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Greetings From Your District Governor Steve Puderbaugh



Spring weather is looking great and we seem to be rounding the curve and heading into what we hope is the last stretch on Covid. We have a lot to be thankful for and a lot to look forward to as we wind down the last 90 days of this Rotary year.

Most of our clubs are making decisions on how to come back together in person so we can get back to our in-person fellowship. I am very thankful that we have had the technology platforms like Zoom and they will be with us for a long time but we will want to balance it with live meetings and events. We are recommending that clubs consider moving forward with a

hybrid event so that you can continue to have speakers from outside your immediate community as well as keep Rotarians connected who are unable to join you live for whatever reason.

Most of our clubs are also trying to figure out what live events are safe to put on at this point. A lot of social events, races, golf tournaments and many other activities are being planned across the district. Deb and I are fully vaccinated and I have finally hired a veterinarian (after over two years) which will give me some flexibility to get out and join some club events.

India Crisis

I sent out an appeal to support the crisis in India on May 2nd. I have no idea of the amount we raised since we did not collect the funds directly but I know we did raise several thousand dollars for oxygen generators for India. Rotary International is having discussions with SEWA International to form a more formal partnership. They are an organization that is geared to respond to disaster situations better than we are as an organization. Let me know if you need more information.

Rotary Rocks

Our district membership contest ends on June 1st. There is still time for your clubs to qualify for one of the top 3 prizes. We have 23 clubs with positive growth who can still win the contest.

District Conference

Our promotion will become more serious next month but we still want everyone to save the date for our celebration of this Rotary year and the great things that will be moving forward during the 21-22 year. November 12-14 should be on your and your club's calendars.

Presidential Citations

There is still time for your club to qualify for a presidential citation. Work with your assistant governors to make that happen.

New Clubs

There are a lot of new clubs that are either being formed or being discussed. Franklin Area Rotary is well on its way to be re-established as a club. We are looking at the Northwood NH area as an opportunity to expand a new club in the near future. There are also discussions regarding a club focused on international projects, a community-based Rotaract club, a veteran-focused club, and others. Let our district leaders and membership chairs know if you have an idea, area of focus, or geographical area your club would like to focus on.

We are winding down our year with the theme of Rotary Opens Opportunities. Let's continue to focus on all these opportunities and continue to grow Rotary in our communities.

District News

Rotary Cares, Episode 35 - Local Scholarships

In episode 35 of the award-winning, monthly show, Rotary Cares, Brattleboro Rotary Club past president Marty Cohn discusses local scholarships with Brattleboro Rotary Club Scholarship chair John Mabie. Directed by Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club past president Kevin Yager and produced by Brattleboro Community Television.



To watch the show, visit:

<https://www.brattleborotv.org/rotary-cares/ep-35-john-mabie>

To listen to the podcast, visit:

<https://soundcloud.com/user-402413535/rotary-cares-ep35-local-scholarships>

Casting Call for Rotary Cares

In episode 36 of the award-winning show, Rotary Cares, we will be discussing how clubs responded to the pandemic. We are looking for two Rotary members who can talk about the ways in which their clubs continued the work of Rotary both locally and internationally. The show will be recorded on May 25, 2021. If you are interested in being one of the two guests, contact Martin Cohn at cohnpr802@gmail.com.



Coffee with Ken! Rotary Rocks!

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!

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

	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

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!

Here are the latest results!

Brattleboro +1	Hudson Litchfield +1	Rutland South +1
Capital City +2	Keene Elm City +1	Suncook Valley +1
Charlestown +1	Lakes Region +1	Wallingford +2
Concord +3	Londonderry +1	Wantastiquet +1
Deerfield Valley +4	Ludlow +2	White River Junction +1
Derry Village +4	Newport +1	Windsor +4
Goffstown +2	Poultney +1	Woodstock +1
Grand Monadnock +1	Queen City +3	

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 9-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.

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.

