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### Rotary District 7910 Newsletter - February 15, 2016



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#### 2016 District Conference: Plymouth Rocks!



#### by District 7910 Conference Committee

May 20, 21 and 22, 2016

Hotel 1620 At Plymouth Harbor, Plymouth

[Click here](#) to Register Now!



[Click here](#) to download the six-page 'District Conference Booklet,' which contains:

- Schedule
- Pricing
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Facebook "Like" Contest



## February 15, 2016

#### Governor's Message

#### Plenty of things still to do

By Jim Fusco



As you may know, my wife, Karen Fusco, of the Fitchburg club, and I took a cruise last week for some R&R, and now our ship is being docked at its birth in Fort Lauderdale. Internet service has been intermittent during the cruise, so I apologize if I have not been timely in responding to e-mails I have received. I will be back home tonight and will be able to do a better job responding to your e-mails. [Read more](#)



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Download or print the meeting minutes for 2016 District Conference Committee (Rotary member login is required)

- [September 2015](#)
- [December 2015](#)

#### District & Club Rounds

#### Wellesley club's Bob Anthony co-authors column on Rotary clubs learning what it takes to fight global epidemics

20% of teens sink into depression...



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Bob Anthony, a member of the Rotary Club of Wellesley and president of Adolescent Wellness Inc. along with Dr. William E. Russell, president of William Russell & Associates, Consultants in Education and Philanthropy, recently co-authored a column for the *Metrowest Daily News* titled "From polio abroad to teen depression at home." In the column they address efforts by U.S. Rotary clubs to

#### Committee Spotlight

#### PETS Update: Presidents-elect, mark your calendars

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 well-prepared club presidents in 2016-2017. Thirteen presidents-elect attended the first PETS Prep on February 11 at the Doubletree Hotel in Leominster. The reviews are in and those in attendance expressed satisfaction with the experience. One president-elect thanked Skip for twisting his arm to come. He felt he would not have been prepared for PETS without the experience of PETS Prep. Another said it was "great, a real eye-opener." [Read more](#)

#### District Positions: Grants Subcommittee (Part 2 of 2)

By Jim Fusco



District 7910's Grant Subcommittee is part of the Foundation Committee that is currently chaired by Roy Balfour, whose term expires this June 30. District Governors Elect Pat and Skip Doyle, whose term begins this July 1, have appointed Sanjay Deshpande of the Rotary Club of Wachusett Area to serve as Foundation Committee chair, also commencing this July 1. [Read more](#)

#### Membership Corner: Are speakers potential Rotarians?



[Click here](#) to watch the three-minute promo video, produced by Assistant Governor Richard Simon



**Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar**

by District 7910 Rotaract Committee

**NEW DATE, SAME PLACE:** Monday, February 29, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Framingham State University:** Building to be determined

This free event is open to all Rotarians and Rotaractors

[Click here](#) to register now

[Click here](#) for the two-page event flyer, in PDF format

 **Club Visits**



Invite District Governor Jim Fusco to your club's special events!

[Just Ask!](#)

If you have any special club events that you would like me to attend or any inductions or presentations that you would like me to make, please let me know.

DG Jim

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 **District Events**

**Monday, February 15-  
Monday, February 29**

[PETS Prep](#)

**Tuesday, February 16**

**6:00-8:00 p.m.**

**Holiday Inn, Boxborough**

[PXL A Chair Day](#)

members. In the column, they address efforts by U.S. Rotary clubs to eradicate polio abroad and teen depression at home.

[Click here](#) to read their column.

[Click here](#) for information on the Rotary Club of Brookline's first Teen Wellness Workshop on Sunday, February 28 in Brookline. Members of the Interact Club of Wellesley are helping to launch an Interact club in Brookline around that workshop, titled *Peer Leadership and Depression Prevention*.

Bob Anthony may be reached at [bobanthony@adolescent-wellness.org](mailto:bobanthony@adolescent-wellness.org).

**Newton and Waltham clubs wear red in support of our troops**

By Tony Bibbo

Last Wednesday, February 10, Members of the Rotary Club of Newton joined with member of the Waltham club for a joint meeting at the Chateau Restaurant in Waltham.

