# District 7910 Central Massachusetts, USA



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## Rotary District 7910 Newsletter - February 1, 2016



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# **Upcoming Events**

You may submit event information per the District 7910 Promotional Guidelines. If your club does not use ClubRunner, please send your event information to Rotary District 7910 Newsletter. And make sure to add \_iim.fusco2@gmail.com to you club's distribution list.

## 2016 District Conference: Plymouth Rocks!



**District 7910 Conference** Committee

May 20, 21 and 22, 2016

Hotel 1620 At Plymouth Harbor, Plymouth

## **Click here to Register Now!**



\$399.80 \$229.00 \$369.80 \$300.00 \$25.00 \$22.00 \$27.00 \$35.00 \$49,00 \$22,00 \$35,00

Click

here to download the Conference Schedule and **Frequently Asked Questions** 



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## Plans underway for multi-district Young Professionals Summit

By Jim Fusco



One more week is under my belt - and a good week it was. Last week, we had several meetings as we commenced our planning for the Young Professionals Summit, which will be held in late August. We are joining forces with Rotary Districts 7780, 7850, 7870 and 7930 to plan and hold this event. Read more



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Click here to download and/or print the minutes of the District Conference Committee meeting in October. (Rotary member login is required.)

# **Rotarians In Memoriam**

- Holly Mottle, Northborough
- Brian Thibeault, Leominster

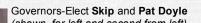
# Welcome, New Rotarians

Please welcome the newest Rotarians in our district (alphabetical order by last name):

- Harry Carver, Groton-Pepperell
- Kenneth Erdelt, Framingham
- Sarah Fletcher, Westford
- Dean Leid, Nashoba Valley
- Amy Murray, Westborough
- Eliott Rittenberg, Westborough

# **District & Club Rounds**

Governors-Elect Pat And Skip Doyle Attend RI Training Session





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#### District Positions: Steering Committee

By Jim Fusco



The Steering Committee consists of the sitting district governor, district governor elect, district governor

nominee and, when selected, district governor designate. They meet monthly in an executive session. Read more

#### Membership Corner: How do you describe Rotary?

By Tom Sturiale



You are approached by an interested person who asks, "What is Rotary?" How do you respond? We all have a few direct

responses depending on our knowledge of Rotary. But do we also have an effective response? Are we able to capture the essence of Rotary in just a few minutes, to interest the person enough so they will inquire further? I will present a few thoughts as well as challenge our district's membership to present their own ideas and suggestions on the "What is Rotary? question. Read more

PR Tips: Be newsworthy

By Laura Spear

To be considered



Click here to watch the threeminute promo video, produced by Assistant Governor Richard Simon



Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar

by District 7910 Rotaract Committee

Monday, February 8, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Framingham State University

Click here to register for this free event, which is open to all Rotarians and Rotaractors

Click here for the two-page event flyer, in PDF format





District Governor Jim Fusco

JUST ASK!

If you have any

special events you would like me to attend or any inductions or presentations you would like me to make, just let me know.

DG Jim

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Monday, February 1-Monday, February 29

### **District Council Meeting**

Monday, February 1

6:30-9:00 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel, Leominster

<u>District</u> <u>Membership Committee Meetin</u> q

Tuesday, February 2

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough



recently attended the
Rotary International Training Session in
San Diego. They are shown posing with
Rotary International President Elect **John Germ** (second from right) and his wife
and fellow Rotarian, **Judy Germ** (far
right), during the Training Session.

#### Ukraine Rotary Clubs Need Our Help With Recent Polio Outbreaks

Twenty-five years ago, the Rotary Club of **Shrewsbury** co-sponsored the

first Rotary club in Ukraine, which was the Rotary Club of **Kiev**. Now, a quarter-century later, Ukraine needs our help with recent polio outbreaks in that eastern European nation.

Rotary in Ukraine has now has grown to more 43 clubs. Clck here to watch a

video posted by our fellow Rotarians in Ukraine regarding the recent outbreak of polio. It demonstrates that with low awareness and low vaccination rates, one plane ride can cause this disease reappear again overnight and anywhere - even in America. Ukraine Rotary clubs are looking for help. The best way is to make a donation of any size. To make a donation, click here.

Every donation gets amplified by the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation**, which donates \$2 for every \$1 donated by Rotarians. That causes each donation of \$1 to triple to \$3. <u>Click here</u> to learn more about that match.

Acton-Boxborough, Clinton, Hudson, Littleton and Nashoba Valley To Sponsor Meal-Packaging Event On February 6

#### HELP US ASSEMBLE 12,000 MEALS IN LESS THAN TWO HOURS!



The Rotary Clubs of Acton-Boxborough, Clinton, Hudson, Littleton and Nashoba Valley are sponsoring a meal-packaging event to benefit Stop Hunger Now on Saturday February 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Nashoba Regional High School in Bolton. The goal is to package 12,000 meals in a couple of hours. Interested participants can register with Richard Simon of the Nashoba Valley club at risimon@comcast.net. Walk-in volunteers are also welcome.

