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## Greetings From Your District Governor Randell Barclay

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

We are 10 weeks into this Rotary year. Dianne and I have been having fun visiting the district's clubs (44 so far) and meeting our fellow Rotarians. As we approach the end of our first round of official visits, we would like to start arranging second visits to participate in service projects, fundraisers, and celebrations. Especially, anything fun.



Dianne and I enjoyed helping the Rotary Club of Windsor VT with their Ducky Derby last weekend. We met a group of fellow Rotarians, Interactors and a youth exchange student on the banks of Mill Brook just south of town. Dianne was in her chest waders and helped guide the ducks down the river. I was with the group in the water at the finish line ready to catch the ducks. What a fun way to raise funds for Windsor RC's projects.

At the end of August, the District Youth Exchange team held their inbound student orientation and training for club Youth Exchange officers and counselors at Pilgrim Pines in Swanzey, NH. We have eight inbound students and seven outbound students. Thank you to the district Youth Exchange team (Jim, Julie, Dean, Barry, Gary & Carrie) for supporting our students. I really appreciate the work of the eight clubs who stepped up to reactivate the Youth Exchange program this year. If you are thinking about Youth Exchange but you have never done it, please invite Jim Rumrill or one of the team to speak at your club. Also remember the easiest way to put your toe in the water with Youth Exchange is the Short-Term Exchange Program, known as STEP, that usually takes place over the summer. Ask our District Trainer and STEP Chair Gary Dehnel to talk to you about the short term program.

In the Rotary calendar, September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. There is a Rotary Action Group for this known as BelRAG. Their September Newsletter is available on their website at <http://belrag.org>. When I visit clubs, I ask Rotarians to apply RI President Jennifer Jones' theme for 2022-23 Imagine Rotary. So BelRAG's imagine is: "Imagine a book cubby in every child's home- with the help of Rotarians!" Their newsletter has lots of ideas for your club.

Remember to register for our 1-Day District Conference which will be held at the Killington Grand Hotel (Killington, VT) on Sunday November 6, 2022. You can register on the District website or using the link below:

<http://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=82dfb93c-3fa8-4724-8ad0-3fc94b6188ad>

Advocating for Fellowship & Fun in Rotary Service,

Randell

## District News

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



On average 6% of emails are not allowing delivery of the District bulletin.

The most common reason is incorrect email addresses.



If you're not receiving Rotary news, check to make sure your contact information is correct in Clubrunner .

### Public Image Panel on “Social Media, TechSoup, Google for NonProfits and more!” - October 20, 2022 at 7pm EST

The District 7870 Public Image Committee presents a Zoom panel: “**Social Media, Public Image, TechSoup, Google for NonProfits and more!**”

The **panelists** are: **Lizzy Martin** the Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zone 32 AND **Lou Botta** a member of the New London Rotary Club.

Ever wonder....?

- How can my club boost its public image?
- What is the best way for my club to use social media?
  - How can my club increase social media without increasing costs?
  - What is TechSoup and how will it benefit my club?
  - What is Google for NonProfits?

**Description of event:** **Lizzy Martin** and **Lou Botta** will be our featured panelists for the online District 7870 event sharing their experiences with Rotary on how to gain greater press coverage for Rotary events, and utilize online tools.

**Sign Up:**

**Date:** Thursday, October 20, 2022

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

**Location:** On Zoom. Please register at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcld-6hrTgtGdZx4ZD9oxa598-IkKxbreKc>

**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.

**Panelist Bios:**

**Lizzy Martin**

Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator for Zone 32  
Member of Baldwinsville Rotary Club in District 7150 (Central New York)



**Lizzy Martin** is a third generation Rotarian who has been in Rotary for 13 years. She has been the Public Image Chair of her club for more than a decade and the District Public Image Chair for District 7150 for seven years. Having attended many zone-level training events over the years, she was then called up to be part of the Zone 32 Public Image team for the 2022-23 year, assisting northern New England districts. She is a bit of a “brand nerd” in studying Rotary’s brand, leading many district trainings over the years launching the new logos in the early 2010’s and reinforcing the best image for our organization over the years. She established the Facebook pages for her club and district early on, using social media pretty much daily both for volunteer and work life. She lives in Baldwinsville, NY with her husband, cat and dog. She has worked in advertising sales for Advance Media New York, publisher of The Post-Standard and [syracuse.com](http://syracuse.com), for 15 years.



