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Jim Fusco
2015-2016
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2016 District Conference



[Click here now, to watch the three-minute promotional video](#)

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Save The Dates!

May 20, 21 and 22, 2016

Hotel 1620 At Plymouth Harbor, Plymouth

Rotaract
Rotary Club Partner

Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar

by District
7910 Rotaract Committee

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

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Governor's Message

Truly A Week Of Meetings

By Jim Fusco



January is rapidly flying but much has been accomplished. Although there were no major district or club events to attend last week, it was truly a week of meetings as we continued our planning for the District Conference on May 20-21 in Plymouth and for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards on June 24-26 at Fitchburg State University. (See "RYLA Alert" at the top of the right-hand column.) [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.)

Welcome, New Rotarians

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

- Lisa Casillo, [Worcester](#)
- Robert Chartier, [Acton-Boxborough](#)
- Sean Huddleston, [Framingham](#)
- Lori Karlsson, [Southborough](#)
- Cindy Laughrea, [Newton](#)

District & Club Rounds

Register Now! Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar Set For February 8 In Framingham

By Carl Gomes and Steve Jones-D'Agostino

Rotaract 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)



On Monday, February 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., the District Rotaract Committee will hold a Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar at Framingham State University in the

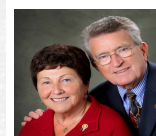


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Committee Spotlight

RYLA Alert: Change of Venue

By Pat and Skip Doyle



For those of you who have not heard, we will not be able to have Rotary Youth Leadership

Awards this year at Worcester State University. The university is renovating its Student Center and there is not enough other space available to us. After a very exhaustive search, we are able to report that RYLA has found a new home at Fitchburg State University. Our website and our club pack are being updated with this information and should be ready for club use this week. [Click here](#) to check the website for updates.

This change will necessitate the first cost-per-student price raise in 10 years. We have been able to hold costs at \$250 per student since our days at Nichols College. This year, in order to cover our costs, we must raise our per student assessment to \$275. This is a \$25 per-student increase, which we hope will not impact the clubs in a negative manner.

Pat and Skip Doyle, co-chairs of District 7910's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Committee (as well as co-district governors elect, may be reached at pwdoyle2@verizon.net.

Peace Fellowships: Application Deadline Is May 31

By Terry Parker

Each year, Rotary

[Click here](#) to register for this free event, which is open to all Rotarians and Rotaractors



Fellowship Wine-Dinner

by Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship

Tuesday, January 19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Heritage of Sherborn

\$70 per person

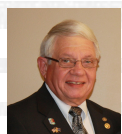
[Click here](#) to register for this event (**open to Fellowship members and non-members**)

[Click here](#) to pay online for this event (**only online payments accepted**)

[Click here](#) to watch a video of the inaugural Wine-Dinner on October 21, 2015 at Tomasso Trattoria in Southborough

[Click here](#) to view photos of the inaugural Wine-Dinner

Club Visits



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.

For complete list of District/Club Events, [click here](#)

If your event does not show on that list, let me know.

DG Jim

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District Events

Monday, January 11-
Monday, February 22

To register, [click here](#)

Framingham State University, in the Commons Room of North Hall, which is located at 16 State St. in Framingham. This event is **free and open to all Rotarians and Rotaractors**. **Free parking** is available in all campus lots. To reach campus police for parking and event locations, call 508-626-4911.

To view the **Agenda, Panelists and Issues**, [click here](#)

To register for this **free event**, [click here](#).

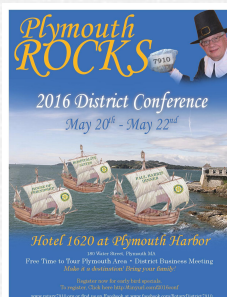
To download the **free-parking pass**, [click here](#)



To download the **two-page flyer**, in PDF format, which contains directions to and a map of the Framingham State campus, [click here](#).

For **more information**, contact Contact Rotaract Committee Chair **Carl Gomes** at carlcgomes56@icloud.com or 508-450-3374, or Vice Chair **Steve Jones-D'Agostino** at srdagostino@icloud.com or 508-930-8675.