As host, Waltham provided Newton with a most welcoming event. In addition to club members, there were a number of veterans who joined as guests of some of our two clubs' members. The speaker, **Dave Mann**, a retired member of the U.S. military, provided an excellent talk about his experience in World War II, during which he was unfortunately wounded and later received a Purple Heart.



As a significant part of this event, many Rotarian wore red as a reminder to our troops, veterans and those to serve in the future that we have them in mind and thank them for their service. The meaning of this national movement of Wearing Red on Friday is about our support of the individuals noted above - not battles or military policy with regard to war or other military initiatives.

Following the moving presentation by Dave Mann, a number of Rotarians and veterans gathered for this photo while displaying the red worn in honoring our troops.

Tony Bibbo, co-chair of the Rotary Club of Newton's Public Image Committee, may be reached at [ajbibbo@aol.com](mailto:ajbibbo@aol.com).

In other Newton news: This Wednesday, **February 17**, the club holds its annual **Paul Harris Dinner** starting at **6:30 p.m** at the home of **Dick and Lee Hardaway**. RSVP to either **Tony Bibbo** at [ajbibbo@aol.com](mailto:ajbibbo@aol.com) or **Dick Hardaway** [hardaway@hardawayassociates.com](mailto:hardaway@hardawayassociates.com).

**Southbridge Rotary club sponsors new Interact club at Southbridge Middle/High School**

By Jay Brenner



service to their school and community. He encouraged them that the path they have chosen was a positive statement to their parents, the staff at SMHS and the community. The ideas and effort made to accomplish their goals will be a benefit to all.

Southbridge Rotarian **Jeff Davenport** also thanked the students for so quickly jumping in and working together to brainstorm ideas and choosing to mentor the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to prepare them for work at the high school level. He also thanked Club Advisor **Sheila Jalbert** and Principal **Melissa Earls** for their efforts in making the Interact club a reality.

Jeff also asked the Rotarians present to stand. He then reminded the

By Tom Sturiale



Most of the Rotary clubs in our district invite a speaker to our weekly meetings. What criteria do we use to invite these folks into our clubs?

Of course, we are interested in learning about many different subjects. We may have speakers from various charitable organizations, local government representatives, business leaders, bankers, lawyers, doctors, accountants, or a whole host of folks from many different career fields. If each of the 52 clubs have 30 or so speakers each year, we would have upward of 1,500 opportunities to meet, observe and partially vet many potential Rotarians. [Read more](#)

**PR Tips: Calling all Twitter users!**

By Laura Spear



We're looking for a Twitter user to present a 20-minute "getting started" session at District 7910's Social Media

Seminar on March 31 (see below, to register). If you are interested or can recommend someone (they don't have to be a Rotarian), please contact me at [laura@spear.net](mailto:laura@spear.net).

**Save the date:** Confused about what social media is? Don't know the difference between a tweet and a Hootsuite? Have a personal Facebook page but don't know how to use it for Rotary? This forum is for you! To attend this free seminar, [click here](#) to register today. You are also welcome to bring guests to this event!

Laura Spear, chair of District 7910's Public Image Committee, may be reached at [laura@spear.net](mailto: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](#)

 **2015-2016 District Directory**

[KYLA Chairs Prep](#)

Tuesday, February 16

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

[Area #4 Team Meeting](#)

Wednesday, February 17

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Worcester office of Assistant Governor Satya Mitra

[Foundation Transition Meeting](#)

Monday, February 22

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Boxborough

[Assistant Governors Meeting via Webix](#)

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- 5:30 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham

[RYLA Group Leader \(GF\) Callbacks](#)

Wednesday, February 24

6:00- 8:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

[Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar - NEW DATE, SAME PLACE](#)

Monday, February 29

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Framingham State University

[Area #3 Team Meeting](#)

Monday, February 29

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Home of Assistant Governor Richard Simon, Sudbury

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RI Spotlight

Don also sends the Rotarians present to thank the staff members and students that all of those Rotarians were ready to help them make their Interact club a success.

