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## Greetings From Your District Governor Steve Puderbaugh



I continue to be amazed and encouraged by what our clubs and our district leaders are managing to accomplish in spite of all our restrictions and challenges related to Covid-19.

Many are actively working with local and state food banks to collect and distribute food. Several clubs are developing unique ways to raise funds. Some of these new ideas will be with us long term and some will be short term fixes to fill the gap of fundraising shortfalls. It is great to see everyone thinking and sharing new ideas and often being willing to share them with other clubs.

Several clubs have managed to put on their traditional fundraisers with modifications for social distancing. My own club, the Raymond Area Rotary, debated extensively whether we should hold our 5K obstacle race called the Thunder Run. We ended up doing it with many modifications regarding food, masks, and eliminating some of our obstacles. Our numbers were reduced and our heats were much smaller but we had a successful event and our attendees were very grateful for our efforts. Several actually gave us extra donations knowing that our fundraising efforts were severely challenged this year.



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We have a lot going on across our district this month. The first of our three District Wide Covid-19 Global Grants has come through and checks arrived at the clubs last Friday. The second one should be here at the beginning of this week and the third is following shortly. See the article from PDG Tony Gilmore about more details on that. He has worked tirelessly to make this huge project come together.

We have several tremendous opportunities to get the word out regarding 7870 Rotarians being People of Action that have risen to meet the challenges of the Covid-19 epidemic. We will start with an event at the NH Food Bank in Manchester on September 24th. We are also preparing for two big events on October 6th with our Million Mask Challenge Tour with another 800,000 masks being donated to our New England Rotary Districts. Our District has been promised at least 140,000 of those masks. There will be two events at 10 am in White River Junction and 1 pm in Concord.

We will likely have another public event later in October where we celebrate the Global Grant initiatives and all we have accomplished across our district. We want there to be smaller events in the communities where our grant donations are going to be put into action supporting local projects. There will be more details coming regarding celebrating all the projects as a whole. Our district Public Image team is available to help with planning of your local events.

I encourage you all to keep looking for new Rotarians to join our efforts. There are a lot of people looking for ways to do service in their communities. Some of us are seeing new folks coming to their communities as they are escaping the big cities in New York and Boston. The Deerfield Valley club has made welcome baskets for new folks coming to their community. I will be sponsoring a new member this month who is excited about what Rotary stands for and what we are doing in spite of the challenges we face. There are many others like him out there. Let's bring them into the Rotary family!

## **District News**

### **Global Grants are Approved and Checks Will Be Going Out Shortly**

Congratulations to the thirty-four clubs which participated, donating almost \$114,000. With the Foundation's matching, the three grants totaled almost \$341,000 for: PPE; specialized equipment and supplies for first responders; donations to the VT and NH Food Banks in the name of local food pantries and shelves and other charitable organizations affecting more than a million beneficiaries in New Hampshire and Vermont.

The funds for the first grant have arrived and the checks will be sent shortly to the clubs for distribution to the beneficiaries. We anticipate the remainder of the funds will arrive over the next two weeks.

We hope that clubs and your supported organization(s) will take advantage of the public relations opportunities that the grants provide. Rotary has reporting requirements for the clubs involved, any club not meeting these requirements will jeopardize any future grants from Rotary to our district and clubs. Rotary mandates that the clubs following stewardship requirements:

- Clubs need to send documentation(s) to PDG Tony to verify that the benefiting organizations received the requested items. Photographs of presentations are easy documentation. Please include captions with your club and recipients' names.
- Clubs need to provide paid receipts.

The Rotary Foundation has allowed us to leverage our \$114,000 in club contributions to allow us to provide \$340,000 in support for our front line CoVid-19 essential workers and to provide critical support to our local food banks.

Yours in Rotary Service,

PDG Tony

## Million Mask Challenge Tour

In the early morning hours of October 1, 2020, a cargo ship carrying 800,000 face masks will arrive at the Port of Boston. Over the course of the next 14 days, those masks will be delivered to first responders, healthcare providers, schools and frontline workers in cities, towns, and villages from Boston to Maine, from Massachusetts to Connecticut. The story of this effort is one of service and leadership. It is a story about answering the call, working together, and saving lives. It is the story, in short, of Rotary.

