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Greetings From Your District Governor John Siemienowicz



Hello All,

This Rotary month is set aside to celebrate Literacy & Education. I want to thank the Gilford, Rutland South, and Derry Village Rotary Clubs for granting me the honor of signing a book as the District Governor at each of my District Governor's visits. It made me think of the effort that the school systems I attended put into my difficulties as an undiagnosed dyslexic child. I know that neither of my parents will see this, but I am thankful for all the effort they put into buying me books at numerous fundraising book fairs. Upon reflection, I really have to appreciate the total effort expended to get me to where I graduated High School and Technical College. It is also so nice to see first-hand through my Rotary Journey how far the world of Education has grown in North America in my lifetime. It is truly amazing!

Before my dyslexia was diagnosed, I would be given high school tutors and spend many hours in the school hallways searching for ways to improve my cognitive understanding of the written word. There was one unforgettable experience with one of my best friends Scott who was a grade younger than me. I was having a tutoring session in one of those hallways and when I saw my friend, I indicated to him how hard fourth grade reading was. Much to my total amazement when I showed him my difficult reading material, he read the paragraphs with ease. This was something that stuck



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with me, and at that young age it challenged me to never give up. If it was possible for him, it would be possible for me. The funny side of that is that my lifelong friend Scott McNeilly ended up an important Pro Bono Lawyer and his work became a character in the John Grisham book A Street Lawyer.

With that all behind me, and the support of all of you, I am truly pleased to be able to have signed the books presented to me thus far. I feel freed and inspired to have others in the reading world picked up one of my signed books and enjoy the material within the pages. All the time having part of me by my signature be part of that experience. Please feel free to bring on the books as I continue to make my District Governor visits.

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District Public Image Committee - “Tip of the Month”



Do you know how to post your Club's event on the **District Calendar**? The District has an online calendar on its homepage here (look on right side of page): <https://rotary7870.org/>



To place your Club's event/fundraiser/meeting/dinner/occasion on the District website, go through these easy steps:

#1 - Go to www.rotary7870.org

#2 - Log into the site

Note: If you don't have a log-in, contact your club secretary.

#3 - Click “Member Area” at top right.

#4 - Click “Event Planner (version 2)”

#5 - Click “Create a New Event”

#6 - Fill in details

#7 - Click Save

Here is an instructional video too:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pAmf6RA6_KrVk1EvZKCQDE-2z83IVEz2/view?usp=sharing



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D7870 Public Image Cmte Presents: “Submitting a News Story? What Gets Editors’ Attention (and what doesn’t)!”

The District 7870 Public Image Committee presents: “Submitting a News Story? What Gets Editors’ Attention (and what doesn’t)!”

The **panelists** are: **Polly Mikula**, Editor & Publisher of [The Mountain Times](#) (Killington-based), AND **Matt Burdette**, Editor & Publisher of [The Nashua Telegraph](#).

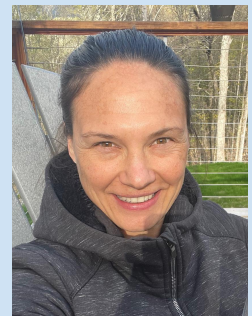
Ever wonder....?

- What's really important to media news editors when covering a Rotary story?
- What can I do to improve my coverage of Rotary and our events?
- Why do we get minimum coverage of a Rotary activity or program?
- What do newspaper and radio news editors WANT to receive from Rotary?
- How do I establish a better relationship with local editors?
- What not to do, especially when you work with two or more newspapers?

Description of event: Polly and Matt will be our featured media executives for the online District 7870 event, sharing their experiences with Rotary on how to gain greater press coverage for Rotary events and programs, while - at the same time - demonstrating greater sensitivity and awareness to what is important to editors.

Speaker Bios:

The *Mountain Times* is a family business covering a wide swatch of the Rutland/Killington region, and **Polly Mikula** is a 5th-generation owner who excels at both sides of the business: reporting and revenue-generation. Her media credentials plus her experience as a small-business owner in a fiercely competitive industry, will resonate with our members.



