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Greetings From Your District Governor John Siemienowicz

Hello Folks,

As your District Governor, you and the other members of our communities have challenged me to take the steps required to make us better Rotarians and better Community Ambassadors. Through this effort, by all of us, we have achieved positive results in this Rotary year to “Serve To Change Lives”!

With the last eleven months behind us, here are some of the achievements we have accomplished.

- We have successfully held our first Independent President & Officer Elect Training Sessions (POETS) in March. This allowed for 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 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.
- Our District Governor Track has made significant strides in improving the visibility of our District in the eyes of Rotary International and the global rotary community.
- We have experienced increased Rotary International Foundation giving by District 7870 Rotarians, which has been acknowledged and noticed on many levels at both the Rotary headquarters in Evanston and by our District Leadership Team.
- We have adapted more quickly to the new ways we interact and communicate than previously I would have ever though thought possible. As result, we have become more comfortable with gains in technology that are with us from now and into the future. One proof of this achievement is the creation of impactful Zoom and hybrid club and district meetings.
- We have been successful in promoting women in leadership positions,
- We have an increased focus on creating satellite clubs and other nontraditional Rotary Clubs.



President Shekhar Mehta’s theme for 2021/22 “Serve To Change Lives” is the logical lead-up to Jennifer Jones’s theme “Imagine Rotary”. The world conditions have truly led Rotary to Serve To Change Lives and to Imagine Rotary in becoming more agile and able to effect change more quickly. Our District Team continues to re-evaluate our actions and decisions. We will need to continue to adapt regarding interaction with other members and other clubs on a personal level, which may mean different things to each of us. I am proud to be a District 7870 Rotarian.

Be Well,
DG John Bob



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Rotary Helps Ukrainian Refugee Children Continue Education

“They do not want to stop their education, problem is they do not know Polish and cannot connect with their teachers in Ukraine.” With this simple statement, Tomasz Michalik, President Elect of the Bialystok (Poland) Rotary Club asked John Bob Siemienowicz, Governor of Rotary District 7870, which includes 59 individual clubs in southern New Hampshire and southern Vermont, for help.

Michalik further explained that a large number of school-age children had become refugees from their native country of Ukraine as a result of the Russian invasion. They lacked the means to communicate with their teachers in Ukraine to continue their education. While Poland offered them access to its public school system, most of the children did not speak Polish and likely instructors lacked a knowledge of the Ukrainian language.

To further complicate matters, the Polish education system required 8th grade students to pass an examination that was conducted in Polish to continue their secondary school education. The Ukrainian students, due their inability to understand the Polish language, would probably fail this test.

What was needed were tools that would enable the children to communicate with teachers in Ukraine where schools were still in operation. The key element to resolving this dilemma was laptop computers with access to the Internet.

The Bialystok Rotary Club surveyed the number of refugee students and determined that they needed to acquire laptops.

Acting on this request, Siemienowicz arranged for \$13,000 for the laptops through the district’s fund-raising efforts on behalf of Ukraine for the purchase of 50 basic laptop units.

In addition to helping Ukrainian refugee students continue their education, the district was also involved in helping pregnant Ukrainian refugees and refugees with medication needs not supported by the Polish state medical program.

In the case of the former, the Bialystok Rotary Club was assisted by the district. As described by a representative of that club “these Ukrainian families didn’t have the opportunity to give baby showers and associated gifts . . . so our Polish counterparts are doing their best to be the substitutes providing that support. They are truly relying on the kindness of strangers in every way”.

Thus far, Siemienowicz estimates that District 7870 has raised over \$150,000 to support the needs of Ukrainian refugees.



A 14-month-old Ukrainian refugee in Poland needed medication not funded by the Polish state medical system. Rotary District 7870 raised the funds to enable the purchase of the medicine. Pictured (l-r) are the President of the Bialystok Rotary Club, the doctor from the University Clinical Children Hospital, and the Treasurer of the Rotary Club.



Members of the Bialystok Rotary Club are holding the new laptops donated by Rotary District 7870. These laptops will enable refugee Ukrainian students to communicate with instructors in Ukraine so that they may continue their education uninterrupted by the Russian invasion.

District News

District Public Image Committee - “Tip of the Month”



Remember to regularly update/clean up your **club website**. Everyone loves to see up-to-date photos, happenings, and calendared events when accessing a website.



Try to update at least once a month! If you need assistance with the website, let us know at PrRotary7870@gmail.com.

Considering hiring (at a reasonable rate) a **Web Editor**. **Scott Mortimer** helps the Merrimack Rotary Club and is familiar with Clubrunner. He would be more than happy to help your club and discuss a plan that works for you. Contact Scott at: mortimer@gmail.com. Here is the Merrimack Club's site: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2943>



District Changing of the Gavel - June 27, 2022

Dear District 7870 Rotarians:

The District Changing of the Gavel will be taking place on Monday, June 27th, 2022 at 5PM. It will be a hybrid session (in-person and on Zoom). This is an opportunity to thank District Governor John Bob (Milford) for his service over the last year and to welcome our incoming District Governor Randell (Wallingford).

Past Rotary International Director Ken Grabeau (Nashua West) will be installing the District Officers and Club Presidents. We will also be announcing this year District Treasure Award recipient.

You can register for either the in-person or zoom at the following link.

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=b7b42e0a-06a3-4b2d-bc7b-dbe66107e673>

or Click on the Calendar link on the District Website.

