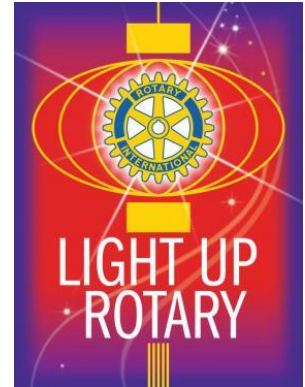




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Governor's Message

By Val Callahan

Mother Nature has certainly had a field day with [District 7910](#). Our schedules have been set and re-set many times over. Thank you for your patience and good humor about the blizzard and storms.

On one day, however, the weather did indeed cooperate. On January 22, we met for **The Power of Change** forum at the Fenn School in Concord. Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of [Nashoba Valley](#) and [Concord](#), this was an event attended by representatives from most of the clubs throughout our district. [Click here](#) for the fine **Concord Wicked Local** article on the event.



*Shown, left to right, are: 2017-'18 District Governor-elect **Karin Gaffney** of the Nashoba Valley club, who superbly coordinated and moderated The Power of Change forum; **Mary Denio Garcia** of the Nashoba Valley club; **Helen Dearborn Halloran** of **Sheila Watts**, 2014-'15 president of the Concord club; and **Nancy McPherson** of the Concord club. [Click here](#) to view additional event photos by **Ron Goodenow** of the Rotary Club of Westborough.*

Razia Jan (on right, in photo) of [Razia's Ray of Hope](#), **Craig Norberg-Bohm** (on left, in photo) of [Jane Doe Inc.](#), and I spoke in a town-meeting format. We were preceded by a film depicting the three of us panelists speaking about the challenges and opportunities presented by being - and inspiring - agents of change. We spoke about changing the ways girls and women are treated both here and abroad. Craig's organization is the world's largest movement of men and boys working to end violence against women and girls.



The event was followed by a delicious reception catered by **Nancy McPherson**, chef and proprietor of [Nancy's Airfield Café](#) in Boxborough. With everyone inspired by Razia, at the reception, something spontaneous and wonderful happened. The Concord club offered to seek a Global Grant from [The Rotary Foundation](#) to provide equipment for the science, computer and writing labs of the school she founded, [Zabuli Education Center for Girls](#), which is located just north of Kabul in Afghanistan.

Then the magic started. One by one, clubs joined in until at least 17 jumped on board with the Global Grant. Past District Governor **Ralph Hammond** of the Nashoba Valley club announced this opportunity, and the other clubs eagerly signed up.

We are hoping that at least three more clubs join, so that each donation may be as little as \$500. This is an ideal way for small clubs to be a part of a \$35,000 Global Grant. If either you or your club are interested in jumping on board with this meaningful Global Grant, please contact **Shelia Watts** at swats@middlesexbank.com.

Even though it is cold outside, your work in Rotary is warming hearts throughout the world. Thank you.

You may contact me at Valentine.Callahan@gmail.com.

'Social Media Forum' Presentations Now Available

By Laura Spear

Thank you for attending District 7910's **Social Media Forum** on January 14 in Leominster. [Click here](#) for materials presented during the forum as well as other social-media information. Scroll down that page, to find these social-media resources:



- Social Media Social Media Glossary
- Social Media for Younger Members and New Generations
- Using Facebook for Membership
- Facebook Pages vs. Groups
- Using Facebook for Polio Eradication: 10 Tips
- Mobile and Social Web for Public Media

Please also review the other PR materials on the website. If you have recommendations or topics for other PR forums or for our online monthly PR workshops, please let me know. I look forward to your participation at the [D7910 PR Expo and Awards Dinner](#) on **March 20** at the **Boxborough Holiday Inn**.

Please let me know if you would like to help or participate!



Laura Spear of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley chairs the Public Image Committee for Rotary District 7910. You may contact her at Laura@Spear.net.

Save The Date

For more information, or to RSVP, contact **Jordan Eldridge** in Rep. Hogan's office at 617-722-2692 or Jordan.Eldridge@MAHouse.gov.