**Lou Botta** is a Past President, current Secretary of the New London Rotary Club and Assistant District Governor. He has been a Rotarian since 2015.

Although retired, Lou is an elected official in New London, NH, being part of the town’s Budget Committee, and is also the Director of New London’s Emergency Management, which he performs pro bono. He retired in September 2011 from the Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency where he was Director of the Business Management Division, Recovery Directorate, assigned to FEMA



Headquarters office in Washington, DC. Prior to his tour as Division Director, he was a Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO), one of a group of senior federal officers who, following a presidential disaster or emergency declaration, are individually appointed to represent the President as the deployed federal coordinator dealing with the state, local communities and volunteer agencies in the specific disaster.

Lou headed operations in fourteen major Presidential disasters, including Hurricane Isabel in Virginia, a major tornado in Xenia, Ohio, and four major flooding disasters in West Virginia. He also headed three disaster operations in New England. In addition, he chaired a Long Term Recovery function for Louisiana following Hurricane Katrina. Lou was a cohort for the National Preparedness Leadership Initiative at Harvard University and was a 2010 Senior Executive Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Lou lives in New London with his husband Bill Hickey.

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.

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## **Coffee with Ken - Informal Zoom Get Together**

Coffee with Ken – Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2022 8:30AM via Zoom

Ken Yei (Queen City RC) will be hosting his next Coffee with Ken on Friday October 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM on Zoom. Coffee with Ken started during the pandemic as a way for District Rotarians to meet online and share their interests in Rotary. It also was a forum for asking questions. The Zoom meeting typically last 40 minutes.

These meetings are free flowing discussions on topics of interest to the participants. The group decides what to talk about. It is also a great way to find out what is happening around the District. Everyone is welcome. Here is the link:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78773960966?pwd=QkFlTTZkdDJyRzJIa3phTmhzam1kQT09>

If you are ready, pick up a cup of Joe and click on the link above or on the District Website <http://rotary7870.org> and join the meeting.

## Top Reasons for Attending the District Conference

One of the top reasons to attend the upcoming 1-day District Conference on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in Killington VT, is to hear and be inspired by the great speakers we have coming to the conference.

### Our Speaker Line Up:

Our Keynote speaker is Tom Gump, Past District Governor (2020-2021) for District 5950 and member of the Rotary Club of Edina/Morningside Minnesota. Alexander Falk, the current District Governor from District 7930 and Marblehead MA Rotary Club will be talking about the Kiva Microcredit crowdsource platform and about our Interact-Kiva grant program. Menno de Wet from the Blouberg Rotary Club South Africa will be talking about “How to get the most out of your Rotary Membership.” Additionally, we have seven District 7870 Rotarians who will be talking about their clubs’ Service Projects, District Grants and/or Fundraisers. These projects are ones that you could bring back to your clubs.

### More on our Keynote Speaker:



Tom Gump is passionate about membership and forming new and innovative clubs. In the last two years, he has formed or helped form eight clubs in his district. He has brought in over 50 members into his own club, not including member referrals to other clubs that he had formed or helped form. His tips for attracting and retaining members were featured as part of the cover story in the August 2018 Rotary magazine. He was a General Session speaker at the 2022 Rotary International Assembly on “New and Creative Clubs”. Tom was the visionary founder of the first ever Rotary Club to serve Veterans, which has been modeled elsewhere. He also co-founded the first Rotary club that was focused on ending human trafficking. Tom also runs a workshop with Past Rotary Director Stephanie Urchick on Transforming Club Culture entitled “It’s not your grandfather’s club anymore...or is it?”

We would love it if you could join us at the Killington District Conference to hear these inspiring speakers.

