to join us for our second World of Rotary webinar on February 23rd.

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/mtg-joiner/register/tZUtcu-grTouHNK5LsDDMWrrEiZWmmznCTn->

## Global Grants

Keep in mind we have several potential global grant projects that may need a lead club to be the international sponsor or clubs to help financially. We would still like to take advantage of the current matching funds for grants. The level of matching funds will be decreasing on July 1st. This is due to the number of grant requests has doubled since 2014 and the funds have become depleted well before the end of the Rotary year.

Deb and I have agreed to support any new grants this year with \$1000 which will be matched by PDG Venu Rau.

## President-Elects

If your club hasn't identified your president-elect for the 21-22 Rotary year, I encourage you to do so. DGE John has his second pre-PETS training on the 27th and then the President-Elect Training

Seminar in March. You don't want your incoming president to miss this with all the changes happening across the Rotary world.

### **Presidential Citation**

Your club still has time to enter your goals and achieve them for your Presidential Citation. Here is a link with the details. I want to encourage your club to take a look at this. The requirements are pretty straight forward. Visit Rotary.org, log in and go to file:///Users/user/Downloads/rotary-citation-goals-instructions-en.pdf

We have a strong core that has persevered this past year. We still have a strong foundation to build on as we come out of this pandemic. Let's finish this year strong!

Steve

## **District News**

### **Rotary Cares, Episode 32 - Meet the District 7870 Governor**



#### **Rotary Cares, Episode 32 – Meet the District 7870 Governor Steve Puderbaugh**

In episode 32 of the award-winning, monthly show, Rotary Cares, Brattleboro Rotary Club past president Marty Cohn talks to Rotary District 7870 District Governor Steve Puderbaugh. The show is produced by [Brattleboro Community Television](http://www.brattleborotv.org).

To watch the show,

<https://www.brattleborotv.org/rotary-cares/ep-32-steve-puderbaugh>

To listen to the podcast,

<https://soundcloud.com/user-402413535/rotary-cares-ep-32-meet-the-district-7870-governor-steve-puderbaugh>

## Save the Date - District Conference in November!

We all are acutely aware that Covid has caused the cancellation and postponement of many Rotary events over the past year including last year's district conference. I have enjoyed being able to share our plans for our district conference this year at my club presentations. We have been excited about being able to have it at a great location at Church Landing in Meredith, NH and also being able to make changes to the event to make it very affordable for all. .

We were hoping to be able to keep our dates of May 1st and 2nd but the vaccine rollout is going a lot slower than we wanted. We feel that participant safety is of utmost importance and we can't expect a great turnout until we are all vaccinated and the Covid case numbers have dropped dramatically.

With all this in mind, and with agreement from Governor-Elect John Siemienowicz, we have decided to move our conference into the fall. **The new dates will be November 13th and 14th.** We are also planning on having Host Hospitality events on Friday night the 12th. These will be held in various homes and venues in the Winnepesaukee area.

We are all anxious to get back to live events where we can socialize and have fun. We have to reconfirm our speakers and entertainment with the new dates, but we are going to have a great weekend with excellent presentations and exciting entertainment. We will have a lot more information when registration opens around July 1st.

## PrePETS and PETS Training Sign Up

It's that time of year! It's time to train our next group of outstanding District 7870 Rotary Club Presidents. We are hosting our second Pre-PETS via zoom on February 27<sup>th</sup> with Sessions #3 & #4 beginning at 9:00AM followed by an evening session for Session #1 & #2 starting at 6:30 PM. So below are the two invitations to register and join in on the fun and learning.

1) You are invited to a Zoom meeting Pre-PETS Sessions 3 and 4 (Morning meeting)  
When: Feb 27, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUocO2trjsqGNWmzLEF4hHXEgNZf3hba7\\_O](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUocO2trjsqGNWmzLEF4hHXEgNZf3hba7_O)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

2) You are invited to a Zoom meeting PrePETS Sessions 1 and 2 (Evening)  
When: Feb 27, 2021 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtc-irqDwpEtSuy5YavXDib92Pdc5F24A5>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Pre-PETS meeting.

This Pre-PETS training will be followed by North East Presidents Elect (NEPETS) Training on the evenings of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. Please go to [www.rotarynepets.org](http://www.rotarynepets.org) to register. Thank you all for what you do and plan to do for our organization.



