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**'16-'17 District Directory Being Delivered to Clubs**

By Pat and Skip Doyle



Our assistant district governors are busy during these days before the holidays delivering copies of the **District 7910 2016-2017 Directory**to club officers (see below). The Directory is full of Rotary information, club officers and meeting times and locations, a complete membership directory, and contact information for Rotary International officers and committee chairs. There are ads for member businesses, pieces of Rotary trivia, and tidbits about the upcoming Quadcon- the Multi-District Conference next April in Providence. We can all thank Immediate Past District Governor **Jim Fusco** for putting this comprehensive Directory together and shepherding it through the printing process. It was truly a labor of love. Thank you, Jim!

[**READ COMPLETE MESSAGE**](http://rotary7910.org/page/governor-s-message-december-12-2016/)

Always remember, you can **call us with questions** at**508-393-9031**.

District Governors Pat and Skip Doyle may be reached at [pwdoyle2@verizon.net](mailto:pwdoyle2@verizon.net) and [skipdoyle2@verizon.net](mailto:skipdoyle2@verizon.net),

respectively.

[[](mailto:jim.fusco2@gmail.com)Click here](mailto:jim.fusco2@gmail.com) to **submit content** for the**December 19 & 26 issue.**The **submission deadline**for this issue isFriday,**December 16. There will be no newsletter on Monday, December 26 because of the holiday weekend. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

[](http://rotary7910.org/Page/newsletter-ebulletin-archive)[Click here](http://rotary7910.org/Page/newsletter-ebulletin-archive) for **past issues.**

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**It's Winter Accessibility and Safety Time**

By Ron Goodenow



According to the national **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,** roughly **32,000 Americans** die every year from**falls**. In 2012 and 2013, 55 percent of all unintentional-injury deaths among adults aged 65 and over were due to falls. Other studies reveal that falls are the leading cause of death due to injury among the elderly and that 87 percent of all fractures in the elderly are due to falls.

Though there are many reasons for falls, about one-third of those taken by seniors are environment-related, with data suggesting that more than one-third of adults in the U.S. suffer serious injuries due to falling on snow or ice. Almost 20,000 will die each year as the result of these injuries, and approximately 600,000 are hospitalized. Some of these are doubtless Rotarians.

[**READ MORE**](http://rotary7910.org/page/district-alert-winter-accessibility-and-safety-december-12-2016/)

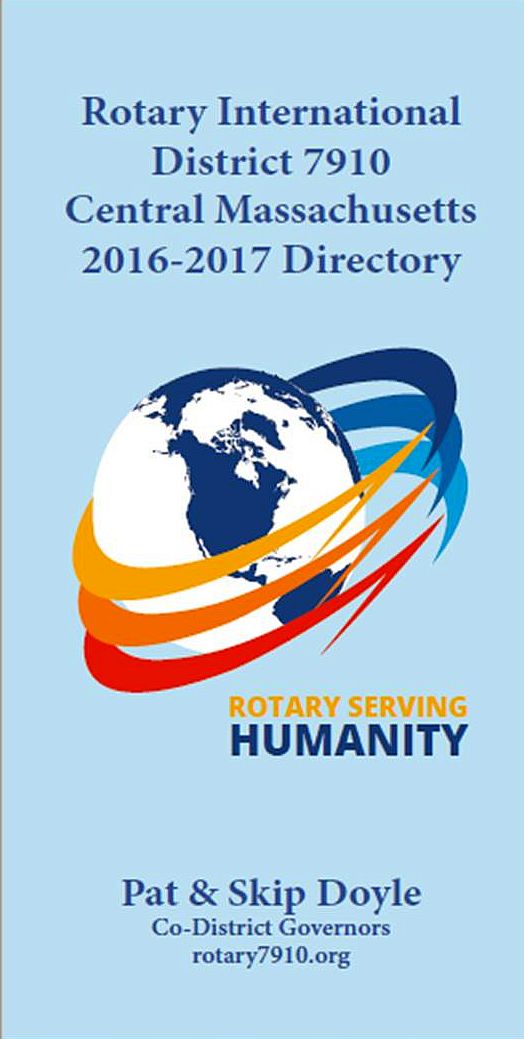
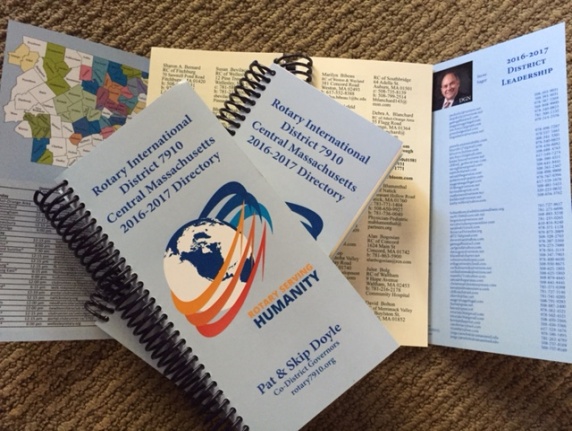
**https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000000011/Images/RotaryMoE_RGB.pngWELCOME, NEW ROTARIANS**

