When one thinks of Rotary, one might conjure up an image of old men sitting in a bar, a restaurant, or a businessman's office, smoking cigars or cigarettes. That image might be a reflection of the way it was back in Chicago in 1905 when Paul P. Harris, a Chicago attorney, and three other businessmen formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships while doing what they could to improve their city. Rotary's name and subsequent logo came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

Like the rest of the world, Rotary is different today. However, the seeds of the basic ideals and vision of Paul Harris and his team have stood the test of time. Today, men and women, young and older, meet weekly in smoke-free environments to share camaraderie and to discuss the seeds of the basic ideals and vision of Paul Harris and his team have stood the test of time.

Today, men and women, young and older, meet weekly in smoke-free environments to share camaraderie and to discuss how they can better serve their communities and the world. Like Rotary of old, we also leave the next from time to time to go visit other businesses. You will see that throughout this publication. And we have been excited to welcome women into club membership for more than 25 years. Milford has been blessed with two great women Club Presidents, Vera Cassinelli (2000) and Jane Schroeder (2006). Over time, Rotary has evolved into a worldwide service organization with 1.2 million members whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, to encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. Leveraging Rotary's close United Nations ties that date back to 1945 when 49 Rotarians helped draft the UN charter, Rotary and its network of worldwide clubs have reduced polio cases by 99.9%. Since 1985, Rotary has contributed more than $1.3 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments and partners like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to contribute over $10 billion to the effort. Today Polio remains endemic in just three countries -- Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Rotary and its Partners will remain committed to this cause until Polio is completely eradicated.

In order to support Polio Plus and other programs, Millford Rotary members have donated over $111,000 to the Foundation since 1978. And 93 Millford Rotarians and friends of Rotary have been recognized as PH Fellows since our Club was established in 1937. Our first PH Fellow was Daniel O'Brien (January 1978). O'Brien went on to be our Club's first and only Rotary District Governor. In keeping with the spirit of recognizing individuals who exemplify the Rotary Motto of Service Above Self, the Millford Rotary Club has presented "Honorary PH Community Service Awards" to William and Nancy Gannett (2012), Peter Filosa and Ronald Santacrose (2013 for their 40 plus years of commitment to the Rotary Swim Program), the Honorable Francis J. Larkin (2014), and most recently, Frank Saba, recently retired CEO of the Milford Regional Medical Center. This year, the Foundation will celebrate its 100th anniversary and the Millford Rotary Club will hold its annual Foundation Luncheon on November 15th. (More Photos Pg 17)
A Message From The President: It was an exciting, fulfilling year

It has been an honor to serve as President of the Milford Rotary Club. I quickly learned that, by working with Club members and community leaders, Rotary can make a difference in the community and the world. During my year, I wanted to maintain our traditional programs while continuing our recent focus on “Food for the hungry” right here in our local community. Thanks to Rotary’s efforts, the Milford Area Humanitarian Coalition (MAHC), the Milford Youth Center, MPS Food Service Director Carla Tuttle, and many others, the Milford Summer Food Service Program more than doubled the number of lunches served this summer to help close the hunger gap that some children face during the summer months.

Rotarian Stephen Chaplin Rotary continued to develop the Rotary Interact Club at Milford High School as the Club Liaison. Rotary also cared for the grounds/landscape for the Safe House run by New Hope.

Under the guidance of Past-President Dennis LaPlante, Rotarians volunteered to help serve as the Community Table volunteers at the Unitarian Church to help them store food. Milford National provided the funding and Western Equipment from Worcester provided the freezer at-cost.

Last October, three club members hosted six Rotarians from England under the Bandy Heller program. Their visit added a nice international flavor to our meetings. Thanks to your support of this publication, our annual Spring Wine/Micro-Beer and Food Tasting Gala, and our Summer Lobster Raffle, we were able to carry on a wide variety of community programs such as the Rotary Summer Red Cross Swim program that has helped 13,087 kids learn to swim since the program began 64 years ago at White’s Beach in Mendon.