2021 – 2022 **Theme**

## Rotary Four Way Speech Contest Update

Important Notice: District 7870 is planning to host the Rotary Four Way Speech Contest again this year. However, this year we will be coordinating this from a virtual platform. The plan is currently under construction, but please let us know if your Club will have an entry. The Virtual Semi Finals will be hosted on the March 21, 2021 with scheduling to be coordinated based on number of contestants. The Finals and awards will occur in the early afternoon of May 1, 2021. Our District 4-Way Speech Contest Committee looks forward to bringing this part of our District Culture in a new and safe way to all who are interested. Thank you for having your Club consider this opportunity. Please email me at [jay4steel@jaysteel.com](mailto:jay4steel@jaysteel.com) with your notice to submit a candidate and also feel free to email me with any questions.

John Bob Siemienowicz DGE District 7870







## Rotary Virtual International Assembly Experience

I just wrapped up my Rotary Virtual International Assembly experience, and what an experience it was! The event ran from February 1 until midday on February 11<sup>th</sup> and I was fortunate to have been able to attend virtually from Amherst, NH. The experience was totally global in the impact and reach provided by Rotary using the new world of Zoom and creative meeting formats. Rotary President Shekhar Mehta's delivery of the new Rotary theme "Serve to Change Lives" was truly inspiring. The experience and new friendships made is very hard to summarize in a brief article. However, the coaching and information provided will last long beyond the Assembly and is certainly going to help me with my path forward in becoming your District Governor on July 1, 2021. As I reflect on the thoughts that affected me and engaged me during the sessions, I realize they are inevitably going to lead our District to a beneficial year of service for all of us "Change Makers"! TOGETHER we will see a world where PEOPLE unite and take action to CREATE lasting CHANGE across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves.

John Bob Siemienowicz DGE District 7870



# 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)

Feb 5, 2021 08:30 AM      Mar 5, 2021 08:30 AM      Apr 2, 2021 08:30 AM

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/join/78773960966?pwd=QkFlTTZkdDJyRzJlZ3phTmhzam1kQT09>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78773960966?pwd=QkFlTTZkdDJyRzJlZ3phTmhzam1kQT09>

Meeting ID: 787 7396 0966

Passcode: DuQ4J3

Thanks,

Ken Yie

Foundation Co-Chair, Queen City Rotary



## International & District Conferences 2021

### NOTES:

Rotary International Conference is virtual this year.

District 7870 Conference is planned for November 2021.

More details to come!

## Rotary Distributes Masks for the Second Time

As part of the Rotary Million Mask Challenge “Take 2” tour, well over 400,000 surgical, children’s, and N95 masks were distributed to area first responders, health care organizations, schools and needy community organizations by Rotary clubs in New Hampshire and Vermont at the end of January.

According to Rotary District 7870 Governor Steve Puderbaugh, the Rotary Million Mask Challenge was the brainchild of Connecticut Rotary member Ted Rossi and his Rossi Family Foundation. In October they secured a million mask shipment from China and worked with Rotary clubs to distribute them to first responders, health care organizations, and needy communities in the Northeast.

Puderbaugh said, “Rotarians in two districts, 7870 and 7850, throughout New Hampshire and Vermont organized and participated in the distribution of over 300,000 masks.”

“This second distribution allowed us to deliver another 400,000 surgical masks along with a large supply of children-designed surgical face-masks and an important supply of N95s for first responders,” Puderbaugh added.

Jeff Philbrick, co-owner of Colonial Poplin Nursing Home in Fremont, NH, was greatly appreciative. They have been having trouble keeping enough masks stocked as they go through over 50 each day.

Puderbaugh concluded, “This is another story of how Rotary Districts and local clubs can respond to a crisis, rally resources to spread goodwill, and, most importantly, save lives.”



Rotary District 7870 consists of 59 Rotary Clubs in southern Vermont and southern New Hampshire. Rotary District 7850 consists of 43 Rotary clubs in northern Vermont, New Hampshire, and southern Canada.



PHOTO: Lily Baker of Candia, NH shows off her new mask supplied by Rotary.

## **Rotary Rocks! Exciting Announcement!**

### **Rotary Rocks!**

#### **2020-21 District-Wide Membership Contest**

#### **EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!**

**Here is your chance to win for your Rotary club  
a cookout of marinated steak tips and chicken tenders  
prepared by DG Steve and Deb and other District leaders.**

**District Governor has extended Rotary Rocks until June 1.  
So plan today to challenge your members  
to invite friends and associates to your Rotary meeting.  
Earn points and gain rewards on June 1!**

**Below is a reminder about the guidelines for the Rotary Rocks 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 1<sup>st</sup> to June 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 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 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 June 1.