The ship full of PPE is the culmination of a project launched by Rotary District 7980, Rotarian Ted Rossi, and the Rossi Family Foundation. During the first three months of the pandemic, under the leadership of District Governor Dr. Jack Solomon, District 7980 raised \$500,000 to support those affected. The Rossi Foundation and Mr. Rossi donated 200,000 masks to that cause – PPE that was distributed to clubs across Connecticut. With the 800,000 masks, District 7980 plans to expand the program in what's been dubbed Rotary's "Million Mask Challenge Tour." A truck emblazoned on all sides with the Rotary Million Mask Challenge Tour story, will distribute face masks to Rotary clubs throughout New England traveling through six states and stop at nine municipal centers to deliver a total of 800,000 masks to awaiting Rotarians. For District 7870 the first stop will be in White River Junction on October 6 at 10:00 am with the second stop in Concord on October 6 at 1:00 pm for a total of 140,000 masks.

We are People of Action. We are professional, community and civic leaders who share a unique perspective and passion for taking action and opening doors to improve the world. Through Rotary, we can create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. Many of you have already sent me your requests. If you have not already put your request in, please send it to PDG Nancy Russell at [ngiaraffe@aol.com](mailto:ngiaraffe@aol.com).

## Legacy and the Rotary Foundation

Greetings,

My name is Marilyn Bedell. I am a member of the Rotary Club of Lebanon, NH, USA. I am passionate about Rotary and the Rotary Foundation. This is why I was happy to accept Past Rotary President Ravi Ravindran's invitation to be the Endowment/Major Gift Adviser for Rotary Zone 32. In this role, I cover all the clubs and Rotary districts in New England, parts of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania...and Bermuda.

Your District Governor and District Rotary Foundation Chair have asked me to periodically share information with you about opportunities to make major gifts and endowments to the Rotary Foundation.

It is my hope that you already know about opportunities to give to our #1 priority PolioPlus and to our Annual Programs Fund/Share (the money that help fund global and district grants). I have found that not as many Rotarian know about opportunities to make outright larger gifts and endowments to the Rotary Foundation.

Maybe it is because of Covid-19, or maybe it is because of my background as an oncology nurse, I continue to think about what I want my legacy to be. How do I want to be remembered? By giving funds to the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund, there is a chance that long after I leave this earth, others will remember me as they do the good work of Rotary around the world.

Through major gifts, and the endowment we have planned, my husband and I hope others will understand how much we have learned through Rotary; how Rotary has transformed our lives; and how being part of Rotary has been a blessing beyond compare.

We have designated some funds to go to Annual Programs Fund/Share. It is my hope that the interest from our endowed funds will continue to help Rotarians in my district do global and district grants that will make a difference in lives of people in my district and around the world. In addition, we are giving some funds to support our [Rotary Peace Fellows](#). We are committed to prepare individuals to do the work of peace building rather than war. Giving to any charity will happen only if the gift has meaning to you.

As you may already know, Rotary has seven areas of focus:

- **Promoting peace**
- **Fighting disease,**



- **Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene**
  - **Saving mothers and children**
- **Supporting basic education and literacy**
  - **Growing local economies**
- **Supporting the environment.**

Consider the area of focus that brings you the most joy, and then consider supporting it via donations to the Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund. Can't make up your mind which area of focus is your priority as you think they are all important, you can always make a gift to the World Fund which will be used to support all areas of focus. Please remember, gifts of any size are welcomed.