The assembly process combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a flavoring mix, including 21 essential vitamins and minerals, into small meal packages. These meal packages are shipped around the world to support school-feeding programs and crisis relief. The food stores easily, transports quickly, and has a shelf-life of two years.

"Stop Hunger Now is a great way to provide healthy, cost-effective meals," says Richard Simon, a past president of the Nashoba Valley club. "The Rotary clubs are funding the cost per meal. Now, we need help from anyone and everyone to reach our packaging goal and help us combat hunger here in the United States and around the world. This is our third year in efforts feed the hungry and we now have packed nearly 35,000 meals. Last year, our meals went to the starving children and families in Malawi. Africa."

Established in 1998, Stop Hunger Now coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid to crisis-burdened areas around the world. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.stophungernow.org">www.stophungernow.org</a>.

#### **Concord Inducts Sean Smith**

The Rotary Club of Concord has inducted Sean Smith (shown, fourth from left), general manager of Concord's Colonial Inn, as a new member. He is shown posing with these Concord Rotarians, left to right: Dick Hale, Scholarship Chair June Grace, President Sharon Spaulding, Executive Secretary Doug Detweiler and Polio Challenge Chair Steve Levitsky.





newsworthy, your news article or release must be of broad or general

interest to your target audience and have a strong news angle, such as something that benefits or affects your community, has drama, or has a human-interest slant. Your release needs to be written in a journalistic style - written objectively as though a reporter wrote the story for you. Most importantly, your release needs to "inform" people and let them know why they should care - and *not* just push information out that you think should get coverage.

Laura Spear, chair of District 7910's Public Image Committee, may be reached at laura@spear.net.

# Peace Fellowships: Application Deadline Is May 31

By Terry Parker



Each year, Rotary International selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded

academic fellowships at one of RI's Peace Centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses. Read more

#### PETS Alert: Training, Training

By Pat and Skip Doyle



We and all of you have embarked on the adventure of a lifetime. We have attended the Rotary

International Training Session in San Diego, so we are ready to help all of you become wellprepared club presidents in 2016-2017. Read more

### 2015-2016 District Directory

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Rotary International District 7910 Central Massachusetts

#### <u>District Conference Committee</u> <u>Meeting</u>

Thursday, February 4

6:30-9:00 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel, Leominster

<u>District Rotaract Advisor</u> <u>Training Seminar</u>

Monday, February 8

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Framingham State University

PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) Prep

Thursday, February 11

6:00-8:00 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel, Leominster

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Chairs Prep

Thursday, February 11

7:00-8:00 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel, Leominster

#### **PETS Prep**

Tuesday, February 16

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

#### **RYLA Chairs Prep**

Tuesday, February 16

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

#### <u>District Assistant</u> <u>Governors Meeting via Webix</u>

Tuesday, February 23 7:00- 8:00 p.m.

#### Area #6 Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 24 4:00 PM – 5:30 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham

#### **Area #7 Team Meeting**

Wednesday, February 24 4:00 PM - 5:30 p.m. Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham

# RYLA Group Leader (GF) Callbacks

Wednesday, February 24 6:00 PM – 8:30 p.m.

#### Register Now For This Free 'New Generations' Event!

District 7910's First-Ever Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar

Monday, February 8, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Framingham State University



District 7910 Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar

Monday, February 8 5:30-8:30 p.m. North Hall, Commons Room Framingham State University (see map and directions, page 2) To register, click here



Youth are the future of Rotary. If you lead a veteran Rotary club, what are the diversity, energy and youth metrics for your club? Rotary is at a crossroads in terms of membership – particularly, in North America.

Many clubs have stagnant, minimal

or decreasing membership. Rotary International along with District Governor Jim Fusco and our district's leadership of New Generations programs are addressing this issue. One of the solutions is to attract and engage younger members – those under 40 - and to develop strong and vibrant youth programs, in particular, Interact and Rotaract. Read more

## Register Now! May 20, 21 and 22

In just 115 days - our 2016 District Conference will take place at the Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor in Plymouth.

THESE DISCOUNTED PRICES ARE IN EFFECT THROUGH FEBRUARY 13, 2016:



- Governor's Package: All Meals, Friday Night Hotel and Saturdaym Night Hotel, \$399 single & \$499 double
- Paul Harris Package: Friday Dinner, Friday Night Hotel and Saturday Breakfast, \$199 single & \$269 double
- Mayflower Package: Saturday Dinner, Saturday Night Hotel and Sunday Breakfast, \$199 single & \$269 double
- Pilgrim Package: All Meals only, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, \$119 single & \$238 double

Registration is now open. To register, click here.