The Program will be as follows:

- Greetings to guests by President Sue Thayer (Wallingford) 5PM Eastern
- Greetings from RC of Blouberg in South Africa Helene Visser
- Introduction of Dignitaries DGE Randell Barclay
- Installation of District & Club Officers PRID Ken Grabeau (Nashua West)
- John Bob Siemienowicz Outgoing District Governor
- District Treasure Award Announcement
- Introduction of Randell Barclay by John Herrick (Hout Bay)
- Introduction of DG Randell by David Ballou (Wallingford)
- Randell Barclay, Incoming District Governor
- The 4-Way Test by Arwen Turner (Rutland)
- Thanks and Adjourn President Sue Thayer (Wallingford)
- Traditional Paul Harris Dinner prepared Erika Berner (PE Wallingford) 6PM Eastern

If you are attending in-person, please let us know by Saturday June 18th.

Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club

96 North Main Street

Wallingford, Vermont 05773



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The District Treasure Award Selection Process for this Rotary Year Has Been Completed

Sixteen (16) years ago, District 7870 initiated a special honor for extraordinary Rotarians in the District called the Rotary TREASURE Award. The first recipient was Albert Kerr who truly exemplified every aspect of Rotary; be it attendance, Foundation support, attracting new members, new club creation and attending District Assemblies, Conferences and International Conventions as well as demonstrating solid participation in community and international humanitarian projects. The person selected for this honor is truly a Rotary TREASURE! It has been my responsibility to ensure that this wonderful tradition continues and I am happy to announce that the selection process is complete.

This year we had four (4) outstanding nominees for this honor (listed in alphabetical order).

David Countway	Alton Bay Rotary
AG Donna Deos	Bow Rotary
PDG Sandra McGonagle	Gilford Rotary
Douglas Rupert	Milford Rotary

This year, as indicated in my past communications, the announcement of the recipient of this honor will occur at the changing of the gavel in June.

I also wish to thank the other six (6) members of this committee for their help in this process. Please find the listing of our District Treasure Selection Committee members below.

- PDG Sandy McGonagle (NH Gilford)
- PDG Nancy Russell (VT White River Junction)
- At Large VT DGND/PAG Bill Stevens (VT Bellows Falls)
- AG/NH Bob Schaumann (Area 1)
- AG/VT Angel Balch (Area 8)
- At Large NH PAG Maureen Mooney (NH Merrimack)

Recipients Since 2005-06

Albert C. Kerr	PDG White River Junction 2006-07
Al Kerr – You are missed! See photo here —>	
Peter TenBroeck	Milford 2007-08
David L. Ballou	Wallingford 2008-09
Peter L. Powers	PDG Hopkinton 2009-10
Paul E. Bordeleau	PDG Bedford 2010-11
David Benson	PDG Fair Haven 2011-12
Chris Parkinson	PDG Bow 2012-13
Alan Kanegsberg	Concord 2013-14
Rick Manganello	PDG Nashua 2014-15
Alice Boucher	PDG Gilford 2015-16



Robert Couch	Bow 2016-17
Tony Gilmore	PDG Capital City Sunrise 2017-18
Carolyn Crowley-Meub	PDG Rutland South 2018-19
Charlie Boucher	Gilford 2019-20
Ken Grabeau	PDG/PRID Nashua West 2020-21
Richard Berryman	PDG Capital City Rotary 2021-22
To Be Announced	June 27, 2022 at Changing of the Gavel

I look forward to making this announcement as one of my last District Governor responsibilities in a few days. Stay tuned and feel free to congratulate all of our candidates and send them your appreciation and best wishes.

JB

“How Rotary Changes Lives”

The Webinar You Wished You Did Not Miss!

“How Rotary Changes Lives” was the topic of a recent webinar presented by the District Membership Committee. The event focused on how engagement in Rotary programs have direct impact on us and those we serve.

Six District Rotarians shared their compelling personal stories on their Rotary involvement. If you missed the webinar and would like to view it, simply click on this link and be inspired by very compelling stories. <https://youtu.be/NpuvcgaDUhE> Listen to Ken Yei, Queen City Rotary Club, Shelly Carita, Gilford Rotary Club; Gary Dehnel, Meredith Rotary Club; Carla Linebeck, Brattleboro Rotary Club; Paul Wydra, Milford Rotary Club and Marty Cohn, Springfield Rotary Club. You will be glad you did.

As Rotary year 2021-22 winds to a close, the District Membership Committee thanks all of you for your dedication to recruitment and retention of members. At the moment, we stand at plus 67 members and hope to finish the year at plus 100. Let's rally during June to make certain that we accomplish this goal for District Governor John Bob and his team.

As all of our clubs seek to recruit and retain members to remain vibrant and responsive to our communities and world-wide, it is even more important to reflect on how we are changing our lives and the lives of others through our mission of Service Above Self.

With gratitude,
Carolyn Meub and Sandra McGonagle, District 7870 Membership Chairs

This July, Kevin and Nancy will JUMP for Safe Water

And, they hope YOU will join in the FUNdraising adventure.

In 2019, Kevin McCalister, Nancy Russell, with other adventuresome Rotarians and Pure Water for the World (PWW) supporters joined fellow Rotarian and long-time PWW Executive Director, Carolyn Crowley Meub, in celebration of her retirement. Together, the group raised over \$100,000 in support of safe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) programs, while having a blast and checking an item off of their bucket lists!

PWW was founded by the Brattleboro Rotary Club and supported by many Clubs in the District.

July 16th, Kevin and Nancy will join PWW and Jump for Safe Water again!

The fundraising goal is to raise \$1 for every foot they will cover on their way down...all 10,000 of them! All funds raised will directly support sustainable WASH programs for children and their families living in underserved communities of Honduras and Haiti.