**For in-person registration Click Below:**

<http://www.crsadmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?evtid=82dfb93c-3fa8-4724-8ad0-3fc94b6188ad>

or go to the District Website <http://rotary7870.org> and select the event in the “Upcoming District Events” section.

Randell Barclay, District Governor

## Rotary District 7870 Foundation

The Amigos Leadership Team met last week and after reviewing the current situation in Danli, decided to have a 2023 Mission Trip. The team will leave on **Saturday, February 4th and return on Saturday, February 11th.**



The size of the team leaving on the 4th will be capped at 25 team members. Priority will be given to medical and dental professionals and to team members that have been on previous teams.

It should be noted that the trip is more arduous than previous trips because the airlines no longer fly into Tegucigalpa, but now fly into Comayagua. This has resulted in the bus trip to Danli being 3.5 hours instead of 1.75 hours each way. We also will require all team members to have received all their Covid Vaccinations and Boosters.

This trip will have the same three areas of focus as with previous trips: medical and dental brigade, school construction, and a Pure Water for the World project. Typically the projects on these mission trips require funds between \$10,000 and \$15,000. For these reasons, all contributions are greatly appreciated. Please know that 100% of the funds that are contributed will go to the projects, as our team members fund their own travel expenses and the administrative costs are donated.

The cost to a team member usually ranges from \$1,200 to \$1,400 depending on airfare. We will be selecting the optimal flights for the team and will let the members know this information so they can purchase their tickets.

The Rotary International District 7870 Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization under the rules of the Internal Revenue Service. Our Tax Id is 26-0197796.



I do hope you can join us on the 2023 Team. If you are interested in being a team member, please email me at cep617@comcast.net I am currently scheduled for surgery next week, so please bear with me if I am slow in responding to questions you may have.

In closing, thank you for your support of the Rotary District 7870 Foundation and of Amigos De Honduras, and let me share with you one of my favorite quotes from Margaret Mead:

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”**

Sincerely,

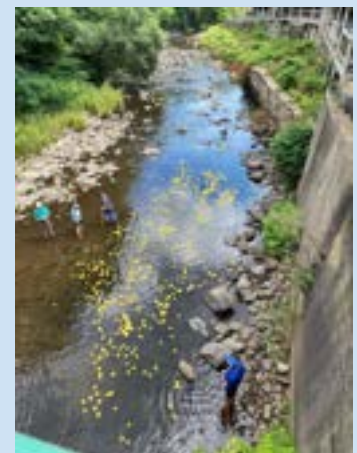
Christopher E. Parkinson, Past District Governor and Chair of Amigos De Honduras

## Club News

### **Over 800 Ducks Race in Shallow Black River to Help Local Group**

On Saturday, August 20, members of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) gathered on the Depot Street Bridge, in the Black River, and under the Walker Bridge as over 800 ducks were dropped into the river in the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Ralph D Hogancamp Memorial Duck Race.

As evidenced by the photo, members of the LRC standing in the river did not have to worry about deep or fast-running water. Due to the shallowness of the river waters, Rotarians need to help “nudge” many of the 800 plus rubber ducks down the river towards the finishing line under Walker Bridge.



Even though the lack of a strong river current made this year’s race very slow, all the ducks, all rented by hopeful “bettors”, made it across the finish line.

The first-place duck belonged to Kathy Burns who received \$200. Patty Rumrill was the owner of the second-place duck, earning \$100. Third place winner was Megan Foley who took home \$ 75 as her winnings. The Winning Corporate duck belonged to Green Mountain Fireplace Specialty. Not to be counted out, Meghan Huntley had the distinction of owning the last duck to finish providing her with a \$25 “award”.

The funds collected by the duck race will be donated to Rainbow Riding Center in Mt Holly to help in its programs to improve the well-being of individuals with unique physical, emotional and cognitive challenges through a therapeutic equine experience.

Kim Lampert, one of the Rotarians who wander in the river to give the ducks a little help, complimented Sharon Bixby “for guiding the club again to a successful event”.