A New Future for Rotary Action Groups

Randell Barclay, District Governor Nominee (DG 2022-23)

Wallingford Rotary Club

Honorary Member: RC of Blouberg South Africa

During the Pandemic many Rotary Clubs have gone through a transformation using Zoom. No longer are speakers required to physically come to our club. They can be from overseas. It is the first time that our snowbird members join our meetings every week. One of our members is in Abu Dhabi and he now is online for every meeting. We have guests join us from all over the world.

A similar change is now happening with Rotary Action Groups (RAGs) and Rotary Fellowships. Zoom now allows us to team up with Rotarians, around the world, with like-minded humanitarian interests for meetings, discussions, and webinars on a regular basis. I am involved with several RAGs so DG Steve Puderbaugh asked if I would write a monthly article about RAGs. This month, I would like to talk about the Rotary Action Group for Peace (“RAGFP”).

This year, our Global Grant partner club in South Africa (RC of Blouberg) decided to become the second Peacebuilder Club in South Africa. The need for mediation, peace building and conflict resolution is urgent in many parts of Africa. In 2020, Wallingford RC participated in a global grant for the creation of Peace Clubs in South African High Schools. The grant team was led by Dr. Bettye Walker, the Peace Champion for the Downtown Los Angeles Club, and Helene Visser, District 9350’s incoming Foundation Chair from the RC of Blouberg. Suddenly, I am watching a United Nations Zoom meeting where our South African Peace Club High School Students are winning awards at the UN’s Virtual Peace in the Streets Global Film Festival. Here is Rajveer’s video:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uSW2SZV1UaYng02EHAowJWxBse8OK3n8/view>



I have zoomed to an All Africa Celebration of Peace and International Understanding in Cairo. I can sit in while RC of Blouberg discusses becoming a Peacebuilder Club. I am zooming with the Rotary Club of Monrovia in Liberia to discuss a global grant for Peace Clubs there.

When RC of Blouberg decide to become a Peacebuilder Club on March 5, 2021, I decided to join the Rotary Action Group for Peace at <https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org>. RAGFP

Annual membership is \$50.

Watch this 5 minute YouTube “Building Peace” Video: https://youtu.be/7U5Ole_Q_oU

RAGFP’s essential question is “What if we started thinking about Rotary as more than a collection of service clubs and started thinking of ourselves as a global peacebuilding force?” The mission of RAGFP is to “support the peace work of Rotarians worldwide”.

So what is a Peacebuilder Club? You can find out at

<https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/peacebuilder-materials/>

A Peacebuilder Club is a club that is committed to the Rotary Area of Focus for Peace, Conflict Prevention and Conflict Resolution. Peacebuilder clubs started in 2018 and there are now over 270 registered clubs. The Peace Committees at clubs engage in peace projects both at home and around the world.



If you are interested, consider: (i) Joining the Rotary Action Group for Peace. (ii) Think about your club becoming a Peacebuilder Club, (iii) Join the Facebook page for Peacebuilder Clubs, (iv) subscribe to their monthly newsletter, (v) Come up with a project!

How about attending their 2021 Peace Dove Gala on June 30th 2021 at 8PM Eastern? It’s Free! <https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/2021-peace-dove-gala/>

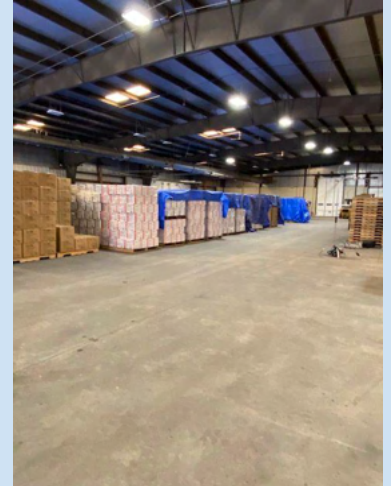
Email me and tell me if you are a member of a Rotary Action Group. I would like to hear from you. Rotary.Randell@gmail.com. Next Month RAGAS – Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (human trafficking).

Million Mask Challenge: Photo Ops



The Million Mask Challenge donation was a huge success! Here are photos from Bonnie Hunt's (Rotary Club of Meredith, NH) from her trip and delivery of masks to the Belmont and Franklin Clubs.