Once again this June, the Club awarded four $1,000 college scholarships to area graduating seniors who embodied the essence of Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self,” while providing sponsorships for four area high school sophomores to attend the three-day RYLA conference at Fitchburg College in late June.

Your support also enabled us to continue to provide camper scholarships for the Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) intensive training program for high school students who are chosen for their leadership potential. Selectees are awarded the opportunity to attend an all-expenses-paid, three-day conference to learn new leadership skills and to enhance those new skills through practical application. The days are long, but the rewards are many.

Following the luncheon, they shared their experiences and related how the conference helped them grow as a person, as a leader, and as a friend to others. One thing became very clear during their presentations - they got a lot out of the conference. Rotary can be very proud of the candidates selected.

The common theme seemed to be “I loved RYLA!” It gave me new skills and helped me learn how to deal with being ‘alone’ with 200 strangers of the same age and the many facilitators.” The RYLANs and their parents attended the luncheon as guests of Rotary.

Sawyer Named Milford Rotarian Of The Year

During the Annual Meeting of the Milford Rotary Club in June, President Allan Villatoro presented Rotarian Tom Sawyer with the Club’s “Rotarian Of The Year Award.” During his presentation, Villatoro presented Sawyer with a solar powered globe and noted “It is with great pleasure that I chose Sawyer as Rotarian of the Year. In an organization, which has as its motto ‘Service Above Self,’ he exemplifies the true spirit of Rotary. His enthusiasm, thoughtful comments, suggestions and charitable spirit have contributed to the Club’s many community efforts.”

In addition to serving as Club President in 1991, Sawyer has served as Publisher of the Club’s Annual Fund Raising/Public Relations Tabloid publication since 1986, is responsible for the Club’s social media coordination and is chairman of the Milford Rotary Summer Swim Program. Sawyer has also volunteered for the past three years to help the Rotary Club maintain the grounds at the Project Hope Safe House, whose mission is to end domestic and sexual violence in our community.

He has served as the Clubs Rotary International Foundation Chair since 1989 and was named a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International in 1994 for his support of Rotary International’s Polio Plus Program. Sawyer was also named Club Rotarian of the year in 1994 and in 1998 was named “Rotarian Of The Year” for District 7910 by District Governor John Williams. Sawyer has been a member of the Milford Rotary Club since 1986.

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Rotary Scholarship Chairman Steve Ellis was beaming with pride when he addressed Rotary members, scholarship recipients, and their guests during a June noon-time meeting at Restaurant 45 in Medway.

Ellis noted, "Each year, the selection process is very difficult and the quality of applicants is exemplary not only in their academic achievements, but also in their high level of community involvement and extra-curricular activity." Ellis also complimented the parents on their guidance and support of their students and noted, "We all know they can't do it alone." During his presentation, Ellis shared that he had contacted four scholarship recipients from five years ago and asked what they are doing now compared to their career goals when they started their college journeys. Ellis noted that three out of the four were following their original career plans and the fourth decided on a totally different career in which he was "very happy and successful."

Ellis reminded this year’s Rotary scholars that college offers a great opportunity and asked them to approach the opportunity with passion and an open mind. Following the introductory speech, each scholar was presented with a $1000 check.

Taking The Next Step (l-r): Kendra Currie, Milford High School attending Quinnipiac University Major-Criminal Justice and Accounting; Karin Plante, Nipmuc Regional High School attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute Major – Biochemistry; Maia Banayan, Hopedale High School attending George Mason University Major-Environmental and Sustainability Studies; Carson Hope, Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School attending University of Maine/Farmington Major – Early Childhood Special Education. Pictured with the scholarship recipients are Steve Ellis, left, and Rotary Club President Allan Villatoro.

Important Rotary Educational Award Dates

Scholarships: Seniors in Hopedale High School, Milford High School, Blackstone Valley Tech and Nipmuc Regional High School should check with the Guidance Department in March or April of their senior year.

RYLA: Sophomores should check with the Guidance department in January/February of their sophomore year.

