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Rotary Cares, Episode 29 - PolioPlus

In episode 29 of the award-winning, monthly show, *Rotary Cares*, Brattleboro Rotary Club past president Marty Cohn discusses Polio Plus with his guest, **Mike McGovern**, chair of the Rotary International PolioPlus Committee. The show is produced by Brattleboro Community Television. The airing of the show coincided with World Polio Day on October 24th.

To watch the show, go to <https://www.brattleborotv.org/rotary-cares/ep-29-mike-mcgovern>

To listen to the podcast, go to
<https://soundcloud.com/user-402413535/rotary-care-ep-29-polioplus>



Poultney Rotary a Part of Vermont Everyone Eats!

\$5 million of CARES Act funding has been provided by the VT Legislature to support Vermont restaurants and Vermont farms by utilizing the strength of their economic sectors to provide meals to residents, via regional hubs, who have been impacted by COVID-19.

The Rutland County area hub works through Vermont Farmers Food Center and the community of Poultney has a satellite location at the Young at Heart Senior Center serving meals on a first come, first served basis each Wednesday starting at 5 pm. As **People of Action** Poultney Rotary has teamed up with the project since September and will continue in the coming months to provide assistance to lessen the impact of food insecurity. The most recent distribution provided 100 meals.



Caption: Cars line up at Young at Heart Senior Center.

Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club Celebration

By Gary Merchant and Annalisa Parent

On Sept 5th, the Claremont-Sugar River Rotary Club celebrated the 100th anniversary of the signing of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution.



[CAPTION LEFT: Rotary volunteers hand out ice cream and bracelets to the public in a drive-thru event. CAPTION RIGHT: Rotarian Gary Merchant distributes a handout to resident Beatriz Pastor.]

The club distributed free a custom-designed bracelet and ice cream donated by both Wade's Place in Claremont and Ben & Jerry's. They also wrote and distributed a 4-page handout explaining the suffragists movement that led to the signing of the amendment.

The club designed custom volunteer T-shirts for the event, which they also sold in advance of the event as an additional fundraiser. Additional members of the community volunteered in the event as well.

Suffragists, those fighting for equal voting rights, fought for 72 years for the right for women to vote. They began the battle at the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, NY in 1848. It wasn't until August 18, 1920 that the final ratification of the 19th amendment occurred, securing the right for all adult U.S. citizens to vote.

New Hampshire was the 16th state to ratify the amendment on September 10, 1919. Women in New Hampshire became eligible to serve on school committees in 1871. They won the right to vote in school elections in 1878.

In 1887, a bill was introduced in the New Hampshire legislature to enable women to vote in municipal elections, but it was defeated. Later, suffragists campaigned to remove the word "male" from the state constitution's voter qualification clause during a 1902 state constitutional convention.

The measure passed in the convention, but it was defeated by New Hampshire voters in 1903. Though New Hampshire suffragists continued their efforts throughout the state, they were unsuccessful.

Many New Hampshire suffragists turned their efforts toward national legislation, and to the passing of the 19th amendment, which would finally pass in 1919, and become ratified in 1920. The 19th Amendment to the US Constitution states “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Though women always had the inalienable right to vote, the amendment gave women the authority to vote throughout the country in all levels of elections from local to national.

Today, more than 68 million women vote in elections and voting rights cannot be restricted based on race or gender.

Hollis Brookline Rotary: Delivered 1,500 Masks

The Hollis Brookline Rotary Interact had the opportunity to deliver 1,500 masks that our Rotary of Hollis Brookline purchased for our New Hampshire School Administrative Unit serving the towns of Brookline and Hollis. Mr. Thompson, Assistant Superintendent, graciously accepted. We were also very proud to write over 100 Holiday Cards for the Holiday Card Challenge, which delivers signed cards to all 5 of our military branches around the world.



Rubber Ducks Afloat in the 3rd Annual Rotary Club West Duck Derby

Submitted by Carol Powis

Ducks, ducks and more ducks swam, bobbed and splashed their way down the Nashua River on Saturday, October 17th in the 3rd Annual Rotary Duck Derby in Nashua. 7,000 ducks to be exact, made their way to the finish line as spectators watched from above on the Main Street bridge. Proceeds from this event will benefit 38 area nonprofit organizations and provide \$20K in scholarships for qualified high school seniors.