Rotary Rotary Clubs of
Nashoba Valley and
Maynard

State Reps.
Kate Hogan and Jennifer Benson,
and Senator Jamie Eldridge

**Small Business
Health Insurance
Enrollment Forum**

**Maynard Town Hall,
Gianotis Room
195 Main Street, Maynard**

**February 12, 2015
5:00pm-7:00pm**

Want to check out whether or not the Health Connector is the right tool for your business? Join us to learn more about the Affordable Care Act. Obtain information and materials to enhance your decision-making on whether or not a Health Care Connector Program is the best option for you, your employees, and your business! The program is currently open to businesses with less than 50 employees, and open enrollment is available on a year-round basis.

Assistance will be available at the event to provide in-person guidance, and education about resources available through the Small Business Health Options Program at the Massachusetts Health Connector.

You should attend the Enrollment Fair if any of the following is true:

- You are a small business owner with 50 or fewer full time employees.**
- You are an insurance broker and you would like to learn more about working with the Massachusetts Health Connector.**
- Your current small business healthcare premiums are too costly and you would like to "shop around".**
- You would like to learn more about the Wellness Program available to small business owners through the Massachusetts Health Connector.**
- You would like to learn more about the Small Business Healthcare Tax Credit.**
- You are currently uninsured and would like to better understand what is available through the Health**

For more information, or to RSVP, call Rep. Hogan's office and ask for Jordan at 617-722-2692

Or e-mail Jordan.Eldridge@MAHouse.gov

Sign Up Now: D7910 PR Expo And Awards Dinner

By Laura Spear

Showcase your PR activities. Learn from other clubs in District 7910. Help us recognize the effective PR being done across our district.



The Eighth Annual [PR Expo and Awards Dinner](#) is coming soon:

- Friday, March 20, 2015
- Holiday Inn, Boxborough, MA
- PR Expo displays and social time, 5:30-6:30
- Dinner, PR program, and awards, 6:30-8:30

Show off your public-relations expertise, and learn about PR best practices from across the district. Collaborate on a Rotary PR challenge. And, join us as we kick off the Rotary 2014-'15 awards season with D7910 PR awards.

1. [Register](#) on the district website, to attend. The cost for dinner is \$25. Make sure you add your meal choice to the registration comment field: Chicken Piccata; or, Roasted Vegetable Stack.
2. Submit your club's PR Awards nomination forms by March 13, 2015. You can find the form on the district website. We encourage you to apply for as many awards as you'd like! If you have any questions, contact **Steve Jones-D'Agostino** of the [Rotary Club of Worcester](#) at 508-930-8675 or BestRateofClimb@icloud.com.
3. Sign up for an exhibit table for the PR Expo, and share with other clubs what you did to promote your club's events, service projects, and fundraisers, as well as Rotary. Contact me if you would like to participate.

Laura Spear of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley chairs the Public Image Committee for District 7910. You may contact her at Laura@Spear.net.

Worcester's Satya Mitra Gets Pinned As Major Donor

Satya Mitra (*right*), chair of District 7910's Membership Committee and immediate past president of the [Rotary Club of Worcester](#), has received his Major Donor pin from D7910 Governor **Val Callahan** (*left*) and **Karin Gaffney** (*center*), D7910 governor-elect for 2017-'18.

The pinning ceremony took place on January 30 during the Worcester club's weekly luncheon meeting.



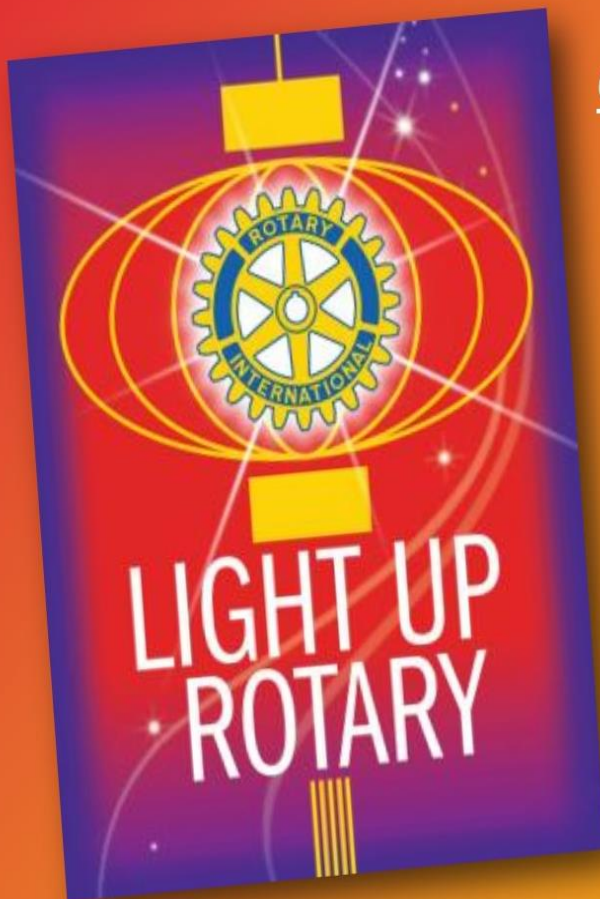
Photo: Rich Prager

SAVE the DATES...

