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Rotary District 7910 Newsletter - February 22, 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 jim.fusco2@gmail.com to your club's distribution list.



NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS: You must send in your payments for your RYLA Students by this March 1!

Next RYLA Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 1
6:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Boxborough

2016 District Conference: Plymouth Rocks!

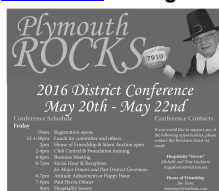


by District 7910 Conference Committee

May 20, 21 and 22, 2016

Hotel 1620 At Plymouth Harbor, Plymouth

[Click here](#) to Register Now!



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Governor's Message

Lots of things to do this week!

By Jim Fusco



Christine. [Read more](#)

I hit the ground running last Monday following our R&R in the Caribbean aboard the Royal Princess. I spent my first day back reading and responding to e-mails. On Tuesday, Pat and Skip Doyle held their second Pre-PETS session at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough, and I stopped in to say "hi" to the presidents-elect. (What a great class they are). I then attended the meeting for club RYLA chairs run by Christine Pinney. Great job,



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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...



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 *Massachusetts Daily*.



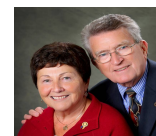
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Committee Spotlight

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: Grant Subcommittee

By Jim Fusco



The Rotary Foundation is the vehicle that allows us to do good in the world through District and Global grants.

Operating procedures for the Grant Program are defined in the Rotary Foundation Code of Policies (COP) dated January 2016. Specific operating policies for the Grants Subcommittee are delineated in Section 7.020.2 of the COP. [Read more](#)



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

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



[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: McCarthy Center, Third Floor, Faculty Dining Room

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



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.



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 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.

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.

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 or **Dick Hardaway** hardaway@hardawayassociates.com.

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

By Jay Brenner



On January 26, Southbridge Town Council

Chair **Esteban Carrasco** congratulated the members of the newly formed **Interact Club of Southbridge Middle/High School** for their spirit and desire to determine their own goals and create an outlet for 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

Membership Corner: Membership Tips For New Presidents

By Tom Sturiale

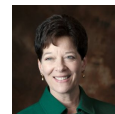


This is an exciting time for all the incoming presidents. You just completed pre-PETS and are about to go through the intensive

PETS sessions. Information is coming at you like water through a fire hose. You never thought it was going to be this complicated. You are now beginning to understand how complex the job of being president of your Rotary club is going to be. You will also begin to appreciate the job your outgoing president has done. You may begin to have some doubts about your ability to handle the job. However, you still have four months before the mantle of the president is passed on to you. With the help of the current president and some time to absorb all the information, you will do fine. However, it will be important to utilize the next four months appropriately in order to start your new year on the right foot. [Read more](#)

PR Tips: Check out 2015 Rotary media coverage

By Laura Spear



Check out this [Flipboard site](#) to see 2015 media coverage of Rotary from

around the world. The site contains 215 articles about Rotary, including polio progress, Rotary's 100th anniversary in Hawaii, and recognition for six international women of action. Access Flipboard from a browser or use the Flipboard app on your smart phone, and select this "magazine" and other Rotary magazines to read new articles as they are published

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

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District Events

**Monday, February 22-
Monday, February 29**

[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**

[View these plus more upcoming
District Events](#)

RI Spotlight

**Cyclists raise more than \$4
million in Miles to End Polio
ride**



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 8th 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 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.

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

Rescheduled to Monday, February 29
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Framingham State University
(see map and directions, page 2)



**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 - McCarthy Center, Third Floor, Faculty Dining Room.

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



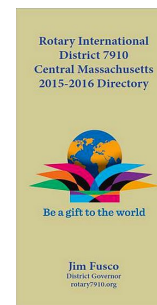
up to 100 members from around the world to receive fully funded

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**

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Submit Content



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To **submit content** for consideration for the **Monday, February 29 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, February 26**. All **text** must be in **Word** format. All **images** must be in either **JPEG** or **PDF** format.



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Rotary



The campaign to eradicate polio got a major financial boost from the recent annual [Miles to End Polio](#) bike ride, held as part of El Tour de Tucson, which took place last November 21 in Arizona. Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and a team of eight RI staff members helped raise \$4.4 million. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match the funds 2-to-1, bringing the total contribution to PolioPlus to more than \$13.5 million. To read more, [click here](#).

RI gives \$35 million boost to polio eradication



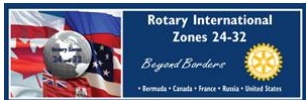
Rotary International recently released \$35 million in grants to support polio-immunization activities and research in nine countries, including Afghanistan and Pakistan. The funds will build on last year's historic achievement of stopping the transmission of the wild poliovirus in Nigeria and all of Africa. To read more, [click here](#).