* **Mattie Merchant**, Montachusett Area

Remember to a**sk ... ask ... ask!**

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**2016-2017 DISTRICT DIRECTORY**

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**Print copies**of our information-packed, 332-page Directory for this Rotary year will **soon be delivered**to your club.

The Directory includes: district and Rotary International general information; district club information; Yellow Pages of Rotarian-run businesses; District Resolutions; and a complete membership directory.

A **digital copy**is **now available** for **automatic download**, in **PDF format**.

Please note:**Member login is required.**

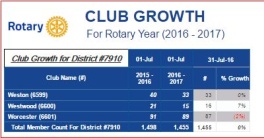
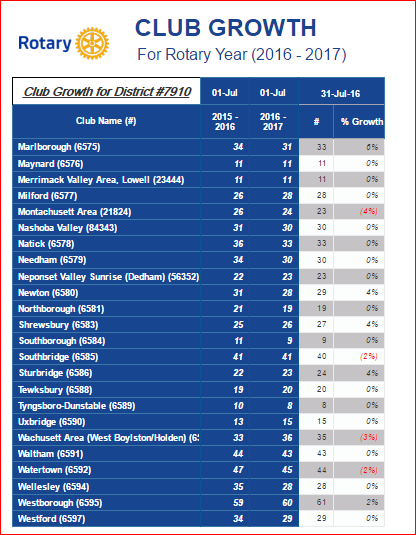
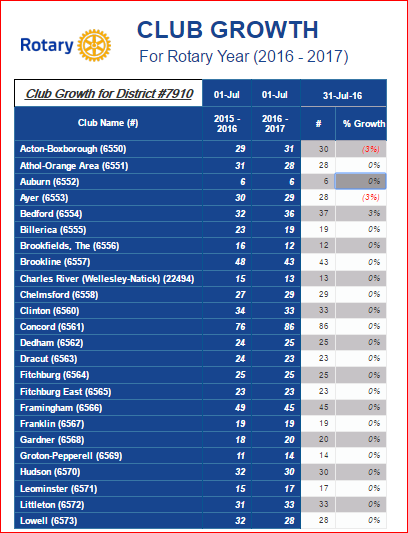
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We share with you the results of **club-membership growth** in our district during Rotary year **2016-2017**, which began July 1.

This is a **unique opportunity** for Rotarians and friends to discuss **partnering on humanitarian projects**affecting our local communities.

[**READ MORE**](http://rotary7910.org/page/club-membership-growth-august-22-2016/)



**https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000000011/Images/RotaryMoE_RGB.pngCLUB PLANNING WORKSHEET '16-'17**

In both Excel and PDF formats, we share with you the **Club Planning Worksheet**for Rotary year **2016-2017**, which began on July 1.

Please **enter**your **club information** in the **indicated cells**.

[**Excel Format**](https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050053/en-ca/files/homepage/club-planning-awards-form-version-110-9-21-2016-excel-format/Club-Planning---Awards-Form---Version-110---9-21-2016---Excel-Format.xlsx)

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**Rotary Means Business Holds First Event in Our District**

On **December 7**, our district's new business-networking fellowship,**Rotary Means Business**, was launched. **More than 30**Rotarians and guests met.

[**READ MORE**](http://rotary7910.org/page/rotary-means-business-december-12-2016/)



Clockwise, starting at top, are: an **unidentified gues**t; **Ron Facenda** of Newton Rotary; **Gerry Gross** of Westborough Rotary; **Tony Gallo** of Milford Rotary; **Peggy Thorsen** of Marlborough Rotary; **Nancy Gilroy** of Bedford Rotary; **Cheryl Rosen** of Hudson Rotary; and District Governor-Nominee **Steve Sager** of Westborough Rotary.

