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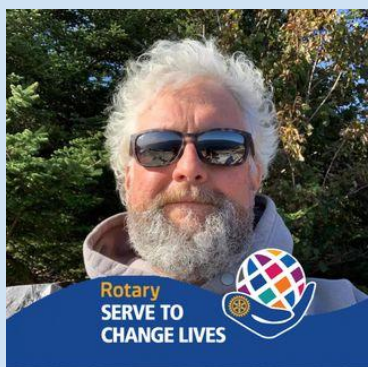
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Greetings From Your District Governor John Siemienowicz



Hello All,

As your District Governor I view this opportunity as a challenge for me and for you to take any and all steps required to make us better Rotarians and better Community Ambassadors. I believe as a result of this effort by all of us we will honestly be “changed” as a result of this Rotary year to “Serve To Change Lives”!

Well, we have made it through the first fifteen days and we have started to make our year together more adaptive and beneficial to the communities that we serve. As I have mentioned before, we have moved away from our previous association with the North East President Elect Training Session and will host our first independent President & Officer Elect Training Sessions (POETS) in the spring of 2022. This is going to create great opportunities to network with like-minded individuals and make significant strides in reducing the time and cost burdens for our District 7870 Clubs.



We have also rolled out District 7870's first digital handbook & directory that has live links to allow the use of your smart device to email or call other District 7870 Club leaders. This will have a positive impact on reducing waste and saving money. I wanted to thank my Handbook team for all the efforts to bring this Handbook to reality. This has been in process over the last two Rotary years.

Immediate Past District Governor Steve and Past District Governor Nancy have done a great job setting up our District Governor track to make significant strides in improving the visibility of our District 7870 in the eyes of Rotary International. These two Governors' projects have helped make us more aware of the food insecurity that exists in both Southern Vermont and Southern New Hampshire. In addition, we have experienced increased Rotary International Foundation giving by District 7870 Rotarians, which has been acknowledged and noted on many levels at the Rotary headquarters in Evanston, IL.

The Pandemic truly led Rotary to adapt more quickly than previously thought possible. As result, we have all been forced to become comfortable with gains in technology that are with us and will become the foundation for further advancement. There are three fundamental paths I wish to pursue. First is making a lasting connection between all our current (and future) Clubs from all four corners our District. Yes, I did say future Clubs!!! The second is that we engage our younger generations to become part of the Rotary Culture and making Rotaract, Interact and Earlyact an expanding part of our District. Third is that we maintain a safe community for all to be themselves and to grow and learn from each other. This last item is not easy, but we need to put forth the effort to open our hearts, our minds, and our ears to truly come together as a more understanding community for both Rotarians and non-Rotarians.

Leadership in District 7870 is intentionally not a one-person-task. I am honored to say that we have a fantastic leadership team who will do its best to always be available to assist clubs to become even more efficient and successful in the year ahead. We have an Assistant Governor Team that will become partners with their area Clubs in hopes to consistently improve communication, growth, and FUN. Our District was already cutting-edge in so many ways: in the creation of impactful Zoom meetings, promoting women in leadership positions, as well as a focus on creating satellite clubs and other nontraditional Rotary Clubs, just to name a few.

The Rotary Year 2020-2021 was different, due to the challenges we all faced during the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The lessons learned and the continued health risks world-wide will force me and our District Team to continue to re-evaluate our actions and decisions.

Please support me in the understanding that we are here, to "Serve To Change Lives". I promise you that your District Team is ready, willing, and able to move us forward. Please join me during this upcoming Rotary year to work toward growth and becoming a better Rotarian!

District Governor - Closing



Dear District Rotarians & Others,



I want to thank everyone who has helped me on this journey. Your support and friendship are very much appreciated. I have had several opportunities to attend District Clubs' "Changing of the Gavel" and they are all so special. Congratulations to all our new Club Officers and new Club Presidents for this Rotary year of "Serve to Change Lives". I'd like to congratulate the following District Clubs that had chartering anniversaries that occurred in the month of June. They are: Bow, NH celebrating the start of their 52nd year, Charlestown, NH on the start of their 74th year, Claremont Sugar River, NH on the start of their 8th year, Derry Village, NH on the start of their 33rd year, Gilford, NH on the start of their 37th year, Lakes Region, NH on the start of their 33rd year, Manchester, VT on the start of their 84th year, and finally Raymond Area, NH on the start of their 32nd year of Rotary service. Lastly, a heartfelt thank you to PDG Nancy and IPDG Steve for placing our District on this sound path toward success. Please consider doing an act of Rotary kindness for someone that least expects it during the remaining month of July.