*Shown, left to right, are: Southbridge Interactors Kaytlyn Mekal, Callie Mathieu, Gianna O'Brien, Mikayla O'Brien, Tori Trifone, Bill Chieng, Jake Boisvert, Jordan Velez Bomba, Ruben Rodriguez, Cam Boisvert and Kaleb Blackmore. Missing from the photo are fellow Interactors Ashleigh Prince, Jessica Emery and Jonathan Poulin.*

Jay Brenner, president of the Rotary Club of Southbridge, may be reached at [jbrenner64@gmail.com](mailto:jbrenner64@gmail.com).

**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 grown to more 43 clubs. [Click 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. [Click here](#) to learn more about that match.

District 7910 Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar

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

**District 7910's First-Ever Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar, which is open to all**

**Rotarians and Rotaractors**

**NEW DATE, SAME PLACE:** Monday, February 29, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Framingham State University, in a building to be determined

To Register Now for this free event, [click here](#)

To download the two-page Event Flyer, in PDF format, [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.

**Register Now! for the 2016 District Conference!**

In just **95 days** - our annual **District Conference** will take place at **The Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor** in Plymouth.



Registration is *now open*. To register now, [click here](#).

To watch the 'Pilgrim Jim' promo video, which was produced by Assistant Governor **Richard Simon** of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, [click here](#).

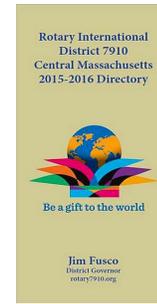


To download the 'Everything-You-Need-To-Know' District Conference Booklet, which contains the following, [click here](#)

- Schedule
- Prices
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Facebook 'Like' Contest



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Submit Content

District 7910 Newsletter February 22, 2016

To **submit content** for consideration for the Monday, **February 22 issue of Rotary District 7910 Newsletter**, please e-mail it to District Governor **Jim Fusco** at [jim.fusco2@gmail.com](mailto:jim.fusco2@gmail.com). The **submission deadline** is Friday, **February 19**. All **text** must be in **Word** format. All **images** must be in either **JPEG** or **PDF** format.

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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 Klingensmith. Each will highlight one or more of Rotary's areas of focus:

- [Disease Prevention and Treatment, February 19-20 in Cannes, France](#)
- [Economic Development, February 27 in Cape Town, South Africa](#)
- [Literacy and WASH in Schools, March 11-13 in Kolkata, India](#)
- [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



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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.

Saturday, April 9: Uxbridge - Wine and Chocolate Tasting

[Click here](#) for tasting details



*The Rotary Club of Uxbridge*  
 15th Annual  
**Wine and Chocolate Tasting**  
*Including Live Auction & More!*  
 Saturday April 9, 2016  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Blissful Meadows Golf Club  
 801 Chocolog Road, Uxbridge, MA 01569  
 Purchase Your Tickets At:  
 Lynch's Wine & Spirits, Blissful Meadows,  
 Webster First Federal Credit Union, Whitinsville Office  
 online [www.UxbridgeRotaryClub.org](http://www.UxbridgeRotaryClub.org)  
 Tickets: \$35  
 (\$30 if purchased and paid for prior to April 2, 2016)  
 100% of all proceeds benefit charities supported by:  
 The Rotary Club of Uxbridge  
 P.O. Box 4, Whitinsville, MA 01588  
 Tel: 774-481-1246  
 Events will be re-scheduled in case of inclement weather  
 The Rotary Club of Uxbridge, Inc. is a Federal and Mass. non-profit registered as a 501(c)(3)

Friday, April 15: Deadline for the Rotary District 7910 Facebook Contest

[Click here](#) for contest details



**Rotary District 7910 Facebook Contest**

Get your club members to "like" District 7910's Facebook page and win a free Harbor Cruise at our 2016 District Conference in Plymouth

ENTER the contest NOW by "liking" the District Facebook page by April 15th. The club with the "most" and the club with the "highest percentage" of members "liking" our Facebook page will win 2 tickets on the May 21 Harbor Cruise in Plymouth on The Pilgrim Belle. Runner up club in both categories will win a bottle of wine. Prizes awarded at District Conference.



Scan the QR Code or visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict7910?ref=ts> page and like our page to be eligible to win!

 Submit Major Club Happenings



Send **flyers** of your club's major events and activities, in either JPEG or PDF format, to **Jim Fusco** at [jim.fusco2@gmail.com](mailto:jim.fusco2@gmail.com).