Clockwise, starting at top:**Carol Toomey** of Nashoba Valley Rotary; **Larry Perrault**, a guest; **Ron Fraser** of Worcester Rotary; **Vinny Tingley** of Natick Rotary; **Paul Gauvin**of Fitchburg Rotary; and**Eric Lazzari** of Natick Rotary.

**Video of Governor Baker's Address to District Rotarians Now Available**

The **Rotary Club**[](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzTcHmis_0M)**of Billerica**has provided a**video** of **Governor Charlie Baker**'s address to **District 7910 Rotarians**on**September 27**in **Bedford**. To **watch**the two-hour-47-minute **video**, [click here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzTcHmis_0M).

The Rotary Clubs of **Bedford**, **Billerica,** **Lowell**, **Newto**n and **Shrewsbury**sponsored the event, which  was a unique opportunity for Rotarians and friends to discuss partnering on humanitarian projects affecting our local communities. To**view**event**photos**, [click here](https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipOS3iG2R-bOrIWjcNDTWpYE3xTj2IQhDRktzUJoXRCsSiognoeAYvofwTxGTiwwIw?key=cl8zejNMS0pvWkx4UGpBQXZjUVRGOWxpVy1sVHlB).

**Meet Tatsuya Hayase, Our Rotary Scholar**

**Thank You, Newton Rotary and Indira Desai**



Meet **Tatsuya Hayase**(second from left), a **Rotary Scholar** from **District 2760**(Aichi Prefecture in Japan) who is visiting our district. He is spending the year at the**Heller School for Social Policy and Management** at Brandeis University in Waltham studying **Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution**.

[**READ MORE**](http://rotary7910.org/page/newton-rotary-hosts-rotary-scholar-december-12-2016/)

Left to right: Newton Rotarian **Chris Chu**; Rotary Scholar**Tatsuya Hayase,**his wife,**Marie Hayase,** and their son, **Yuto Hayase**; Host Counselor **Indira Desai**, immediate past president of Newton Rotary; Newton Rotary President **Paul Sullivan**and his wife, **Monica Sullivan**; District Scholarship Chair **Tory DeFazio**, a Wellesley Rotarian; and Newton Rotarians **Tony Bibbo** and **Tom Keery.**

**Athol-Orange's Al Bowers Makes Foundation Presentation**

The **Rotary Club of Athol-Orange**held its annual Christmas Party at the home of Member **Bill Howland.**  Club Foundatioin Chair **Al Bowers**, immediate past District Charitable Fund chair, attended and made a wonderful presentation on The Rotary Foundation. A surprise Paul Harris recognition was bestowed on club Secretary **Carol Courville** by Assistant Governor **Karen Fusco.**

Posing during the Athol-Orange Christmas Party with club Foundation Chair**Al Bowers,**seated, are, left to right, Assistant Governor **Karen Fusco**, club Secretary **Carol Courvill**e, club Member**Ted Ledgard**, club President-Elect **Tanya Quinn**, and club Member **Barbara Robichaud**.

**Bay Path Interactors Perform at Their School's Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast**



The **Bay Path Educational Foundation**, which supports **Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School**in Charlton, held its annual**Santa Claus Pancake Breakfast**on **December 10**at the school. Members of the **Interact Club of Bay Path**(shown) participated, playing characters from Disney's 2013 hit movie "Frozen," inspired by Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale "The Snow Queen." The Bay Path club is co-sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Auburn** and the **Rotary Club of Southbridge**.

Shown: Bay Path Interact President **Veronica Martinez** (middle),Treasurer **Kayleigh Blanchard** (second from right) and Member **Matthew Pecore** (second from left) are shown posing with Auburn Rotarian and Bay Path Teacher **Jen Reil** (far left) and Bay Path Teacher **Rick Carrero** (far right), both of whom advise the Bay Path club.

Photos: Steve Jones-D'Agostino, Auburn Rotary

[**VIEW ALL PHOTOS**](https://goo.gl/photos/PNbYP9LVUoqkrrW1A)

**Learn more about:**

* [Bay Path](http://www.baypath.net/)
* [Auburn Rotary](https://sites.google.com/site/rotaryclubofauburn/home)
* [Southbridge Rotary](http://www.southbridgerotary.org/)

**Chelmsford Donates $1,000 to The Wish Project**

The **Rotary Club of Chelmsford** made a **$1,000 donation** to **The Wish Project**at a recent meeting. The project's mission is to "help end homelessness by providing otherwise-expensive home and baby items for free so that families moving out of shelters succeed the first time."

Left to right: **David Fitzgerald**, executive director of The Wish Project, Chelmsford Past President**Dawn Ferrari**; Chelmsford Treasurer **Tony Kali**l; and Chelmsford President **Paul Cohen**.