Matt Burdette is a Rotarian, as well as the Editor and Publisher of the *Nashua Telegraph* family of newspapers, which includes *The Telegraph*, *The Cabinet*, the *Hollis Brookline Sunday Select*, and the *Merrimack Sunday Select*. Burdette moved to Nashua in August 2017 after spending the previous 26 years at several newspapers in Ohio, West Virginia, and Virginia, all part of Ogden Newspapers, Inc. He has earned more than 150 journalism awards from a half dozen press associations throughout the country, including "Newspaper of the Year" at one location. He is a member of the United Way of Greater Nashua Community Advisory Council, the Nashua Lions Club, the Rotary Club of Nashua, and he serves as a Board member of the New Hampshire Press Association and as a board member of the



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New England Newspaper & Press Association. Matt is proud to call Nashua home, along with his brother, who also works at *The Telegraph*. He looks forward to many more years in the Gate City and continuing to volunteer for many of the organizations that make Nashua such a special place.

The **moderator** is: Bob Schaumann, Assistant District Governor and former President of the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary. Bob's background includes several years as a radio newsman at two major radio stations in Philadelphia.

Date: Thursday, September 23, 2021

Time: 7pm-8pm (approx. 1 hour)

Location: On Zoom. Please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvcOCvpjwvHtyZYQmp53zY4RwsfpG5Pxxn>

Recommended for: All Rotarians in District 7870 most especially Club Presidents and Public Relations Chairs.

Note: Questions can be submitted ahead of time to: PrRotary7870@gmail.com.

2021 District 7870 Trophy Golf Event



The 2021 District Trophy Golf Event was enjoyed by 100 golfers on a warm, humid, and cloudy August 20th but NO RAIN!

Thanks to all the District 7870 Golf Committee members, all of the enthusiastic Rotarian golfers and a few potential Rotarians, all the wonderful volunteers, raffle prize donors, DG John Bob

who arranged for the lunches and Jeep Gladiator hole-in-one prize (which no one won), photographer PDG Tony Gilmore and Chuck and Bonnie Shortsleeve (golf course and food managers)...another fun-filled day on the links was enjoyed by all.

19 of our 58 Rotary Clubs sent teams and the winners were:

Putting Contest (winners split the pot) - Rod Arnold of Springfield, VT and Alan Blake of the Concord, NH Clubs

3rd place - Claremont, NH with Cody Thurston, Nick Hobart, and Doug Rupert.

2nd place - Springfield, VT with Carol Cole, Rod Arnold, Peter McGillivray, and Mike Martin

and the 2021 Winner and holder of the District 7870 Trophy for the next year - Nashua, NH with Maryse Wirbal, Hugh Phillis, James Prieto, and Bob James...CONGRATULATIONS!!

The proceeds raised will be donated to the Rotary District 7870 Foundation with at least 50% going to the next project of Amigos de Honduras.



Photos (l-r):

2021 Winner and holder of the District 7870 Trophy for the next year - Nashua, NH with Maryse Wirbal, Hugh Phillis, James Prieto and Bob James

Second place team: Springfield, VT with Carol Cole, Rod Arnold, Peter McGillivray and Mike Martin

Third place team: Claremont, NH with Cody Thurston, Nick Hobart and Doug Rupert.



Left to right - Jed Anderson (Souhegan Valley), PDG Rich Berryman (event chair), PDG Chris Parkinson (Amigos de Honduras), and DG John Bob

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



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

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

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

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

We also have a few **“Home Stay”** opportunities where you can stay in the home of a local Rotarian, If you’re interested, please indicate this when you register, and **Gary Dehnel**, AG from the Meredith Rotary Club, will contact you to see if something can be arranged.