## Steven Price Speaks to Ludlow Rotary Club on his Equestrian Journalistic Career



At a recent meeting of the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) Steven D. Price, noted author of many equestrian books, spoke to the members about his varied career in writing about horses-as well as how he became involved with horses.

He indicated that as a youth, while attending a summer camp, he was “somewhat accidentally” introduced to horseback riding. Apparently, his instructor thought he was an experienced rider and put him on an aggressive horse. This was the beginning of a long relationship with horses, albeit, a rather “bumpy” start that evolved into a more seasoned and creative experience.

Price indicated that he “rode in Bermuda, Colombia, Ireland, England, France, Spain, Portugal, and Holland. I’ve ridden on American dude ranches and cattle ranches, fox hunts, and horse shows. Other highlights include galloping a horse on Santa Anita’s main track (not, however, during a race) and in a Texas rodeo opening parade”. The photo, above, pictured Price as he participated in the opening of a rodeo in Texas.

One of the highlights of Price’s career was watching the 1973 Belmont Stakes in the Jockey’s Room at the Santa Anita track that Secretariat won by 31 lengths winning the Triple Crown. He said that at the finish of the race, the entire room of experienced jockeys arose and applauded Secretariat.

Price is the author or editor of forty-four books, dealing both with equestrian and other subjects, including 1001 Dumbest Things Ever Said, The Quotable Horse Lover, The Ultimate Fishing Guide, and Old As the Hills: The Story of Bluegrass Music.

The LRC normally meets every Tuesday for lunch and invites all interested persons to attend one of the lunches to learn what Rotary is all about. Contact Kevin Barnes at 802.228.8877 or ask any Rotarian for additional information.

Pictured above is Steven D. Price, equestrian journalist and author, as he leads the opening march at a Texas rodeo.

## Ludlow Rotary Prepares for 31st Annual Chili Cookoff

The Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) is sponsoring its 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 8, 2022 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.

According to cookoff chairman, Kevin Barnes, the LRC will welcome Chili entries from individuals, clubs, and businesses. There is a \$10.00 entry fee. Participants will be provided with a table, ladle, and sterno. Participants are responsible for dropping off their heated chili between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. the day of the cook-off. Each entry is requested to provide four to five gallons of their chili. The Ludlow Rotary will provide the servers if you can't attend, so even if you can't be there, your chili can still win cash and recognition!

Plaques and three cash prizes will be awarded in the "People's Choice" category.

1st Place will receive \$ 200.00

2nd Place will receive \$ 100.00

3rd Place will receive \$ 50.00

Plaques will be awarded to the Chili with the most votes in the Judges Choice, Spiciest and Team Spirit categories. Unless arranged otherwise, participants should deliver their heated chili by 10:45 a.m., prepare to set up and be ready to serve at 11 a.m.

If you can't make chili, you still can support our fundraising effort as a sponsor for \$75. Sponsors receive up to two free admissions or a free participation entry.

Please mail your name, address and phone number along with a chili entry fee of \$10.00 to: Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund, Inc. PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149.

For more info, contact Kevin Barnes at 802-558-0479 or ludlowrotary@gmail.com.



Pictured are some of the hundreds of "taste testers" at the 2021 Chili Cookoff.

## Rotary Short-Term Youth Exchange Program

The fall of the year is the time for Rotary clubs to consider sponsoring a Rotary Short Term Youth Exchange next summer.

Rotary's Short-Term Exchange Program presents opportunities for students to advance their knowledge and world understanding by allowing them to visit a different country and family for a few weeks – typically during the summer school break. Once an exchange match has been established, the two families collaborate on when exchange will take place - three to four weeks here in District 7870 and another three to four weeks at the exchange student's home.



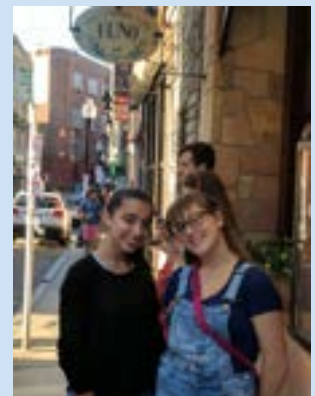
Any student, age 15-19 as of July 1 of the exchange summer, of good character who possesses a warm personality and a desire to live abroad and host in return is eligible for Rotary's Short-Term Exchange. Children of both Rotarians and non-Rotarians are eligible.