**Fitchburg Throws Holiday Party for Its Past Presidents**



Left to right, bottom: **David Moquin, Gerry Marte**l, and**Bernie**.

Left to right, middle: **Karen Fusco**, **Bill Lakso**, and**Paul Gauvin**.

Left to right, top: **Gill**, and**Linda Largey**

**Maynard Marches in Christmas Parade**



Left to right: Maynard President **Matthew Farrow**, and Maynard Secretary**Ann Heinonen**.

**Littleton Tree-Lighting Kicks Off Holiday Season**

Hundreds of people gathered on **December 4** at**Littleton Common** to kick off the holiday season with the town's tree-lighting ceremony. The event was co-sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Littleton** and the**Littleton Electric Light Department.**

Photo: Alexander Silva, Wicked Local

[**READ MORE**](http://littleton.wickedlocal.com/news/20161205/littleton-tree-lighting-kicks-off-holiday-season)

To **learn more** about **Littleton Rotary**, [click here](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/3691/).

**Montachusett Area Installs Mattie Merchant as Newest Member**

**Mattie Merchant**(right), director of recreational programs for **The Arc of Opportunity** in Fitchburg, has been installed as the newest member of the**Rotary Club of Montachusett Area.** The Arc is a corporate member of the club and Mattie will be the lead member for the Arc. She was installed by Immediate Past District Governor **Jim Fusco**(left), who is a past president and present member of the Montachusett Area club. Also shown, is Montachusett Area President **Jennifer Peck** (middle).

**Wachusett Area Rotary, Chamber Hear State Secretary Jay Ash Offer Local Economic Outlook**

**Jay Ash**, secretary of the state **Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development,**shared his outlook on economic development in Central Massachusetts on**December 2** at a breakfast co-hosted in **West Boylston**co-hosted by the **Rotary Club of Wachusett Area** and the **Wachusett Area Chamber of Commerce**.

Left to right: Secretary **Jay Ash**, Chamber President **Iain McKinlay**, State Senator**Anne Gobi**, State Representative **Kim Ferguson**, and Rotary President **Gary Hough.**

[**READ MORE**](http://www.thelandmark.com/news/2016-12-08/Front_Page/Secretary_Jay_Ash_talks_on_local_economic_outlook.html)

To **learn more** about **Wachusett Area Rotary**, [click here](http://www.wachusettarearotary.org/).

**District Holiday Party A Great Success**

[**VIEW ALL PHOTOS**](https://goo.gl/photos/Hyz7kztTyjRAgdug6)



Past District Governor **Klaus Hachfeld**(right) of Sturbridge Rotary and **Sergeant Kevin Williams** (left) of the Brookfield State Police Barracks pose with some of the many donated Teddy bears.

District Governors **Pat**and **Skip Doyle** hosted the annual **District Holiday Party**on Sunday, **December 4**at the **Publick House** in Sturbridge. Ninety-five attendees enjoyed the festivities. with entertainment provided by the **Tantasqua Regional High School**"**Choraleers**." Attendees brought **Teddy bears**. which were presented to **Sergeant Kevin Williams**of the **Brookfield State Police Barracks.** The grand finale was the**"coronation"**of **Pam Anastasi**of the Rotary Club of **Billerica**as **district governor-nominee-designate.**She will serve as district governor for Rotary year **2019-2020**. Thank you to Past District Governor **Klaus Hachfeld**and his wife, **Glenys Hachfeld**, both of whom are members of the Rotary Club of **Sturbridge**  for planning this event, and to MC **Steve Jones-D'Agostino** of the Rotary Club of **Auburn,** and our ace district photographers, Immediate Past District Governor **Jim Fusco** of the Rotary Club of **Montachusett Area** and **Cheryl Rosen**of the Rotary Club of**Hudson.**

**Tantasqua Regional High School "Choraleers,"** led by **Derek Ternullo**(second from left),performed several holiday-season songs in acapella style during the Holiday Party. They were introduced by Past District Governor **Klaus Hachfeld**(far right) of Sturbridge Rotary

**Bay Path High Wins District’s First Interact Video Contest**

[](http://rotary7910.org/https:/youtu.be/QVWFIMeWBpU)

The newly formed **Interact Club at Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical High School**in Charlton has won the **District Interact Committee**’s first **Interact Club Video Contest** - and with it, the **$250 prize**. The winning video, for the November contest, was inspired by Bay Path High’s participation in the sixth annual **Worcester County Coat Drive**, conducted by the **Worcester County Sheriff's Office**. (see “Auburn Supports Bay Path High’s Participation in Worcester County Coat Drive,” below).