For information about becoming a Major Donor or a Bequest Society member contact Marilyn Bedell through the Rotary Club of Lebanon, NH web page  
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/1423/singleemail/contactus>

## **Advice from RI and the District for Re-Opening Rotary Clubs**

Rotary International knows that most Rotary Clubs are grappling with the decision to re-open to in-person meetings. Rotary International Board of Directors has the following position statement related to Rotary Club business during our continuing pandemic:

- The health and safety of all participants in Rotary programs, meetings, and events is of paramount importance.
- No in-person meeting or event shall be mandatory for any Rotary participant who may feel uncomfortable attending because of the pandemic.
- All conveners and organizers of Rotary meetings are strongly encouraged to consider all health concerns in deciding whether to hold in-person meetings.
- 2020 Rotary Institute conveners are authorized to decide whether to conduct their institutes and governor-elect and governor-nominee training in-person or virtually
- RI shall not fund the expenses of any president's representative to a district conference for the 2020–21 Rotary year. If a district requests a president's representative, the president may appoint one from the same region of the world in which the district is located, at no cost to RI.
- Governors are strongly encouraged to use virtual meetings for club visits that occur during calendar year 2020.
- Regional leaders are strongly encouraged to use virtual meeting.

In this context, our District has come up with some considerations for clubs to consider before resuming in-person meetings. Additionally, DG Steve Puderbaugh encourages clubs to consider using hybrid meetings (combination in-person and zoom meeting at the same time) as being beneficial to all concerned.

We have drafted guidelines for re-opening which are available at:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50052/Documents/en-ca/3028f10c-8ba9-4fe0-81aa-299bafd8aae9/1/>

Rotary International has also provided technology advice for hybrid meetings. That information is available at:

[https://www.rizones33-34.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Hybrid\\_Rotary\\_Meetings\\_Technology\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.rizones33-34.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Hybrid_Rotary_Meetings_Technology_Guide.pdf)

Please understand that these are living documents and will change as our needs change. We all joined Rotary for the fellowship of our club meetings. Let's ensure that they are safe and inclusive for all our members. If you need help with setting up Zoom meetings (BlueJeans, Google Meets etc) please contact us and we will put you in contact with a member of our technology team.

Advocating for Fellowship and Fun in Rotary Service,  
Randell Barclay  
District Governor Nominee 2022-23  
District Treasurer 2019-21  
Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club



## Foundation Dinners - SAVE THE DATE

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

## 2020 District Golf Event

The 2020 District Golf Event held August 21st at the Bretwood GC was a smashing success. 116 golfers played on 29 foursomes from 21 of the Districts 60 Clubs on the South Course under wonderfully sunny and warm skies.

Thank you for all those who participated as well as the non-playing Rotarian volunteers (Registration table, Putting contest and the drawing of the Raffle Prizes) without whom the event would not have fun so smoothly.

This year brought similarities and differences to our annual event. A non-Rotarian, in honor of his recently deceased long-time Rotarian father, provided a hot lunch, a raffle prize and four \$100. bills for the Closest-to-the-Hole winners on all the par 3s. THANK YOU Ray Bent!!

Thank you again to Chuck and Bonnie Shortsleeve for their help in organizing the course of play and providing a delicious Steak & Chicken Bar-B-Q dinner.

Approximately 20 donated raffle prizes consisting of Duane Hammond artwork, wine, golf items and a bottle of 18 year Johnny Walker Scotch were most generously appreciated.

Now the winners:

Closest to the Pins: Doug Rupert , Alan Blake, Cary Grant and Don James

3rd place: Concord Rotary

2nd place: Milford Non-Rotarian Team

1st place and still holder of the District Golf Trophy: Milford Rotary

Big Winner: The District 7870 Foundation...\$5861.00 !!!!!

Thanks again to all who participated and assisted and place Friday August 20, 2021 on your calendars for next year's District Golf Event

PDG Rich Berryman, Chair District Golf Event



Winning Team from Deerfield Valley





Capital City Sunrise Rotary with PDG Richard Berryman, Tournament Chair (far left)







Springfield Rotary



3rd Place Concord Rotary Team



2nd Place Milford Non-Rotary Team



1st Place Winners from Deerfield Valley with District Golf Trophy

## Club News

### **Ludlow Rotary Club Held Its 21st Annual Ralph D. Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race**

Blue skies on a mid August day saw Ludlow's Giant Duck don its mask and the club prepare to float a record number of ducks down the Black River in support of the Ludlow Rotary Club's Community Projects.