Will you join them? To sign up or learn how you can get involved, visit:

<https://impact.purewaterfortheworld.org/jump4safewater2022>

Rotary Drink Coasters Available

As part of a membership development initiative envisioned by DG John Bob, District 7870 has ordered 5000 drink coasters to be distributed to restaurants and bars throughout the region! While some of these are going to the clubs that financially contributed to the effort, we do have some extras for other clubs that are interested. The QR code directly links people to the full list of clubs on the District 7870 website. If your club meets at a restaurant or brewery and/or has connections to other locations that would use these coasters, please reach out and we can supply you with some! If you missed the original announcement but would like to order some now -- specific to your club -- that is still a possibility; pricing depends on the size, colors, set-up, shipping and quantity ordered. ---

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Why join your local Rotary club?
Citizenship in the community
Friendship
Business Development
Personal Growth and Development
Leadership Development



We are people of action!
Scan to find a club near you!



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Save the Date: Sunday, November 6, 2022, District Conference



Please save the date! Our one-day District Conference will be held at the Killington Grand Hotel in Vermont on Sunday November 6, 2022. Registration will open in mid-July on the District website.

The Killington Grand Hotel offers world class conference facilities. The registration fee will be \$75/person and will include a continental breakfast and a 4-course lunch. We will be offering a “free” online option via Zoom. There will be a variety of speakers from within the District and Around the World. We are looking to celebrate the successes of DG John Bob’s year as District Governor and look ahead to the 2022-23 year with DG Randell.

For those of you who plan to come the night before (Saturday) and stay at the hotel, we will have blocks of rooms at the Killington Grand and other hotels in the area. There will be host hospitality events on Saturday evening. More details as we get closer.

Whether you are coming just for the day, joining us for the weekend, or Zooming in on Sunday, we look forward to sharing the wonderful achievements of Rotary Clubs in our District.

Randell Barclay, District Governor 2022-23
Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club

Coffee with Ken! Rotary Rocks!

Hi District 7870 Rotary Clubs: I’m inviting you to Coffee with Ken!

What is Coffee with Ken? 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. In January 2021, 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 started Coffee with Ken. We meet on the 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.

• **July 1, 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

Club News

Hudson-Litchfield Club Celebrate 50 Years

Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club celebrated its (postponed from December due to COVID) 50th Anniversary with a dinner at the White Birch Catering & Banquet Hall on Thursday April 21. In attendance were District Rotarians as well as local community leaders. We had on display "artifacts" from our past, including our Charter, the program the dinner held at our founding, very early club newsletters, and much more. President Kathleen Connerty narrated a slide show of our club's accomplishments throughout the years. Also at the dinner, Hudson VFW Commander Michael Donaher presented a Certificate of Appreciation to club member Scott Desroches for his work refurbishing a VFW road sign. Scott, owner of D's Autobody, restored the sign and donated his time and materials to the Post. Everyone had a great time!



Poultney Rotary Club Updates

Poultney Rotary Club supports the efforts of the Poultney- Mettawee Conservation District. On May 7th members volunteered with the Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nurseries' Plant Sale. The club is planning a future tree planting to support the cause of native plants and buffer plantings to resist erosion.



Photo (1):
Members of
Poultney
Rotary along
the road in the
community of
Poultney on
Green Up Day,
Saturday May 7.



Rose Describes Development of Maple Sugaring to Ludlow Rotary

Douglas Rose of the Green Mountain Sugar House in Ludlow was the recent guest speaker at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC).

Rose, co-owner and operator of the maple syrup products company along with his wife, Ann, described the history of the syrup production process.

In particular, he noted that the development could be broken down into two general historic phases: one measured by the buckets of maple sap processed, the second and current phase being the impact of technological advances and sap collection.

The bucket period concentrated on measuring the number of individual maple trees that were tapped and transported by horse to the local sugaring house. The use of horses also dictated when active sap collection was feasible. Since horses had difficulty getting through heavy snow, this usually meant that active sugaring could only begin when the snow drifts had started to melt.

Rose then noted that the process of heating the syrup to a desired temperature required that someone watch the temperature all the time. He also said that the volume of actual syrup was low compared to current levels since the process was dependent on buckets of sap collected.

According to Rose, all this changed with the introduction of automatic collection of sap using tubing attached to the trees and the development of temperature controlled boilers for heating the sap.

In describing where Vermont fell in terms of the economic production of syrup, Rose indicated that the state was the leading producer in the United States with Maine and New York vying for second and third place. However, Canada remains the largest producer of maple syrup.



Pictured is Douglas Rose of Green Mountain Sugar House as he speaks at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club.

Rutland South Rotary Club Raises Over \$3K for Ukrainian Refugees

Rutland, Vermont: The Rutland Community responded in big way to Rutland South Rotary's "Unite with Ukraine" Coin Drop that was held on Saturday, May 21st. Over \$3,000 was raised to benefit Ukrainian relief. Rutland South Rotarians collected donations on Upper Merchants Row and at the Rutland Farmers Market. Additional contributions were also made by a number of Rutland South Rotarians. 100% of all proceeds will go directly to the Ukraine for medical treatment and equipment, food, and shelter for Ukrainian refugees. For those who still want to support this effort, you can donate through Rutland South Rotary's website at www.rutlandsouthrotary.org or mail your check to Rutland South Rotary Club, PO Box 511, Rutland, Vermont 05702.



Capital City Sunrise Rotarian, Mike Manning Named Granite Stater of the Month by Sen. Maggie Hassan

The two Mikes from Capital City Sunrise (L to R), Mike Dunn and Mike Manning

When Capital City Sunrise Rotarian, Mike Manning saw a “Free Meals” sign outside the United Church of Penacook in 2015 and decided to venture in, he had no idea how much that decision would impact his life.

Mike connected with the chair of Open Door Community Kitchen, and learned about their mission of serving meals to communities in and around Penacook. Later that year, Mike became the kitchen’s co-chair, organizing volunteer shifts, food orders, and donations.