[**WATCH VIDEO**](https://youtu.be/QVWFIMeWBpU)

The I**nteract Committee**is also pleased to announce that all **Interact clubs** are again invited to **submit a video** for a **December competition**.

[**READ MORE**](http://rotary7910.org/Page/bay-path-high-wins-district-s-first-monthly-interact-video-contest-december-5-2016)

To **learn more** about **Bay Path High**, [click here](http://www.baypath.tec.ma.us/). To **learn more** about**Interact**,[click here](http://rotary7910.org/SitePage/youth-service/interact).

Bay Path’s Interact Club is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Auburn and Southbridge. To **learn more** about **Auburn Rotary**, [click here](https://sites.google.com/site/rotaryclubofauburn/home). To**learn more**about **Southbridge Rotary,** [click here](http://www.southbridgerotary.org/).

**Franklin Rotaract Club Installed at Dean College**



The new **Rotaract Club of Dean College** was installed on November 17. Shown, are the **18 of the 19 charter member**s of the Rotaract club posing with **Rotary Club of Franklin**President **Terry Katsaros**(left, behind podium) and District Governor-Nominee **Steve Sager**(right, behind podium).

Shown, is **Frank Cusano**(right), immediate past president of Franklin Rotary, accepting the Rotary International citation for membership retention on behalf of his club from District Governor-Nominee **Steve Sager**(left)

To **learn more** about **Franklin Rotary**, [click here.](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/3689)

**Tewksbury Recognizes High School Seniors**

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**Tewksbury Memorial High School** seniors **Alexandra Bourass**a(left) and **Kathleen Garcia** (right) were honored by the **Rotary Club of Tewksbury**at a luncheon on November 17 at the Tewksbury Country Club.

[**READ MORE**](http://tewksbury.wickedlocal.com/news/20161123/tewksbury-students-recognized-by-rotary-club)

To **learn more** about **Tewksbury Rotary**, [click here](http://tewksburyrotary.org/).

**Westborough Funds, Celebrates Festival of Lights**

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As part of the **Rotary Club of Westborough’s** ongoing service commitment to the community, the club has provided funding for the **Festival of Lights** each year during the holidays, decorating the trees located on Main, Milk and South streets in downtown Westborough. The Festival of Lights celebrates the beginning of the holiday season, as residents gather for a holiday parade, to watch as the lights are turned on for the first time, and children young and old meet Santa to request their holiday wishes. This year’s Festival included visits with **Santa** and **Mrs. Claus**, portrayed by the club’s own **Jim Tepper** and **Maureen Ambrosino**, respectively.

Left to right: President **Gerry Gross**, and **Santa.**

[**VIEW ALL PHOTOS**](https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050053/en-ca/files/homepage/westborough-2016-festival-of-lights-photo-supplement-pdf-format/Westborough-2016-Festival-of-Lights-Photo-Supplement---PDF-Format.pdf)

To **learn more** about **Westborough Rotary**, [click here](http://www.westboroughrotary.org/).

**Milford Distributes '16 Tab to 13,000 Homes - Record sales, 94 photos, 334 smiling faces**

**A Great Fundraising Idea for All Clubs!**

[](http://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050053/en-ca/files/homepage/milford-tab-2015-16/_tab-2016-Final-small-Milford.pdf)

To **read** the **Milford  RotaryTab**, [click here](https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050053/en-ca/files/homepage/milford-tab-2015-16/_tab-2016-Final-small-Milford.pdf).

To learn more about**Milford Rotary,** [click here.](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/3478)

**On to Atlanta in 2017: Early-Registration Discount Ends December 15**

**Planning to attend? Contact District Chair**[**Steve Glines**](mailto:steveglines@gmail.com?subject=RI%20Convention%20in%20Atlanta)**.**

[](http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta/register)

More than 43,000 attendees left the **Rotary International Convention**in **South Korea** inspired to end polio for good, to celebrate **The Rotary Foundation's centennial,** and to champion changes that will help Rotary appeal to a broader audience. On the last day, RI President **K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran**shared a personal story of his mother’s triumph over polio.

To **read** the **story**, [click here.](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/87562376:T5z_ZlY4N:m:1:2906161915:1D30F004613034BB7ECDA28CCEF62293:r)

To **register** for the **2017 RI Convention**in**Atlanta,**[click here](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/ct/87562377:T5z_ZlY4N:m:1:2906161915:1D30F004613034BB7ECDA28CCEF62293:r).

