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**OUR PRESIDENTS SPEAK: Linda Cargiuolo of Bedford**

**Please tell us what factors helped you decide to join Rotary.**

My manager was president of the Rotary Club of Lexington and thought that it would be good experience for me. The projects kept me busy and involved.

**Of your club’s activities, what do you consider the one thing that best identifies what your club is all about?**

We do a lot of local projects for our town that benefit the kids. We also do larger-scale global projects and some actually bring out the many town and school groups such as the  Stop Hunger Now Food Packaging Event.

**Editor's note:**A District-wide Food Packaging Event will be held next Saturday, November 12 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Solomon Pond Mall in Marlborough. To participate, [click here](http://rotary7910.org/page/food-packaging-event-october-24-2016/).

**What is your club doing this year to attract new members?**

We are doing a Rotary Run & Walk 5-Mile Race to attract all age groups. Being in front of by having events helps build membership

**Do you have any advice to offer others in the district about how best to achieve a successful fundraiser?**

High-profile social and print media blasts starting five to six weeks prior, and increase coverage as you get closer to the date.

**Do you have any innovative plans for Rotary-related publicity during your presidency?**

Establish an actual PR Committee with a capable chair whom I can work with to develop innovative plans.

**What do you consider to be your biggest concern during your presidency?**

Finding people to be the leadership next year. Many of our potential leaders are already on big jobs for our club and are overcommitted.

**What's the best book you've read in the past three years?**

Havoc's Children by C.T. Hutt, a sci-fi fantasy e-book. It has it all: love, war, history, steam punk and the undead. Great illustrations. too.

**What's your favorite quote?**

"I only quote myself."

**What's your favorite restaurant in your community?**

Flatbread Pizza. Awesome locally sourced toppings and great atmosphere. Interesting beers, and they are good to our club.

**What is a "must see" in your community?**

Job Lane House (only opened some Sunday afternoons), a restored Revolutionary-era farmhouse and barn.

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