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

## Club News

### Update for South Rutland Rotary Raffle



This is what lengths Roger Louiselle is going to to promote the club's ticket sales. A radio listener challenged him to dress up as Cousin Eddie from Christmas Vacation and take a picture in front of the RV and he would buy two tickets. He investigated what he had to do to match Cousin Eddie. So on Saturday, January 30th, at 15 degrees, he stripped down for the pictures. The caller paid the next day. The raffle deadline is March 17th, St. Patrick's Day.

### Love Your Neighbor Food Drive A Success

Like so many projects this past 12 months, the Goffstown Rotary Club's annual Love Your Neighbor Food Drive had a different look this year. Normally, club members meet up at a local Hannaford supermarket to pack bags with non-perishable food suitable for school kids to take home over weekends. The bags are sold for \$10 and delivered to an area food bank for distribution. Then, the members usually meet up on a Saturday morning (and ALWAYS the most bitterly cold day of the winter) outside the store to collect other goods and donations from shoppers. This year, however, COVID precautions kept us from packing the bags and the food collection. Fortunately, Hannaford stepped in, packed and sold the bags and allowed a cash donation station to be designated for the food drive. Over \$1000 in food and cash was collected and distributed to local food pantries thanks to our partners at Hannaford and the generosity of our community. Where there's a will, there's a way! The club is now looking at holding a traditional food drive this summer if our community's health allows it.

## **Ludlow Rotary Receives 2,000 Masks for Covid-19 Use**

Recently, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) received a donation of 2,000 masks for use during the Covid-19 crisis.

According to Ludlow Rotary Club President Kevin Barnes, 300 masks will be donated to Mt Holly groups while 800 will go to the town of Ludlow. Previously, Ludlow Rotary has been able to provide masks to Ludlow first responders, Fletcher Memorial Library, Mt Holly Rescue, Mt Holly Fire, Mt Holly Town office, and Mt Holly road crew.

## **Lake Rescue Milfoil Problem Discussed at Ludlow Rotary Meeting**

The co-Presidents of the Lake Rescue Association (LRA), Barbara Silver and Bruce Zanca, recently spoke to a meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) to discuss the problems facing them due to Eurasian Milfoil and river sediment.

The LRA, formed in 1933 and incorporated in 1954, is, according to Silver, “facing a crisis right now”. She was referring to the rapid build-up of milfoil, a non-native, invasive aquatic plant that can grow from 4 to 6 inches a day in full sunlight.

The milfoil invasion of Lake Rescue and Lake Pauline was “rediscovered” in the lake system in 2014 following tropical storm Irene. It has become an on-going problem that, if not addressed, could turn the “lakes into a swamp”.

Over the years since Irene, the LRA, in conjunction with state agencies, has spent thousands of dollars to remove the milfoil from the lakes. It was estimated that the LRA would spend about \$48,000 next year on removing milfoil.

Zanca noted that they would probably never be able to totally eradicate milfoil from the lakes but would be able to reduce it to a controllable situation with constant maintenance care. To this end, the LRA is constructing a “Dash” boat that will be able to literally vacuum the milfoil from parts of the lake and its floor.

In addition to this problem, the LRA is also addressing the impact of sedimentation caused mainly by the Black River.

One area of concern is the channel between Lake Rescue and Round Pond. Over the years, the sediment build-up has resulted in the creation of “islands” of sediment and raised the floor of Round Pond so that the depth of the water has been severely reduced.



The LRA has about 150 members. There are approximately 250-300 individual lake properties involved.



PHOTO: Barbara Silver, co-President of the Lake Rescue Association, as she discusses the milfoil problem in Lake Rescue during a Zoom-based meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club.

## **Bethel Rotary 2020 Community Hero's Named. . .**

Bethel Area Rotary honored our 2020 Community Hero's at our last meeting for making significant contributions to our community during this difficult year. We selected Gary Burt and Ellie Griffin for their tireless work maintaining and expanding the reach of the Bethel Food Shelf. Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" and our members are inspired by the many people who volunteer for so many essential but unflashy tasks that make our community supportive and caring places to live. Bethel Area Rotary has focused on the needs of the area food shelves this year to address food insecurity with volunteers and contributions.