Save The Dates! May 20, 21 and 22



In just **130 days** - our **2016 District Conference** will take place at the **Hotel 1620** at **Plymouth Harbor** in Plymouth.

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

To view the **promo video**, which was produced by Assistant Governor **Richard Simon**, [click here](#).

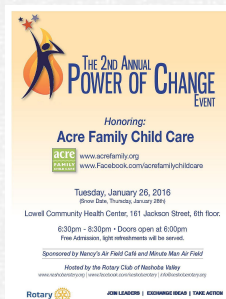
To view and download the **event flyer** in PDF format, [click here](#).

[Register Now!](#)

Nashoba Valley's Annual 'Power Of Change' To Honor Lowell's Acre Family Child Care On January 26

By Karin Gaffney

On Tuesday, **January 26**, the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley will host its second annual *Power of Change* event and will honor [Acre Family Childcare](#) in Lowell. The presentation will be held from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at **Lowell Community Health Center**, which is located at 161 Jackson St. (6th floor) in Lowell. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. This event is free and open to the public, although contributions to Acre Family Child Care will be welcome. The snow date is January 28.



The Nashoba Valley club is honoring Acre Family Childcare for its impact in the Lowell community and for its commitment to empowering women. The presentation will include remarks from the founder, **Anita Moeller**, who is now director of Preschool Expansion Grant at for the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

Acre Family Childcare's mission is to help women build licensed, home-based family child-care businesses while providing community-based child care to the families of Lowell. Since 1988, the organization has provided childcare to more than 1,800 children and trained more than 200 providers.

We want to honor their selfless efforts to develop solutions to the challenges facing women and are hopeful that attendees will leave inspired and motivated to support and build on the success of our honorees' efforts

A coffee and dessert reception will follow the program.

To register, either [click here](#) or call 978-627-4135.

For more information, visit Nashoba Valley's [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

Karin Gaffney, a past president of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, may be reached at karin.gaffney@rocklandtrust.com.



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](#)

Membership Updates: Two Important Items

By Jim Fusco

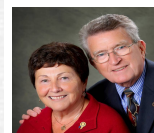


You are halfway through your year. Congratulations on your progress! There are two important items that I want to

address: Rotary International dues; and the club-planning worksheet. [Read more](#)

PETS Alert: Training, Training, Training

By Pat and Skip Doyle



We and all of you are about to embark on the adventure of a lifetime. We are about to go to the Rotary International Training Session in San Diego, so we will be ready to help all of you become well-prepared club presidents in 2016-2017. [Read more](#)

Nominating Calls: Deadline For Applicants Is This February 1

By Carol Toomey



As you know, District 7910's Nominating Committee met in November and selected the District Governor Nominee-

Designate (Steve Sager), two Trustees of the District Funds (David Frazier and Paul Gauvin) and the District Archivist (Cheryl Rosen). We still have some positions to fill and are seeking qualified applicants to serve in these district positions starting next July 1. You must be available for an interview in person next March 2 and have served as president of a Rotary Club to qualify for the following four positions: Treasurer; Sergeant at Arms; and two Trustees of the District Charitable Foundation. [Read more](#)

Foundation Notes: Anticipating A Strong 2016-2017 Rotary Year

District Public Relations Committee Meeting

Monday, January 11

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

Club Visioning at Rotary Club of Athol-Orange

Tuesday, January 12

5:00-9:00 p.m.

Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship Dinner

Tuesday, January 19

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Heritage of Sherborn

District Foundation Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 20

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

District Trustees Meeting

Monday, January 25

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

Power of Change

Tuesday, January 26

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Lowell Community Health Center

District Assistant Governors Meeting - Live

Tuesday, January 26

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

District Council Meeting

Monday, February 1

6:30-9:00 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel, Leominster

District Membership Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 2

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Location to be determined

District Conference Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 4

Newton Rotary To Collect Toiletries For Food Pantries



In response to a need by Newton's food-pantry programs, the Rotary Club of Newton is initiating a citywide campaign to collect toiletry items for distribution to families in need residing in the Newton community. How fitting that the kickoff for this undertaking will take place at the 48th Annual **Newton Martin**

Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, **January 18**. This year's event will be hosted by **Our Lady's Parish**, located at 573 Washington St. in Newton, with primary sponsors being the **Mayor's Office**, the **Interfaith Clergy Association** and the **Foundation for Racial, Ethnic, & Religious Harmony**.