In his first years as co-chair, Mike made sure that Open Door Community Kitchen provided three free sit-down meals a week, with extra food for people to bring home and last them the following days. Mealtimes provided a sense of camaraderie and togetherness among volunteers and attendees alike.

Yet when the COVID-19 pandemic began, Open Door Community Kitchen was hard hit. Many of the volunteers were older and started to stay home at the onset of the pandemic because of the risk to their health. With limited capacity, the kitchen had to reduce its three free meals per week to two. In addition, the dining hall space had to close, and Open Door transitioned to making to-go meals.

Nevertheless, Mike put every effort into making sure that Open Door Community Kitchen was able to keep running during the entire pandemic, never missing a week. Even with a skeleton staff and rising food prices, Mike has worked around the clock to continue serving meals. And now, he’s working to re-start Open Door’s in-person meals, which provide an important sense of community.

Mike’s efforts to serve his neighbors during a time of need, and under unprecedented challenges, are commendable.



As Mike himself says, if everyone could just help each other, the world would be a much better place. His actions exemplify the best of the Granite State spirit of working together to support each other, no matter the obstacles, and we are lucky to have him in our midst.

Ludlow Rotary Announces Award of Scholarships to Area Graduates

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC), continuing its scholarship program initiated in the 1960's, announced its 2022 awards to area graduating students wishing to pursue educational opportunities beyond high school. This program is available to all graduating high school seniors residing in LRC's service area of Ludlow, Cavendish, Mt Holly, and Plymouth.

Since the inception of this program, LRC has awarded over \$290,000 to graduates. Selection of our recipients is based upon the following criteria: scholastic achievement, financial need, realistic goals, extracurricular activities and community service. Each category is equally weighted.

The following are the Scholarships being awarded to local graduates in the class of 2022, all attended Green Mountain Union High School. Congratulations to all that applied and to our recipients.

Daniel E. Kesman Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000

Dan was a Rotarian for over 42 years. He was a resident of Ludlow and attorney by profession. His passion for the LRC led to the beginning of the club's annual Penny Sale and scholarship program. Dan donated frequently to the club and upon his passing in 1987 the LRC named its first scholarship in memory of Dan.

This year we are pleased to award the Daniel E. Kesman Memorial Scholarship to Grace Tyrrell of Cavendish.

Ralph D. Hogancamp Vocational Scholarship - \$2,000

Ralph became a member of the LRC in 1984. Ralph originally was a charter member of Charlestown, NH club in 1947. He was known to many Ludlow residents for his local businesses he operated. He originally owned and operated a luncheon restaurant in what is now the location of DJ's Restaurant. Ralph also owned and operated a catering and tent rental business. Ralph passed away in 1999. The LRC named its second annual scholarship after Ralph for the variation of vocations he initiated in Ludlow. Ralph maintained a 100% membership attendance for many, many years. He was very passionate of Rotary serving 52 years as a member.



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This year we are pleased to award the Ralph D. Hogancamp Vocational Scholarship to Reid Hryckiewicz.

Robert W. Kirkbride Community Service Scholarship - \$2,000

This is the 8th annual award of this scholarship honoring an outstanding community member and beloved Rotarian of 60+ years. Until Bob's passing in 2020, he was an active LRC member. This award is in specific recognition of the graduate's Community Service involvement. This was Bob's passion.

We award this year's Robert W. Kirkbride Service Scholarship to Clara Gignoux of Cavendish.

The Joseph "Jay" Girouard Scholarship - \$1,000

The Girouard scholarship, a new award approved by LRC for Jay's dedication to the Rotary, particularly his work on behalf of the annual Penny Sale, is the primary funding source for these scholarships

The Girouard Scholarship is awarded to Haley Racicot of Ludlow.

The LRC awards two traditional scholarships, each in the amount of \$1000, were awarded to the following students: Jayme Hamel and Mackenzie Martin both of Ludlow.



Pictured are the winners of 2022 Ludlow Rotary Club's annual scholarship awards. They are: top row, left to right, Jayme Hamel, Reid Hryckiewicz and Haley Racicot; 2nd row, left to right, Mackenzie Martin, Clara Gignoux, and Grace Tyrrell.

Updates from the Bennington Rotary Club

The Bennington (VT) Rotary Club has had the opportunity to work on a number of projects with the coming of the warmer weather.

First, we assisted our local YMCA with their Healthy Kids Day, working with a number of non-profits who were manning tents to promote exercise, nutrition, and healthy choices for local kids.

We also worked at the Bennington Community Gardens to help with their annual cleanup, and helped kick off their season at their annual celebration. The gardens provide plots for local residents who would like to grow their own food, but cannot do so due to space limitations at their houses or apartments.

Our next project was to provide dinner at the 2nd Congregational Church's Sunday Supper, where we cooked and helped serve over 100 meals to local people facing food insecurity.

We also marched in the Bennington Memorial Day Parade, joining the local fire departments, VFW and other organizations to honor our fallen soldiers.

Finally, we presented three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors at Mount Anthony Union HS, as well as a Student Achievement Award to a deserving MAUHS freshman student.

Upcoming events include the ringing of the USS Bennington's bell on the 4th of July, marching in the Bennington Battle Day Parade, and re-launching our Italian Night dinner to raise money for scholarships.



The Milford High School Marching Band Plays On - In Style!

The Milford Rotary Club was pleased to be invited to partner with the Milford High School Music Boosters in their effort to purchase new band uniforms! Thanks to everyone who has supported our annual 100 Holes of Golf In One Day Tournament, Pancake Breakfast and Christmas Tree sale fundraisers, Milford Rotary was able to make a sizeable donation to the MHS Band uniform fund.