From that perspective, it was impossible to miss the quiet but significant contributions of our two 2020 Community Heroes.

Gary Burt assumed leadership of the food shelf the week before the Covid shutdown and continued despite adversity and uncertainty. We were fortunate he had training in emergency preparedness and engineering as he constantly provided innovations and updates that made this community resource safe for patrons and volunteers alike. His problem solving has allowed this service to expand and grow with a new roster of volunteers and procedures. How many people would have had the ingenuity and foresight to build a pulley system to bring supplies to patrons from the basement to the first floor of the White Church to avoid dangerous stairs. Calmly shopping, ordering, and manning the food shelf during 2020 are just the latest of Gary's contributions to the community he has been a tireless volunteer at Chandler Center for the Arts and as a Boy Scout Leader.

Ellie Griffin also worked throughout the shutdown to help her neighbors. She worked every shift at the food shelf from March to September when her duties at a local daycare were suspended. Ellie credits her community service ethos to her early days as a Peace Corps volunteer. She certainly has embodied their current motto "Work for The World- Resilience Required -Heart Is Essential" in her 30 years of volunteering for the Bethel community. Beyond the food shelf when there was a

community need, Ellie was at the forefront. After Hurricane Irene, she was part of Citizens Plus making sure people had the supplies and skills they might need in natural disasters. When a group of people started the Bethel Revitalization Initiative and Bethel University Ellie supported that as well with time energy and optimism. Many of her projects have supported the young people in our community through work with the Girl Scouts and then The Bethel Recreation Committee. Have you seen our Bethel Skate Park? Much of the energy behind that came from Ellie.

## Fellowship with Ludlow Rotarians

It goes without saying that fellowship is a huge piece of the Rotary experience and is especially important during times of little to no socialization and/or isolation due to Covid. The Rotary Club of Ludlow members really do enjoy one another's company and look forward to fellowship activities. It is just who we are. Tradition has it that we have an evening Christmas party each year during the first week of December and invite spouses, significant others and friends to join us.

We have held this party at DJ's restaurant for various reasons - we meet there weekly, we like the product and we want to give back to the owner via doing business there as a way to appreciate them being available to host our weekly meetings at noon when they are otherwise closed for business. The evening consists of a cocktail hour, Christmas caroling, a Yankee swap, a visit from Santa, ending with dinner and dessert. It is a very festive and fun evening and always well attended.



Obviously, we were not going to be able to keep our traditions, so we decided to continue to support DJ's Restaurant by asking them, if willing, to prepare a special menu for our members as usual and we would order all the meals for pickup between 5:00 and 6:00 PM.. They agreed and we had over 20 Rotarians and guests doing so. From there we planned a 6:45 ZOOM meeting which gave everyone time to get home with their meals and call in. We shared cocktails, the meal and much camaraderie - we may have even sung a carol or two. It was great fun and we think DJ's appreciated our business. It was a win/win for them and us.

Barb LeMire  
Ludlow Rotary Secretary  
District 7870 Membership Committee

## “Inspiration” at Rotary Club of Concord

Our "Inspiration" for the month at Rotary Club of Concord, NH, comes from member Warren Emley. Past President Warren, has taken on multiple projects on behalf of Rotary for the benefit of local communities, and this past month is no different!

The District 7870 Mask Challenge was issued and Warren took up the mantle and dove in. He organized the collection and delivery in many cases of delivery of thousands of masks to deserving organizations.

Here he and Rotarian Clement Kigigu pictured, share the delivery of masks to Overcomers Refugee Services in Concord.



There are other examples of the work done by the Concord Club and Warren's efforts, but he continues to take on challenges for the benefit of the City of Concord's citizens in need, in the name of Rotary!

## Holiday and Winter Projects - A Busy Time for Derry Village Rotary

We are passing along some news about what we have been doing this winter, some information better late than never! The holiday season is a busy time for Derry Village, this year was even more so:

· 2020 NUTFIELD HOLIDAY PARADE: Due to Covid issues, the annual Holiday parade sponsored by DVR and the Greater Derry Chamber did not happen. What we did was substitute a Virtual Food Drive to augment the food and money donations we would have normally collected. Both online and with a very visual setup in downtown Derry on Small Business Saturday, and with help from our Interact club, we ended up surpassing donations in both food and cash than we ever did during the Parade. This year we collected approximately 1000 pounds of food and over \$3000 which when matched by the club totaled \$6000 which was presented in equal shares to three Derry Food Banks to assist neighbors in need.