Governor Sununu's proclamation was delivered by DG Steve. Bonnie Hunt presented the donor and his wife with a beautiful bag of NH goodies - NH Maple Syrup, Port City Pretzels and Lindt chocolates - all considered much more tasty than a piece of paper!



Left photo: The donor, Ted Rossi, with Bonnie Hunt.



Club News

Rotary Club of Rutland Supports Global Grant for Infants In Thailand

The Rotary Club of Rutland partners with private donors and three Rotary Clubs in Australia and Khon Kaen Rotary in Thailand on Bridging the Silence, a global grant to establish a community-based screening program for the Khon Kaen Region to screen for hearing impairments in infants. The \$63,000 global grant includes funding from the Rotary Foundation World Fund.

The need for all newborns to be systematically screened for hearing impairments within the province of Khon Kaen Thailand aims to be met by this global grant. The number of audiologists in the region is very limited and the required equipment was not available in most of the hospitals in the Province of Khon Kaen and even in the country. Thailand has a population of 68 million people and there are less than fifty qualified pediatric audiologists. Most babies not born in the main hospitals in the City of Khon Kaen have not been screened for hearing impairments. For many babies or toddlers when the problem becomes noticeable, it's almost too late to take any effective action.

Treatment for hearing impairments is highly effective and the average cost is approximately \$20 per screening. Early diagnosis of hearing impairment can help prevent language development delays. Without a diagnosis, the potential to impact academic performance and opportunities for a prosperous future is often limited resulting in poverty and social isolation.

Working together with the Srinagarind Hospital, the Khon Kaen University, and the local district hospitals a community-based screening program will be established. Three highly trained hearing screening teams will visit community hospitals across Khon Kaen province every week. They will perform modern-day screening and conduct follow-ups. Babies that require further testing or special treatment will be referred to Srinagarind Hospital.

"The world has changed for every one of us and our most vulnerable are in need, joining a worldwide effort to change lives is a big part of Rotary's international humanitarian focus. This vital initiative is yet another example of local Rotarians putting "service above self" and follows on the heels of last year's successful COVID Relief grant in which over \$35,000 in supplies and equipment were provided to local first responders, health care organizations, and food shelves." - Kevin Loso, Chairperson of the Rotary Foundation Committee of the Rotary Club of Rutland.

The Rotary global grant will fund the purchase of equipment required for the testing, medical staff, training, implementation of the program, and oversight. For more information contact kloso@rhvt.org.

John Predom Describes Snowshoe Art to Ludlow Rotary Club Members

At its recent weekly meeting, members of the Ludlow Rotary were pleasantly witnessed to the snowshoe artistry of John Predom, formerly of Ludlow, now a happy resident in the NorthEast Kingdom.

Predom described how he developed his snowshoe art, noting that it took about 4 to 6 hours or up to six miles of walking to create a single graphic artwork. He usually used his own “backfield” to create the art but required a drone to take photos of it.

When asked what type of snowshoe he preferred, Predom said that he liked wooden shoes, as opposed to metal, and that they measured 46 inches in length and about a foot in width. He commented that “doing straight lines was much harder than walking in circles” due to the not-so-flat nature of the land.

One Rotarian asked him if he ever made a mistake. To this Predom admitted that he did occasionally make mistakes and that they were hard to correct since the impressions in the snow were obvious.

Predom maintains a Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/SnowdogSnowshoeArt>, where some of his graphic art may be seen.



PHOTO: One of the many graphic art designs created by John Predom was taken by a drone.

Lakes Region Rotary Charity Car Show is Back!

Lakes Region Rotary is excited to be back this year with a LIVE car show! The Lakes Region Rotary will host its 9th annual charity car show on Saturday, July 24th at 70 Endicott St., Weirs Beach (formerly Faro Italian Restaurant), NH.

Come out to enjoy a very entertaining and fun day, and see hundreds of cars from all around New England. Lakes Region Rotary is grateful to Graham and Veroff, PC for taking the driver's seat as the lead sponsor for the 2021 Lakes Region Rotary Car Show.