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

1. The **Registration Fee** for the conference includes Saturday Lunch, Saturday Night Banquet, Saturday Night Entertainment, Saturday Night Host Hospitality Suite, Sunday Morning Breakfast, Refreshments during Plenary Breaks, and all Facility Costs. The fees are:
 1. **\$249 for a couple**
 2. **\$139 for a single**
 3. **\$25 if you wish to opt for the Zoom Option**
2. The **Registration for your room needs to be done directly with the hotel** by phoning **1-800-622-6455**. When making a reservation, you must tell them your participants of the Rotary District 7870 Conference to receive the correct rate. Rates cannot be changed upon arrival for any guests who did not do this.

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

1. Rates per night at Church Landing Resort range from \$199 to \$299 (for a Suite)
2. Rates per night at Mills Falls – a very short walk to Church Landing are \$139

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

New Registration Link for the District Conference

We have placed a new link on the District Website for district conference registration. We had heard that as articles moved around and as the District Calendar filled up, the registration links were moving or disappearing from the home screen. See the associated picture for the location of the District Conference Registration Link.



Success Stories from Deerfield Valley AND Gilford

A Success Story from the Rotary Club of Deerfield Valley

During our Club's 2011-2012 fiscal year, we undertook a study, with the help of the District Membership chairmen, of the membership needs of our Club. Based upon our Club's revenue needs, our need for volunteers to man our fund raising events and community service projects, the population of our service area, and our available space to hold our Club meetings, we concluded that the ideal membership number for our Club is 50. During the last year or so, our membership had dropped to below 40. The drop was due to deaths and members moving out of the Deerfield Valley. As a result, a Club decision was made to increase membership.

The course of action chosen was the following: (i) frequent reminders from me to our Club members to propose candidates for membership; (ii) an email from me to our Club notifying our members of the proposed candidate and asking that any objections to the candidate be communicated to me in confidence; (iii) a meeting attended by the candidate, the proposer, and the membership committee during which the details of Club membership were explained to the candidate; (iv) if the candidate remained interested in Club membership following the meeting, the candidate submitted to me a bio which I sent by e-mail to the Club membership; (v) attendance at three Club meetings by the candidate; and (vi) a vote on the proposed membership by the Board of Directors of our Club.

Since the above program was instituted during the fall of 2020, our Club has admitted 8 new members, two prospects are now attending the required 3 meetings and are likely to be approved for membership by our Board and 2 additional prospects are in the midst of the process which they are likely to complete. 12 new members will bring our Club membership back up to 45. The intention is to continue the process until the Club reaches 50 members.

The keys to the success of our program have been for the Club membership chairman to constantly remind the membership to propose candidates and for the membership to do so.

Yours in Rotary,
Charles LaFiura, Membership Chair of Deerfield Valley

A Success Story from the Rotary Club of Gilford

Membership is always a challenge for any organization. I have been in Rotary since 1995 and Rotary has always been at 1.2 Rotarians worldwide.



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This year RI President, Shekhar Mehta, has put out a challenge for all Rotarians to bring in one new member.

Since July 2021, Gilford Rotary has worked on this challenge. We have inducted two new women Rotarians and we have two men members in the pipeline.

Some of these new members have been asked several times to join our club and our members never gave up asking. We even had a recent speaker who will become a Rotarian very soon. Our club is 53 strong with two more coming in and many of our members have been in our club for over 20 years.

We hope to get more members as we show our presence in our community with our upcoming fundraisers.

Yours in Rotary, PDG Alice (Alley) Boucher, Membership Chair of Gilford Rotary

Coffee with Ken! Rotary Rocks!

Hi District 7870 Rotary Clubs,

I'm inviting you to Coffee with Ken! What is Coffee with Ken?

As you all know, many of our district events have been canceled due to COVID. As a result, we've been missing building connections to members at other clubs. In January, 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.