The Duck Derby provides our club with a fun way to engage our community. Each \$5 donation or purchase of an adoption package (ie the Six Quack, Quackers Dozen or Flock) gives adopting duck parents a chance to win one of three monetary prizes. All ducks are assigned random numbers at the time of adoption to ensure everyone a chance to win regardless of when their ducks were adopted. The ducks are collected as they finish the race and the winning duck numbers and names of their adoptive parents immediately announced. Winners this year included one of our own members and VP for the club, Matt Laliberte, owner of Ripano Stone Works. Matt generously donated his winning amount back to our club!



Rotary West would also like to express gratitude to all this year's sponsors including Brady Sullivan Properties, The Nashua Telegraph, Melanson CPA's, Weisman Tessier Lambert and Halloran, Enterprise Bank, Southern NH Health, NorthPoint Construction Management, B&S Integrated Security, Chick-fil-A, Expert Design Solutions LLC, Focused Eye Care, Law Logistics, St. Mary's bank, White Mountain IT Services, Eaton & Berube Insurance, The Pain Relief Center, Edward Jones Investments, Triangle Credit Union, Barry & Honorow PLLC, Franklin Savings Bank, Ripano Stoneworks, Splash, Nashua Area Kayak Exploration Destinations and Lavoie Wealth Management.

We also wish to thank and give a big shout out to our Duck Derby Committee, led by past president, Joe Gaukstern. All were extremely supportive in making this COVID challenged year a huge success with proceeds exceeding \$28K!

Anyone with questions about our event can reach out to either Kim Reagan at kim.reagan@comcast.net or Joe Gaukstern at joegauk@gmail.com.

Gift a Tree in 2020

The Rotary Club of Rutland has generously supported local non-profits and community partners for over 100 years. Selling Christmas trees for over 60 years has been the club's largest community engagement and fundraiser.

This year, due to COVID-19, many families are in need of community support and may not be able to buy a Christmas tree. The Gift a Tree program connects generous donors with families in need extending joyful happiness this holiday season.

With each \$45 donation one Rotary Christmas Tree to be given to a local family in need. The family will be provided a voucher to select a Rotary Christmas Tree of any size. The Rotary Club of Rutland will give a children's book and ornament to each receiving family to accompany the Gift a Tree. The club, in partnership with BROCC, will administer the distribution of the vouchers.

"Our hope is that the number of vouchers will come close to the number of families in need. So in its pilot year, we welcome all businesses and individuals to support the program." – Rotary Club of Rutland President, Will Gormley.

Rotary Christmas Tree sales begin Saturday, November 28 at Main Street Park in Rutland.

To make a donation, now through Tuesday, December 1, visit rutlandcityrotary.org.

For more information contact will@mountaincider.com.

Henniker Rotary Club Happenings

The Henniker Rotary Club has stayed quite busy despite the pandemic. Members from the greater Henniker-Hillsborough area have continued to meet weekly via zoom.

Earlier this year, the Henniker Rotary Club solicited proposals from local organizations regarding coronavirus-related needs. The Hillsborough Police Department indicated a need for Meals-Ready-to-Eat (MREs), which are packaged, shelf-stable, high-caloric meals.

Henniker Rotary Club was able to secure a Global Grant to generate funding for 672 MREs, which the Hillsborough Police and Fire Departments will plan to use during extended firefighting in remote locations, to feed extra staff during major weather/disaster responses, and for

distribution to the community during power outages and natural disasters. The MREs were finally delivered to the police department at the end of October.

Additionally, Henniker Rotary Club just wrapped up the inaugural season of its Community Flags Project fundraiser, with 206 flag subscriptions. Flags were delivered to residences and businesses throughout the Henniker-Hillsborough region, on five federal holidays spanning Memorial Day through Veterans Day.



Henniker local business Harvester Market subscribed for six flags during the Henniker Rotary Club's inaugural Community Flags Project season.



“Henniker Rotary Club President Frank Malinoski celebrates the delivery of 672 Meals-Ready-to-Eat with members of the Hillsborough Police and Fire Department.”

White River Rotary Club News

Not unlike many of our Rotarian friends, our White River Rotary Club members have had to make many adjustments due to COVID. However, we have been able to meet, via Zoom, every two weeks as well as Board meetings every month. We have had some great programs, lots of laughter and smiles. In fact, we will be inducting TWO new members this month!!