2016-2017 Rotary Theme: 'Rotary Serving Humanity'



To download the image in JPEG format, [click here](#).

Zone 32 Holds Foundation Webinar



On February 2, Rotary Zone 32, of which District 7910 is a part, held a webinar titled "Best Practices to Improve Foundation Giving." If you missed that webinar, [click here](#) to watch video of it, and [click here](#) to download the PowerPoint presentation for it.

To read Zone 24 & 32's February 2016 *Beyond Borders* newsletter, [click here](#).

Attend A Presidential Conference



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

2016 District Conference
May 20th - May 22nd

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



To download the District Conference Souvenir Book order form, [click here](#).

[Register Now!](#)



Major District & Club Happenings: February

Sunday, February 28: Brookline - Teen Wellness Workshop

[Click here](#) for workshop details

[Click here](#) for a recent *MetroWest Daily News* column on teen depression, co-authored by Bob Antony of the Wellesley club. Members of the Interact Club of Wellesley are helping to launch an Interact club in Brookline around this workshop.

Are you a student in 7th grade or above, or parent of one, who wants to learn about stress in adolescents?

Urban Improv Teen Wellness Workshop for teens and their families

Did you know*

68% of Brookline High School students and 79% of Brookline 7th and 8th graders report **overwhelming stress or anxiety**.

You could learn coping and problem-solving skills to help with stress/anxiety.

Urban Improv will take on these topics in an engaging, interactive performance, followed by teen & adult breakout discussion groups facilitated by Rotary Internat trained peer leaders and adult mental health professionals.

Registration link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/teen-wellness-workshop-tickets-20871040091>

*Data from Brookline Health Survey taken by 1440 BHS students and 856 students in grades 7-8 in 2015. This is a one-on-one survey. Survey data is not shared with the United States of America and is not shared with any other organization. Data is not shared with any other organization. Data is not shared with any other organization.

Monday, February 29: District 7910's 'Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar'

Rescheduled from February 8 due to snow storm

[Click here](#) for seminar details

[Click here](#) to register for the seminar

Rotaract District 7910 Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar

Rescheduled to Monday, February 29
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Framingham State University
(see map and directions, page 2)

Agenda: To register, [click here](#)

- Registration and Pizza: 5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance, District Rotaract Chair Carl Gomez: 6:00-6:05 p.m.
- Seminar Overview, District Youth Services Chair Carl Toomey: 6:05-6:10 p.m.
- Panel Discussion: 6:10-7:00 p.m.
- Breakout Sessions, Facilitated by Worcester Rotaract Robin Currie: 7:00-8:20 p.m.
- Closing Remarks by Carl Gomez and Robin Currie: 8:20-8:30 p.m.

Panelists:

- Moderator: Carol Toomey of Nashoba Valley Rotary, chair of District Youth Services Committee
- Karen Jacobs of Brookline Rotary, advisor to Boston University Rotaract
- Pat Doyle of Northborough Rotary, co-District Governor Elect
- Rita Newman or Mike Figueroa of WPI Rotaract

Issues: (each panelist will speak for 7-10 minutes on his/her issue):

- Karen Jacobs: How to form a Rotaract club, including the roles and responsibilities of the president, the advisor, and in the case of campus-based clubs, the faculty advisor
- To be determined: How to run a Rotaract club, including outlining the criteria for the President/Chair
- Pat Doyle: How to sustain a Rotaract club, including membership and financial viability and sustainability
- Rita Newman or Mike Figueroa: Why I'm a Rotaract, including what I expect and need from the Rotaract club and its advisors

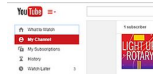
For more information, contact Rotaract Committee Chair Carl Gomez at carlgomez@edcloud.com or 508-450-3374, or Vice Chair Steve Jones at C.Agostino@icloud.com or 508-430-9075.

Thursday, March 31: District 7910 - Social Media Seminar

[Click here](#) for seminar details



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Explore our [Rotaract clubs](#)



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

- [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



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.



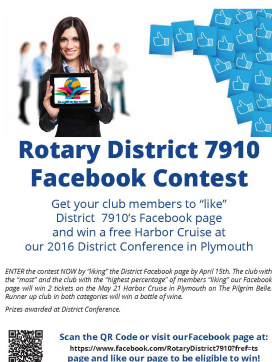
Saturday, April 9: Uxbridge - Wine and Chocolate Tasting

[Click here](#) for tasting details



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

[Click here](#) for contest details



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