With the pandemic, the club thought our numbers would be down but with the use of social media and allowing single ducks or the favorite Quack Pack (5 for \$20) to be purchased via PayPal, the club had a wonderful response from our community and visitors. Winners included Rotarian, Alphonse Harris, chef at The Castle and two grandchildren of Ludlow Rotarians—Little Isabella LeMire age 4 granddaughter of Barbara LeMire was the second place duck, and Cooper Babbitt- grandson of Frank Heald won the Last Little Duck Award for

having truly the last little duck to cross the finish line. Our Corporate Duck winner was Rotarian Tom Harris of Wells Fargo Advisors. A fun day was had by all!





## Manchester Rotary Club - Engaged in the Community

Throughout the summer the Manchester Rotary Club continued to hold online meetings via video conferencing. The regular Monday lunch meetings (sans lunch) have been well attended, and have enabled club members to hear from community leaders representing local nonprofit organizations, including Breakthrough Manchester and the Manchester NAACP. Adapting to extraordinary times, the Club adjusted its schedule to reduce the number of remote meetings in favor of engaging in hands-on community outreach activities. Members have been involved in an exciting project at Camp Allen in Bedford, New Hampshire on a regular basis. This effort, which involves painting and repairs, is focusing on repurposing an old camp building into a non-denominational chapel. Camp Allen provides meaningful experiences for children and adults with developmental and physical challenges and it will be wonderful for them to have a quiet contemplative space available as a place of respite from the bustling atmosphere of the camp.

In addition, the Club organized a diaper drive which brought in 3,000 diapers for families in need in the Greater Manchester area, plus \$150 in cash donations. These contributions benefit the Our Place program of Catholic Charities New Hampshire. The success of this effort owed a great deal to the generosity of the parishioners of Holy Trinity Cathedral PNCC. Also, several Club members volunteered to stuff weekend food bags for local school children and their families through the “Fueling our Families” initiative organized by the Granite United Way. And, the Club’s grant program is benefiting local charitable organizations through direct funding. The latest round of



Club grants includes support for the SEE Science Center and Breakthrough Manchester; and distribution of funds awarded through the District 7870 Covid-19 Relief Grant Program to Amoskeag Health, YWCA New Hampshire, and the Mental Health Center of Greater Manchester. Club members are looking forward to a busy fall season that will include opportunities for members to interact in person within guidelines established by local and state health agencies.



Photo caption:

Dropping off diapers to Our Place, an agency of Catholic Charities New Hampshire, on September 2 (left to right) David Crespo, Manchester Rotary Club President; Karen Munsell, Our Place Supervisor; Karen Sobiechowski, volunteer; and Bishop Paul Sobiechowski, pastor of Holy Trinity Cathedral PNCC and Manchester Rotary Club member.

## Rotary Club of Goffstown - Virtual Car Show

The Rotary Club of Goffstown, NH, like many clubs, had to make the tough decision to cancel its largest fundraiser for the year, its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show. The show began with 50 cars in its first year, and quickly outgrew two locations with over 130 cars in our last show. The funds we raise at the show pay for our community grants as well as help pay the bills for the upkeep and maintenance of Rotary Park. But, in order to keep volunteers, sponsors, partners, and guests safe, the decision was made to cancel this year's show in favor of a **Virtual Car Show**. Facebook fans of our event have been posting their photos and stories about their cars on our event page, and we will be giving out gift cards to the top 3 vote getters once the show closes. So far, with another week to go, over 60 cars have been posted, and the participants are telling tales about how they've restored their cars, when they first got their cars, and special memories about their cars. In a way, this virtual show has brought a different level of interest in the cars being shown, and it's been a nice if unexpected benefit to the change in the event. Fortunately, our sponsors have been very generous and allowed us to keep the funds for a rollover to next year, and we are giving all of them space on our event page this year. We also added a PayPal option to our website with a call to action to those visiting the event page to try to recoup some of the funds we lost with no registration fees, loss of

raffle income, and contributions from our partners who would have been on hand to sell food. What we have learned from this is that we can be innovative and flexible and still have a good outcome. Mark your calendars for the **first Saturday of June, 2021 for the next, live, in-person car show.**

## Wallingford Rotary's Speaker Series on Rotary Action Groups ("RAGS")

Many of us have heard about Rotary Action Groups but do not know much about them or how they apply to our club experience. Starting in October, Wallingford Rotary Club is trying to address this issue by inviting speakers to our online Monday morning meetings to talk about their RAGs.