To watch the **promo video**, which was produced by Assistant Governor **Richard Simon** of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, <u>click here</u>.

To download the schedule and contents, in PDF format, click here.

To get answers to frequently asked questions, click here.

## Register Now!

## Brookfields Club Presents 'A Murder Mystery' Dinner On February 6



The Rotary Club of the Brookfields will present "A Murder Mystery" Dinner on Saturday, February 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Spencer Country Inn in Spencer. The "Murder Mystery" will be performed by the Barre Theatre Group. The cost of \$35 per person and includes a buffet dinner. Proceeds will benefit the club's Scholarship and Literacy Fund.

To make reservations, contact club member **Chet Lubelczyk** at 508-867-3203 or <u>csl208@yahoo.com</u>, or club member **Luanne McLeod** at 413-436-8394 or <u>luluz0124@aol.com</u>.

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## Major District & Club Happenings: February

Saturday, February 6: Acton-Boxborough, Clinton, Hudson Littleton & Nashoba Valley's 'Meal-Packaging Event'
Click here





# **Submit Content**





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To **submit content** for consideration for the Monday, **February 1 issue** of *Rotary District 7910 Newsletter*, please e-mail it to District

Governor Jim Fusco at jim.fusco2 @gmail.com. The submission deadline is Friday, January 29. All text must be in Word format. All images must be in either JPEG or PDF format.



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**Explore our Interact clubs** 



**Explore our Rotaract clubs** 



Holiday Inn, Boxborough

#### **Area #3 Team Meeting**

Monday, February 29 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Home of Richard Simon, Sudbury

View these plus more upcoming District Events



## **RI Spotlight**

#### Lending A Hand To Peace



By endorsing a Peace Fellow candidate, your club builds goodwill and cultural understanding. To find out how, click here.

2016-2017 Rotary Theme: 'Rotary Serving Humanity'



To download the image in JPEG format, click here.

**Zone 32 Rotary Foundation** Webinar

By Ron Smith



I want to offer my thanks to all of you who completed the Zone 32 Rotary Foundation webinar topic survey. As a result of your input, we have scheduled the first Zone 32 **Rotary Foundation webinar** for Tuesday, February 2 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on "Best **Practices to Improve** Foundation Giving."

Specifically, we will spend 90 minutes learning about how to:

**Encourage giving to** 



Sunday, February 7: Fitchburg East's 'Super Bowl Brunch' **Click here** 



Monday, February 8: District 7910's 'Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar'

Click here to register for this free event Click here to download the two-page flyer, in PDF format



Thursday, February 11: Concord's'Trek-On For Rotary' Click here for promo flyer Click here for registration form & information sheet







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Send flyers of your club's major events and activities, in

Annual Fund, PolioPlus, and the Endowment Fund

- Set goals for giving on Rotary Club Central
- Access and understand information from key
   Foundation reports in MyRotary

**Our Zone 32 Foundation** Team will help prepare and lead this webinar, including Sue Klock, Knut Johnsen, Colin Gershon, Mike McCarthy, Rupi Rupwani, Kathy Hiltner, Mac Leask and Carol Toomey. Together, we will speak from our combined 200-plus years of Rotary experience, inviting your suggestions and questions into the presentation. We will also call on Rotary staff members to help explain the resources and support they can provide for both district and club leaders. Please mark your calendars and feel free to contact me if you have any further input or questions.

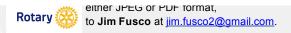
A detailed Webinar Agenda and a registration notice will be e-mailed to you after January 4, so please stay tuned. And again, thank you very much for your survey responses. Nearly 40 surveys were received and many topics were ranked. We are also planning three to four more webinars based on your responses in the areas of building strong Rotary Foundation committees and training club chairs, grant management, and Global Grant development and implementation. Please look out for these future offerings.

Ron Smith, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator for Zone 32, may be reached at rsmith.rotary@gmail.com.

Attend a Presidential Conference



Find innovative ways to



improve your community by attending one of five presidential conferences in 2016, hosted by Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran (shown) and The Rotary Foundation Trustee
Chair Ray Klinginsmith. Each will highlight one or more of Rotary's areas of focus:

- <u>Disease Prevention and</u> <u>Treatment, February 19-</u> <u>20 in Cannes, France</u>
- Economic Development, February 27 in Cape Town, South Africa
- <u>Literacy and WASH in</u> <u>Schools, March 11-13 in</u> <u>Kolkata, India</u>
- WASH in Schools, March 18-19 in Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines

Conferences will be led by local Rotary districts and are open to both members and non-members. They will feature engaging speakers, informative general sessions, and hands-on workshops. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with fellow leaders and take away new ideas and strategies to put into action.

Check Out Rotary Voices Blog



Check

out Rotary Voices, the official blog of Rotary International. This blog features stories by and about Rotary members, Rotary program alumni, and the people we partner and work with.

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