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Milford Rotary Awards Four $1000 Scholarships

Holiday Desserts: (l-r) Lynne Ellis, Heather LaPlante, and Kathy Sawyer bring out the desserts at the Community Table suppers when Rotary helped serve meals at the Trinity Episcopal Church for Thanksgiving and the Unitarian Church at Christmas time.

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Time To Pack The Boxes: Last November, a group of Rotarians joined other community volunteers at the Salvation Army on an assembly line to pack 250 Thanksgiving Boxes. Major Irwin shared with the volunteers that the boxes will provide food to over 1000 people for Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was very impressive to see so many YOUNG volunteers working to help others. Please contact the Salvation Army (508-473-0786) if you would like to be part of this holiday effort. Volunteers are also needed to ring bells.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to all the people I have had the privilege of working with in my profession as an architect since I started about 42 years ago. I retired earlier this year and would like to express my appreciation for your support and confidence over the years. I have been proud to be a member of the Milford Rotary Club since 1983 and look forward to continuing to work with Rotary to help make a difference in the Greater Milford Area.

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Student Exchange Program Builds International Bridges of Cultural Understanding in Spain, Thailand, Germany, Hopedale, Upton & Milford

The Milford Rotary Club participates in the Eastern States Student Exchange (ESSEX) programs by hosting incoming high school students for a year of study in an area high school, sponsoring outbound students leaving the US to study in a high school in another country, and encouraging students to participate in the summer short-term exchange visits. This year, Milford Rotary is doing all three programs.

In August, Cassidy Rodrigues – a senior at Hopedale High School - left to spend her senior year in Thailand where she will live with three families, attend a Thai high school, learn the Thai language, and enjoy participating in the Thai culture and customs. Cassidy is hosted by Rotary District 3860 in Thailand. Later in August, the Milford Rotary welcomed Caroline Stein from Woerstadt, Germany. Caroline will spend this year at Hopedale High School as a member of the Junior Class. Her first host parents are Leanne and Matt Velky; Leanne is a new member of the Milford Club and jumped at the opportunity to participate in the exchange. Youth Exchange Counselor Jane Schroeder will oversee Caroline’s stay in the US; she will meet with the HHS administration, arrange for host families, and provide monthly reports on Caroline’s stay.

In early July 2016, 17-year-old Kaitlyn Denson of Upton flew to Valencia, Spain, to spend a month with Helena Bailach Adsura and her family. In August, Helena flew with Kaitlyn to the US and spent a month with Kaitlyn’s family. Both girls attended a Milford Rotary meeting and talked about their exciting exchange summer.

Getting Ready: Our dedicated Rotarian Jane Schroeder snapped this photo of our out-bound exchange student Cassidy Rodrigues and her parents Michael and Stacy from Hopedale at the farewell picnic for all District 7910 Outbound ESSEX students just before Cassidy left for Thailand on August 23rd. “We wish her a great year!” Rotary is proud to be part of this life-changing event.

Welcome to America: On September 27, Club Youth Exchange Officer Jane Schroeder and host parent Leanne Velky escorted Caroline Stein to a club luncheon to share her story and report on how things are going as she adapts from one country to the next. She quickly noted that school days are longer in Germany. Caroline also said she has made a lot of new friends and is staying in touch with old friends back home.

Summer Short Term Exchanges Students Visit Rotary: (l-r) Rotarian Jane Schroeder, Bernadette Denson, mother of Kaitlyn; Helena Bailach Adsura, Essex Exchange Student from Valencia, Spain; Kaitlyn Denson, Essex Exchange Student from Upton; Kaitlyn’s brother Sam; and Steve Chaplin, President-Elect for 2017. The students shared a heart-warming report on “what the summer experience meant to them.”

