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Rotary International Month of Sanitation & Water for The Month of March:

My Dear District Rotarians:

The Rotary theme this month is focused on sanitation, pure water and education for both. Let me share District 7870 Story from PRID Ken Grabeau. To set the stage, I am not sure of the year, but the location is Honduras during a visit that Ken and Ruth took. They had an interesting experience that they shared with me several years back. In the Honduras village that they were visiting, the public water was being taken from a surface stream and was being purified by being run through a water purification system to remove the contaminants. They observed a young woman, approximately eight years of age, taking drinking water from a tap in advance of the



purification system. Seeing the odd approach in meeting her needs she was asked “why are you taking your drinking water from that tap in lieu of collecting it from the purified tap”? The response still shocks me. Her response “because it tastes better”! Wow, because the bad water taste better? Because it was what she was accustomed to tasting. The point I wish to make in this article today is threefold:

1. Sanitation of drinking water is Critical.
2. Pure water is the answer to good health.
3. Lastly, without education there is no guarantee of success!

Please think about it - without pure water it is impossible to maintain good health. Without good health and the ability to grow up and receive education poverty will continue. Lastly, one of the anecdotal stories shared with me from Ruth Grabeau is that the Wisest Woman on Earth once told her that it is important to tell the children where they are providing water purification systems that the Medicine is in the Filtered water!

Make you think?

Be Well and Thrive,
John Bob

District News

District Public Image Committee - “Tip of the Month”



The “Brand Center” on the myrotary.org website is a great resource for Rotary logos, images & videos, ads, and other public relations materials to promote your club and projects. Check it out!



Brand Center: <https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-GB>

Janice H. McElroy - Scholarship

Jan was born and raised in the wheat and cattle country of Kansas and later lived in Denver. She majored in Chemistry at Colorado College before going to the University of Cologne, Germany as a Fulbright Scholar in Biochemistry. Jan taught science in Baltimore and earned her masters at Johns Hopkins. She served as chair of the science department at the Bishop's School in La Jolla, California, before she completed her Ph.D. in Human Behavior.

Jan, her husband Jim, and their two children moved to New Jersey and later Pennsylvania, where she became very involved in the American Association of University Women serving four years as State President of AAUW and four years on AAUW's national Board of Directors. In 1988 she accepted a gubernatorial appointment as Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Commission for Women. Her proudest accomplishment in that role was the creation of the Leadership Development Institute for Women in State Government and achieved the transition of the Institute to the next administration. In 1998, she ran unsuccessfully for Congress in the PA 15th



In 1999, she moved to Henniker to be the Assistant to the President and Director of Planning at New England College. In 2005, she joined the development staff at Colby-Sawyer College as their Grants Manager until her retirement in 2009.

Jan McElroy's Rotary Legacy

Jan joined the Henniker Rotary Club in 2000 and served as its President in 2004—05, receiving the Presidential Citation for the club. She received the Rotarian of the Year Award in 2008. Jan served 3 years as an Assistant Governor, as District Rotary Foundation Chair and as Secretary of the District 7870 Foundation. She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and was a member of the Rotary Leadership Institute Faculty. Her travels took her throughout Europe, Japan, China, Ghana and all fifty United States. During her year as District Governor 2011-2012, Hurricane Irene devastated southern Vermont. Representing District 7870, Jan partnered with Marilyn Bedell, her counterpart in Vermont's District 7850, to submit a matching grant to *The Rotary Foundation* to help with Vermont's long-term recovery. They secured pledges from individuals and 114 Rotary Clubs around the world and ultimately received an RI grant of \$412,000 –the largest RI grant ever awarded for a US project. Jan was invited to present at the International Rotary Conference, but had been recently diagnosed with cancer and was unable to attend. Still, she narrated a multi-media presentation which was shown at the conference.

After a valiant struggle, Jan died in the winter of 2014. Prior to her death, she decided what she would like her legacy in Rotary to be. She asked that a fund be set up to award scholarship assistance

to non-traditional students that was open to eligible youth 21 and over from throughout the district to attend post-secondary education in a 2 or 4 year program.

District 7870 is proud to honor Janice's service to Rotary, the district and the world with the announcement of the Janice H. McElroy Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students.

Eligibility

This scholarship fund is to be used to support the college education of non-traditional students from Rotary District 7870. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older and must have completed high school or have earned a G.E.D. There must be at least a three-year gap between graduating from high school and full time college attendance or a record of part-time college for three years after graduating from high school.