Although our major fund-raising events (Polar Express, 10/100 raffle, Silent Auction) had to be cancelled, we had a successful coin drop over Columbus Day weekend to raise funds for our Charitable Fund Scholarships for graduating seniors from Hartford High School and Hartford Career and Technology Center. Rotarian Ray Stanford and his committee have orchestrated an online Virtual Silent Auction (visit www.32auctions.com/whiteriverrotaryvt) to check out the great buys! Examples of auction items:



As our group gatherings are only via our phones and laptops, our Rotarian members are still out and about -we would like to highlight a few individuals following our Rotary motto, 'Service Above Self':

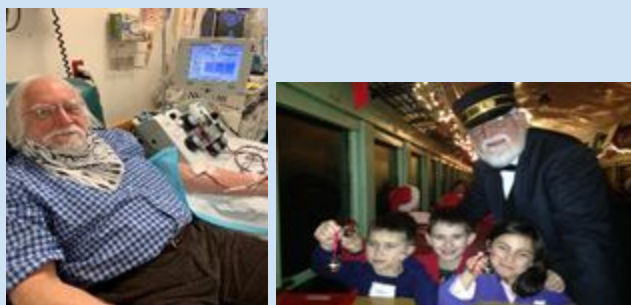
Rotarians Phil and Gloria Hammond making their regular contribution to the Haven Food Shelf. The Hammond vegetable gardens are known throughout the Valley and their bounty is given far and wide.



Phil and Gloria Hammond

Another White River Rotarian, Ken Baldwin, is shown donating platelets at Dartmouth Hitchcock Hospital. Ken has donated over 250 times in various places over the years. Due to the COVID pandemic, platelets are critically low and he is appealing to all to consider donations. Unlike whole

blood, platelets cannot be frozen and have a shelf life of only 3-5 days. The majority of platelets are use for cancer and burn patients.



Ken, in another role, a Polar Express Conductor!!

To end our monthly news on an upbeat note, it is rewarding to know that Rotarian Rich Hoffman, Cooperative Education Consultant for the Hartford Career and Technology Center, continues to assist in recognizing Rotary's Students of the Month. We can't enjoy the outstanding Culinary Department's lunches but we know that these students are Rotary-recognized!

Happy Thanksgiving to all – although we may be sharing the Day on Zoom, know that we continue to be blessed!!!

Manchester Rotary Club - Staying Connected in the Community

During the past several weeks the Manchester Rotary Club has focused on forging stronger connections within the local community, especially with key organizations that provide health, educational, and social services. The club is always looking for ways it can support and promote the programs being offered by these agencies, and to encourage information sharing and collaboration. Manchester is fortunate to have wonderful nonprofits, each of which has had to innovate and adapt to the challenges posed by the pandemic. At its weekly meetings the club recently received updates from Girls Inc. New Hampshire, which serves 2,000 girls ages 5 to 18 through enrichment programs and advocacy; Families in Transition and New Horizons, which provides housing support, a soup kitchen, and a food pantry for people in need; and Amoskeag Health, which provides primary health care and support services as a federally-qualified health center.

The Club is continuing its involvement in the District's Million Mask Challenge Tour, and is amplifying the number of masks it can give away with additional cloth masks made by volunteers. The Club recently donated masks to Amoskeag Health, and plans are underway to deliver masks to the Manchester School District. On October 22 the club donated 500 disposable masks to the Hair

After Salon and Spa in Bedford, NH. The salon's management was grateful for this help—as this small business, like many others, has been greatly impacted by the pandemic.



Photo Caption:

The Manchester Rotary Club donated masks to the staff of the Hair After Salon and Spa in Bedford, NH on October 22. Shown (left to right) Barbara Forget; Clairia Monier, Manchester Rotary Club Past President; Denise Grant; Teri Barclay; David Crespo, Manchester Rotary Club President; Hannah Mason; Melissa Edwards; Briana Fortin; and Michelle Lambert.

International

Youth Exchange Program

The program is alive and well during this year off and we are currently accepting applications for our next group of long and short term students as well as inbound host clubs. Your youth exchange committee is working hard to bring this program back for the 2021-2022 Rotary year and we welcome your participation. Please reach out to Program Chairperson Jim Rumrill (jrumrill@hotmail.com) if you would like to learn how to get involved.

Where Are They Now?

This month, we feature Magdalena Mankova, who was in our district back in 2002-2003. We discovered quite by accident last winter that she is still volunteering for the youth exchange program and is now a Rotarian herself. She has a great story and it is no surprise that she is doing so well. In her own words.....

18 years ago, I was sitting in my room in the house of my first host family in Vermont, probably struggling doing my history homework and being totally lost in a strange country with a very poor knowledge of the language. 11 months later, I was coming back home full of my exchange experience, more mature, independent and knowing that what I had just experienced was the best year of my life.

There have been many more “bests” over the years, I completed my university studies, got married, became a mother of 2 children and actually started making my living using the language I learned on my exchange as I am an English language teacher at the University of Defense and teach Czech professional soldiers.