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Music To Our Ears: Rotary was honored to welcome thirteen members of the Milford High School Percussion Ensemble on December 15th. The students and their teachers provided us with a wonderful rendition of holiday music and then joined us for a joyous holiday lunch at Restaurant 45. Front row (l-r): Jake Petersen, Joe Doderer, Emily Smith, Brigit Thomas, Amanda Soares, Ben Howard. Second row: John Giacumuzzi, Ryan White, Nick Carey, Griffin Bertonaux, Matt Hildebrand, Kate Dunahue, Sara Pinto, Music Teacher Jill Boday, and Nadine Pomeroy, Director of Music.
Rotarians Enjoy Playing In the Sand Box At The Milton Cat Training Center

In mid-May, Rotarians visited Milton Cat and operated 5 different pieces of heavy equipment in an area Rotarians described as the biggest "sandbox ever." It was a great event hosted by our friend Steve Frohbieter-aka-Froh, Eric, Adrienne, and the rest of Steve's outstanding team who assisted in the Sandbox Experience. What a wonderful host and an amazing company that is a major employer as well as a major supporter of the Milford Regional Medical Center! Everyone involved in the event was so gracious, and it truly was an amazing day for Rotarians. Many Rotarians showed up in their business suits to drive the "Big Toys" and the ladies were eager to get behind the controls too. The "Flat Sandbox" was a busy place. After driving our "childhood Tonka Toys," we were taken on a bus tour of the multi-acre facility. Following the tour, Rotarians enjoyed a great lunch with members of The Milton Cat host team who got a first hand look at Rotary in action when we conducted our weekly meeting in the Milton Cat cafeteria.

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Many thanks to the Milford Rotary for all you do.

For over 75 years the Milford Rotary Club has helped business professionals in our area with leadership development, networking and community involvement, including assistance in the kitchens of local churches. As a local, community bank, we greatly appreciate the Rotary’s efforts to help improve the quality of life for so many of us.

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Rotarians who have contributed $100 or more to the Rotary Foundation are recognized as "Paul Harris Fellows" and have an asterisk preceding their names. Twelve members: Leonard DeLo, M. Russell Dennett, Ralph Mastrovito, Thomas Sawyer, St. John Peters III, Vera Cassinelli, Paul Surapine, Jane Schroeder, Steven Ellis, Michael DiCicco, Josh Lioce, and Alfred Holman - have achieved multiple Paul Harris status for their continued support of the Foundation and have a double** asterisk preceding their names.

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In May, the Milford Rotary Club paid a 10-year anniversary visit to the Outdoor Classroom at Milford High School where Rotarians enjoyed sandwiches and snacks with members of the Milford High School Interact Club and other faculty members. Rotary funded the outdoor classroom back in 2006 with a $10,000 donation. The Outdoor Classroom was the Club’s Rotary Centennial Project. Former MHS Art Department Chairman Roland St. Jean proposed the idea of an Outdoor Classroom, located in the MHS courtyard, to the Rotary Club. He was assisted in building the area by student Thomas Jump, another former MPS staff member and former Rotarian Henry Papuga. Rotarian/Architect Ralph Mastroianni was instrumental in the design and placement of the Rotary logo on the brick wall and was on hand for the 10-year anniversary.

Interact is a high school level Rotary Club and was started two years ago through the efforts of the Milford Club and direct mentoring by Rotarian Steve Chaplin. Interact conducts its own community project’s and also assists the Rotary Club with projects such as Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army at Christmas Time. This year, Interact members also assisted with the booth at the Celebrate Milford Park event.

Interact is open to all Milford High School students. Interact offers a great opportunity to do community service and meet other students who truly care about making their community a better place for all who live here.

Interested students can contact Stephen Chaplin at schaplin@schaplinlaw.com

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Rotary Celebrates Tenth Anniversary of Milford High School’s Outdoor Classroom

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Milford High School Interact Club Members: (l-r) Stephen Chaplin, Rotarian/Interact Liaison; Blake Hill; Tony Mobilia; Zach Van Buskirk; Alec Salamone, Vice President; Riley Burns; Anthony Arcudi, Secretary; Zach Tamagni, President; Luke Allegrezza, Treasurer; and Christian Kelley, MHS Faculty Advisor.