Scholarship recipients earning a B average or better may apply for a subsequent year of support, allowing the possibility for support to continue until the supported course of study is completed. The scholarship can be used for expenses at a four- year or a two- year college, or for another type of accredited institution.

A committee consisting of representatives from District 7870 will determine the Scholarship recipient each year. The scholarship award will be at least \$1,000 and will be presented at a District Rotary meeting.

The application can be downloaded from the District website, in the left column entitled:

"Application for Jan McElroy Scholarship" (due date May 15, 2022):

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ggoRLtmIIG594aECDt_pAgOIpVjAlJtm/view?usp=sharing

Ukraine Relief Initiative

Thank you all who have thought about and/or made an effort to relieve the suffering of the Ukrainian people in whatever way you have found. As your "Serving To Change Lives" District Governor, our own "Ukraine Relief Initiative" has gained a growing wave of support for those in immediate need, in particular the Ukrainian women and children refugees in Poland. Thankfully, our Companion Rotary District 2231 in Poland is willing and able to provide impact and some means of comfort and love. We are in touch with them and we have sent our initial donation for financial support. I wish to thank all who have contributed. I have continued on my personal journey to learn more and to offer financial aid to the Rotary Clubs in the District of 2231 in Poland. Due to the availability of zoom, I have so far been able to connect with Poland, Slovakia & even Kyiv, Ukraine during the past week.



I'd like to ask that you (and your Club if you feel that is appropriate) consider making a donation to the District 7870 Foundation (which is registered as a 501c3 organization) in the hopes of making an effective and immediate impact with humanitarian relief for Ukrainian refugees in Poland. I am intending to submit weekly donations of financial support for as long as we are able. These funds will support our fellow Rotarians that are providing aid directly to the people being

affected by this unacceptable situation. I am also considering other options that we may wish to engage if grassroots funding continues and we gain more information on how we can help. Again, please note this is a personal decision I have made, and not an official Rotary ask. If you and/or your Clubs are entertaining other ventures or avenues of support, I applaud you and support your decisions. Checks can be mailed to:

Rotary District 7870 Foundation
c/o Jeff Mobus
19 Orchard Street
Springfield, VT 05156

Please Note: ***"Ukraine Relief Initiative"*** in the memo line to make sure your donation is directed to the relief effort.

If you prefer to donate via Paypal, please use the link below.

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=LPVRRBWFP3HL

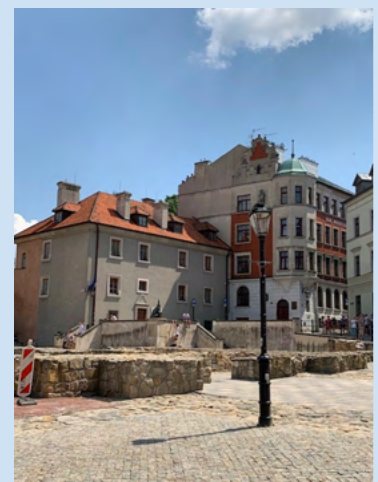
or via this QR code:



Thank You For Your Consideration,

John Bob

Story About The Picture: The Soviets leveled the Cathedral in Lublin, Poland after World War II. These are the foundation walls that are still visible today.



District Training Assembly April 30th, 2022

Dear District Rotarians:

The District 7870 Training Team is pleased to announce that registration for our District Training Assembly on Saturday April 30th is now open. Registration is required to attend but there are no fees. The District Training Assembly will be in-person and take place at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center's conference facilities in Lebanon, NH.

You can register for the Assembly below (Note Presidents-Elect will receive a separate link for their President-Elect Training Seminar "PETS").

<https://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=f14ab78f-e8c0-44c3-a442-1acfd118ed7d>

We encourage all District Rotarians to attend the Assembly. We have arranged two sets of breakout sessions in the morning covering a range of topics useful for both new and experienced members. We will have sessions for club officers and committee members. Club Youth Exchange Officers are encouraged to attend to learn about the post-pandemic program. After lunch we will vote on District Business. There will be an awards ceremony and we will finish with the finals of our Districts 4-way test competition. The program will finish at 3PM.

Sample program:

Time	Activity
09:00AM	Pick up registration materials - Socialize
09:30AM	Greeting by DG, DGE and other guests
10:00AM	Session 1 - Breakout
10:45AM	Socialize
11:00AM	Session 2 - Breakout
11:45AM	Lunch

12:45PM	General Session, Speakers, Voting, Awards
01:45PM	Finals 4-Way Speech Contest

Let us know if you have any questions.