Among the items being sought are soaps, tooth paste, tooth brushes, personal deodorants, shaving equipment, toilet tissue, body powders and moisturizing creams. Items should be brought to the MLK Celebration, where boxes will be located for the drop-offs at the entry. Join us as a vital part of the Newton family as we respond to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s quote, "Life's most persistent and urgent question – What are we doing for others?"

*Shown, left to right, gathering toiletry items for Newton's Food Pantry distribution are Newton Rotarians **Marc Epstein, Bill Lowery, Maureen Gannan, Andy Willinger, Susan Peghini, Marie Presti and Rae Mintz.***

Nashoba Valley To Hold Bolton Repair Café On January 23



The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, with help from Bolton Local, will hold the next **Bolton Repair Café** on Saturday, January 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will take place at a new location, the cafeteria at the Florence Sawyer School, which is at 100 Mechanic St. in Bolton. The school is located behind the Emerson School, which is on

the same driveway/street.

Bring your items that need repair, and knowledgeable volunteers will try to fix them for free. The volunteers can work on items such as mendable clothing, lamps, small appliances, computers and other electronics, bikes, toys, and jewelry. They can also sharpen knives, scissors, and garden tools. You only pay for needed parts. If you know what parts are needed, please get them ahead of time and bring them to the Repair Café to save time.

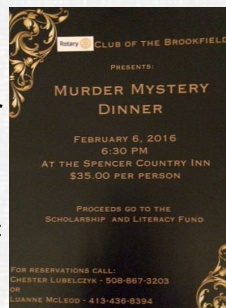


For more information, contact **Ray Pfau**, a member of both the Nashoba Valley club and Bolton Local, at 978-779-5545 or ray.pfau@oracle.com, or visit www.boltonlocal.org/initiatives/repair-cafe.

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 csi208@yahoo.com, or club member **Luanne McLeod** at 413-436-8394 or luluz0124@aol.com.



Newton Rotary Inducts Cindy Laughrea



The Rotary Club of Newton has inducted **Cindy Laughrea**, the community-engagement coordinator for **The Second Step**, a domestic-violence agency in Newton. The Newton club did a service project for The Second Step, raking and cleaning up the

By Ralph Hammond



The Pre-Grant Cycle for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year is already making great progress for the April 1 launch of the new

grant cycle. Your club should begin to be in a great position to submit its goals and objectives in Club Central in the year it will be working under the leadership of District Governors Elect Pat and Skip Doyle. [Read more](#)

Membership Corner: How Is Visioning Working For Your Rotary Club?

By Tom Sturiale



During the second half of 2013, District 7910 began the Visioning Project. Several members were trained by experts in the

process and they began to take several willing clubs through the visioning process. To date, about 17 clubs have gone through visioning and a few more are scheduled to complete the first phase of visioning in 2016. [Read more](#)

District Positions: Sergeant At Arms

By Jim Fusco

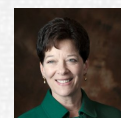


The district's sergeant at arms is elected by the District Nominating Committee in

accordance with the procedures outlined in District Resolutions Article XXIII for a term of three years. **Chuck Moran** of the Rotary Club of Dracut is the current sergeant at arms and his term will expire this June 30. The Nominating Committee is now seeking a sergeant at arms for 2016-2019. If you are interested or know someone who would make a good sergeant at arms, please let me know at jim.fusco2@gmail.com. [Read more](#)

PR Tips: Consider How Certain Groups Get Their Information And Communicate Accordingly

By Laura Spear



Use your local newspaper and Council on Aging office to promote a senior breakfast. Use e-mail blasts and

Facebook to promote a fundraiser that targets adults with disposable income. Partner with Interact,

Wednesday, February 3
6:30-9:00 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel, Leominster

[District Rotaract Advisor
Training Seminar](#)

Monday, February 8

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Framingham State University

[President-Elect Training
Seminar \(PETS\) Prep](#)

Thursday, February 11

6:00-8:00 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel, Leominster

[Presidents-Elect Training
Seminar \(PETS\) Prep](#)

Tuesday, February 16

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

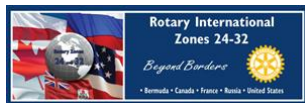
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RI Spotlight

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 Annual Fund, PolioPlus, and the Endowment Fund
- Set goals for giving on Rotary Club Central
- Access and understand information from key Foundation reports in MvRotary



Second step, taking and cleaning up the large yard of one of their properties. Cindy was there with the participating Newton Rotarians, who told her about Rotary and its mission. She joined within a month.