Time: First Friday of every month, 08:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada):

- Oct 1, 2021 08:30 AM
- Nov 5, 2021 08:30 AM
- Dec 3, 2021 08:30 AM
- Jan 7, 2022 08:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78773960966?pwd=QkF1TTZkdDJyRzJIa3phTmhzam1kQT09>

Meeting ID: 787 7396 0966

Passcode: DuQ4J3

Thanks, Ken Yie, Foundation Co-Chair, Queen City Rotary



Club News

Stress Management During Covid Crisis

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



Stress Management During Covid Crisis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Brattleboro Rotary Club Scholarship Addresses Critical Shortage of Child Care Workers

A Brattleboro Rotary Club Gateway Foundation scholarship awarded to a Community College of Vermont (CCV) student each year aims to address the shortage of child care workers in Windham County. CCV-Brattleboro student Emma Rose Sprenger received this year's \$2,500 Jesse Corum, VI Scholarship.

The scholarship initially supported students pursuing medical assisting, but as of last year is being given to students in CCV's early childhood education program. Foundation President Martin Cohn says this shift in focus is a response to an increasingly urgent need for qualified child care professionals. "The COVID-19 pandemic showed us just how essential our child care workforce is, and students like Emma Rose will help Windham County, and Vermont, build a more resilient child care system," Cohn said.

CCV provides the educational foundation for students pursuing careers in child care through its childcare certificate and early childhood education associate degree. And this year, thanks to a generous State of Vermont allocation of federal American Rescue Plan Act funds, CCV is providing free tuition for these and other programs in critical occupations such as IT and healthcare.

Leigh Marthe, the coordinator of student advising at CCV-Brattleboro, acknowledged the importance of scholarships and other financial incentives and noted that these tools are just one piece of the puzzle when it comes to addressing the child care shortage. "If we hope to build the fabric of our Vermont culture, our businesses and economy, our community-focused infrastructures, and our future citizens and workforce, our government representatives, and business leaders must invest in real solutions to building liveable wages and compensation for professionals doing sacred work with children and their families."

At Brattleboro's Winston Prouty Center, executive director Chloe Learey says the staffing shortage is acute. "Only four of our six classrooms are open because we cannot find staff, and we still need to hire two more teachers if we want to keep those classrooms open," she said. "The waiting list is growing and has about 70 families on it, 80% of whom need infant and toddler care. Our regional economic engine will stall if this critical piece of infrastructure—child care—is not available. And if we cannot attract people to the field with a competitive wage and benefits package the problem will continue to get worse. Currently, the only way to increase wages is by increasing tuition, which families already struggle to afford. Public investment is required if we are going to make any progress on this issue."

Sprenger will use her scholarship to continue working toward an associate degree in early childhood education. "I feel incredibly honored to have been awarded this Jesse Corum Scholarship," she said.

“My goal is to teach art in a child care setting with children ages 2-6. My dream has always been focused on art and nurturing creativity. The past few years have been full of inspiration and growth for me. This scholarship will help me continue my educational journey so I am able to get a degree and a certification that will qualify me to work in an inspiring environment with children.”

The Brattleboro Rotary Club Gateway Foundation established the scholarship in September 2014 to honor late Brattleboro Rotarian Jesse Corum IV, who was active in the Rotary Club for 27 years. Since 1985, Gateway Foundation has awarded close to \$500,000 in scholarships.

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Photo: (L-r) Martin Cohn, President, Gateway Foundation, 2021 Jesse Corum Scholarship Recipient Emma Rose Sprenger and her son, Lennon, Brattleboro Rotary Club President Phil George, and CCV Coordinator for Student Advising Leigh Marthe.

Handing Off the Gavel

Queen City Rotary Club salutes outgoing Chair Leslie Gendron and announces leadership and officers for 2021- 2022



Manchester, NH: The Queen City Rotary Club extended its heart-felt thanks and gratitude to outgoing Chair **Leslie Gendron** and welcomed new Board Chair **Monica Labonville** during a ceremony held recently at the Manchester Police Athletic League.