The District Training Team:
 Gary Dehnel, District Trainer
 Robbie Grady, Assistant Governor
 David Saturley, DGN
 Bill Stevens, DGND
 Randell Barclay, DGE
 John Bob Siemienowicz, DG

Recognition with a Little Red School House Brick

Something every Rotary club should do on a regular basis, especially at this time of the year. It is time to recognize the successful completion of your club president's year or the long-time efforts of a great member.

What better way to recognize a person than creating an engraved brick or paver in the Rotary Wheel in the Paul Harris Memorial Garden at the Little Red Schoolhouse in Wallingford, VT.

Created in 2010 to help provide the funds to support the operation and maintenance of the Little Red Schoolhouse in Wallingford, VT, this 20' diameter Rotary wheel currently has over 319 engraved bricks (red) and pavers (white) installed.



Donations have been received from Rotarians, clubs, Zones, and Districts from around the world.

You or your club can easily purchase a red brick for \$200 or a white paver for \$300. In addition, there are still 18 gear teeth available for \$1,500 each.

New bricks and pavers are ordered in late May each year and installed in June prior to the Changing of the Gavel Dinner.

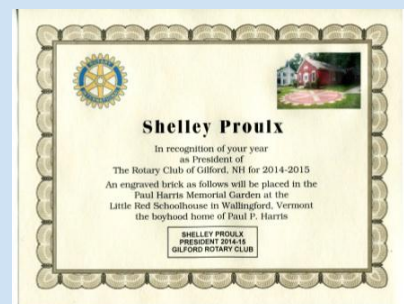
We are also offering a presentation certificate in a folder for an additional \$15. Be sure to give us at least 2 weeks to produce and mail a certificate.

The cutoff for orders this year will be May 25. If you want to place an order you can access our brochure by clicking “Little Red Schoolhouse Brochure” under “Documents” on the left side of the home page at www.Rotary7870.org.

You can also order online with a credit card by going to www.Rotary7870.org and click on the EVENT “Purchase a Brick or Paver for the Little Red Schoolhouse.”

If you have any questions, please email me at Rotary.Randell@gmail.com.

Randell Barclay, District Governor-Elect
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.

- Apr. 1, 2022 08:30 AM
- May 6, 2022 08:30 AM
- June 3, 2022 08:30 AM
- 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

Springfield Rotary Club Announces Winner of the \$5,000 Scholarship Raffle

At the Springfield Rotary Club meeting held at Crown Point Country Club on Feb. 16, Springfield Rotary Club member Emma McGuirk drew the winning ticket for the \$5,000 Springfield Rotary Club scholarship raffle. The winner, Marty Cohn, is a member of the club. The Club will award two \$2,000 scholarships to Springfield High School graduating seniors.



PHOTO: (l-r) Club Treasurer Ed McQuaide, raffle winner Marty Cohn, Emma McGuirk, and Club President Jim Fog.

Inter-Lakes Interact Bobhouse Fundraiser

Members of the Inter-Lakes Interact Club, sponsored by Meredith Rotary the club, sold bobhouse raffle tickets during the 'Great Meredith Rotary Fishing Derby' weekend. The funds raised will allow the Interact club do many 'good things' both locally and internationally, such as funding Rwanda student Samuel to attend his 9th grade next year. Pictured are bobhouse raffle chair Hayden with assistant chair Riley and Hayden picking the winning raffle ticket with radio announcer Pat Kelly.



Children's Clothing Donated to Afghan Evacuee Families

Bags of children's clothes sized and packed in separate bags (left over from last two District Golf Event) and approved by DG John Bob for Afghan Evacuee families.



Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club Hosted Candidate Forum

The Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club hosted a recent Candidate Forum as a community service project, and it was a virtual success! Candidates for School Board and Select Board answered questions submitted by community members, and Rotarians Drew Elwood and Tammy Heffernan performed their jobs as host and moderator admirably. It was a real benefit to the community to have the opportunity to come together online to hear the views and vision of those running for office. The Candidate Forum had been abandoned in recent years, and with the work of the Wallingford Rotary Club, civic engagement is once more alive and well in our small town! We have been asked to sponsor future candidate forums, and will be happy to do so for any upcoming local elections.

Windsor Rotary Interact Club & Windsor Rotary Club Host "Ice Out"

The Windsor Rotary Interact Club has partnered with the Windsor Rotary Club to establish an annual fundraiser for their club and community. The club is formed along the Rotary motto of "service above self" to have the students actively engage using their unique talents to serve the community.