As one band “Auntie” noted, “Milford High School is fortunate to have a strong music department and band program including the marching, jazz and concert bands. They offer great opportunities for our children to engage, develop new skills, strengthen their self-esteem and have fun at the same time! This level of community support from the Milford Rotary Club goes a very long way to further the efforts and excellence of the MHS band program!”

But don't think the MHS Band Boosters only look for grants and donations. The Boosters, along with the students, are very active fundraisers. Among their many initiatives, they are widely known as “The Krispy Kreme Doughnut Source” in the Souhegan Valley. Look for them on The Oval selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts during the 33rd Milford Annual Pumpkin Festival Oct 7-9, 2022. By the way, during the Pumpkin Festival, swing over to the Community House Lawn venue where Milford Rotary will be teaming up with the Milford Lions Club for lots of fun and flavorful activities.



The Donation



The Band in action at a football game.



The Fundraising

International

Youth Exchange Outbound Orientation Finale

The District youth exchange committee held a multi-day orientation event for our high school students who will be going out of the country on exchange beginning in August. The orientation was held at the Geneva Point Center in Moltonborough, NH. Outbound Coordinator Barry Griffith and District Chair Jim Rumrill led the group through multiple steps in recognizing cultural differences, the differences and similarities in Rotary all over the world, and what to expect now that their adventure is about to start. All of the students made individual presentations about their home town and state, practicing for what they will be doing for their host Rotary clubs and districts around the world. They displayed knowledge of their host country's flags and shared what they have learned on their own about the place they are about to call home.

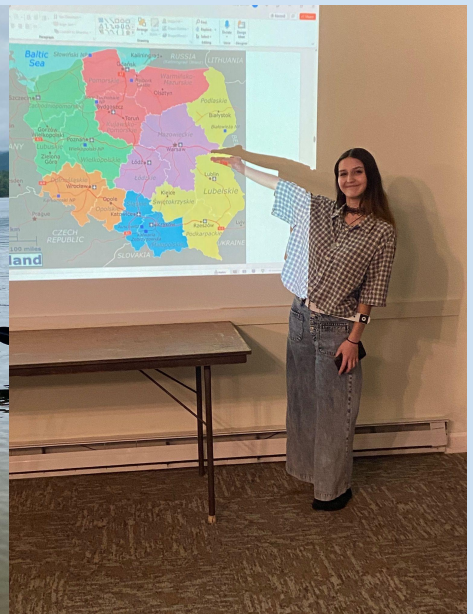
Friday night, each student shared an individual talent for the full group around the campfire and did some canoeing Saturday morning before parents arrived for their own orientation, lunch and the trip back home.

Special thanks go to former outbound students Carrie Mobus (Peru 2010-11) Jocelyn Hewitt (Switzerland 2014-15) and Sophia Moore-Smith (Brazil 2018-19) for sharing their experience and expertise with the new students. The perspective of those who have “been there and done that” brings an important element to any youth exchange event.

Youth Exchange Student From Ukraine.



We are excited to announce that District 7870 will be one of four districts within the ESSEX system who will be hosting a student from Ukraine this coming Rotary year. Rotary in Poland is sponsoring Ukrainian high school students, who are temporarily in Poland due to the war, to spend a year on a Rotary exchange. It is quite an honor to be one of the host districts and we look forward to welcoming this student in late August. There was a tight window to make this happen and a huge thank you goes to DG John Bob, DGE Randell and the Ludlow Rotary Club for making the resources available to provide an exchange experience in Vermont and New Hampshire for this student.



Fundraisers

100 Holes of Golf and Great Raffling for Charity - June 17, 2022

The Milford Rotary Club's 28th annual 100 Holes of Golf in One Day Tournament is rapidly approaching. Rain or shine on **Friday, June 17, 2022**, over 60 golfers will be running around the Amherst Country Club's beautiful 18-hole course in their quests to play 100 Holes In One Day while having loads of fun raising money for charity.

Once again the honorable Joe Clement will be leading the charge for the **Henniker Rotary Club**.

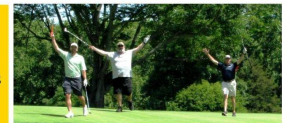
Joe has participated in nearly every 100 Holes Tournament and was an initial inductee into the tournament's Hall of Fame. As Milford Rotarian Alec Buchanan noted at the time of Joe's induction "Joe has only missed a couple of years in the event's history and that was because we forgot to call him! "

Joining in the fun this year are the **Charlestown Rotary Club** (contact Nick Hobart), the **Hooksett Area Rotary Club** (contact Aaron Telage), the **Hudson-Litchfield Rotary Club** (contact Connie Dionne), and the **Rotary Club of Lowell** (contact Mark Cassidy)! Each of these clubs will "earn" and get to keep 50% of their raffle ticket sales. To also field a golfer, and gain those HUGE bragging rights, each club needs to sell over 50 tickets! Can we count on you to help these partnering Rotary Clubs? Please reach out to the clubs or their contacts to purchase raffle tickets. Just imagine what these clubs will be able to do with the funds they raise through the 100 Holes of Golf 50/50 program!

The 100 Holes raffle tickets are extra special in that they include great coupons and offer 10 chances to win! That's right – 10 cash prizes ranging from \$5000 to \$500 for a total of \$12,500 in raffle prize money! And attendance is not required to win. The fabulous coupons include \$20 off at any of the three Giorgio's Ristorante & Bar locations in New Hampshire, 10% off at Papa Joe's Humble Kitchen, service discounts at Contemporary Automotive, as well as coupons for Aroma Joe's, Station 101 and The Copy Shop.