## Manchester Rotary Club Engages in Community

In its recent weeks the Manchester Rotary Club has continued to hear from local nonprofit leaders and city officials on a regular basis through virtual and “hybrid” meetings. These have proven to be effective in maintaining connections within the club and with our friends who are on the front lines of social service and education initiatives in Manchester. The Club has continued its involvement in the Million Mask Challenge Tour, donating 6,000 disposable masks to Camp Allen in Bedford, NH and 2,000 to Amoskeag Health in Manchester. In addition, it donated 500 cloth masks for children to Amoskeag Health which were hand-made by generous volunteers, and also donated \$800 to this organization’s Welcome Baby Bag program. Additional cash donations included \$1,000 to the New Hampshire Union Leader Santa Fund to benefit the Salvation Army and \$500 to Holy Trinity Cathedral PNCC which has been hosting our weekly meetings. Club members’ service activities included serving meals to the homeless at Families in Transition in downtown Manchester. Additional service projects are being considered for the coming months.

Currently, the biggest item on the Club’s agenda is planning for Cruising Downtown 2021 which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 4. This is one of the biggest car shows in New England, and it serves as the Club’s major fundraiser. The annual event was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, and the Club is seeing the 2021 event as an opportunity to explore innovative ideas on how we can work creatively with our partners to hold a safe and fun event that will best benefit the community. For information: <https://cruisingdowntown.com/>.



Caption:

In December 2020 the Manchester Rotary Club donated \$1,000 to the New Hampshire Union Leader’s Santa Fund to benefit the Salvation Army. Manchester Rotary Club President David Crespo (center) is flanked by club members (left) Right Rev. Paul Sobiechowski and (right) Clair Monier, former club President.



## Bill Stephenson - Paul Harris Fellow

The images above/below show William “Bill” Stephenson receiving his Paul Harris +3 pin from Club President Mandy Mitnik in January 2021. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions this honor was not able to be shared with other members of his club. The members of Poultney Rotary wish to thank Bill for his ongoing commitment to the Rotary Foundation, which he co-chairs at the Club committee level, and for his desire to see international and local service efforts come from the grassroots club level.

Bill, a polio survivor from his youth in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, has also been a strong supporter of World Polio Day and the overall eradication of polio effort by Rotary.

“Thank You” Bill and all members of Poultney Rotary look forward to recognizing your service in person soon.



## International

### Youth Exchange Update

Rotary Youth Exchange, like so many other things, has been on-hold due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. During this time, your Youth Exchange Committee has remained busy laying the groundwork for the return of the program beginning in July of this year.

On Saturday, January 16, the Youth Exchange Committee along with club volunteers and former outbound students, interviewed seven local students who hope to go out of the country on exchange next year. An 8<sup>th</sup> applicant has been accepted from a neighboring district as well. If everyone is accepted and the program is able to move forward, the group will depart next August for a year abroad.

We are currently accepting applications for the short-term program and looking for clubs who will host a year-long inbound student for the coming Rotary year. We are optimistic, and realistic, about the prospects and hope that this important program is back in business soon.

Look for the return of the “Where Are They Now?” piece in the next newsletter. If you have questions on any part of the program, would like a club presentation or would like to be involved, please contact Jim Rumrill at [jrumrill64@gmail.com](mailto:jrumrill64@gmail.com).

Stay involved and stay safe!



## Fundraiser

### Rotary Club of Nashua - Charity Car Raffle

**Rotary Club of Nashua**

**CHARITY CAR RAFFLE**



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**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)



## Calendars

### District 7870 Calendar

So much going on within the clubs in the district! Be sure to regular check this District Calendar of Events: <http://rotary7870.org/events/calendar>

Do you have an entry for the District online calendar? Please email your entry to: [prrotary7870@gmail.com](mailto:prrotary7870@gmail.com).

### Months of the Rotary Year

Many months of the year are designated by Rotary International for special significance. Here are the ones for this [Rotary year](#):

**August 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](mailto:prrotary7870@gmail.com) to be included in the Monthly Newsletter. The District Newsletter is a means of communicating with other clubs in our district: items of interest, upcoming events, fundraisers or opportunities for service.

**Deadline for next Newsletter Submissions: March 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](http://www.rotary7870.org).

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