The "Ice Out" contest will sell changes to record the exact date and time the ice will go out on Kennedy's Pond. The Windsor High School student industrial arts class teacher Aaron Day had his class build the device that was placed on the ice by the Windsor Fire Department Ice Rescue Team and members of the Interact



Club and Rotary Club. The device has an electric clock plugged into a cord secured to a cement block. When the Block falls through the ice, it breaks the electrical connection and the clock stops. The official time is recorded and the person who came closest to the exact time receives one half of the money collected. If there were more than one with the exact guess (to the second) then the names would be put in a hat and one winner is drawn. The funds remaining would be directed to the community by the student Interact

Club and Rotary Club!

The goal is to estimate the date and time when the contraception will drop through the melting ice this spring. Since the temperatures are warming up buy your tickets as soon as possible to increase your chances of winning!

Tickets cost \$5. Visit the link below to buy your tickets!

<http://windsorvt.myrec.com/info/activities>

One guest = One Ticket when purchasing online.



Milford Rotary Supports El Coyote, Honduras Project

Keeping with the Rotary International theme for March of “Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene”, the Milford Rotary Club welcomed members of Pure Water For The World to our first meeting in March 2022. Pure Water’s Executive Director Matt Korn and past Executive Director Carolyn Crowley Meub shared an informative update on the organization’s work and, more specifically, on an upcoming project in El Coyote, Honduras. Milford Rotary was pleased to present Matt and Carolyn with a check for \$10,105 that will support the El Coyote initiative to provide 22 homes and 66 individuals with sustainable access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene education training.



*Photo Caption:
On March 9,
2022, Carolyn
Meub and Matt
Korn accepted a
donation for
Pure Water For
the World from
Doug Rupert and
President Paula
Telage
representing the
Milford Rotary
Club.*

Milford Rotary seems to have started a new tradition. Our first guest speakers in March 2021 were also from Pure Water! At that meeting via Zoom, Carolyn was joined by then Executive Director Nathalie Pratt and by Rotarian Robert Masse from Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. Being able to have “international” meetings online is a great stride forward. But there is still something extra special about Rotary fellowship and sisterhood when it can occur in-person! This is especially true when there is a Big Check to share that will ultimately help to change lives for the better throughout the world!

Save the Date - April 21, 2022

SAVE THE DATE

The Hudson-Litchfield Rotary 50th Anniversary Dinner, postponed from December, will be held on Thursday evening, April 21st at White Birch Catering & Banquet Hall, 222 Central St, Hudson, NH 03051. More details to follow...

Thank you.

Jack Madden, Program Chair & Immediate Past President

Hudson-Litchfield Rotary

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2931>

International

Rotary International Youth Exchange Program - Update

The Rotary International Youth Exchange Program is in high gear as we prepare for the re-start of the program in July. District 7870 has seven students who will be going out of the country on exchange in August, spending a full school year in Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Ecuador, Poland and Slovakia. Orientations have been underway since January and will continue through an intensive two day camp in June.



Congratulations and a huge thank you to the Rotary clubs of Bethel VT, Hopkinton NH, Manchester VT, Meredith NH, Rutland City VT, Wallingford VT and Windsor VT. Your hard work is opening opportunities for our youth in District 7870 and building a more peaceful world, one exchange at a time.

Our focus now turns to providing host clubs for the international students who will spend a high school year here in our district. The sending clubs will be hosting and more host clubs are needed. Can your club be a part of this? The district committee welcomes the opportunity to speak to your club and help you get started. With developments in today's world, there has seldom been a more important time to get involved.

For more information about long and short-term youth exchange opportunities, please contact program chairperson Jim Rumrill at jrumrill@hotmail.com or 802-380-2766.



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Fundraisers

Rotary and United Church Sponsor Dinner for Ukrainian Relief - March 19, 2022

The Ludlow Rotary Club and the United Church of Ludlow are combining efforts to raise money for humanitarian relief of the besieged people of the Ukraine on Saturday, March 19 at the United Church, located at the corner of Elm and Pleasant Streets.

According to Linda Thomson, they plan to serve a lasagna dinner. The cost will be \$15 per person – or whatever generous donation the diner wishes to make. “This is sort of an ‘Eat So Others Can Eat’ affair to help the struggling people in the Ukraine”, noted Thomson.