Come Join The Fun!
Play Golf ~ Become a Sponsor
Volunteer to Help ~ Purchase Raffle Tickets
www.Golf100Holes.com



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Interested in serving as a sponsor, a golfer or a volunteer? Please visit www.Golf100Holes.com or contact Doug Knott, 100 Holes Committee Chairperson, at (603) 689-5030 or doug@knottslandcare.com.

Laconia Rotary Club Announces the 30th Anniversary of the 2022 Motorcycle Week Harley-Davidson Raffle! - June 19, 2022

As one of the oldest Rotary Clubs in District 7870 (chartered in 1925), it's only fitting that Laconia Rotary Club partner with the World's Oldest Motorcycle Rally, Laconia Motorcycle Week, for our annual fundraiser.

For 30-years (as of 2022), Laconia Rotary's biggest fundraiser has been a motorcycle raffle, which runs from winter through late spring, commencing on the last day of Laconia Motorcycle Week where we announce the winner of a brand-new 2022 Harley-Davidson right on Lakeside Avenue in the heart of Weirs Beach (**June 19th, 2022 at 4pm**). Each year, we work for well-over six months selling a LIMITED number of tickets for \$20 each for the chance to win the motorcycle.

Proceeds from the raffle directly benefit our community, including organizations such as, The Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation, Boys & Girls Club of Central NH, Got Lunch Laconia, Belknap Mill Society, Gale Memorial Library, Laconia Little League, NH Veterans' Association and many more! Laconia Rotary has supported the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation for 64-years with scholarship contributions totaling \$354,500! Additionally, Laconia Rotary Club makes an annual financial commitment to the Rotary International Foundation, helping to provide financial support for global projects, such as providing clean water and emergency shelter boxes to people living in third-world countries.

This year's motorcycle is a 2022 White Sand Pearl Harley-Davidson Street Glide. [TICKETS SALES ARE NOW OPEN!!](#)

The poster is for the 30th Annual Charity Raffle by the Rotary Club of Laconia. It features a 2022 Harley-Davidson Street Glide motorcycle. The text includes: 'Rotary Club of Laconia You Could WIN THIS HARLEY!', '30th Annual Charity Raffle', '2022 Harley-Davidson Street Glide®', 'The original stripped-down hot-rod bagger', 'Only a limited number of tickets sold! (Maximum 5000) \$20 each', 'MSRP: \$22,824', 'Drawing is the last Sunday of Motorcycle Week - 4:00pm', and 'Purchase your tickets at www.laconiarotary.org'. A QR code is also present with the text 'Need not be present to win. BUY YOUR TICKET HERE. SCAN ME'.

- Milwaukee-Eight® 107 V-Twin engine and batwing fairing
- Reflex™ Linked Brembo® Brakes w/ Standard ABS
- White Sand Pearl Color with Chrome Finish
- Boom!™ Box GTS Infotainment System

Harley-Davidson pictured is for advertisement purposes only and may not be color or equipment delivered. *Participation in this raffle acknowledges acceptance of the Raffle Terms and Conditions as posted on LaconiaRotary.org. All net proceeds raised will go towards Laconia Rotary Club's Charities.



Save the Date: Poultney Rotary Golf Tournament - July 9, 2022



Free-braries for Springfield, VT - July 20-21, 2022



Friends of the Springfield Town Library (FOSTL) has six wonderfully decorated little libraries currently on display at the Springfield Town Library for auction. They were built by volunteers with materials supplied by the Rotary Club of Springfield. Various local artists have put fantastic finishing touches on them. To view the libraries, visit <https://www.32auctions.com/FOSTL2022>

Auction proceeds will be used to purchase equipment to better host in-person and online programs in the library.

The online auction will be available until 9 PM on July 20th. The auction will resume as an in-person auction at the Springfield Town Library on Thursday, July 21st from 9 AM - 7 PM during the library's July Patron Appreciation Day. Winning bidders will be notified. Credit card payments are available via PayPal. Cash or checks made out to "Friends of Springfield Town Library" will also be accepted. Winners will be responsible for picking up their "free-brary" at the library by Monday, July 25th at 7 PM.

About The Project



Springfield Rotary Club created this "Little Free..brary" project as a way of supporting FOSTL and furthering its goal of increasing literacy in the community. It is hoped that those who purchase the Little Free Libraries will erect them and stock them with books for exchange by the public. The Rotary Club purchased materials for the libraries, which were constructed by Rotarians and non-Rotarian volunteers Karl Riotte and Chip Longo. The six local artists who donated their creative talents are Karen Longo, Donna Cummings, Mona Frye, Becky Tucker, Wendi Germain, and Corey Mitchell.

Share your love of reading with your neighbors by buying and stocking one of these Little Free...braries in front of your home or workplace. And, all proceeds go to FOSTL, in support of the Town Library.



Donna Cummings (artist) & Karl Riotte (builder)



MōNa FrYe (artist) & Rod Arnold (builder)



Becky Tucker (artist) & Rod Arnold (builder)



Corey Mitchell (artist) & Rod Arnold (builder)



Wendy Germain (artist) & Rod Arnold (builder)



Karen Longo (artist) & Chip Longo (builder)

10 Year Anniversary for the Lakes Region Rotary Charity Car Show



Lakes Region Rotary Club is happy to announce a return to a live event for their annual car show fundraiser. Fueled by Veroff & Austin, PLLC., the Lakes Region Rotary Charity Car Show will be held July 23rd at 70 Endicott Street, Weirs Beach (formerly Faro Italian Grill). The Car Show is the Rotary's main fundraising event, with proceeds going to support Belknap House and many other local charities.

Join us **on July 23rd, from 10am to 2pm**, as we celebrate the 10 yr. anniversary of the Lakes Region Rotary Club's annual car show. Fueled by Veroff & Austin PLLC, this year's event is sure to please and will feature cars from all over New England.