Shown, left to right, are: Newton President **Indira Desai**; **Cindy Laughrea**; and Newton Membership Chair **Susan Peghiny**.

Merrimack Valley Rotary Inducts Dr. Florence Bejian Bahtarian

Dr. **Florence Bejian Bahtarian**, OD, (shown, center) has been inducted into the Rotary Club of Merrimack Valley. She is posing with club President **Ken Berard** (right) and club Sergeant at Arms **Al Jean** (left).



Littleton Rotary inducts Gino Frattalone, Hears State Of The District From Governor

The Rotary Club of Littleton has inducted **Gino Frattalone** (shown, center), who transferred from the Rotary Club of Acton-Boxborough. Gino, who joined Rotary in 1994, is posing with District Governor **Jim Fusco** (left) and Littleton President **Lehel Reeves** (right) during a recent club meeting during which Jim presented Gino with an award for "Most District 7910 Club Meetings Attended."



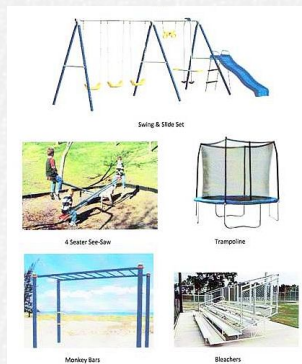
During that same meeting, Governor Jim spoke about the "State of the District."

District 7910 Seeks Funds For Guyana Playground Project

Does your club have an international project? Would you like one?

Each year, a group of Rotarians on behalf of District 7910 travels to a third-world country to do a hands-on project with local Rotarians there. This February, the group will travel to Guyana to help construct a playground at a school for special-needs students.

Your club can either make a contribution toward the project or sponsor (first come, first served) a particular playground item. If your requested item has already been sponsored, your contribution would be applied to another item.



Club checks, payable to "District 7910 - Guyana Project," should be sent to: Past District Governor **Dick Manelis**, 929 Worcester Rd., Framingham, MA 01701. **Contributions are still being accepted.**

For any contribution of \$500 or more, Dick will visit your club and do a presentation about the project. For more information, contact Dick at manelis711@yahoo.com.



Major District & Club Happenings: January & February

Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship: Wine-Dinner- January 19, Heritage of Sherborn

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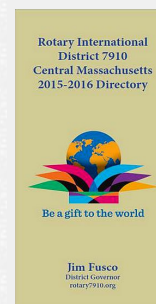
Rotaract, or your local high school's community-service clubs to send tweets and Instagram posts about food-packaging events and other service projects that involve millennials.

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



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Submit Content



Newsletter



January 18, 2016

To **submit content** for consideration for the Monday, **January 18 issue** of **Rotary District 7910 Newsletter**, please e-mail it **Jim Fusco** at jim.fusco2@gmail.com. The **submission deadline** is Friday, **January 15**. All text must be in **Word** format. All **images** must be in either **JPEG** or **PDF** format.



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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.

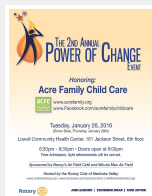
Attend a Presidential Conference



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



Nashoba Valley: Power of Change - January 26, Lowell Community Health Center
[Click here](#)



Needham: Rotary Music Awards - January 30, Needham Town Hall
[Click here](#)



Waltham: Football Frenzy - January 31, Westin Waltham Boston Hotel
[Click here](#)



District 7910: Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar - February 8, Framingham State University
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Concord: Trek-On For Rotary - February 11, Carlisle
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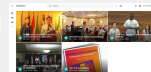


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Rotary's areas of focus:

- [Peace and Conflict Resolution, January 15-16 in Ontario, California](#)
- [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.

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