Illustrating how much the Ukrainian situation has mobilized the area community, the following groups have volunteered to help with the dinner:

- Black River Produce will be donating all the vegetables for the salad.
- Vermont Family Farms - Springfield Donating beef for lasagna
- Okemo Valley Women’s Club for dessert, brownies
- Reading Greenhouse - Flowers
- Kids from Cavendish will be preparing Sun Flower seed packets that they will be having for sale at the dinner
- The Culinary Arts Department of the River Valley Technical Center in Springfield is going to bake bread
- Members of the Ludlow Rotary, United Church, and Okemo Valley Women’s Club will help prepare, serve, and clean-up after the dinner.

The lasagna will come in several sorts of variety to satisfy the palates of everyone. This will include meat-filled, vegetarian, and gluten free lasagna dishes. Complementing the main course will be salads, breads, and desserts. Take-out meals may be picked up at the church between 5 and 5:30pm while in-church dining will be available from 5:30 to 7.

Pre-orders for take-out meals can be made by call 802-228-6275 or emailing Thomson131VT@gmail.com.

General donations are also appreciated. They may be made at the Ludlow Rotary Club’s website, <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/2939>, or mailed to Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. Such donations are tax-deductible.

Thomson added that “We genuinely hope we can support the desperate needs of the folks in the Ukraine who are hungry and suffering the personal and family deprivations resulting from this terrible invasion. So let’s ‘Eat So Others Can Eat!’”



Caption to attached photo:
credit Emilio Morenatti/AP

People holding their children struggle to get on a train to Lviv at the station in Kyiv, Ukraine. The Ludlow Rotary Club and United Church of Ludlow are holding a fund-raising dinner March 19 to help these people deal with the unprovoked invasion of their country.

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

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



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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 17th Annual Hollis Fast 5K Race Set for June 9, 2022

The Hollis-Brookline Rotary Club has opened registration for their annual fundraising road race, the Hollis Fast 5K. This year's event moves back to the traditional 2nd Thursday of June, June 9th at 6:30 pm. Participants may sign up by logging on to the race website at www.hollisfast5k.com and selecting the register button.

The event will be organized to follow all State of New Hampshire mandates and guidelines related to Covid safety. As the date of the event nears, communication updates will be shared to registrants and other participants by press releases and email messages.

The Hollis Fast 5K features a unique and scenic course that drops 224 feet from start to finish and offers runners a chance to achieve a personal best time for a 5K distance. The distance is certified by the USA Track & Field, but because it drops more than one meter per kilometer, official state and national records do not count. As always, runners who beat the State of NH time record for their individual age will be offered free race entrees for the following year. Three participants in the 2021 race achieved this goal and have been awarded waived entries to 2022.

The event is also perfect for walkers and first-race participants, with a gentle downhill course that will enable anyone to join in. A 9-week "Couch-to-5K" program will also be offered by the [Gate City Striders](#) for new runners who want coaching and support as they start out with a first-race effort.

This event always features some of the area's top runners and has received rave reviews from several national publications. The course is blazing fast. In the first eight years through 2012, 33 state age group records were broken. The **Fast 5K** was the USATF New England **5K Championship** race in 2015 and 2013, and in the 2013 race, 73 people beat the New Hampshire State Record! The race has been named one of the fastest 5k races in America and the fastest 5K in New England.

["Five 5K Runs, With Cookies, Too" - The Wall Street Journal, July 2010](#)

["America's Speediest Road Races" - Running Times Magazine, May 2009](#)

["Hollis Fast 5K - Enjoy One Of The Fastest 5Ks in the USA" - Cool Running, 2011](#)

["A Can't Miss Race In NH" - WMUR Television Channel 9 Coverage, 2012](#)

All proceeds from this Rotary fundraising event will go towards supporting the club's [charitable efforts](#), local scholarships and other worthy causes.



Runners at the 2021 Hollis Fast 5K start the course at the HB Middle School, wind through scenic Hollis center and down Depot Road. Photo by Bob Heyer

Calling all RID 7870 (and beyond) Rotary Clubs Become a 100 Holes 50/50 Community Partner!

Interested in a straightforward, relatively easy way to raise money for your club? Then please consider becoming a 50/50 Community Partner with the Milford Rotary Club in the annual 100 Holes of Golf In One Day Tournament!

The Milford Rotary Club has kicked off preparations for its 28th annual 100 Holes of Golf in One Day Tournament. As 100 Holes veteran Alec Buchanan likes to point out "this fundraiser really is a huge raffle with lots of cash prizes that is dressed up as a golf tournament!" The tournament will be held, rain or shine, on Friday, June 17, 2022 at the Amherst Country Club.