“Leslie was an amazing leader during the past year and helped our club navigate the many challenges presented by the pandemic,” noted Labonville. “We truly appreciate her service and commitment to our mission.” The Club also thanked board members **Rory Parnell**



(Director), **Lisa Lally** (Past President) whose terms are expiring, and **Quinn Slayton** (Director) who is moving out of state.

Joining Labonville on the Board for the 2021-2022 term are:

Tom Stewart – President-Elect

Rick Blais - Secretary

Melissa Magoon - Treasurer

Kim Griswold - Past President

Chris Dugan – Director

Shilipi Mehrotra - Vice President

Ryan Tufts - Director

Ken Yie - Director

“I’m so proud of the work we were able to accomplish this past year,” said Gendron. “Time and time again, the club pulled together to support the needs of children across Greater Manchester.”

To learn more, please visit www.queencityrotary.org.

Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Honors FPU Football

Over 80 FPU Football Team Players and Coaches were recognized by the Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary Club on Thursday, September 9th, at a dinner at the Hilltop House at the Cathedral of the Pines for their service to the community.

Jaffrey-Rindge President Ben Wheeler (pictured left with Head Coach and J-R Rotary member Russ Gaskamp) welcomed the Franklin Pierce Football team and indicated that this dinner was prepared by members especially in gratitude for the team’s community service assistance to numerous Rotary projects



Coach Gas explained his philosophy of coaching which tied team success to individual development in service to the community. Whenever manpower was needed, including recent Food Bank distributions at Hannaford's, the pre-pandemic Police/Fire/EMS dinner honoring our first responders from Jaffrey and Rindge, and other events such as trail building at Cheshire Pond, the team was there. Over twenty Rotarians grilled nearly 200 lbs. of barbecued pork ribs and barbecued chicken, prepared salads and desserts and made friends with the grateful students as they served them.



Brattleboro on Wheels Returns to Retreat Farm

The Brattleboro on Wheels car show and cruise-in, presented by the Brattleboro Rotary Club, will be held on Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Retreat Farm on Route 30, just north of town. Admission to the show grounds is free for both cars and spectators. Donations are appreciated.

All makes and models of classic cars and motorcycles are welcome at the show and an assortment of new cars from local dealerships will also be on display.



Music, produced by DJ Tim Johnson, will add to the atmosphere and lunch will be available at the food trucks adjacent to the Retreat Farm.

All proceeds from the show will support local Rotary gift-giving projects.

The show is being supported by The Richards Group, 802 Credit Union, Auto Mall, Summit Chrysler, Noyes VW, Fred Vitali Advanced Auto Body, Windham Coach & Carriage and Cota & Cota.

For more info, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Brattleboro-on-Wheels-672653569529961/>.



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Bennington (VT) Rotary Club had Several Successful Projects

First, we partnered with the local Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter for 2 projects. We participated in their Community Night, which brought together a number of service clubs in town, including ourselves, the Eagles, the Elks, the American Legion and more. We made lots of great contacts at other clubs and made a few dollars by raffling off an outdoor grill.

More importantly, we contributed to the VFW's donation drive for goods to send to deployed members of the VT Army National Guard. Local VTARNG members are deployed in Kosovo on a peacekeeping mission, and we contributed everything from Ramen to frisbees to board games and much more as a part of a huge care package that was sent off. This is an ongoing effort, and we'll be sending more in the next several months.

Bennington Battle Day is a huge event here, and the Bennington Rotary Club participated in the annual parade up Main Street. Our member Victor has a vintage fire truck, and we decked it out in full Rotary regalia. It was great seeing so many people lining the streets and waving as we passed by.

Finally, we completed our major fundraiser of the year: publishing the visitor's program for the local Garlic Town event. Put on each year by the area Chamber of Commerce, Garlic Town draws thousands of visitors who spend the day strolling the streets, listening to bands and enjoying garlic-themed food. Our printed program included maps, ads, and plenty of information about what we do as Rotarians.