Foreign language proficiency is not required. Many countries throughout the world teach English as a second language and most participating students are quite proficient in it. Most students do not find language to be a barrier to having a great exchange experience whether they know the language or not.

There are no costs to the host Rotary club. Cost of travel, Rotary application fee, Rotary medical insurance, clothing and personal expenses are the responsibility of the participating students and their families. The application fee and medical insurance fee are less than \$300. If appropriate, the host Rotary club may offer to assist with these fees.

The host Rotary club's obligations are:

- Designate a club Youth Exchange Officer
- Promote and recruit potential applicants
- Meet with and interview the student and parents
- Assist in completing the on-line application
- When students are here:
  - o Invite them to a club meeting
  - o Assist in students' activities while they are here



Rotary District Short-Term exchange chair, Gary Dehnel (Meredith Rotary), is available to introduce the program to your club and assist in the working through the recruitment and application process: Gary can be contacted at: [gcdehnel@verizon.net](mailto:gcdehnel@verizon.net), 603-677-7910.



## Capital City Sunrise Rotary Dedicated TREX Bench to Merrimack Valley H.S.

On behalf of the Merrimack Valley Key Club and the Capital City Sunrise Rotary this TREX bench was provided by the TREX Corporation for receipt of 650 lbs of recycled plastic collected between February and July of this year.

We are now in a new six month cycle to collect another 500 lbs+ which will result in another TREX bench. Pictured at the bench presentation from left to right:



Phil Nadeau (Pres-elect), Geoff Souther (Past-Pres), Rich Berryman (President) and Eddie Lassond (Sgt. At Arms)  
Phil Nadeau headed this project and will be making a presentation on our Plastic Recycling Project at the District Conference at Killington, VT on November 6th.

## Milford Rotary - Pancakes, Pumpkins, Brews & More!

As tradition goes, the Milford Rotary Club held its annual Pancake Breakfast on the first Sunday after Labor Day. 2022 marked the 54<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for this community breakfast fundraiser. Mike Goodwin, pancake committee chair, remarked “It is great to see so many neighbors stopping by for breakfast! We are very grateful to all of our sponsors and to all of our guests. With their help we raised well over \$20,000 for the Club’s charitable giving and scholarship programs.” Goodwin also estimated that club members served over 350 breakfasts in three short hours! Plans are already in the works for the 55<sup>th</sup> annual Milford Rotary Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023. As always, many thanks go out to the Boys & Girls Club of the Souhegan Valley for hosting this breakfast at their gymnasium!





*Caption above: Fun, fellowship and fundraising with our neighbors over breakfast.*

Not long after the last pancake was flipped, it was on to Scarecrows, Pumpkins & Brews!

For the 5th year, the Milford Rotary Club is teaming up the Milford Lions Club to organize the Community House venue at the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Milford Pumpkin Festival October 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. This is just one of the six different venues that make-up the Milford Pumpkin Festival. We work in collaboration with the Granite Town Festivities Committee, the lead pumpkin festival organizers. This joint venture is a combination community service project and fundraiser for our Clubs. Festivities kick-off with **“Scarecrows Around Milford”** a pre-festival community decorating contest. ([www.MilfordNHScarecrows.org](http://www.MilfordNHScarecrows.org)). What started as an alternative activity during 2020 pandemic shut-down has blossomed into a much anticipated part of the community’s fall festivities..

During the weekend, the Rotary-Lions Pumpkin Team will be hosting more than a dozen **nonprofit, school and groups** on the Community House Lawn and in Rotary Centennial Park. Each group has a free-of-charge booth for fundraising and sharing information about their various programs. They will be offering fun family-friendly games, festive food and even a dunk tank for modest donations. The **Nashua West Rotary Club** will be joining us this year with their Duck Race raffle and regatta!