Borrowing liberally from the Rotary International Website:

"Rotary Action Groups are independent, Rotary-affiliated groups made up of people from around the world who are experts in a particular field, such as economic development, peace, addiction prevention, the environment, or water."

<https://my.rotary.org/en/take-action/empower-leaders/rotary-action-groups> .

Rotary Action Groups help clubs to:

- Get expert advice on planning and implementing service projects, including those funded by Rotary Foundation district and global grants
- Connect with potential project partners, both within and outside of Rotary
- Get help fundraising and obtaining resources for projects

You can also join a RAG to share your expertise and make a difference in projects outside your club.

Wallingford Rotary Club would like to invite interested Rotarians to join our online meetings on Mondays at 7:30 AM on the following dates:

October 5<sup>th</sup> 2020 PDG Carolyn Meub (Rutland South RC) – WASH - Water Sanitation and Hygiene RAG

October 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 Bev Frieslich (Cape of Good Hope RC) – Rotary Action Group for Family Health and AIDS Prevention

October 26<sup>th</sup> 2020 Jerome O’Ryan (Kirstenbosch RC) – Foundation Chair District 9350 – Why we give to the Rotary Foundation? What Grants are being worked on in South Africa? Not a RAG but will be interesting.

November 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 Alison Carsten & Ton Houben (Helderberg Sunrise RC) – Rotary Action Group for Addiction Prevention – Focus on Projects in South Africa.

We are talking with more RAGs and hope to expand our speaker series. If you are interested in joining us for any of these meetings please email us at Wallingford.Rotary.VT@gmail.com and we will email you the link for the online meetings.

Randell Barclay  
District Governor Nominee 2022-23  
District Treasurer 2019-21  
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## Making Rotary News During COVID-19

by Martin Cohn, Brattleboro Rotary Club, past president and co-editor of the District 7870 bulletin



In the August bulletin, I discussed how the Brattleboro Rotary Club utilized its local community television station, Brattleboro Community Television, to create “Brattleboro Rotary Club Speaker Series” to showcase the quality of presentations that the club is able to attract.

<https://www.brattleborotv.org/brattleboro-rotary-club-speaker-series>

This month, I would like to discuss how the Brattleboro Rotary Club makes news in its local media. In Brattleboro we are fortunate to have a daily newspaper, a weekly newspaper, and two radio stations, in addition to our local community access tv station.

We issue news releases about club news like the appointment of our new president, “Lynde named 2020-21 Brattleboro Rotary Club president”

<https://www.reformer.com/stories/lynde-named-2020-21-brattleboro-rotary-club-president,609465?>.

We contact reporters about club accomplishments such as the awarding of a scholarship grant to an early education student (“With scholarships and support, CCV students launch careers in child care”

<https://www.reformer.com/stories/with-scholarships-and-support-ccv-students-launch-careers-in-child-care,609624?>)

And, we invite reporters to our meetings to listen to our speakers so that we get the line “... during a Brattleboro Rotary Club meeting held remotely last week...” in their articles. (Check out: Windham Southeast superintendent starts with extraordinary challenge

<https://www.reformer.com/stories/windham-southeast-superintendent-starts-with-extraordinary-challenge,612598?>; Hand-sanitizing stations are an artistic response to pandemic

<https://www.reformer.com/stories/hand-sanitizing-stations-are-an-artistic-response-to-pandemic,612549?>; Local NAACP chapter seeks structural change

<https://www.reformer.com/stories/local-naacp-chapter-seeks-structural-change,611113?>;

Hermitage prepares for new future

<https://www.reformer.com/stories/hermitage-prepares-for-new-future,610734?0>)

All media articles are shared with club members and posted on our club website and social media pages.

Finally, we take advantage of Rotary International blogs. An article about club news (eg. <https://blog.rotary.org/2020/09/03/no-use-crying-over-spilled-milk/>) that is published in RI publications is yet another arrow to put into your Rotary quiver of communication tools to make folks aware of what Rotary is all about.