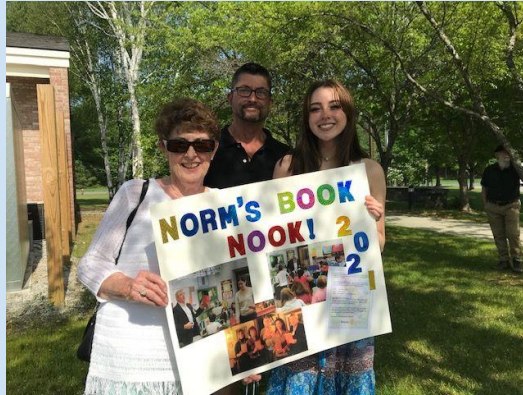
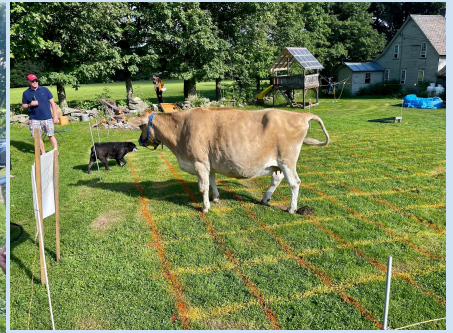


With 8 new members during the pandemic year, we're looking forward to further growth and more fun events in the year to come!

Daffodil Plops Again!

The 5th Annual Manchester (VT) Rotary Club Cow Plop Bingo was another big success this year! On September 4th, Daffodil once again graced the Cow Plop grid at Taylor Farm in Londonderry, VT. This year we increased our number of sponsors and sold out our squares to yield a \$4000 profit! The winner, the Park family from New Jersey, were in person at the plop and took home \$1,000 after Daffodil found their square! The Manchester Rotary Club has had a busy year with several projects and contributions. In February we donated to the Vt Shires Kids program that distributes books monthly to all children 0-5 who are registered in our area. In the spring we awarded a college scholarship to a graduating senior in our community. We also installed a free drop and lend sidewalk library outside of our town hall. The sidewalk library is called Norm's Nook, named after longtime Rotarian Norm Champine, who for many years distributed free student dictionaries to the elementary students in our community. Those dictionaries still stand in my own children's bookshelves. Sadly, Norm passed away in July but his kindness, commitment, and hard work for Rotary and the young students of our community will continue to be felt. While the Rotary Exchange is put on hold due to COVID, our club continues to host students from all over the world and to send outbound students out into the world. We look forward to the program starting again next year when the pandemic is globally contained. Look for announcements for next year's 6th Annual Manchester Rotary Cow Plop Bingo at Taylor Farm! The event takes place every year in September (you do not need to be in person to 'play'). This is a truly New England event with a cow, on a farm, and raising money for the local and world community!





Save the Date - Hudson-Litchfield Celebrates 50 Years

Please save the date, **Thursday evening, December 16th** for the Hudson-Litchfield Rotary 50th Anniversary of its Charter, December 20, 1971.



Fundraisers

Ludlow Rotary Club Prepares for 30th Annual Chili Cook-Off - October 9, 2021



The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) is sponsoring its 30th Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cook-off will be located at the traffic light on Depot Street. Proceeds will benefit The Ludlow Rotary Charitable Fund to enable the LRC to continue its programs of local support. Admission is \$10.00 per person which includes chili, bread, ice cream and cider.

Chili entries are welcome from individuals, clubs, and businesses. An entry fee of \$10.00 will include a table space and sterno to keep the chili warm. Participants are responsible for arriving between 10:30 – 10:45 the day of the cook-off. Cash prizes will be awarded in the “People’s Choice” category. Awards will be given to the chili entry with the most voted in the “Judges’ Choice”, “Spiciest”, and “Team Spirit” categories. Chili entrants are asked to provide four (4) gallons of chili for this event and be there to serve the chili.

Please mail your name, address and phone number along with chili entry fee of \$10.00 to: Ludlow Rotary Club, PO Box 616, Ludlow, VT 05149. For more info, contact Kevin Barnes at 802 558 0479.