The traditional festival activities of **Scarecrow Making, Pumpkin Painting and Face Painting** will be available under the “big top” and offered at a nominal price to foster family participation. New this year is a special community service project designed to help families served by our local welfare agency participate in the festival. Coupons for these three activities will be made available to those families thanks to a generous sponsorship by [Amherst Label](#). Additionally, [Adam Vaillancourt Roofing & Construction](#) is sponsoring scarecrow kits for each of the classrooms at the nearby Jacques Elementary School. Last year the Jacques students did a marvelous job decorating the school lawn along Elm Street (photo below).



On Saturday and Sunday, the Rotary and Lions Clubs will be joining forces to operate a concession area featuring those famous Rotary Burgers and fantastic Sausages. Sponsored by [Knott’s Land Care](#), the Rotary chuck wagon and Lions grills will be fired up to raise funds for our clubs’ scholarship and charitable giving programs.

And of course, we will be hosting the annual **Beer, Wine & Spirits Tasting Tent** on Friday and Saturday nights! This evening activity for adults features libation tastings from a variety of local and regional brewers, vintners and distillers. For more information or to buy your ticket online, please visit [www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org/bws-tent](http://www.milfordpumpkinfestival.org/bws-tent).

Needless to say, neither of our clubs can pull all of this off alone! We are very grateful for the community support and event help provided by the Milford Recreation Commission, Scouting Troop 1794, the Milford High School National Art Society students, members of the Souhegan Valley Transportation Collaborative, and the Milford High School boys and girls soccer teams. We hope to see you over the October 7th to 9th weekend! Come enjoy the fun!

## **International**

### **Bethel Area Rotary Hosts 42nd International Dinner - Oct. 23, 2022**

Bethel Area Rotary for our 42<sup>nd</sup> International Dinner on Oct 23 @ 4pm in Bethel VT. Join us for an informal potluck dinner celebrating Bethel Area Rotary's 51 years of International Youth Exchanges and United Nations Day as we look towards a future of peace and understanding. More information here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/441972570617543>

Contact info: [bethelarearotary@gmail.com](mailto:bethelarearotary@gmail.com)

### **Great Opportunity for Rotarians: Open World Program**

Our District has recently become aware of a great opportunity for Rotary clubs to host international teams from countries in Eurasia. There are similarities to the former Group Study Exchange Program that we used to participate in but significant differences also. Here is an overview of what is involved.

The Open World Program is available only to Rotary clubs in the United States and provides an opportunity to build fellowship and friendship to strengthen international understanding by hosting emerging Eurasian leaders from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan in your community. Rotary clubs are needed to host six-participant delegations for eight days and nights and prepare a professional program related to business, community, and civic life in the United States. Details of the program can be found at [www.rotary.org/rotary-clubs](http://www.rotary.org/rotary-clubs).



The program focuses primarily on developing a network of leaders who have an understanding of how American communities deal with contemporary issues and who want to maintain contact with their new American contacts and other counterparts. Often, these collaborations lead to service projects between Rotary clubs in the two countries.

Is your Rotary Club is interested in working on an international project, hosting six Open World participants (emerging and/or current Eurasian leaders) for eight days, and willing to develop an intensive week of programs based on a selected Open World theme? If yes, then the Open World Program would be perfect for your club.

PDG Steve Puderbaugh (spuderbaughdg@comcast.net, 603-303-0239) has been asked to be on the advisory board of this program for Rotary International. Please contact him to see the countries involved this year, the program themes for that country and the dates they would be coming. Unfortunately, time is very short as applications must be in by October 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 2023 calendar year.

## Long-Term Youth Exchange News!

For the first time since 2019, the clubs of District 7870 have welcomed a new group of international exchange students into the area. The first orientation weekend was held August 26 – 28 at Pilgrim Pines in Swanzey, NH. This was the first opportunity for the new group to meet each other, start to learn the culture, expectations and support system that will be a part of their exchange year. District Chairperson Jim Rumrill, Inbound Coordinator Julie Rowland, Rotary volunteers Carrie Mobus, Jan and Dean Gulezian helped to guide the students through discussions and team building exercises throughout the weekend. They were also joined by two former inbound students, Agathe Chevrier (France to Hollis NH 2016 – 2017) and Loic Legalle (France to Hollis NH 2019-2020). It was wonderful to see old friends again.