Each year this great event welcomes more than 150 vehicles and nearly 1,000 spectators, and has raised over \$75,000 for local charities and scholarship/Rotary programs.

On July 24th, cars from decades ranging from the early 1900's to today will be represented and judged. Car enthusiasts, family & friends are encouraged to attend and will have the opportunity to view the top-of-the-line classic and modern cars, rating their favorite in the "People's Choice" competition.

Mike Robichaud, President of Lakes Region Rotary, stated "We are so happy to have Graham & Veroff, PC once again as our lead sponsor. Their generous support of Rotary helps ensure the success of this event, which is our main fundraiser for the year."

As the main purpose of the show is to raise funds for local charities, the cost to pre-register a vehicle is \$15, and \$20 the day of the show. People can pre-register their car online now at <http://lakesregionrotary.org/carshow/>.



This year the Rotary Club is supporting a children's charity that works year-round to provide children of the Greater Lakes Region with clothing and other necessities - the Santa Fund of the Greater Lakes Region. The Club will also donate raised monies to several other local charities.

You can make this a successful event by coming to the show on July 24th. The cost to attend the show is only \$5. The Lakes Region Rotary is very grateful for the generous support of our presenting sponsor, Graham & Veroff, PC; our Roadster

Sponsors – Foley Oil & Propane, Grappone Automotive, and ReMax/Bayside; and Cruiser Sponsors – Bank of New Hampshire, HPM Insurance, Meredith Bay, O'Reilly's Auto Parts, and the Insurance Outlet.

For more information, visit <http://lakesregionrotary.org> or email carshow@lakesregionrotary.org.

Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact: Covid Can't Stop Us!

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The past year has brought hardship, sadness, and unimaginable chaos. As we reflect on a full year of a global pandemic, it will warm your heart to know that our very own teenagers refuse to stop serving. The Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact has been in existence for more than seven years. The past year could have broken it, but our members stood their ground and insisted on paying it forward. Here are just a few snapshots of their commitment to community service.

Some of the things we've accomplished during Covid:

- We helped the Hollis Brookline Rotary deliver thousands of donated masks to nonprofit organizations
- We stuffed hundreds of Easter eggs to go to children enrolled in End 68 Hours of Hunger
- We spent hours helping Beaver Brook, a nonprofit nature education center and conservation area, by clearing an outside area for a new summer camp "classroom". It's going to be called "Interact Circle"!!
- We wrote St. Patty's Day cards for every resident of a local affordable housing complex, and Valentine's Day cards for every resident of a local nursing home.

Trimboli Receives Rotary Community Service Award

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) presented its Annual Community Service Award to Karen Trimboli at its recent meeting, held using Zoom.



In making the award, Kevin Barnes, LRC President, thanked Karen for her years of service to the community as the leader of the Ludlow Elementary School and Black River High School. He emphasized the important role she played during the Covid pandemic in providing meaningful educational opportunities to area students.

In her response to the award, Karen noted that, during the Covid crisis, students, teachers, and parents were "very resilient" in adapting to the demands of remote learning. She had high praise for parents, especially, as they "stepped up to help the kids adapt to the technical demands of the process".

She indicated that a great deal of planning went into getting the students into a safe environment while maximizing the level of education provided through the remote learning process.

Karen noted that the major thing she missed during this process was the usual participation of local organizations like Black River Academy Museum, the American Legion, and other area groups who often assisted in helping the schools with the educational process.

During the business portion of the LRC meeting, it was decided to donate \$1,000 to the non-profit charity SEWA International to purchase 2 oxygen generators for India to help with the Covid-19 crisis in the nation.

Rotary Common Park Clean-Up in Nashua

On May 8, Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Nashua teamed up with Nashua's Department of Public Works for a spring clean-up of Rotary Common Park, a popular spot for visitors near and far to enjoy.



Pictured are: Patricia Conard; Ashley from Nashua's DPW; Chick Beaulieu; Ian Bowker; Jack Tulley; Beth Covino and Jane Marquis. Also joining, but not in photo, was Travis Tripodi.