Photo caption: Chris Saylor, a past chili award winner, and a hopeful consumer at a recent Ludlow Rotary Chili Cook-Off event.

Electronics Recycling Fundraiser in Merrimack - October 30, 2021



MERRIMACK, NH - The Merrimack Rotary Club will host an Electronics Recycling Fundraiser on **Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 8am until noon at the Merrimack Town Hall** (6 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, NH). The proceeds support: scholarships and community projects.

Drive by – Drop off – Outside

No need to get out of the car – We unload if possible!

ANYTHING ELECTRONIC! All of it!



Unused business or household electronics – Working or Non-Working – Items or Parts

Telephones, Smartboards, Cables, Hard-Drivers (if pre-removed from computers), Handheld Video Games, Speakers, Calculators, Answering Machines -- \$5

Radios, Stereos, CD/DVD/Blue Ray, Modems, Cameras, Electronic Typewriters, Cell Phones, Tablets, or iPads -- \$10

Computers, Laptops, Projectors, Fax machines, Copiers, Printers, Servers, Vacuums -- \$20

Televisions under 27", Monitors, Flat Screens under 27", Dehumidifiers, Microwaves -- \$25

Tube TVs, TVs 27" and over, Air Conditioners -- \$35

TV or Stereo Wood Consoles & Projection TVs -- \$50

DO NOT bring for disposal: smoke detectors, oils, paints, thinners, batteries (except car batteries), tires, items containing mercury-such as fluorescent, CFL light bulbs and other types of light bulbs, thermometers, capacitors, ballasts, or any other hazardous waste, toxic waste or unlisted items.

Cash, credit cards, or checks payable to: "Merrimack Rotary Club"

Guaranteed: A 95% recycling rate. Components disassembled and RECYCLED, not ending up in landfills. Data destruction/protection ensured.

For more information, contact: Wolf von Schoen (603) 943.1614 & Chris Christensen (603) 424-2542 ~ merrimackrotary@gmail.com ~ www.merrimackrotary.org

NOTICE: The Rotary Club of Merrimack hereby reserves the legal right to refuse to accept any item deemed by the Club, in its sole discretion, to be objectionable, beyond the scope of acceptance, excessive in nature, non-conforming in nature or refused by the associated disposal company which may be presented for electronic disposal during the Club's fundraising event and it is also the sole responsibility and financial liability of any such donating party to completely remove any such unaccepted object(s) from the donation site immediately upon refusal of acceptance by the Club.

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

Website and Social Media

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

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



District Governor - Closing



Till Next Month,

The start of this month has been like a fun roller coaster ride. We got Rubber Duck Races, we got cow pie drop contest, we got pie-in-the-face events, we got lobster fest, we got pancake breakfast, we got The Thunder Run, we got wine tasting - where does it end with what you District 7870 Clubs are doing?!?

So, let's put on the brakes and give a huge shout out to the Manchester New Hampshire Rotary Club. I had the honor of being the first District Governor Emcee for this event, which is an opportunity and experience that those following in the DG role should strongly consider. The Manch Vegas Rotary Club pulled off an amazing car show for the "20th Cruising Downtown Car Show". With a small cast of Club members and several other amazing volunteers, they hosted an event I never could have imagined. It compared to no other that I have ever attended. There were probably close to 1000 cars and thousands of Spectators. They did a JOB and did it well! I am so impressed by the quality, the orderliness and magnitude of this outdoor event. The day was proclaimed by the Honorable Mayor Joyce Craig of Manchester, NH to be Ron Fournier Day in a tribute to Ron's effort in making this event what it has become. I also want to thank Ron's son Brad for picking up the torch and in joining us as a Rotarian after the passing of his Dad Ron last year. We are so lucky to be gaining new members and building bridges between District 7870 Rotary and our Communities.

Please remember to have fun and "Each One Bring One"!



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