Be Well,
John Bob

"One Love!"
Bob Marley
"Serve to Change Lives!"
Shekhar Mehta

District News

District 7870 - 64th Changing of the Gavel - A Hybrid Success!

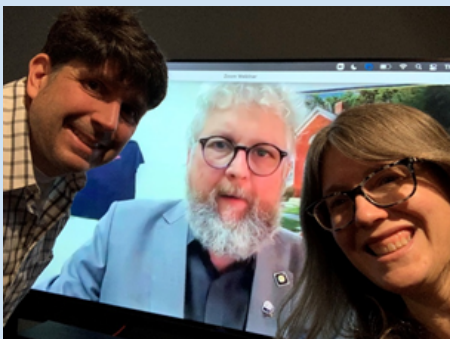
The 64th District Changing of the Gavel at the Little Red School House in Wallingford showcased everything we have learned about technology and hybrid meetings during Covid. One hundred plus Rotarians gathered online and in person to celebrate the success of DG Steve Puderbaugh's year and to welcome our new District Governor John Bob Siemienowicz. DG John Bob's two standard poodles, Trevi and Baxter, were also in attendance, enthusiastically greeting the in-person participants.

Wallingford's outgoing president Dave Ballou (recipient of 2007-08 District Treasure Award) welcomed everyone to the Paul Harris Testimonial Building. Incoming Vice Governor and PDG Rick Manganello greeted our District luminaries and our guests from South Africa, DG Ian Robertson and DRC Helene Visser.

DG Steve regaled us with highlights of the past year's many District successes: three Global grants totaling \$341,000 providing 32 Clubs' communities with first responder equipment, PPE and significant funds to local food banks; \$6,000 raised for the PolioPlus Campaign via the Online Foundation event in November and the formation of new clubs. District Rotarians came up with novel service projects to help their communities, DG Steve mentioned the work of Marty Cohn (Brattleboro) and his projects in Vermont and New Hampshire, which purchased milk from farmers and converted it to yoghurt and cheese to be donated to the States' Foodbanks. DG Steve encouraged everyone to attend the District Conference this November in Meredith NH.

Outgoing DG Steve ceremonially handed the "Gavel" to incoming DG John Bob. DG John Bob was introduced by Aaron Telage (Chair Hookset) and Allise de Smet (DG John Bob's wife and business partner) was introduced by Paula Telage (President Milford). DG John Bob talked about his life, business, family, and his 13 years in Rotary. DG John Bob thanked PDG Steve for his service and presented him with a Wilson racquet bag and a certificate of appreciation.

Incoming Wallingford President Sue Thayer thanked the guests for attending and discussed her outlook for service to our communities going forward. President Sue adjourned the meeting and the in-person team headed over to PP Erika Berner's house for dinner. Paul Harris said, "Much that there is in Rotary today can be traced back to the good old New England family table."



Caption: Paula and Aaron Telage with DG John Bob



Photos (l-r) Allise de Smet and DG John Bob, The Changing of the Gavel with iPDG Steve and DG John Bob, Trevi and Baxter enjoying the Hybrid Meeting, Wallingford iPP Dave Ballou and Pres Sue Thayer.

Rotary 7870 Trophy Golf Event - August 20, 2021



The 2021 Rotary District Golf Event (Scramble Format) will be held on Friday, August 20th at the Bretwood GC South Course (365 E Surry Road, Keene, NH 03431) with a Shotgun Start beginning at 11:30AM (lunch starting at 10:30AM).

DG John Bob Siemienowicz would like to have all interested District 7870 Rotary Clubs participate in the fun and friendship to be shared at this event. All proceeds will go to the District 7870 Foundation.