On Sunday, all of the host clubs and host families joined the group for a meeting and lunch before heading back to their homes in Vermont and New Hampshire. The entire District Governor track was in attendance and Governor Randell welcomed the group at the start of the meeting. Being a longtime youth exchange volunteer and host parent, he set the right tone for the day.

The students have started school in their host communities and will be taking a three day trip to Boston near the end of this month.

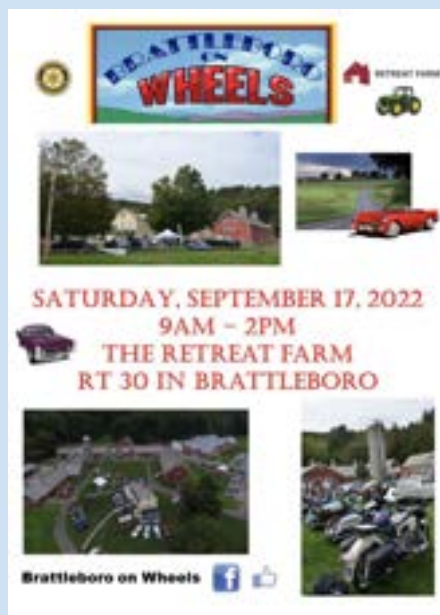
All but one of our outbound students have departed and are in their exchange countries for the year. Like our inbounds, they are experiencing the changes in culture, navigating the world in their new language and settling into their homes and schools. With one final visa issue resolved, our outbound student to Brazil will be departing soon. Outbound Coordinator Barry Griffith has done a great job preparing them for their adventure and is already working on the new applications that are coming in for 2023 – 2024!



Now is the time for your club to talk to your local school. Are there students in your high school who would be interested in a year abroad in the Rotary program? Is your club interested in hosting an inbound student in the next Rotary year? Your district committee stands ready to provide your club with information and help you through the process if you are interested. Please contact program chairperson Jim Rumrill at 802-380-2766 or [jrumrill@hotmail.com](mailto:jrumrill@hotmail.com).

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### Brattleboro on Wheels - September 17, 2022





## 44th Running the Clarence DeMar Marathon - September 25, 2022

The Elm City Rotary 44th Running of the Clarence DeMar Marathon will take place on Sunday, September 25th.

The Full Marathon begins in Gilsum, N.H. at 7 am on Sunday, September 25, 2022. From the start line, you follow the route to Surry Mountain Dam, where you get extraordinary views.

The Half Marathon begins at the Surry Mountain Beach in Surry, N.H. at 8 am on Sunday, The course is beautiful, winding through the countryside and then into the city of Keene.

We welcome our fellow Rotarians both to participate as well as volunteer

<https://clarencedemar.com>

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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>.



## A Tradition of Rural Whimsy - October 22, 2022



The Manchester, Vermont Rotary Club is returning to beautiful Taylor Farm in Londonderry for the Club's 6th Annual Cow Plop Bingo. In addition to Cow Plop Bingo, the event offers hayrides, ice cream from Wilcox Ice Cream, and a photo-op with our favorite bovine, Daffodil! Taylor Farm is a 180-year-old working farm operated by Jon Wright and his family.

Daffodil will return to the bingo pasture as spectators watch to see where her cow pie lands. The correct guess wins a \$1,000 cash prize. The event, which is the Club's primary fundraiser of the year, will take place Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 2:00 - 3:30 pm. [Taylor Farm](#): 825 Vermont Route 11, Londonderry, VT 05148.