Here's how the 50/50 program works for Rotary Clubs. When your club signs up as a 100 Holes 50/50 Community Partner it will be given a unique online web address for selling raffle tickets. For each \$20 raffle ticket your club sells, your club will receive half of the proceeds. That's \$10 for your club from each raffle ticket you sell with the Milford Rotary Club Foundation getting the other \$10. These raffle tickets are 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. We make it easy for you by providing the online point of sales and by mailing the raffle ticket coupons to your purchasers. All you have to do is get the word out via social media, email blasts, newsletters, and, or course, good ol' fashioned "word of mouth".

But wait.....it gets better! If your Rotary Club sells at least \$1000 in raffle tickets (that's only 50 tickets @ \$20 each), then your club can enter a golfer in the tournament and we'll still split the proceeds 50/50! As Steve Desmarais always says, "this tournament is a blast" and, as you can imagine, the bragging rights earned by players are extraordinary! Given how easy this all is, participating clubs are strongly encouraged to sell more than the minimum of 50 tickets to field a golfer. This is a great way to raise funds for your club's community service projects, charitable donations and scholarship programs!

What do you think? Interested in joining this fun fundraiser? If so, please contact Paula Telage (ptelage@yahoo.com) or Janet Langdell (Langdell508@comcast.net) to become a 50/50 Community Partner. Got questions about the golfing? Please contact Glenn Flessas (glennflessas1@gmail.com) or Tina Brown (TBrown@BarHarbor.Bank). Also more information is available at www.Golf100Holes.com.

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 through 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.

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: April 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



This month's closing is to remind you that it is time to think about who your Club will nominate as the extraordinary Rotarian(s) in the District 7870 for this year's District Treasure Award winner. The person selected for this honor is truly a Rotary TREASURE (not Treasurer)! Each year District Clubs nominate candidates for the Award with the final selection being made by an independent committee. The committee has been selected and will be chaired by DG Me and will be comprised of two (2) past district governors (one from each state), two (2) assistant governors (one from each state), and two (2) District Rotarians at large (one from each state). The successful candidate needs to emulate and have shown Albert Kerr's level of involvement and dedication to the ideals of Rotary and "Service Above Self" in District 7870. Please note that this is not an award given to an outstanding Treasurer, although that doesn't mean a treasurer is not a potential candidate.



This year, due to the unusual nature of circumstances brought on by the global pandemic, the announcement of the selected District Treasure will occur at the changing of the gavel in June.

Clarifications & Guidance:

- Individuals in the District Governor Track (DG, DGE, DGN & DGND) are not eligible for nomination while they currently serve the District 7870 in those positions.
- Nominees need to be nominated to the Selection Committee in the current Rotary Year.
- For this Rotary Year of “Serve to Change Lives,” the award will be announced at the District 7870 Changing of the Gavel on June 27th, 2022.
- Nominations will be due from our District Clubs after our first POETS weekend the end of April and must be received by the District Governor no later than close of business May 2nd, 2022.
- Nominating Committee Members will meet and deliberate (via zoom) during the month of May 2022.
- The successful Nominee for this year of “Serve to Change Lives” will be made by May 27th, 2022, thirty (30) days in advance of the award.



Brief Albert “Al” Kerr Bio:

He was born in Barre, Vermont on August 15, 1918 the son of Frederick and Josephine (Sparrow) Kerr, and attended schools in Barre. Al was a graduate of Spaulding High School in the class of 1936. On July 25, 1938 he married Alba I. Fracassi in an outdoor chapel of Barre's Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal). They first made their home in Barre, and in the years that followed lived in several communities in Vermont and New Hampshire. He managed stores for Montgomery Ward in Brattleboro, Newport and Rutland, Vermont, and in Nashua NH, before serving in the US Navy during WWII. Following his discharge from the Navy, he continued his career with Montgomery Ward in New London, CT and Plainfield, NJ. In 1956, he purchased a retail hardware store in Dunellen, NJ and with his family, successfully operated it until his retirement in 1983, "Al" and Alba retired to their home in Sudbury, VT which they had purchased several years earlier in preparation of their retirement. He served Rotary International extensively for over 50 years, and he and Alba enjoyed traveling to many countries. He was a Paul Harris Fellow and had served as Rotary District Governor in VT/ NH, District 7870 from 1987-1988. He worked tirelessly for the Rotary Foundation, and enjoyed gardening, reading and travel. We lost our friend Al on October 20, 2011 at 93 years young.