For our District Rotary Clubs, we have Rotary Club Tee and Green Sponsorships available at \$50.00 each (\$100.00 if you wish to have it posted on both).

Additional levels of support:

Accepting donations of \$100.00 from interested individuals.

Also accepting donations of \$500.00 for those wishing to support this year's Rotary theme Serve to Change Lives (we currently have two of these commitments).

The cost will be \$100.00 per player/\$400.00 per team (Mulligans (2 per player) \$10.00; Putting Contest \$5.00; Raffle Tickets \$5.00 each or 8 for \$20.00) This includes golf, cart, lunch, putting contest, hole-in-one prize (Jeep vehicle), incredible raffle prizes and dinner.



Should your Club have 1-3 golfers...we will combine them with another Club's team with fewer than four players. Trophy will be awarded only to the Team with a minimum of three Club members. One non-Rotarian accepted with handicap greater than 10.

We will need non-golfer volunteers to assist with multiple event tasks so please have interested Rotarians or friends/family contact me: rberrymandds@gmail.com

Please join us. We are confident that the weather will be perfect, the course will be in great shape and the food and friendship will be outstanding at this event!

The Deadline for signup is August 13th. Register online at rotary7870.org.

Please find the District 7870 Trophy Golf Event Sign-up Form attached for you to make copies as needed. Checks can be mailed to:

PDG Rich Berryman, Event Chair

18 Foxcross Circle, Concord, NH 03301

rberrymandds@gmail.com

Cell: 603-513-8902

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District Conference – Rotary District 7870 – Nov. 13 & 14

**Join DGs John (2021-22) and DG Steve (2020-21)
for a wonderful time at Beautiful Lake Winnepesaukee
Registration is now open so please visit the District 7870 Website**

We are planning an awesome District Conference and we hope that you'll join us to celebrate the great things that our district accomplished during the Pandemic and to hear about the many things our District is doing in support of this year's Rotary Theme "Serve to Change Lives".

We have negotiated excellent room rates at the beautiful Church Landing Resort on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith, New Hampshire. Please consider coming a day early - the Official District Conference begins Saturday morning and ends Sunday at 1pm – but the local Rotarians are planning "Host Hospitality Events" for Friday Night which will only cost \$25 per person and you will be able to sign up for these beginning in September.

We will also have a few "Home Stay" opportunities for you to stay in the home of a local Rotarian, if you are interested in this option, please indicate this when you register and Gary Dehnel, Assistant Governor from the Meredith Rotary Club will contact you to see if something can be arranged.

Here is a summary of the information that you'll find as you register for the conference:

1. The Registration Fee for the conference includes: Saturday Lunch, Saturday Night Banquet, Saturday Night Entertainment featuring the comedy of Juston Mckinney, Saturday Night Host Hospitality Suite, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Refreshments during Plenary Breaks, and all Facility Costs. The fees are:
 - a. \$249 for a couple
 - b. \$139 for a single
 - c. \$25 if you wish to opt for the Zoom Option
2. The Registration for your room needs to be done directly with the hotel. Reservations can be made by phone at 1-800-622-6455. When making a reservation, attendees must identify themselves as participants of the Rotary District 7870 Conference to ensure you receive the correct rate and group placement. Rates cannot be changed upon arrival for any guests who did not identify themselves when making their reservation. (The rates listed below are based on single or double occupancy, per night, and do not include NH tax which is currently 9%). A Sampling of room rates follows:
 - a. Rates per night at Church Landing Resort range from \$199 to \$299 (for a Suite)
 - b. Rates per night at Mills Falls – a very short walk to Church Landing are \$139

We really hope that you'll join us at the District Conference. Please contact PDG Chris Parkinson with any questions you may have at cep617@comcast.net.

Registration for District Conference Now OPEN

The registration for the District Conference November 13 & 14th is now open.

There is limited registration so if you want to attend, you should register now.

Go to rotary7870.org and under Upcoming District Events on the right hand side scroll down to where it says Registration-November 2021 District Conference.

Sure hope you will attend as this will be PDG Steve Puderbaugh and DG John Siemienowicz joint District Conference.

Yours in Rotary,
PDG Alley



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)

Aug 6, 2021 08:30 AM Nov 5, 2021 08:30 AM

Sep 3, 2021 08:30 AM Dec 3, 2021 08:30 AM

Oct 1, 2021 08:30 AM Jan 7, 2022 08:30 AM

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



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District Governor Opportunity

By PDG Steve Puderbaugh

Being a Rotary District Governor is considered to be one of the best leadership opportunities in the Rotary world. You get to develop relationships across our district with our club members and their leadership as well as work with them on their local and international projects.

As District Governor, you also get the opportunity to connect with and develop relationships with Rotary leaders in our surrounding districts, our Rotary Zone, and other leaders all the way to the president of Rotary. The training Rotary supplies is outstanding and is invaluable as you prepare for your year as Governor.

While I have just finished my year as District Governor during arguably one of the most challenging years to be DG in our memory, I still have to say it was a great experience that I am very glad that I was able to have.

One of my duties and privileges as the Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG in Rotary circles), is to chair this year's nominating committee to select the District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND). We are now opening up to receive applications to be the 7870 District Governor during the 2024-25 Rotary year. We have set August 15th as the deadline for this year's applications. Here is a link to the application:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/district-governor-nominee-form>

We would encourage anyone who is thinking about this opportunity to reach out to me or one of our many past District Governors throughout the district, or one of our current leaders in the DG track. You can also go into My Rotary and look at some of the informational training modules for each of the different levels in the DG development process to learn more about the DG duties and responsibilities.

I look forward to seeing some great applications. I would encourage you to consider the opportunity yourself or possibly encourage someone in your club, who has been a great club leader, to step forward and apply.

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Club News

Ludlow Rotary Club Features “Let’s Grow Kids” Speakers

Aly Richards, CEO of Let’s Grow Kids, and Emily Blistein, Business Strategy Director of the organization, were featured speakers at a recent Ludlow Rotary Club meeting. They both discussed the purpose and objectives of the “Let’s Grow Kids” project, headquartered in Burlington.

“Let’s Grow Kids” is a project whose aim is to create “a road to high-quality child care for all Vermont families by the year 2025. As noted by Aly, the organization has an unusual objective in addition to its prime purpose. “We want to go out of business in 2025”, exclaimed Aly, noting that they wished to succeed in creating high-quality child care by that year.

In describing the current conditions of child care services in the state, she noted these key elements that needed to be addressed:

- 3 out of every 5 Vermont children do not have access to good child care
- 30% of a family’s income is spent on child care
- Child care personnel only receive an average of \$13 an hour

Aly indicated that over 30,000 Vermonters have already joined them in supporting the group’s objectives.

One major part of the program’s purpose was realized this year when the state legislature passed H.171, a bill that allocated \$12.7 million to address four major child care issues: family child care support, child care worker salaries, infrastructure improvement, and an analysis of existing child care programs in the state.

Emily Blistein spoke of the need for business and corporate support to underwrite the programs operated by “Let’s Grow Kids”. Information on how businesses may participate in this effort may be secured by contacting her at emily@letsgrowkids.org.

More information is available at the group’s web site, <https://letsgrowkids.org>.



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Captions (l-r): photo of Aly Richards attached (source VT Digger) plus two photos from Let's Grow Kids photoshop posters.

Rotary Masks to Rwanda

During Gilford Rotary's Change of Gavel ceremony DG Steve Puderbaugh and outgoing Gilford president Scott Kinsley announced that the District and Gilford Rotary still had Rotary masks to be distributed. Coincidentally, Jeanine Mukarubega was attending the ceremony to receive a Paul Harris Fellow recognition for her years of service above self as founder and Executive Director of Rwanda Children Educational Foundation (RCEF) – the same foundation that is the 'cooperating organization' for the on-going RCEF MicroCredit Global Grant. Assistant Governor Gary Dehnel asked Jeanine if RCEF families could use these remaining masks. Jeanine's response was an definite 'yes' because most RCEF families have only one mask and in some cases no masks at all to use while out in the public. Pictured is Gary delivering 1,500 masks to Jeanine. Jeanine will take the masks with her in late July visit to Rwanda when she will distribute the masks to those in need in Kigali Rwanda.



Ludlow Rotary Conducts “Change of Gavel”

As is usual for the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) at its last meeting in June, the current President handed over the leadership of the LRC to its incoming President in an annual event known as “the changing of the gavel”. In this instance, with the lifting of previous Covid-19 restrictions, the LRC decided to combine the changing of the gavel with a summer picnic to replace the Christmas program that was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The actual exchange of the gavel was done by Kevin Barnes, the out-going LRC President, presenting a gavel during the meeting and with Art Randolph, the incoming President. It also gave Art the opportunity to thank Kevin for what he had accomplished in the LRC during the past year, awarding him a specially engraved plaque. Pictured above are Art and Kevin during the exchange of the gavel.

An important step forward was announced at this session. The next LRC meeting, scheduled for July 13, would be held at DJ's Restaurant. This would be the first formal meeting conducted face to face since the start of the pandemic.

The changing of the gavel process was conducted during a special summer picnic at the home of Tom Harris on Lake Rescue.



Photo of change of gavel with Art Randolph and Kevin Barnes

Phil George Inducted as 72nd Brattleboro Rotary Club President



The Brattleboro Rotary Club recently inducted Brattleboro resident Phil George as its 72nd club president for the 2021-2022 Rotary year. George is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments.

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

George has been active in the Brattleboro Rotary Club since 1995, serving on several committees including the annual Brattleboro Rotary Charity Golf tournament. This year's tournament will be on August 26th with proceeds benefiting Rotary Gateway Foundation, local youth initiatives, and Brattleboro Memorial Hospital.

As a local Financial Advisor, George has helped many families in the Brattleboro area community reach their long-term financial goals since 1993.

He has been a regional trainer, mentor, coach, performance leader, and culture of compliance leader for Edward Jones Financial Advisors in Vermont over the past 27 years.

As Brattleboro Rotary Club president, George hopes to continue the tradition of providing community service that has been so impactful in Brattleboro as well as supporting the wider Rotary International goals and projects.

Phil is a graduate of the University of Maine at Orono and earned his MBA from Norwich University. He and his life partner, JoAnn, have been together 12 years, and he has 3 sons and 8 grandchildren.

The Brattleboro Rotary Club, founded in 1950, is an active community service club of more than 60 members who engage in community and human service projects both locally and internationally.



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Mental Health Stigma Prevention Committee Formed

The Henniker Area Rotary Club has formed a new Service Committee, titled the Mental Health Stigma Prevention Committee. Comprised of psychologist- and non-psychologist-Rotarians from the club, their mission is to promote mental health by removing the stigma that is often found when people seek assistance for life's everyday problems. Inspired by the efforts of the Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives, this new Committee is determined to prepare a 15-to-20-minute presentation and make it available to all Clubs in the District. Members of the Committee are working diligently to get this presentation together and have it available to as wide an audience as possible, as soon as possible. Interested Rotary Clubs could gain more information by email to the current Chair Ed Carignan at ecarignan66@gmail.com or the Henniker Area Rotary Club at gmobley38@gmail.com where the current Henniker Area Rotary Club President George Mobley can be found.

Derry Village Club - 2021 Passing of the Gavel

On the evening of June 29, in the sweltering heat, the Derry Village Rotary Club held its annual Passing of the Gavel at the [Robert Frost Farm State Historic Site](#). Rotarians and guests enjoyed a fantastic dinner from [Sabatino's](#) and dessert from [BlackBerry Bakery](#) before the ceremony commenced. Inspired by Frost, members each read poems of their choosing, a tradition started years ago by former Rotarian David Haynes. A vast array of poems was chosen to match the variety of people in the club. Justine Golden, Manager of the Frost Farm joined in for dinner and poetry.

Following poetry, President Ryan Hazelton spoke about the most unusual year for the club. Under his guidance, the club maintained its presence in the community. They held weekly Zoom meetings and planned a major fundraiser - a charity golf tournament, a Community Improvement Project - a project where seven organizations in town received Rotary funds and sweat equity to support necessary improvements, and various other community support activities.

Ryan then swore in this year's president, Rick Metts. Rick has been an active member since 1991, holding a variety of offices. Rick's knowledge of Rotary and the community will lead DVRC as the 33rd president of the club.

To finish the evening, Rotarians voted for "Rotarian of the Year." Members were encouraged to consider "service over self" as their guidance for voting. This year's recipient is Susan Ochoa. Susan has been a member of the club since 2018.

The evening finished with laughter and joy as members were able to once again gather in person and start this Rotary year with a renewed spirit to serve and enrich the community.



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Photos (l-r): Bill Gardocki and wife Gail proudly wearing their "colors". Ryan Hazelton and wife Amy enjoying the evening. Susan Ochoa & Rick Metts sharing the spotlight



Poetry reading with Guest Justine Golden

Passing of the Gavel at the Manchester Rotary Club

The Manchester (New Hampshire) Rotary Club's meeting on Monday, June 28 was truly a special occasion. The Club met at the Puritan Backroom to celebrate the "passing of the gavel" as David Crespo ended his term as President, turning over the gavel to Jessica Cantin, who stepped in as the Club's new President. Over the past year David, a pension consultant with Mutual of Omaha Financial Group, successfully met the daunting challenges the Club faced due to the pandemic situation. Through his leadership, the Club remained cohesive, and was able to accomplish a great deal, including providing strategic help to local nonprofits (especially those serving families and children) by donating much-needed supplies (including face masks), providing monetary grants, and accomplishing hands-on service projects.



Jessica, who is the CEO of YWCA of NH, shares David's enthusiasm for Rotary and for the Manchester community. She plans to focus on growing the Club's membership; working on collaborative projects; and expanding the Club's engaging in the community. At the meeting the Club welcomed John Bob Siemienowicz, the new District 7870 Governor (then Governor Elect), who is a member of the Rotary Club of Milford, New Hampshire. A good friend of the Manchester Rotary Club, John Bob shared his thoughts about the future of Rotary in the District.

This was also a special occasion as the Club inducted a new member, Brad Fournier. Brad has been instrumental in maintaining continuity in planning for this year's Cruising Downtown event, the Club's annual fundraiser. His late father, Ron Fournier, was one of the founders of the Cruising event, and was a beloved member of the Manchester Rotary Club. Brad has taken over for his father at the helm of the family business, Ron's Toy Shop, Inc., in Downtown Manchester. Welcome, Brad!



Caption above: Incoming President Jessica Cantin thanks David Crespo for his service as President of the Manchester Rotary Club.

Caption to the right: Outgoing President David Crespo (right) welcomes Brad Fournier (left) as a new member of the Manchester Rotary Club.



International

Youth Exchange - Now Is The Time

Many of you are enjoying the monthly feature called “Where Are They Now”, the section that hi-lights the life of former exchange students who have spent a year here, or of our own students who have gone abroad for the year. As we look toward the 2022 – 2023 Rotary year, now is the time to get your club involved in the Youth Exchange Program. It is your opportunity to open up the world to a high school-aged student in your community, to host an international student in your community for a high school year or to engage in a short term exchange.



In the next two months, our district will need to make commitments to our partners around the world so that the program can re-start in the next Rotary year. Can your club do this? Will you say yes to this valuable and life changing program? Would you like to learn more about it?

Your youth exchange committee would welcome the opportunity to speak to your club about the many opportunities that exist. Please consider participating in the program and begin by contacting committee chairperson

Jim Rumrill at jrumrill64@gmail.com or by calling 802-380-2766. We are excited to bring this program back after the hiatus caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Please join us!

Fundraisers

Deerfield Valley Holds Annual Garden & Live Music Tour - July 17, 2021

The Deerfield Valley Rotary Club is holding its 2nd Annual Garden and Live Music Tour on 7/17 from 12-4 pm, rain or shine. It is a self-guided tour where you can visit beautiful gardens in the Deerfield Valley in any order you would like, and see live musicians perform! Visit some or all at your own pace.

Tickets are a \$30 donation and can be purchased at: <https://deerfieldvalleyrotarygardenandlivemusic tour.eventbrite.com> or at the Chamber of Commerce in Wilmington. There will be a limited number of tickets sold, so get your tickets while supplies last!

This event sold out in advance of the date last year! New this year is a raffle for Ann Coleman's signed, framed print of "Delphiniums and Lilies". Tickets are \$5 each.

We thank the homeowners and musicians (Jill Sachs, Logan Boyd, Kevin Parry, Paul Fisher, Sky Alan, Peter Miles, Bongobilly, Trumpet Andy, Chris Mays, Jaqueline DeVoe, and Logan Haley) who have donated their time and treasures, and we thank our sponsors too: Deerfield Valley Real Estate, Snow Republic Brewing Company, Fisher and Fisher Law and Black Diamond Tree Service! Snow Republic Brewing Company, Maple Leaf Tavern, Jezebels Eatery, Anchor Seafood Restaurant. Deerfield Bar and Bottle will be offering specials to ticket holders too on 7/17.



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>



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

Save the Date!

Thursday, August 26th, 2021



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.

Bedford Rotary Club - Trails to Ales - August 19, 2021

4th Annual Trails to Ales



Bedford Rotary will be hosting its 4th annual 2K/5K Trails to Ales event August 19th Thursday evening from 6-8 PM at Legacy Park, Bedford. Trails to Ales is a trail race over cross country ski trails within Legacy Park woods. Runners and walkers elect to go to either 2K or the 5K when they reach the “fork in the road”. Everyone is treated to drinks and grilled burger and corn holing games. Adults can indulge in the craft beer and wine tasting as well. All ages are invited! CDC and NH state guidelines respected. Some 400-500 participants are expected. Register at

BedfordRotaryTrailstoAles.com

Manchester Rotary Club's Cruising Downtown Returns for 20th Anniversary - September 4, 2021



With all of the uncertainties brought about by the pandemic, the 20th anniversary of the Manchester Rotary Club's Cruising Downtown event had to be cancelled last year. This momentous occasion will be celebrated this year on **Saturday, September 4 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** when Cruising returns. This classic car show—a Labor Day weekend tradition—is one of the biggest such events in New England. Cruising is promising to be more exciting than ever in 2021. It will occupy much of Manchester, New Hampshire's central business district along Elm Street and adjacent side streets, and in Veterans Memorial Park. The show will feature around 1,000 classic, antique, hot rod, and specialty cars, trucks, and motorcycles. It will also include live entertainment, food and other vendors, and awards

presentations. Ample parking will be available nearby, and visitors can take advantage of Downtown Manchester's dining and shopping amenities.

Cruising is expected to attract over 30,000 people, young and old, for a fun, family-friendly day. There will be a \$5 suggested donation for adult attendees, and the Club is aiming to have all of the upfront expenses paid through corporate donations. This is the Club's major fundraiser, and all of the net receipts will be distributed to local youth programs.

Vehicle registration is \$20 online until August 23, and you can also register in person the day of the event for \$25. To register now, and for event details and updates:

<https://cruisingdowntownmanchester.com/>. The Club is looking for volunteers to help on the day of the show. If you are interested in working with fellow Rotarians on this really enjoyable event, please contact Brad Fournier at ronstoyshop@aol.com or Jeanine Tousignant at jeanine@jeanineandcompany.com



Leslie Beitel joined the Manchester Rotary Club at its lunch meeting on Monday, April 26 at the Stark Brewery Company in Manchester. President David Crespo warmly welcomed Leslie, who is a Sales Officer at the Bangor Savings Bank branch in Manchester. This venue in the Amoskeag Millyard is now home to the Club's lunch meetings and evening socials.

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:

July New Rotary Year

August Membership and New Club Development Month

September Basic Education and Literacy Month

October Economic and Community Development Month

November Rotary Foundation Month

December Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

January Vocational Service Month

February Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

March Water and Sanitation Month

April Maternal and Child Health Month

May Youth Service Month

June Rotary Fellowships Month

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: August 15th, 2021 at 9:00 AM.**



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