As the main purpose of the show is to raise funds for local charities, the cost to pre-register a vehicle is \$20, and \$25 the day of the event. This year the Rotary Club is supporting [Belknap House](#) as the lead charity for the 2022 Car Show. The [Belknap House](#) is a year-round shelter that provides assistance to families in need. Belknap House's mission is to provide families in Belknap County a safe shelter, when children are particularly at-risk during homelessness, and to empower families to become self-sufficient and independent by providing opportunities of education and resources available to them.

We will also be donating to several other local charities in support of their efforts to provide social services or environmental protection in the Lakes Region.

The Lakes Region Rotary is grateful for the generous support of our presenting sponsor, Veroff & Austin, PLLC; our Roadster Sponsors – Foley Oil & Propane, HPM Insurance, NuCar, and REMAX/Bayside; Cruiser Sponsors – Cross Insurance, Grappone Automotive, Meredith Bay, the Insurance Outlet, and O'Reilly's Auto Parts.

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



Butterfly Release - August 26, 2022

Springfield Rotary Club
BUTTERFLY RELEASE
Friday August 26, 2022, 6:30 PM
COMTU Cascade Park
5 Main Street, Springfield, VT



EVENT: A Springfield Rotary Club fundraiser "Live Butterfly Release" to remember and honor our friends and family.

PROGRAM: A brief program reading the names of the people remembered / honored and the butterfly release.

TO PARTICIPATE: Sponsor butterflies in memory of or in honor of loved ones by returning the section below:

BUTTERFLY REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this section and payment to:
Springfield Rotary Club

PO Box 808, Springfield, VT 05156

Please make checks payable to "Springfield Rotary Club"

FROM: (Please print donor information)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

ORDER YOUR BUTTERFLIES:

I (we) wish to register the following names for the 2022 Butterfly Release. Name(s) to be remembered / honored for each butterfly. \$10 per name / per butterfly

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



Link to application form:

<https://bit.ly/3KF9v2i>



Ride New England IFMR - September 6-16, 2022

<http://www.ifmr.org/chapter/North-America.html>

RIDE NEW ENGLAND IFMR September 6-16, 2022

Join IFMR-NA as we ride though some of the most famous motorcycle roads in North America.

1. Arrive in Manchester, NH
2. Manchester to Woodstock, VT
3. Woodstock to Stowe, VT
4. Stowe, VT to Wilton, ME
5. Coastal Maine to Freeport
6. Day Ride to Kennebunkport/Old Orchard Beach
7. Mount Washington Region, NH
8. Kancamagus Highway, NH, to Fairlee, Vt
9. Fairlee, VT, Day Ride
10. Connecticut River Valley, VT to Manchester, NH
11. Farewell



Tour Key: (B): included breakfast (D): included dinner

Day 1: Make your way to Manchester, NH. Check into the SpringHill Suites Manchester Airport. Enjoy a welcome dinner while getting to know your fellow riders and waiting to receive your bikes. (D)

Day 2: The ride begins. We head west across New Hampshire to scenic Vermont Route 100 - part of every motorcycle owner's bucket list. Our first day will include stops at the boyhood home of Paul Harris and the Vermont Country Store. We will overnight in one of Vermont's most idyllic small towns, at the Woodstock Inn. (B)

Day 3: We head for the twisties in the Green Mountains. The roads are narrow and hilly with almost no traffic. It is an amazing ride. We end our day at the Trapp Family Lodge, founded by the family portrayed in the movie, "The Sound of Music." Dinner will be an authentic Austrian Buffet at the resort. (B)(D)

Day 4: Today will take us back into old-time country life, as we ride through Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. Later today we will pass through Dixville Notch, NH - the first place to vote in every national election. "As goes Dixville, so goes the nation." Our day ends in Wilton, Maine with a stay at the Comfort Inn. (B)

Day 5: We head for Rockland and Camden, Maine, and then ride south along the coast. Lunch will be in Boothbay where we can sit at the water's edge overlooking the harbor. We will then have a short ride over to Bailey Island, ending our day in Freeport, Maine with a 2- night stay at the Harraseeket Inn. (B)

Day 6: Today we will ride down the coast to Kennebunkport, the summer home of the President Bush family. Along the way we will stop and walk on Old Orchard Beach. We will return in the early afternoon to allow time to explore Freeport, it's many shops, and even the L.L. Bean flagship store. Dinner will be an authentic Maine Lobster Bake at the home of our tour guide, Bill Sahlman. (B)(D)

Day 7: We ride on the back roads of Maine into New Hampshire and up the Mount Washington Auto Road - a truly memorable ride. Our overnight is at the Bretton Arms Inn at the Mount Washington Resort. (B)

Day 8: Today, we head west across New Hampshire on the Kancamagus Highway. It will be a day of mountain riding along more twisties. This evening we arrive in Fairlee, VT for a 2-night stay at the Lake Morey Resort. Tonight, enjoy included dinner in the resort restaurant. (B)(D)

Day 9: Today we will ride the backroads of Bill's youth which are not normally seen by motorcycle riders. Our day ends with a barbecue at Lebanon/Riverside Rotary Club Park. Today's ride is dedicated to THE WORLD'S GREATEST RIDE to END POLIO. We are asking each participant to donate \$100 to Polio Plus and receive credit toward your Paul Harris Fellowship Award. John Kramb will be present at the BBQ to collect donations. You may also email him at pdgjohn2015@gmail.com (B)(D)

Day 10: Our last day of riding will take us down the Connecticut River Valley to the town of Hanover, NH - home of Dartmouth College. We will see covered bridges, small towns, and scenery that makes New England special. Our ride ends this evening as we return to SpringHill Suites Manchester Airport. Enjoy included farewell dinner at the hotel. (B)(D)

Day 11: Enjoy the included hotel breakfast and bid farewell to your fellow riders. (B)

Tour package price: \$1799 per person based on double occupancy \$3199 for single occupancy. Package includes: 10 nights hotel, 10 breakfasts, 6 dinners. All additional items not noted on the itinerary are at the expense of the individual such as motorcycle rental, fuel, meals, and items of a personal nature.