The deadline for the District’s monthly bulletin is 9AM on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Don’t just read the bulletin, submit an article to help promote Rotary. The more we tell, the more we demystify our wonderful club.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.



## Derry Village Rotary - Another Challenge and Up to the Task!

Like most Rotary clubs, we all have non profits in our regions that we annually support. When one of our community's key organizations, Community Caregivers of Greater Derry, told us that their lease would not be renewed and they had to relocate in a brief period of time, we knew it was time for us to step up to the plate. Within days of their signing a new lease and location, Derry Village joined with Community Caregiver's support group, several local businesses and our friends at the Londonderry Rotary Club to help Community Caregivers in their relocation – Assist to create a design that best supported their needs, demo existing structure, rebuild walls, replumb, run electric, recable communications, paint, move possessions and support in any way needed to help this outstanding community support group continue to function through a demanding time. Funds remaining from our 2019 – 2020 Contributions Budget and early club approval from the 2020-2021 budget were used to support the economic effort. COVID put a damper on our club's traditional "Sweat Equity" factor, limiting the club members that could personally support. However, it did not put a damper on our club's proactive addition of a fifth question to the four way test: "IS IT FUN?" Work might not necessarily be fun but when you are supporting a group that helps our elders and health challenged folks the way that Community Caregiver's does, you can't help but smile.





## International

### **Rotary Youth Exchange - Where are they now?**

To my dear Rotary family

Hey everyone, I hope everything is going well over there. When Jim asked me to do this I was thrilled because I loved my exchange and this is a nice idea to keep in touch with all of you. I'm Javier Goycoolea, a Chilean, who went to the 7870 District in a YEP in the year 2010-2011 (yes, 10 years ago, I can't believe it either). I had the most amazing time, meeting new places, cultures, and people, and also myself.

So, when I came back to Chile, I was a quite different person than when I left it and I believe it was for the best. I came back as a senior in high school and only 6 months to take the PSU (like the SAT) but I didn't study enough, and I kept my focus on finishing with good grades high school. So, I took the 2011 PSU and I didn't get in any of the med schools I applied, so I decided to take a gap year, to study for the PSU next year. So, all 2012, I studied but also got a job as a waiter in a restaurant and do some volunteering work. If you don't know or don't remember, in 2010 in Chile we had an earthquake that changed a lot of the landscape and people, especially in my city; so when I came back to Chile there was a lot of volunteering stuff to do. Anyway, I took the 2012 PSU and I got in medical school at the university of my dreams, the University of Concepción. This university is the 3<sup>rd</sup> best in Chile and the campus is gorgeous.

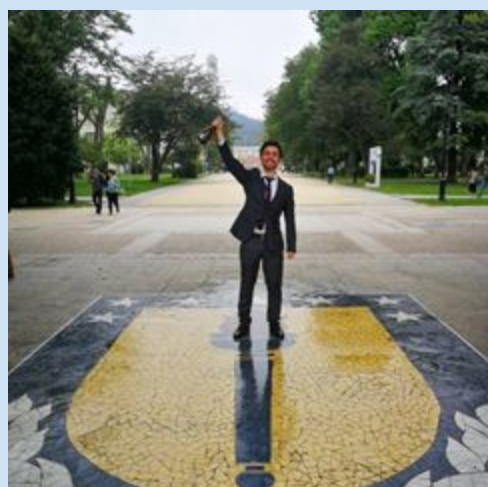


In 2013 I started med school and I was one of the oldest of my generation with 21, so to everyone I was the grandpa. In the first 3 years of med school, we learn a lot of the bedside manner, patient-physician relationship, and basic science, so we have some free time that I spent it in volunteering with towns that needed not only to reconstruct buildings but also to healing their mental health. So, we focus our aid to build structures in the winter and listen to the people's problems in the summer. I got to oversee one of the biggest volunteering works of the Catholic

church in 2015 of my state. [[ CAPTION ABOVE: I'm the one with the boxhead, in the "mechoneo" the welcoming tradition to the freshmen.]]