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Fellow Rotarians: we invite you to stop by this special park in Nashua. The Reflection Garden & Labyrinth is located inside the Rotary Common Park at 315 Main Street just south of Lake Street in downtown Nashua, NH. Please park in the Globe Plaza Shopping

Center. cross Main Street at the intersection of Lake Street and follow the path into Rotary Common Park. This location is also home to the NH Holocaust Memorial and other beautiful sculptures brought to Nashua through the Nashua annual International Sculpture Symposium. It's worth the trip to walk the labyrinth and view this gorgeous public art.



Rotary Club of Concord Cleans Up



On May 1st, the Rotary Club of Concord, NH helped clean up Old Turnpike Road, McKee Square, and Rotary Park at the Merrimack River (Second St).

Photo (l-r) Kim Burgess, Cam Burgess, and Clement Kigugu

Catamount Rotary of Bennington Annual Green-Up



TR Paquin of the Catamount Rotary of Bennington stands behind a pickup truck bed's worth of garbage that club members picked up this year for their annual green-up.

Springfield Hospital CEO Speaks to Ludlow Rotary



At its recent online meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) heard remarks by Robert Adcock, new CEO of Springfield Hospital.

Adcock noted that the hospital was “facing tremendous challenges” following its recent bankruptcy problems combined with the impact of Covid-19. Noting that the hospital has “put some of its troubles behind us”, he stressed that the organization’s ability to come out of bankruptcy was a significant step. However, like most hospitals throughout the nation, it still was dealing with the declining patient count resulting from the impact of the Covid-19 situation. He added that, as the new leader of the hospital, it was

his intent to “earn back the confidence of the community”. Adcock indicated that his main focus was “to build back to case-load of the hospital to pre-Covid levels”.

With respect to the current Covid status, he said that the hospital was averaging about one case of Covid a day. He also noted that Windsor County currently has about 60% of its population with at least 1 vaccination compared to 48% of Chittenden County.

Adcock said the hospital expected to receive the new Pfizer vaccine for youngsters, 12 through 15, shortly and open clinics to administer them.

In terms of staffing, he noted that the hospital shortly will have a second general surgeon and that key staff members have stayed with the hospital. When queried about the possibility of reopening maternity care, he noted that it was not coming back in the near term.

Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Shred Event a Success

The successful first Claremont-Sugar River Rotary shred-a thon brought in over 100 people with 7500 pounds of paper shredded on-site. On Saturday, May 1, the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary joined forces with The Insurance Center to bring a Covid friendly paper shredding event to the Claremont community.

Documents were professionally shredded on-site from 9 am to 1 pm in the parking lot of Claremont



Rotary Opens
Opportunities

Savings Bank at 145 Broad Street, Claremont NH by SecureShred.

With the gracious donations received, Claremont – Sugar River Rotary raised \$1,486. These funds will go towards local charitable projects such as First Night: Claremont, the Jeff Patton Stevens High School Alumni Scholarship, and SEWA International who is working in cooperation with Rotary Organizations in India to meet the urgent need to set up oxygen concentrator lending banks.

Shredding documents is important in order to protect your personal, and confidential information.

Claremont- Sugar River Rotary is proud to help with spring cleaning and in the effort to prevent identity theft, and plans to make the shred-a-thon an annual event. Mark your calendars for the next shred event on May 7, 2022.

Poultney Rotary Club Awarding \$11,000 in Scholarship Funds

The Poultney Rotary Club has offered scholarships for Poultney High School students and District residents through a Memorial Scholarship Fund for seventeen years. This year the club, through the Fund Directors, are pleased to announce a substantial increase in the financial amount offered for this year in response to the current financial challenges for families in our area and nationwide. This year Poultney Rotary Club will be awarding a total of \$11,000.00 in scholarships. The scholarships are in memory of Russell I. Williams, Jr., a longtime Poultney Rotarian, and Nancy L. Mazur.

“Poultney Rotary recognizes the importance of post-secondary education for students,” says Poultney Rotary President, Mandy Mitnik. “Our organization is passionate about the future of our community and supports the students of Poultney in their endeavors. They will become our future leaders.”