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We also want to thank our food vendors who are an important part of this major Rotary Fundraiser, including The Alamo, Alicante Restaurant & Lounge, Oliva’s Market, Restaurant 455, Pandolfini’s Fine Chocolates Hens and Chicks Cookie Company, and The Cupcake Girl.

Last but not least, we want to thank all who came to support our sponsors, our vendors, our raffle, and our auction. We hope you had a great time.

You all made a difference and your support will help us fund our annual High School Scholarships in June, the Red Cross Certified Swim Program in July at the Fino Field Pool, and a host of other projects throughout the year.

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Stepping Up: Members of the MHS Interact Club were an important part of this year’s bell-ringing effort. (l–r) Blake Hill, Riley Burns, Alec Salamone, Luke Allegranza, and Tony Mobilia

Thank You!

Milford Rotary would like to thank all the businesses and vendors who made this year’s Wine/Micro Beer & Food Tasting and Silent Auction another great community event.

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We would also like to thank everyone at the Crystal Room for their wonderful (needs a new word) support and the Milford Town Crier for their advertising support. Of course, special thanks goes to all the incredible people and businesses who bought tickets and came to the event. Thanks to you, we are able to continue funding many community projects.

Plan now to join us for the 11th Annual Gala next spring and bring along your friends!

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Kick Starting the Year (left): Membership Chairman John Peters III kick started the new year by welcoming James Travis Romano, Executive Director of the Blaire House Assisted Living as the first new member in 2016.

Reaching out to Real Estate (left): In late August, President Michael Kaplan stepped forward to sponsor Attorney Donna Wolf as a new member. As a smiling John Peters III conducted the welcome ceremony. Donna is a Real Estate Law Attorney at Wolf Law Office, LLC in Milford.

Chamber CEO Joins Rotary (right): As fall arrived, Laura O’Callaghan, President and CEO of the Milford Area Chamber of Commerce took the Rotary pledge of “Service Above Self”.

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Rotary Friendsships Take Flight From Boston to London’s Heathrow And Back

Rotary swim program directors Pauline Auger (left) and Serafina Bon Tempo did another great job of managing the two-week session that ran from July 11-July 22. We could not have done it without their daily leadership and commitment.

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Welcome to our rotary family of activity. Ed Szymanski, President of the Norfolk County Beekeepers Association gave a very informative talk at Rotary in September about honey bees. Ed is a bee lover and spends a lot of time teaching others about the importance of bees in general including bumble bees, queen bees, drones, and worker bees as well as some of the environmental challenges bees face. Ed operates 7 full hives and 4 half-hives. One thing is very clear—Ed is a very dedicated worker bee. Ed, who is from Franklin, was a guest of Rotarian Tony Gallo (left).

Rotary On The Road: Although Rotarians were very busy in March planning for the Annual Wine & Food Tasting Gala, they still found time for an April 4th tour of Waters Corporation. During the luncheon, Tom Wesley, Senior Director of Facilities, Environmental Health & Safety, and Real Estate, discussed “what’s going on at Waters.” After the presentation, Wesley took Rotarians on a guided tour of the Milford site to observe some of the operations in action. Rotarian Steve Chaplin set up the on-site visit. Photo (l-r): President Allan Villatoro, Tom Wesley, and Steve Chaplin.

Top Photo: (l-r) Rotarians Dennis LaPlante, Harold Rhodes, Siobhan Bohnson, David Condrey, and Tony Gallo.

Right Photo: Two Club Presidents Dennis LaPlante and Michael Kaplan “seem” to be working, but are more than likely talking about Rotary’s next big community event. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised are donated to the Special Education Department at Milford Public Schools.

All Fired Up: Fun day at Milford Town Park last October as Rotarians partnered with Alternatives Unlimited by taking over the grilling and food sales at the 3rd annual Day in the Park celebration. Rotarian Mike Kaplan spearheaded the event. It was a cold and windy day, but the event was wonderful and well-attended by the community.

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