May 15-16, 2015

Rotary District 7910

“Celebrates Community!”



GREAT PROGRAM!!!

- Paul Harris Gala Dinner`
Friday night May 17
- Hospitality Suites
- Stop Hunger Now!
Food Bag Production
- GSE Team from Italy
- Antiques Road Show
- Memorial Service
- Annual Business Meeting
- And More to Come!

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

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Marlborough Club Shows Its Super Bowl Spirit



Photo: Emily Greenwood

Members of the [Rotary Club of Marlborough](#) hung out with their fabulous club family on Super Bowl Sunday!

Club members thank **Elaine McDonald**, a member of the Marlborough club, and **Doug Palino**, an honorary member of the Marlborough club who loves to cook, for hosting this annual event.

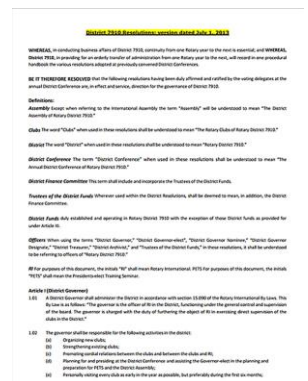
D7910 Resolution Committee Conducting Annual Review

By Thomas Polito

The District 7910 Resolutions Committee is conducting an annual review of the district's resolutions. Any qualified club in good standing in the district - upon vote of that club as well as the district governor, the district trustees, the district Council, or the district Resolutions Committee - may propose changes to the district resolutions in accordance with this article.

Changes may include amendments, alterations, or repeal in whole or in part of the resolutions by a majority vote of the voting delegates present at the annual District Conference.

[Click here or on the image](#) for a full copy of the D7910 resolutions.



Should your club decide to submit a proposal to the Resolutions Committee, to change the resolutions at the annual District Conference, you must:

- Be a club in D7910 in good standing;
- Submit your proposed changes in writing to the district secretary, postmarked no later than February 16, 2015; and,
- Submit a copy of your proposed changes in writing to the chair of the Resolutions Committee, postmarked no later than February 16, 2015.

Once you submit your proposal:

- The Resolutions Committee shall send to the district secretary its recommendations regarding any proposed changes no later than March 31, 2015; and,

- The district secretary shall disseminate the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee by April 15, 2015.

As always, the Resolutions Committee along with the district leadership extend to you our most heartfelt appreciation for your leadership and service to community through Rotary. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact me.



Thomas Polito is 2014-'15 chair of D7910's Resolutions Committee Chair, served as 2011-'12 governor of D7910, and is a member of the Rotary Club of Neponset Valley Sunrise. You may contact him at Tom@PolitoInsurance.com or 781-329-4160.

The Fuscos Help Light Up Rotary International Assembly

Jim Fusco (second from left) of the [Rotary Club of Montachusett Area](#), incoming District 7910 governor for 2015-'16, and his wife, **Karen Fusco** (far left) of the [Rotary Club of Fitchburg](#), helped to light up the [2015 Rotary International Assembly](#), which was held January 16 to 23 in San Diego. They are shown posing with **K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran** (second from right), incoming [Rotary International](#) president for 2015-'16, and his wife, **Vanathy Ravindran** (far right).



The annual Assembly provides training for incoming governors and their spouses. It is a great opportunity to share ideas, engage in discussions and workshops, and get to know one's counterparts from around the world.

A Rotarian since 1974, Ravi Ravindran is a member of the [Rotary Club of Colombo](#), located in the Western Province of Sri Lanka. He and his wife are **level 4 Major Donors** to [The Rotary Foundation](#). For a profile and video of Ravi Ravindran, [click here](#)

Auburn Club Reborn

By Marcia Davis



On December 13, 1944, an engraved brass bell was presented to the **Rotary Club of Auburn** by the [Rotary Club of Worcester](#). This same bell, polished to a fine luster, was rung at the start of the **Meet and Greet** more than on seven decades later, on January 7, 2015, at [J. Anthony's Italian Grill](#), located on the Auburn-Oxford line.