“Poultney High School is extremely grateful for the generosity that the Poultney Rotary Club has shown over the years. With all the restrictions due to COVID, for the Rotary to be able to provide \$11,000.00 in scholarships for our small school, along with the \$50.00 for each graduating senior who is a member of the National Honor Society or National Technical Honor Society is a testament to the commitment to the youth in our community.” states Principal Joe DeBonis.

The application process for the scholarships is coordinated between the school district guidance office and the Application Review Committee of Poultney Rotary.

Keene Elm City Rotary Springs into Action

With the arrival of warm weather, the Keene Elm City Rotary club organized and took part in several of our annual Spring volunteer efforts.

On April 24, members of the club rolled up their sleeves, donned their work gloves and filled many bags of trash as part of the city-wide “Green Up Keene” initiative that sees teams of local volunteers clear the town of trash and debris left visible after the melting snow. Green Up Keene coincides with Earth Day and helps the city workers as they prepare for Spring plantings and maintenance. With international service trips paused due to the pandemic, The Monadnock Regional High School and Keene High School Interact clubs, with the support of the Keene Elm City Rotary and Keene Rotary clubs, took on a local service project at Ashuelot Park in Keene.

Nearly 140 students from the two groups along with Rotary club and other local volunteers spent three days planting new bushes and native plant varieties, weeding flower beds and constructing a new pergola to take the place of the park’s 25-year-old gazebo. The two clubs contributed \$5,000 each to the project, which will be enjoyed by park visitors for years to come.

The project was organized by Keene Elm City Rotarian Marion Lefrancois, advisor to MRHS Interact, and Keene Rotarian Ranae O’Neil, advisor of the KHS Interact club. They worked with Andy Bohannon, the city’s parks, recreation and facilities director, to identify a local service project, and the clubs spent six months planning the project with Bohannon.

Speaking with the Keene Sentinel, Francois noted that the local project allowed a much larger number of students to get involved in this year’s project. “But that’s because you’ve got to fly, and it’s expensive,” she said. “With this, we could have everybody. So, we wanted something that was big, and also something that would have kind of a lasting impact.” You can read the full article and more about the project here:

https://www.sentinelsource.com/news/local/their-service-trip-canceled-local-teens-spruce-up-a-keene-park/article_891155e9-6408-5c0c-8029-13c2df446e01.html

For the past months, Keene Elm City Rotary club members have been volunteering their time at the local vaccination center on Kriff Road. With the vaccination effort rapidly reaching citizens, the MRHS Interact club under the guidance of KECR held its annual geranium sale to raise money to support next years’ service trip to Puerto Rico. The Keene YMCA graciously offered their parking lot as a staging zone for flower pickup and delivery efforts, and we thank everyone who purchased geraniums this year to support our Interactors.

Wishing you all a happy, sun-filled and safe summer!



Left photo:
Keene Elm
City
Rotarians
prepare to
“Green Up”
Keene



Right photo:
Geranium delivery day

International

International Convention

If you were presented with the opportunity to change the world, would you take it? What if, by expanding your world, you could have a positive impact on people around the globe, make new friends, and develop your skills to help others more efficiently? What if you could do all this without packing a single suitcase and for less than \$100.00?

These are the opportunities that await you at the 2021 Rotary International Convention. Beginning June 10th, pre-convention workshops are available on Rotaract, Opening Opportunities for Peace, and a special session for Youth Exchange Officers. The three days of general sessions explore a different opportunity each day, focusing on reflection, growth, and service. Running June 12th through the 16th are breakout sessions on a variety of useful topics.

Visit the House of Friendship from June 10th through the 16th and spend time learning about projects and opportunities across the Rotary world. Register for the 2022 convention, chat with and ask questions of Rotary staffers, and explore Rotary Action Groups and Fellowships.

To learn more about the 2020 Rotary International Virtual Convention, visit <https://convention.rotary.org/en>. I hope to see many of you virtually in June, and in person in Houston in 2022.