Booking Requirements: \$500 deposit per person due at booking. (Deposit nonrefundable as of 3/1/2022) Final Payment due June 1, 2022. Entire package nonrefundable at final payment. Travel Insurance is highly recommended. To book the tour package, please contact: Erik Hayes – Travel Advisor – AAA Travel Hayes.Erik@nne.aaa.com 207-780-6955

Motorcycle Rental: Please book directly with EagleRider by contacting Suzanne Lopez at slopez@eaglerider.com. Be sure to mention IFMR discount. (Estimated motorcycle rental is \$1500.) For other options, please contact Bill Sahlman.

Non-riding Participants: Non-riding participants may rent their own vehicle and follow along, or ride in our provided chase vehicle for a fee of \$200 per person. Please contact Bill Sahlman for space.

Please book early as motorcycle rentals and hotel space are limited.

The start and finish of our tour are easily accessible from Manchester, NH Airport (MHT) using the airport shuttle provided by SpringHill Suites. Boston Logan Int'l Airport (BOS) is also within a 1-hour drive from the hotel (transfers not provided). Book flights on your own or through our AAA Travel Advisor.

IFMR-NA Organizer: Bill Sahlman bill.sahlman@gmail.com 603-381-8988.



Capital City Sunrise Rotary \$1,000 Summer - September 5, 2022

Gas prices getting you down? Want to take the family on a summer vacation? Have a home improvement project to pay for?

WOULD \$1,000 HELP????

[Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club of Concord, NH](#) is hosting a raffle with a top prize of a \$1,000 Visa gift card. Spend your winnings how and when you would like.

10 runners up will also be drawn to receive a \$100 Visa gift card.

ONLY 300 TICKETS TO BE SOLD- [\\$25.00 Each TICKETS: CLICK HERE](#)

Winners Drawn on Labor Day Monday September 5th, 2022.

Help the Capital City Sunrise Rotary Club of Concord, NH with their mission to support community and international projects by caring for others and sharing fellowship with all.

****All winners will be selected via random drawing on Monday September 5, 2022. Winners will be notified via email.****

Rotary West 2022 Duck Fest - October 15, 2022

by Carol Powis

The Rotary Club of Nashua West will be hosting its Fifth Annual Duck Fest on **Saturday, October 15th**. Ten thousand baby rubber ducklings will again float down the Nashua River near Renaissance Park.

This year's event promises to be filled with tons of family fun activities and events. In addition to live entertainment from the Joe Mack Band, there will be a beer garden, food trucks and games and activities for adults and children.

Proceeds from this event will benefit 40 area nonprofit organizations, provide \$15K in scholarships for qualified high school seniors and allow our club the opportunity to support international humanitarian programs.



Currently, we are looking for individual and corporate sponsors. If you are interested, please reach out to Kim Reagan at kim.reagan@comcast.net.

If you would like purchase ducks, they are \$5 each or can be purchased as adoption packages: a six quack for \$25 a quackers dozen for \$50 or a flock for \$100 by visiting <http://www.nashuaduckderby.com>.

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.

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: July 15th, 2022 at 9:00 AM.**

Website and Social Media

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

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



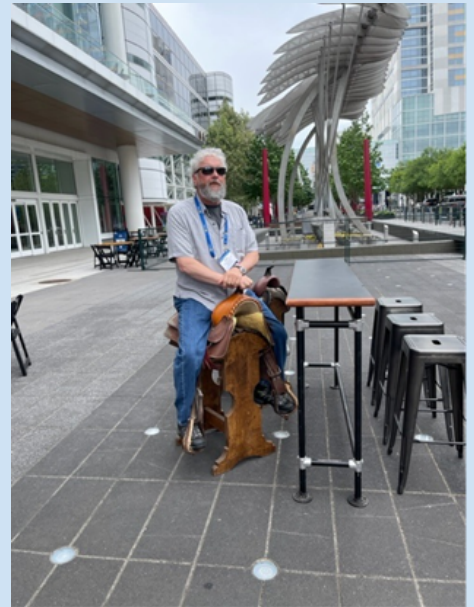
District Governor - Closing

My Thoughts In Closing,

After my recent return from the International RI convention in Houston I wanted to share some thoughts about this Rotary Theme year “Serve To Change Lives”. It has truly been a joy to be your District Governor. The value provided to me by each one of you, just as a result of your efforts, is immeasurable. My path this year has been one of the unknown and unexpected. As one initiative would seem to become clear and head toward resolution, another opportunity or need for action would develop. As I have indicated throughout my DG year, I am not a reader but rather a visual person. So let me take you into my closing thoughts on and about everything we are doing or have yet to do.



During the Rotary International Conference in Houston, one of the keynote speakers talked about a book where they explored the idea of the alphabet does not end in “Z” - there is a need for something after that. As this extraordinary rotary year winds to a close the letter “Z” has taken on new meaning to me, personally. There is always something new around the corner! I also think about the monetary donations and the work and efforts we have put forth, no matter how large or how small, to provide change. While we have made a great impact on the lives of others this year, that is not the last donation of funds or even effort and work to create change we will need to complete. There is still more to do to create the world of “Imagine Rotary”. Please join me in continuing to move us all forward to a world of safety, understanding and PEACE. Remember there is truly something after “Z” and there is always more to do!



Be Well,
JB

Happy Trails! Remember, they don't end - especially when you don't have a horse!