The Meet and Greet was held, to announce that the Auburn club will continue its 70-plus years of serving this community. It was also an opportunity for Rotary members from around [District 7910](#) to attend and show their support in keeping this important club alive. New prospective members were encouraged to attend and learn just what [Rotary International](#) is all about. They found out how we not only help the local community, but also assist communities and individuals worldwide.

The Auburn club has donated many college scholarships to deserving students at Auburn High School through the annual pancake breakfast, which will celebrate its 52nd year this spring. Over the years, our club has donated labor and material in order to help maintain the Goddard Rotary Park, located next to the Auburn Town Library.

I am excited about the opportunity to continue the legacy of this dynamic club. Starting in March, the Auburn club will meet weekly on Wednesdays at J. Anthony's Italian Grill. We will be an after-work club, with a chance to socialize from 5 to 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and most members can be home by 7 p.m.

[Click here](#) for photos, taken by **Ron Goodenow** of the Rotary Club of Westborough, of the Auburn club's Meet and Greet on January 7.



Marcia Davis is 2014-'15 president of the Rotary Club of Auburn. You may contact her at 508-883-3238 or LargoTutor@verizon.net.

WPI's Rotaract Club Holds Official Inauguration Ceremony

By Steven Jones-D'Agostino

The newly formed [Rotaract Club of Worcester Polytechnic Institute](#) held its official **Inauguration Ceremony** on February 4 at WPI. The purpose of the ceremony was to install the WPI club's new officers and welcome its more than one dozen new members. The ceremony was originally scheduled for January 28, but was postponed due to blizzard-related conditions.



Photo: Steve Jones-D'Agostino

Immediately following the formal ceremony, attendees had opportunity to socialize with WPI club officers and members as well as other guests. They included **Carol Toomey** (shown, left, posing with District 7910 Governor Val Callahan) of the [Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley](#) and a past governor of D7910, who was the featured speaker. Carol coordinated [D7910 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards' 2014 New Generations Meeting](#), held on December 13 in Boxborough.

Shown on the right, posing with **Val Callahan** (far left) and WPI club mentor **Carl Gomes** (far right) of the Worcester club, are the four WPI club officers installed during the ceremony:

- **Katie Picchione** (third from left), WPI undergraduate class of 2016, as president
- **Michael Figueroa** (second from left), WPI graduate class of 2016, as vice president

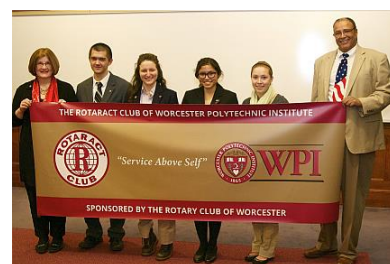


Photo: Rich Prager

- **Jasmine Feliciano** (*third from right*), WPI undergraduate class of 2018, as interim treasurer
- **Katie Candiloro** (*second from right*), WPI undergraduate class of 2016, as secretary

The Inauguration Ceremony featured speakers from both the WPI club and the club's sponsor, the [Rotary Club of Worcester](#). Each Rotaract club member received a pin that represents his or her commitment to [Rotary International's](#) "service above self" [mission and core values](#).

Rotaract club representatives also presented the club's mission and vision statements, which club members developed during a recent set of visioning workshops facilitated by volunteer members of the Rotary Clubs of [Fitchburg](#), **Nashoba Valley**, [Northborough](#), and [Westborough](#). Members of WPI club's Executive Board introduced each club member and welcomed them as strong contributors to society.

At the WPI club's **February 11** meeting, [Stephen Mecca](#), PhD, (*shown right*) of Providence College will be the featured speaker. He is a professor in the Department of Engineering-Physics-Systems and an expert on **water and sanitation**. He will address two systems that he designed at his PC lab for the [Global Sustainable Aid Project](#), of which he is executive director: [Rural Sanitation with Microflush Toilets](#); and [Lab in a Box for Rural Schools](#). The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in Room HL-102 of Higgins Laboratories at WPI.



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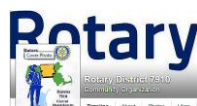


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