**Pat and Skip Doyle Installed as '16-'17 DGs**

District 7910's 2016 **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**were held on **June 24 through 26**at **Fitchburg State University**, ending with the **installation** of longtime RYLA supporters**Pat**and **Skip Doyle**as District Governors for 2016-2017. The three-day RYLA event was attended by **188 sophomores**. To **learn more** about RYLA, visit [ryla7910.org](http://www.ryla7910.org/).

To **watch** a video of the **installation**, [click here](https://www.youtube.com/embed/3YE2G-75FgA).

**District Banners Available**



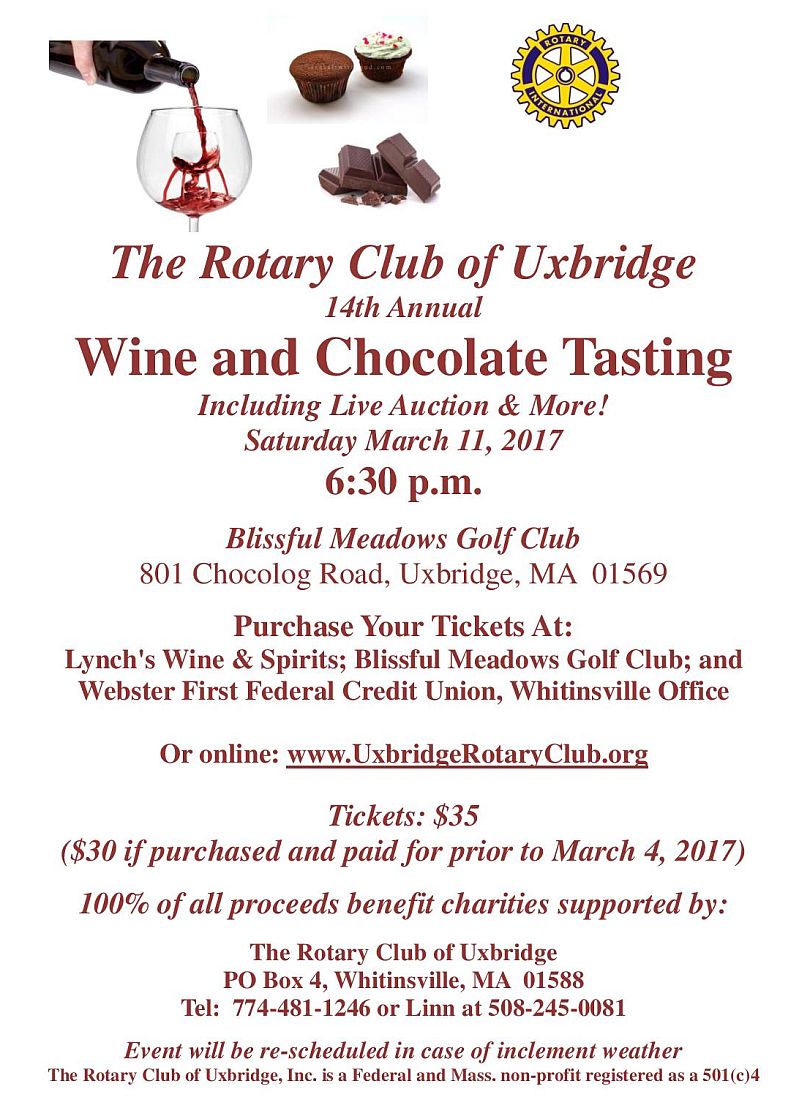
Our **district banners**are **available for your use**when you have an upcoming **event or fundraiser.**

If you want to **reserve** one of the banners, please **contact**PR Chair **Laura Spear** at [laura@spear.net](mailto:laura@spear.net).

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**Saturday, March 11: Uxbridge - 'Wine and Chocolate Tasting'**

[**Click here**](https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050053/en-ca/files/homepage/uxbridge-wine-and-chocolate-tasting-flyer-pdf-format/Uxbridge-Wine-and-Chocolate-Tasting-flyer---PDF-Format.pdf)**to download event flyer**

[](https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050053/en-ca/files/homepage/uxbridge-wine-and-chocolate-tasting-flyer-pdf-format/Uxbridge-Wine-and-Chocolate-Tasting-flyer---PDF-Format.pdf)

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**Send flyers** of your club's**major events and activities**, in either**JPEG or PDF** format, to Immediate Past District

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