And I know that it was my exchange experience that shaped my future in a significant way. This is one of the reasons why I have been involved in Rotary Youth Exchange in my district 2240 Czechia and Slovakia for the last 5 years and also why I became a member of Rotary club Valtice-Breclav at the beginning of this year, to keep the ball rolling and to give other students the chance to experience their best year of their lives.

Year 2020 has become very complicated for all, including those involved in Rotary Youth Exchange and the students willing to take part. Lets hope that the exchange is currently “on hold” only, and the students will soon get a chance again to explore the world with Rotary International. I am grateful to be where I am today, and that Rotary has stayed part of my life.

Magdaléna Manková, Rotarian

Rotary youth exchange student in 2002-2003, from Rotary club Trebic, D2240 Czechia and Slovakia to Rotary club Ludlow, D7870



Events and Fundraisers

Rotary Club of Nashua Charity Car Raffle

WIN A 2021 BMW X3 xDrive30i or \$35,000 in Nashua Rotary Fundraiser – Only 1000 tickets to be sold!!!

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. Buy your now to get entered into next 2 - \$500 Early Bird Raffles – December 14, and January 25. Winning early bird tickets remain in the drawing for the Grand 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 click 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)

Rotary Club of Nashua

CHARITY CAR RAFFLE

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

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

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

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

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

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



Enter the Rutland South Rotary RV Raffle

This year, in lieu of its annual in-person raffle, the Rutland South Rotary Club will be raffling off 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 glamp, 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.

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, and the drawing will take place on March 17th, 2021.



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You can learn more by watching the club's camper video at https://youtu.be/Wx1Kn7yh_IU.

To buy tickets or for any questions, contact Roger Louiselle at louisellevt@comcast.net

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

Wantastiquet Rotary 2021 Raffle

Wantastiquet Rotary launched its 2021 Raffle to fund scholarships for students in the mountain towns in its area. Tickets are \$12 each, and a book of 10 for \$120. There are 12 drawings, one each month. Six prizes per month will be awarded giving you 72 chances to win. Each month there is a drawing for an award of \$50, \$25, and four \$12 awards. Last year, Wantastiquet Rotary gave out \$7,000 in scholarships to seven deserving students in its area.

Please support this fundraising effort. Tickets can be purchased by sending a check to:
Wantastiquet Rotary, PO Box 309, Londonderry, Vt. 05148.

38th Milford Rotary Christmas Tree Sale is ON!

The Milford Rotary Club is gearing up for its 38th annual Christmas Tree sale! Harvested less than two weeks before their delivery, our Colebrook, NH grown balsam trees will be delivered on Sunday November 22nd. Thanks to Sue Robert and Fred Lozier, we have an excellent sales location on Route 101A in Amherst at their Frederick's Pastries parking lot.

Many thanks to the Nashua Rotary Club for the donation of their "retired" tree display racks! We appreciate the continued support from the Club that sponsored us back in 1950.

New this year, customers can purchase their trees online at www.MilfordRotaryTrees.org. And for customers concerned about picking out a tree in-person during this Covid Winter, we are offering the Serendipity Christmas Tree Delivery service.

With the "Serendipity Service" customers can specify online the size of tree they want, pay for their purchase, and select their preferred Saturday delivery option. We'll select a tree from our vast supply of quality balsam trees, wrapped just as it was by the tree farmer for easy carrying into their home. Milford Rotarians will deliver the tree "curb side" on the Saturday selected by the customer. The tree's look will be a mystery until unwrapped by the customer, but serendipity is part of the fun. Delivery service is offered for Milford, Amherst, Mont Vernon and Wilton destinations.

As always, the proceeds from our Christmas Tree Sale support the Milford Rotary Club's charitable giving and scholarship programs. The funds we raise help improve lives not only in our own community but internationally as well. In just the past 15 years, the Milford Rotary Club has donated well over 1.3 million dollars in charitable grants and scholarships!

Have some free time? Interested in some fun Rotary style inter-club fellowship and sisterhood? Then, Come Join Us for a few hours! Our online volunteer sign-up page is available on Clubrunner at www.MilfordRotaryClub.org.



Frederick's Pastries Parking Lot
109 Route 101-A Amherst, NH
November 27th – December 20th
Weekdays (Tue to Fri) 5:30PM-8:00PM Weekends 9:00AM-7:00PM
NH Grown Balsam Trees 6-8 ft tall and UP! Starting at \$45 each
NEW THIS YEAR - Online Purchasing and Delivery
Please visit www.MilfordRotaryTrees.org for more details
All proceeds support charitable donations and local scholarships!
We'll be wearing masks and have some available for customers as needed

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: December 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:



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