The Club aims to raise funds to support the immediate community and Vermont-wide efforts. In 2022, Manchester Rotary has supported and contributed to the following endeavors:

- \$1,000 donation to VT Shire Kids, a nonprofit organization that provides a free book each month for children 0-5 who sign up for the Imagination Library program
- Manchester Rotary has a long tradition of offering a scholarship for college-bound students
- Our Club is also an active participant in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. The Club sponsors the exchange whether we send students to other countries or host them. This year we have an outbound senior from Burr and Burton Academy who is spending a year in Belgium. We are also hosting an inbound exchange student from Madrid, Spain. Through Youth Exchange, participating students are enriched by language, culture, and life-changing experiences

Sponsor of Manchester Youth Baseball – Team "Rotary" sponsors a local youth baseball team and just completed paying for one of two electronic scoreboards at Applejack Field.

- Manchester Rotary installed a Free Library - Norm's Nook – outside the Manchester Town Hall to further promote literacy. Here anyone in the community can take a book or give a book. We hope to provide even more literacy opportunities this coming year.

We invite everyone, especially our fellow Rotarians, to join us for this fun event. No masks are required, as this is an outdoor event. Participants can buy tickets online and need not be present to win:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-annual-cow-plop-bingo-tickets-406428497577>

## Springfield Rotary Penny Sale Coming Up on October 22nd



The 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Springfield Vermont Rotary Club Penny Sale returns this year on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Riverside Middle School in Springfield. The popular annual event could not be held the past two years because of the pandemic but will come back this fall bigger and better than ever.

As always, there will be over 300 prizes donated by area businesses and individuals to be won. And as always, each chance at a prize cost only a penny.

There are three prize series – red, white, and blue – and each series boasts at least 100 prizes. Each one-dollar series ticket is a chance to win any of the more than 100 series prizes – a penny per chance. Of course, to increase chances of winning, most people buy several tickets in each series.

Members of the Springfield Rotary Club will soon be out in the community soliciting prizes. They also will be selling chances for the Penny Sale's Grand Prize drawing for \$5,000 in cash. In addition to the Grand Prize, the tickets give the holder a chance in the Door Prize drawing for \$500 in cash (must be present to win the Door Prize). Grand Prize tickets are now available from any Springfield Rotarian, and they will also be available at the Penny Sale.

The Penny Sale is the Springfield Rotary Club's single largest annual fundraiser, raising most of the money that the Club returns to the community through scholarships and financial support to community projects and organizations. The Club currently awards three scholarships totaling \$6,000 to college-bound Springfield High School seniors. Thanks to the success of past Penny Sales and their supporters, the Springfield Rotary Club has raised and given back to the community over \$565,000.

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Springfield Vermont Rotary Club Penny Sale Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Riverside Middle School in Springfield, starting at 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

Rotary International is an international service organization with over one million members in over 200 countries. The Springfield Rotary Club is in its 95<sup>th</sup> year of service to the community. For more information, visit <https://springfieldvtrotary.org/>

*NOTE: Earlier this year, Martin Cohn was the proud winner of the \$5,000 grand prize. If you would like to buy tickets (\$2 each; 3 for \$5) from a lucky guy, then contact him at [martin@cohnpr.com](mailto:martin@cohnpr.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](mailto:prrotary7870@gmail.com).

### Months of the Rotary Year

Many months of the year are designated by Rotary International for special significance. Here are the ones for this Rotary year:

**July** New Rotary Year

**August** Membership and New Club Development Month

**September** Basic Education and Literacy Month

**October** Economic and Community Development Month

**November** Rotary Foundation Month

**December** Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

**January** Vocational Service Month

**February** Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

**March** Water and Sanitation Month

**April** Maternal and Child Health Month

**May** Youth Service Month

**June** Rotary Fellowships Month

## Miscellaneous

### Have Something You'd Like to Share with the Entire District?

Updates and short (1 page) articles, along with images (**Word and JPEGs only. NO PDFs please**) may be submitted to Martin Cohn and Maureen Mooney at [prrotary7870@gmail.com](mailto:prrotary7870@gmail.com) to be included in the Monthly Newsletter. The District Newsletter is a means of communicating with other clubs in our district: items of interest, upcoming events, fundraisers or opportunities for service. **Deadline for next Newsletter Submissions: October 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](http://www.rotary7870.org).

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