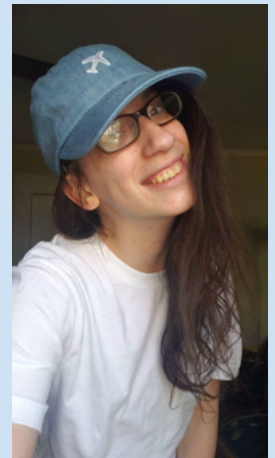
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Carrie Mobus

Outbound Youth Exchange Student to Peru 2010-2011

Though I was born in Italy and had traveled internationally before I went on my exchange to Peru, nothing compares to the life-changing experience that is the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. I got to see all the different landscapes that Peru has to offer; from beaches, to canyons, to areas of sand dunes further than the eye could see (that I got to sandboard down!), to the Amazon rainforest, and of course, up high in the Andes mountains to Machu Picchu. I saw countless llamas, alpacas, and Andean condors, and even ate things like cow heart kebabs, alligator, and yes, guinea pig. Not only did I get to see and experience most of the country that I spent a year of my life in, I felt as though I was seeing and experiencing it through the eyes of someone who belonged.

After the first few difficult months of language learning, I became fluent and experienced Peruvian culture as if I was Peruvian. I still stay in touch with some of my Peruvian family (that I call mom, sister, and brother) and friends to this day.



After returning home to the States, I finished high school, and went on to graduate from the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas in 2016 with a Bachelor's in Modern Languages – Spanish, which would have never been possible had it not been for my complete immersion into the Spanish language on my exchange. I became more independent, open-minded, and fascinated by learning about the other languages, dialects, and cultures of the world. After college I lived in Buenos Aires, Argentina for two and a half years, and learned yet another dialect of Spanish! Now, however, I am working for a mental health non-profit agency in Vermont in their residential division to help young adults with mental health and substance abuse diagnoses. I attribute my exchange in making me successful in a field so different than the one I studied, because from that

experience I gained a whole other world view, and became accepting of all different kinds of people with different life experiences. Because of everything I gained from the Rotary Youth Exchange program, I now give back by sharing my advice and experiences with the future generations of outbound exchange students in District 7870 at their orientations. Sorry Jim and Barry, you're stuck with me!

Fundraisers

Capital City's Fall Staycation Raffle - Entries Close Sep. 6, 2021

For a \$25 ticket, win a fall foliage stay for two nights and tickets on the steam powered Mt. Washington Cog Railway <https://rafflecreator.com/.../foliage-weekend-staycation> 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 @ \$25 per ticket
<https://rafflecreator.com/.../foliage-weekend-staycation>



27th Annual 100 Holes of Golf Tournament - Friday, June 18, 2021



On June 18th the Milford Rotary Club will welcome approximately 70 golfers to play 100 holes of uninterrupted golf in one day – all in the name of helping others in the community! Proceeds from the 100 Holes of Golf Tournament are raised through the sale of Raffle Tickets and Sponsorships. Due to COVID 19 the committee has decided that ticket sales will be done online once again this year.

In just the past two decades, the Milford Rotary Club has donated well over \$1,200,000.00 in charitable grants and scholarships. Over two-thirds of that sum has been raised by the 100 Holes of Golf Tournament.

If you would like to purchase a ticket to support our tournament you may do so in our [online shop](#). Business coupons will be mailed to all who request them.

- Raffle tickets are just \$20 each, with cash prizes totaling \$12,500!
- Attendance at the tournament is not required to win.
- Raffle tickets also include valuable coupons from local businesses including: \$20 Giorgio's Ristorante coupon, A Free Drink at Aroma Joe's, 10% off at Papa Joe's Humble Kitchen, valuable discounts at Contemporary Automotive & The Copy Shop and \$10 off an oil change at Valvoline.

The Milford Rotary Club, founded in 1950, is a not-for-profit service club that promotes fellowship, world peace and supports the local community. **For more information about playing in the event, please visit www.Golf100Holes.com or contact Committee Chair, Doug Knott, at doug@knottslandcare.com or 603-689-5030.**



Laconia Rotary 29th Annual Charity Motorcycle Raffle Underway

Wouldn't it be nice to cruise the roads of New England this summer on a brand new Harley? And what if your sweet new ride was all because you supported local charities like the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation?