In mid-2015 I came out of the closet to my family and friends as gay, and it was a huge deal because my family is very Catholic and my parents had a rough time accepting me, but after a couple of months, they came to their senses and they love me with all their hearts. After that, I focus all my energies to finish med school, especially the last 2 years (2018-2019) when we have to do our internship. I believe it is different than in the US, so I'll explain a little. We have 2 years to be an intern, where we practice all that we learn the 5 first years. We go thru most of the specialties (internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, gynecology, urology, etc.). My last internship was internal medicine, where we had to do shift, see hospitalized patients and taking care of them and making their treatment plan, and studying for our final exam and our national medical exam. In December of 2019, I finished med school. Thru these 7 years, I learned not only to love medicine but also to love myself. Also, I could meet some friends of the exchange, Jonas Dill and Gabriel Couto (they did their exchange in a Boston district), and it was like no time had passed.

Right now, I am working in a medium complexity hospital, in the ER and with hospitalized patients, and I am having one of the best times of my life. Also, I am teaching in San Sebastian University. With the pandemic, the teaching is a challenge because we do it on Zoom and I must keep an entertaining mood but also be able to teach.



So, this is a little resume of my life since I finished one of the best decisions of my life, going to the Rotary exchange program. I send the tons of love to everyone and be sure, when the pandemic is over, I'm going to visit your beautiful country

Love, Javier Goycoolea



## Where Are They Now?

In this year of Covid-19 and the temporary suspension of the youth exchange program, we continue to offer the amazing stories of those who were hosted here in the past. What we see and celebrate at our district conference every year has a life-long impact on the students who come and share a piece of their lives with us.

If you would like more information on how to get involved with the program as we move toward the next Rotary year, please contact program chairperson Jim Rumrill at [jrumrill@hotmail.com](mailto:jrumrill@hotmail.com) or by phone at 802-380-2766.

Below are two stories from former inbound students Kat Eyzaguirre (Peru to Ludlow VT 06-07) and Dr Javier Goycoolea (Chile to Peterborough NH 10-11) ENJOY!

*Hello everyone, I'm Kat and I was a Rotary exchange student from Lima Perú. I spend my year in Vermont USA. I had the beautiful opportunity to live with two amazing families which I love and I'm thankful to them for how they took care of me. I could tell you many stories about that year, it was a really fun one... I remember the times when i met all exchange students from all over the world, and the trips we did together, moments with my host brother and sisters, school, friends reunions, etc...*

*I would never change a thing. A tremendous experience for a seventeen-year-old girl who never travel before. That year definitely change my way of thinking and my life. After that trip I realized how important was for me to live my own experiences, new adventures!... and also that I had a big curiosity in humanity. During that year away from home I discovered what really wanted to do for the rest of my life. After that year I decided to go to Spain to study drama and become an actress.*

*I think I could never have gone to Madrid without my year of exchange, it definitely gave me strength and confidence on myself. 13 years have passed since that trip and I remember it as if it were yesterday which tells me how important it was and how I enjoyed it. I really can't picture my life without it. I m not a giving advices person but every time someone ask my opinion about exchange year, I say: "Please do it."*

*Only the nicest words and the best feelings come out from me when I think in VT.*

*All my love to Jim, Pat, Sarah, Tim, Pamela, Peter, Amber, Emily, Hannah and the Rotary Team.*

*Kat ♥*



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## **Events and Fundraisers**

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

Save the Date!

Thursday September 24th, 2020



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](mailto:gpattison@bmhvt.org). Or visit us online at [www.BrattleboroRotaryClub.org](http://www.BrattleboroRotaryClub.org).

# Charlestown Rotary Club Presents “Golden Ticket Raffle”



The Charlestown NH Rotary Club presents the 65<sup>th</sup> annual

## Golden Ticket Raffle

The grand prize winner will receive

**\$5,000 CASH!**

Additional bonus prizes will be announced on the day of the drawing.

The drawings will be held live on our Facebook Page on

**Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 3 pm**

Donations are \$5 per ticket, or 5 for \$20

Please visit our website page for ticket purchases at [www.charlestownrotary.org](http://www.charlestownrotary.org)

## Calendars

### District 7870 Calendar

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

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



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**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: October 15th, 2020 at 9:00AM.**

## **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:

