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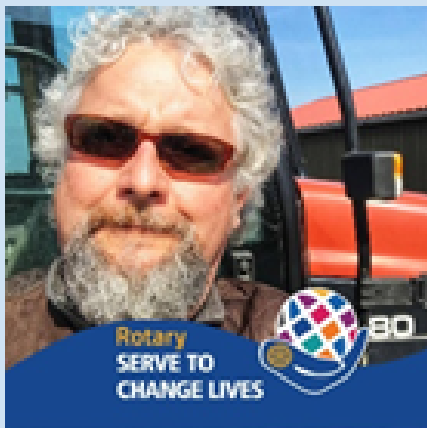
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### Greetings From Your District Governor John Siemienowicz



Hello Friends,

Well, here are my thoughts for this month's Rotary focus on membership. I have two wonderful things to report. First, we have our second Rotary Satellite Club formed in Franklin, supported by the Sunrise Rotary Club in Concord, NH. This rebirth of Rotary in Franklin, NH is amazing. As of the time of authoring this article, the founding group of Satellite members have been receiving surprises as local people in Franklin continue to find and return the old Club's regalia. Secondly, I am extremely pleased to announce the formation of our first Passport Rotary club, aligning

itself with a passion for Community, Peace and the Environment. I was honored to sign the new passport Club's charter on Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>. These two opportunities have afforded us a growth in membership of about thirty new Rotarians. Welcome to every one of you and thank you for joining in our effort to continue being "Change Markers" in this Rotary year to "Serve To Change

Lives"! I think I can add that, at a minimum, we changed the lives of those thirty new members and their Rotary experiences are reaching out into the communities they serve.

So, forty-five days into the FUN, and I have had the honor of meeting in-person and virtually with the greatest group of likeminded Rotarians. I can candidly say that District 7870 Rotarians are the real deal! The quality of the fellowship experienced along my journey continues to astonish me. You all show such a welcoming and selfless approach to your Club life. I just have to take a breath and say WOW!

Please note that, as promised, we will also be updating the first edition of the District 7870's digital handbook and the live links will be available on the District website for downloading by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please take a look as soon as you can at the current edition and let me know if you see anything that you might need changed with respect to contact information and/or Rotary Club meeting times. I hope that after this next update we are locked in for the balance of my District Governor Year and that the Handbook is solidly updated for DGE Randell Barclay and DGN David Saturley's years as they build out their District Support Teams. Once again, there is one "Paul Harris Fellow" in the background keeping this process on track. Thank you, "Paul Harris Fellow" Carol Gray from Milford, NH.

On Friday of this coming week we will again be hosting our annual District 7870 Trophy Golf Tournament at Bretwood South in Keene, NH. I am looking forward to greeting our Golfers and volunteers for a wonderful day of sport and friendship on the Links. If you have time to volunteer please contact me and we can arrange a spot for you to participate.

Next on my list is District Designated Funding for community grants. There is \$33,000.00 available and any individual Club may apply for up to \$1000. If two or more Clubs can collaborate, up to \$1500 would be available for each club in the partnership. However, in the case of multi-club collaboration, not every Club needs to participate at the same level – as an example, one Club could be at the \$1500 level and another club in the grant team could be at \$500. There will also be funds reserved for six grants up to \$500. Grants must be matched by the same amount in Club funds for which they apply. Clubs may apply for smaller amounts than the upper limits. Requests may be approved by the Committee for fewer dollars considering total funds available. Also, the due date for your DDF Grant application has been extended until midnight September 15, 2021.

Now back to the membership. As you have probably heard our RI President Shekhar Mehta saying "Each one brings one"! You may also know now that I am saying "Everyone brings one"! Please consider bringing Non-Rotarians to your Clubs and, also in particular, consider that on the days where I am scheduled to be your Club's speaker for my District Governor's visit. Let's also remember that keeping our existing members engaged and retained is just as important as adding new members. We need to continue to hear our other friends' concerns and needs and apply understanding and flexibility in our Rotary lives.

This month I'd also like to thank my partners in the Rotary year DGE Randell Barclay and DGN David Saturley for their unbelievable work ethic and dedication to me, the District, and Rotary International. Their friendship and support is making it enjoyable and easier to bring a new focus to our wonderful Rotary District experience. Thank you, Gentlemen! I assure you we are in good hands to make our Rotary Communities BETTER.

Lastly, please don't let down your guard with respect to the current health conditions that exist in our communities. Please consider how much I care for each of you no matter what your approach or understanding of the health conditions in your communities. A good friend of mine stated my thoughts very well. "We may all be in separate boats but we are certainly all in the same storm". There will continue to be lessons learned and the need to keep an open mind in an effort to minimize health risks that might exist. Be assured, we will continue to re-evaluate our actions and decisions as a Rotary District.

## **District News**

### **DG John Bob is a TV Star!**



Rotary 7870 District Governor John "John Bob" Siemienowicz shared his vision for the 2021-2022 year at the July 29th Brattleboro Rotary Club meeting. His presentation is part of the "Brattleboro Rotary Club Speaker Series" produced at Brattleboro Community Television. To view his presentation, visit:

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



## District Public Image Committee - “Tip of the Month”



Did you know, the District has its own Facebook Group?

The Group is closed to the public, but its content should be carried to your own club Facebook groups, and meetings. It is a space to share, brag, and spread information within the District. Join the Group today at this link!!



Link for the District 7870 Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/5338631353>

## The K.I.S.S. Membership Growth Campaign - “Each One, Bring One”

By Carolyn Meub

Tired of yet another membership campaign? I get it. In my years in Rotary, I cannot count the numerous efforts for Clubs to grow membership. I admit that my eyes have rolled from time to time. So, why you ask, am I co-chair of the District Membership Committee and why am I asking you to do just that ... focus on membership? Let me count the ways!

First, I believe that the world is a better place with Rotarians working to change lives in local and global communities. The world needs more Rotarians.

Second, we need more Rotarians to “Serve to Change Lives.” Rotary is a membership organization and members are our greatest asset. Members are the ones who roll up their sleeves for community service projects, who work on international projects, and who have worked to get so close to eradicating polio.

And lastly, I believe that RI President Shekhar Mehta has a simple call to action: “Each One, Bring One.” President Shekhar has an audacious goal and he needs our help.

District Governor John Siemeinowicz has embraced this simple approach:

“Wow, what a saying and what a thought! This simple call to action of “Each One, Bring One” is the best way we can “Serve to Change Lives,” this year’s Rotary theme: We, as District 7870 Rotarians, have a rare opportunity to offer the Rotary experience to many more people who are looking to serve. I promise you as your District Governor, that I will bring one and I did a little more than that at my first District Governor’s address at the Hollis/Brookline Rotary meeting. I actually brought two non-Rotarians. I plan to bring more. Please join me in this effort to show others what we as Rotarians do!”



Please do as John Bob has done – bring someone to your Rotary Club, encourage them to be part of the Rotary experience.

The District Membership Committee will help you to develop a plan to encourage your members to ask someone to join Rotary. We are here to help.

Let's all pledge to introduce a friend or a colleague to the magic of Rotary. Let's make history this year and grow our Rotary Clubs.

Please reach out to us. District Membership Co-Chairs: Sandy McGonagle:  
mcgonagle@metrocast.net; Carolyn Meub: Carolynmeub@comcast.net

## **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 11:30 AM (lunch starting at 10:30 AM).

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. The trophy will be awarded only to the Team with a minimum of three Club members. One non-Rotarian accepted with handicaps 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](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup>. Register online at [rotary7870.org](http://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](mailto:rberrymandds@gmail.com) Cell: 603-513-8902

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## The Larabee Family

### District Trophy Story

Bob Pavia, Past President of Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley

The Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley has been the proud winner of the Rotary District Golf Tournament the past two years. The first year that we were in possession of the trophy, it was proudly displayed at our weekly meeting venue. During my term as President, we ceased meeting in-person due to Covid. When we started meeting on ZOOM, the trophy made its way to my home. As you will see, this proved to be quite problematic! Let me explain.

As was the case with many of us during Covid, I embarked on a renovation project for my home. That project was in full swing when I brought the trophy home. I decided to



store it in our lower-level apartment, which was full of belongings I had moved during the renovation. The trophy ended up on top of the stove.

Fast forward to the week before the 2020 District Golf Tournament. My renovation was still ongoing. I was in the apartment rummaging for something on the counter directly adjacent to the stove, where the trophy was placed. I'm unclear how much time had elapsed but when I returned to the apartment, I walked in on the District Golf trophy engulfed in flames! I had inadvertently turned on a burner while I was moving items around the counter. I quickly doused the flames and paused in utter disbelief as I gazed at the charred trophy! Panic, embarrassment and relief all rushed through my head at the same time. Beside the embarrassment of the accident itself and the panic on what I need to do to make it right, there was relief that I hadn't burned my house down!!

Now what? I have five days to fix this and bring it to the tournament. Fortunately, the contractor working at my home had the materials and expertise to repair it. A couple of new brass name plates some very artful sanding and an exact new piece of molding did the trick.

I arrived at the tournament, the compromised trophy in hand, and an embarrassing story to tell the powers to be. Fate intervened again and Deerfield Valley successfully defended its title and the "fire" trophy headed back for another year with our club.

I'm happy to report that there were no such mishaps this past year as the trophy was proudly displayed at the Haystack Golf course pro shop safely away from my stove!!

## District Conference - Rotary District 7870 - Nov. 13 & 14.



# Serve to Change Lives





## 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 soon.

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 wonderful speakers lined up including Rotary International Director Nominee Drew Kessler, former NE Patriot and Providence, RI Rotarian Pete Brock, Afghanistan polio survivor Mahbooba Akhtarzadah, Dr. William "Billy" Roberts, and many others. The **Saturday Night Banquet will not be formal**, but we will have prizes for Best Rotary Apparel and Best International Apparel, and will include the comedy of Juston McKinney.

We will be at the beautiful **Church Landing Resort** on Lake Winnepesaukee in Meredith New Hampshire. The Official Conference begins Saturday morning and ends Sunday at 1 pm – but consider coming a day early as local Rotarians are planning "**Friday Night Host Hospitality Events**" which will only cost **\$25 per person**.

We also have a few "**Home Stay**" opportunities where you can stay in the home of a local Rotarian. If you're interested, please indicate this when you register, and **Gary Dehnel**, AG 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, Saturday Night Host Hospitality Suite, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Refreshments during Plenary Breaks, and all Facility Costs. The fees are:
  1. **\$249 for a couple**
  2. **\$139 for a single**
  3. **\$25 if you wish to opt for the Zoom Option**
2. The **Registration for your room needs to be done directly with the hotel** by phoning **1-800-622-6455**. When making a reservation, you must tell them your participants of the Rotary District 7870 Conference to receive the correct rate. Rates cannot be changed upon arrival for any guests who did not do this.

(Sample rates listed below are per night, and do not include NH tax).

1. Rates per night at Church Landing Resort range from \$199 to \$299 (for a Suite)



2. 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.

## Volunteer Opportunities



Hello Folks,

Those of you that have already met me and heard my vision it is all about trying to connect our District Clubs for all parts of the District. These opportunities for different clubs to work together in support of each other is the time when Rotary connections and friendships can grow. In the Rutland, Vermont club there are two neat volunteer opportunities - "The Parade of Heroes" on August 28<sup>th</sup> and the "Whoopie Pie Festival" on October 9<sup>th</sup>. I would like to ask if there are other Rotary Clubs or individual Rotarians of the district that would like to volunteer?



There are a bunch of different volunteer options on both days (listed below) and we welcome non-Rotarians to also participate. For more information on the volunteer opportunities, check out: <https://rutlandvermont.com/volunteer/> (You will have to put in your name and contact information to choose the roles and many have multiple volunteer spots available).

I have listed them below:

• **Parade of Heroes & Community Celebration on August 28th** - at "The Parade of Heroes" there will be a Rotary Information Table in a shared area with the "Gift of Labor" raffle. The raffle will benefit CEDRR (the chamber), the Paramount, and Come Alive Outside groups. This is a Rotary Specific volunteer opportunity (**highlighted below**).

Time slot(s) and volunteer Duty:

- o 10:30am-12 Noon Event Set Up. Setting up tents/chairs/tables
- o 12-2:30pm Raffle Ticket Sales/Rotary Information Booth
- o 2:30-5pm Raffle Ticket Sales/Rotary Information Booth
- o 5-8pm Raffle Ticket Sales/Rotary Information Booth
- o 3-5:30pm Recipe/Flour tent (handing out recipes and bags of flours)
- o 5:30-8pm Recipe/Flour tent (handing out recipes and bags of flours)
- o 12-2:30pm Runner (Doing whatever needs to be done, check garbage, fill in at booths, check on vendors etc.)



- o 2:30-5pm Runner (Doing whatever needs to be done, check garbage, fill in at booths, check on vendors etc.)
- o 5-8 pm Runner (Doing whatever needs to be done, check garbage, fill in at booths, check on vendors etc.)
- o 8-9:30pm Event Breakdown (Clean up/pick up tents/load excess flour)

· **Rutland Whoopie Pie Festival October 9th**

- o 7-9 am Event Set-Up (Tents/tables Set Up etc.)
- o 8-10 am Vendor Set-Up (Directing vendors to their assigned spaces)
- o 11 am - 1:30 pm East End Ticket Sales
- o 1:30 - 4 pm East End Ticket Sales
- o 11 am - 1:30 pm West End Ticket Sales
- o 1:30 - 4 pm West End Ticket Sales
- o 11 am-2 pm Runner (Check trash, check on vendors, be available to do whatever)
- o 2-4 pm Runner (Check trash, check on vendors, be available to do whatever)
- o 4-6 pm Runner (Check trash, check on vendors, be available to do whatever)
- o 6-8 pm Breakdown Tents/Tables
- o 6-8 pm Sod Removal

Please contact Arwen Turner at **Arwen@comealiveoutside.com** if you have questions or need additional information on ways to help.

Thank You,  
John Bob District Governor 2021-2022

## 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
- White River Junction
- Hollis Brookline
- Queen City Rotary
- Souhegan Valley

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)

Sep 3, 2021 08:30 AM

Nov 5, 2021 08:30 AM

Jan 7, 2022 08:30 AM

Oct 1, 2021 08:30 AM

Dec 3, 2021 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

## 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



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(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.

Contact info:

Steve Puderbaugh District Governor 7870 (20-21)

603-483-8131

[spuderbaughdg@gmail.com](mailto:spuderbaughdg@gmail.com)

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Candia, NH 03034

## **Club News**

### **New Passport Club Chartered July 16, 2021 - The Rotary Club of Community Peace and Environment Passport**



**New  
Passport  
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July 16,  
2021**



## **The Rotary Club of Community Peace and Environment Passport**

Longtime Rotarian Claudine Hessmer-Husainy has always been an innovator. She chartered the first EarlyAct Club and created the first Youth Conference in our District. Claudine led an all-female Rotary Vocational Training Team to India and led a team of Rotarians to Pakistan as a Peace Ambassador.

After deciding to go back to teaching, Claudine still wanted the opportunity to serve Rotary yet knew she could no longer attend the weekly lunches in person.

Through various Rotary International zoom meetings and webinars, she learned about the new forms of Rotary Clubs – in particular Passport Clubs, an innovative way that Rotarians can serve their community focusing on service, building relationships across districts and countries, and connect with members of other clubs to help or partner on service projects etc. Rather than meet in person, however, the Passport Club meets bi-monthly via zoom and in-person for service projects and fellowship events - allowing for more flexibility within the membership.

Claudine has gathered 20+ members from four states, members who are multigenerational— from former Rotaractors and Interactors to members who have served for decades and are happy to return in a new capacity. The average age of this new Passport Club is 40, much younger than a typical Rotary club. It is also a truly diverse membership – multiracial, multiethnic etc. that reflects our everchanging communities with new faces and ideas to strengthen Rotary.

The name of the new club is the Rotary Club of Community Peace and Environment Passport. It will focus on grassroots projects that have a positive effect on community peace and environmental issues. Members can still attend in-person meetings anywhere in the world. They are encouraged to visit any club they like and partake in their projects well. The principals guiding this Passport club are the same as the traditional club, namely people uniting and taking action to create lasting change, applying leadership and expertise to social issues, finding unique and lasting solutions. Our motto is “Peace Through Service” and we live by the following credo,

THE FOUR-WAY TEST Of the things we think, say, or do:

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

## Stress Management During Covid Crisis

The Rotary Club of Community Peace and Environment Passport presents its first Community Event open to all members in District 7870 and the community



### Stress Management During Covid Crisis

Hi! Hey! Hi! Over here!! Pssstt!! We have an event for you!

**If you could be the change you wish to see in the world, what would that look like?**

Rotarian and Past President of RC Karachi Sunrise - Arshad Kamal Sethi, a motivational speaker from Pakistan, has been sharing (one of) his beautiful gifts with the world to embody this very question. **Sethi is a certified yoga instructor and meditation guru, who has made it his mission during this pandemic to spread love, light, joy and peace to make this world a better place.**

Sethi approached our new Rotary club “The Rotary Club of Community Peace and Environment Passport,” with the intention of educating as many people as possible on the benefits of yoga and meditation during these difficult times.

Now, I'll be honest. I used to think the concept and practice of Yoga was purely aesthetic. It was never about the health benefits or the mind/body connection for me. It was always about a flatter stomach, more toned arms and legs, and holding that downward dog longer than the person next to me. I started wondering: What if stillness was more beneficial to my mental health and well-being than sprinting until I throw up? What if breathing and meditation could help decrease my anxiety, which oftentimes can be expressed as anger. What if Yoga has nothing to do with my body size? What if the change I wanted to see in this world was as simple as starting to love myself, for exactly who I am?





**What if the words Arshad Kamal Sethi speaks to us help reduce our stress levels, boosts our immunity, and/or makes us happier? What if just one sentence changes your life? What if?**

**Join us 9/18/21 at 11:00am EST – Register for Zoom Link:**  
[d7870peaceenvironmentppclub@gmail.com](mailto:d7870peaceenvironmentppclub@gmail.com).

## **Milford Rotary Annual Passing of Gavel '21/'22 - Much to Celebrate**

The Milford Rotary Club recently held their annual Passing of the Gavel, at the Milford Community House and the 2021/2022 Board of Directors took their oaths of office for this new Rotary year. As is tradition, Milford Rotary Past President Chris Rogers, CPA, presided over this year's event. The incoming leadership team includes: President Paula Telage (Director of Corporate Giving at Home Health & Hospice Care), who received her Presidential Pin from her father, and Milford Rotarian, Paul Grummett (CPA at Kline & Co.), President Elect Doug Knott (President at Knott's Land Care, LLC), Vice President Greg King (Owner, G. W. King Forest Products, LLC), Immediate Past President Tim Finan (Network Consulting Engineer at Cisco), Secretary Tom Young (Paralegal at Sturm Law, PLLC), Treasurer Todd Leo (Private Wealth Advisor at Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.), Assistant Treasurer Verna Ross-Hoyt (Bookkeeping Assistant at Page 1 Bookkeeping, LLC and Janet L. Spalding CPA) and Directors Paul Wydra (Owner, wydraTEK LLC - Small Business IT Consulting), Douglas Rupert (Banking Consultant, Retired), Glenn Flessas (Financial Representative at Bankers Life), George Scollin (Retired Professor), Susan Robinson (Realtor at CB Realty), Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Ciardelli (Retired, Past President of Ciardelli Fuel Company) and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Tom Grella (President at Grella and Son Irrigation).

Milford Rotary Club member and past president John Siemienowicz (Founding Member at Jay Steel LLC) will be the first Milford Rotarian to serve as District Governor for District 7870 for the 2021-2022 year. The 7870 District Governor oversees 60 Clubs in Southern NH & Southern VT. The Club presented him with an engraved brick with his name on it which was installed in Milford Rotary's Centennial Park. Other significant recognitions included a Paul Harris Fellow Plus One Recognition for outgoing President Tim Finan and the Stan Powers Award for member David Strum (Principal at Sturm Law PLLC).

The Milford Rotary Club serves the towns of Amherst, Milford, Mont Vernon, Lyndeborough and Wilton and meets weekly on Wednesdays at noon at the Milford Community House. The Club consists of 70 active volunteer members who last year raised and donated over \$139,000 through its charitable giving and scholarship programs. The funds are raised throughout the year with events such as their 100 Holes of Golf in One Day, Annual Pancake Breakfast and by selling Christmas Trees.



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### PHOTOS (l-r):

1<sup>st</sup> Row Left to Right: Todd Leo, Paula Telage, Verna Ross-Hoyt, Paul Wydra, George Scollin, Doug Rupert

2<sup>nd</sup> Row Left to Right: Greg King, Doug Knott, Tom Young, Tim Finan

Missing: Susan Robinson, Glenn Flessas, Al Hoyt

Rotary District 7870 2021-2022 District Governor John Siemienowicz

Paul Grummett (Paula's Dad), Paula Telage, Chris Rogers

## Ludlow Rotary Learns About Clear Lake Furniture

In its second face-to-face meeting since the pandemic restrictions were lifted, the Ludlow Rotary conducted its weekly meeting at ClearLake Furniture's showroom in Ludlow.

The meeting was hosted by Brent Karner, the owner and master craftsman of ClearLake, and catered by The Cookster.

Brent was the featured speaker at the meeting, discussing his own background as well as the history and product design and creation procedures employed by ClearLake.

He began by describing his own development as a craftsman. Brent grew up in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. He attended Tewksbury public schools, Shawsheen Regional Vocational Tech. School in 1982, and in 1985 graduated from North Bennet Street School in Boston where he learned the art of fine woodworking. After graduating from North Bennet, prior to starting ClearLake Furniture, he spent many years crafting 18th and 19th-century reproductions as well as contemporary furniture for clients throughout New England.



ClearLake Furniture was created in 1992 and has offered a wide variety of individualized fine furniture since.

In discussing the impact of the Covid pandemic, Brent observed that his business actually increased – but with a twist. There was a much greater demand for two items that dramatically increased orders: desks and liquor and wine cabinets.

Following his presentation, Brent took the Rotarians on a tour of his showroom and shop where all the furniture was made. He is pictured here in his shop with the beginnings of a wine cabinet.

Brent currently lives on South Hill in Ludlow with his wife, Abi, of 35 years and their two children, Thacher and Rachel.

## Rotary Honors Mary Crowley's Retirement



At its recent weekly meeting, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) paid tribute to Mary Crowley, a fellow Rotarian, on the occasion of her retirement.

Mary was the Senior Loan Officer at the Citizens Banks for the past 11 years. Prior to that, she had functioned as a loan officer for a number of years in other agencies.

Residing in Reading, VT, Mary has been an active Rotarian for 23 years. She is fond of gardening, visiting her family and grandchildren, singing in a choir, and being a dedicated Red Sox fan.

She graduated from Smith College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics.

PHOTO: Art Randolph and Mary Crowley

## Fundraisers

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

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

#### **4th Annual Trails to Ales**

**LEGACY PARK | AUG 19, 2021**

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**Rotary**  
Club of Bedford

4th Annual Trails to Ales 2k & 5k  
For details & registration visit:

**ROTARYTRAILSTOALE.COM**

Bedford Rotary will be hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> annual 2K/5K Trails to Ales event on August 19<sup>th</sup> 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 burgers and corn holing games. Adults can indulge in craft beer and wine tasting as well. All ages are invited! CDC and NH state guidelines are respected. Some 400-500 participants are expected. Register at

[BedfordRotaryTrailstoAles.com](http://BedfordRotaryTrailstoAles.com)



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## Time to Get Ready for the Annual Duck Race - August 21, 2021

It's getting close to that time – when we'll all be rooting for our favorite duck!

Yes, the annual duck race sponsored by the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) will soon be racing down the Black River to reward its owners.

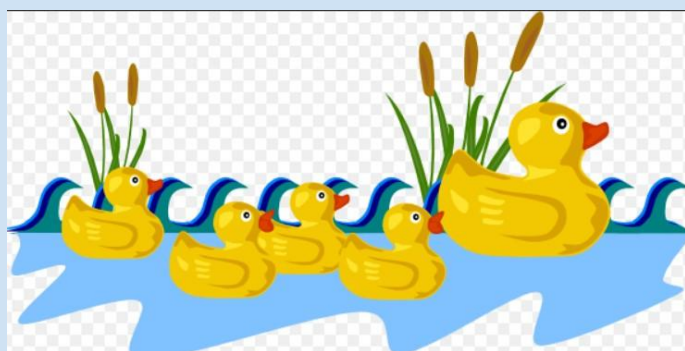
The LRC formally announced that the traditional Ralph D Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race is scheduled to be held on Saturday, August 21 when the ducks will be dropped into the Black River at 12 Noon from the Depot Street Bridge. Prizes for the regular winning ducks crossing the finish line at Walker Bridge will be

- \$200 for the first duck
- \$100 for the second place duck
- \$75 for the third duck AND
- \$25 for the last duck to finish

Corporate ducks also have a winning chance; the first Corporate duck to cross the finish line will have the honor of displaying the corporate duck plaque in their business for the next year.

If you'd like to rent a duck, a single duck will cost \$5. However you can get 5 ducks for the price of 4 if you buy the QUACK pack for \$20. Corporate ducks will rent for \$50 a corporate duck.

Where can you rent your ducks?



You can purchase them at Ludlow Insurance Agency, Peoples United Bank, Fletcher Memorial Library, Benson's Chevrolet, or see any Ludlow Rotarian. If you prefer to go online, check out the [www.ludlowrotary.com](http://www.ludlowrotary.com). If you're going to pay by check, please make the check payable to LARCF (Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund).

So, you'd better hurry since there are just a limited number of ducks in the race!





## Raymond Area Rotary Holds Thunder Run Obstacle Race - September 11, 2021

Our 8th annual Thunder Run will be held on September 11th. The [Thunder Run](#) is our premier fundraising event for our organization. We are developing a new course at a new location. This year we are partnering with [Candia Springs Adventure Park](#) who is excited to host this year's event.



Since September 11th is going to be the 20th anniversary of the attacks of 9/11, we are going to start the day at 8:30 with a remembrance event where many of our area first responders will attend. Our main event will start with team and individual heats at 9 am. Associated with the focus of this year's event on 9/11 and our first responders, our featured charity this year is [Tunnels to Towers](#).

"We are excited about getting our race back up to full speed after having our year where we could not do a lot due to Covid 19," says Race Director Steve Puderbaugh. "We are also very excited to partner with our new location at Candia Springs and our race development consultants Derti Development to make an exceptional event"

The Raymond Area Rotary Club has a long history of supporting community projects such as scholarships, addressing food insecurity, supporting drug awareness programs, local playgrounds, and soccer fields, and many others. We also have a history of supporting International humanitarian projects across the world.

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



With all of the uncertainties brought about by the pandemic, the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Manchester Rotary Club's Cruising Downtown event had to be canceled 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](mailto:ronstoyshop@aol.com) or Jeanine Tousignant at [jeanine@jeanineandcompany.com](mailto: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.

## 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



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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

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## Calendars

### District 7870 Calendar

So much going on within the clubs in the district! Be sure to regularly 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:

**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](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: September 15th, 2021 at 9:00 AM.**

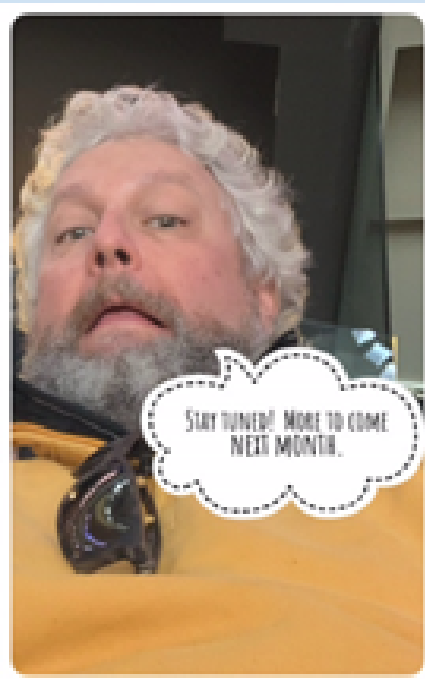
## Website and Social Media

Be sure to check (and share) the Rotary District 7870 **website** at: [www.rotary7870.org](http://www.rotary7870.org).



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

## District Governor - Closing



### To Close Out This Month's Newsletter

As we continue to enjoy the Rotary Month of membership, I wanted to take the time to congratulate The Rotary Club of Londonderry, NH. They were the District 7870 Club that had the highest per capita growth in membership for the July first start of the Rotary year of "Serve To Change Lives"! Also, congratulations to Capital City for sponsoring the rebirth of the Franklin Club! And, congratulations and welcome to our new Community, Peace & Environment Passport Club! All significant efforts that increased district membership. I also want to thank all of you individual Rotarians for your efforts in growing our District 7870. As I make my District Governor visits (in-person or via zoom) I am constantly seeing new potential members in attendance and numerous new member inductions. Simply Fabulous!!!!



Keep up the good work,  
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