It's not just nice... it's possible!

Laconia Rotary Club is excited to announce the kick-off its 29th Annual Charity Raffle and the chance to win a 2021 Harley-Davidson Street Glide. The billiard red FLHX bike is valued at \$23,752. Supporting this annual fundraiser is priceless! And, it is easier than ever. The \$20 ticket can be purchased early and often online starting today. **Only 3,000 tickets will be sold.**



Visit laconiarotary.org to purchase tickets and view the Harley. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting a Club Member. Not a rider? You can purchase tickets on behalf of friends and family members who would love a new bike!

Laconia Rotary is deeply grateful to the local community, and recognizes the generosity received by this fundraiser over the years. Many Motorcycle enthusiasts riding into town for Laconia Motorcycle Week, purchase the "lucky ticket", have also supported the plethora of charities the Club is able to honor.

Traditionally, the Harley-Davidson to be raffled is available in the Fall prior to the next year's Motorcycle Week, allowing Club Members nine months to sell tickets. Due to the pandemic, the 2021 models were not made available until this February, shortening the window of opportunity for sales. The Club remains optimistic that Online ticket sales will be successful. Past experience suggests that many people look forward to purchasing tickets while supporting local organizations at the same time.

Laconia Rotary President John Moriarty shares, "By necessity, we are refining and streamlining how we promote and sell the tickets in 2021. In the end, it's not about the bike. It's about the thousands of people whose lives will be improved by the great work of the organizations we can support. Through fundraising efforts like the motorcycle raffle, Laconia Rotary has donated more than one million dollars to this end."

This year's raffle ticket will be drawn on the final Sunday of Laconia Motorcycle Week at 4 PM. Winners need not be present to win. For full details about the bike as well as terms and conditions of ticket purchase, please visit laconiarotary.org. Special gratitude is extended to this year's raffle sponsors: Bank of New Hampshire, Laconia Harley-Davidson and Watermark Marine.

Brattleboro Rotary Club - 46th Annual Charity Golf Tournament - August 26, 2021

Save the Date!

Thursday, August 26th, 2021

The Brattleboro Rotary Club's

46th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

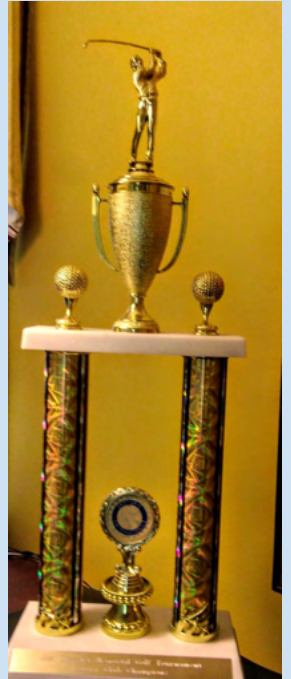
Thank you for your past support.
We hope you will be able to join us this year!

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

Poultney Rotary Golf Tournament

Poultney Rotary welcomes all District 7870 golfers to a day of golf in our Jim Thieser Memorial Tournament. Join us Saturday, June 19 at the Milestone Golf Club in Hampton, NY. The format is a four person scramble and a Rotary team needs to include two (2) Rotarians from the same club to vie for the Rotary Team Trophy. There are additional cash awards for the top three placing teams, as well as, a 50/50 Raffle and other awards. Tee off time is 9 am and pre-registration will be available via our website or by contacting Bob Isherwood at 802-287-0900. The cost is \$ 65 per player and this will include a tasty lunch following golf.

If you are unable to attend but wish to support our fundraising efforts please consider a hole sponsorship for your club, business or as an individual. Hole sponsorship rate is \$100 per hole.



Right photo: Your Club can win the trophy for a year!



Left photo: Hole Sponsorship supports our fundraising.

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: June 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:

