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Governor's Message

By Val Callahan

We are off with a blazing start to 2015 with District 7910. For example, tonight the Rotary Clubs of [Nashoba Valley](#) and [Concord](#) are co-hosting a Rotary Forum, titled [The Power of Change: Improving the Lives of Women](#). (See ad on [page 4](#)). ([Click here](#) for a *Wicked Local Concord* preview of the event.)



The forum, which is free and open to the public, features **Razia Jan** (shown, left) of [Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation](#), **Craig Norberg-Bohm** (shown, right) of [Jane Doe, Inc.](#), and yours truly. We will be panelists as well as part of a moderated conversation. Our moderator will be our D7910 governor for 2017-'18, **Karin Gaffney** of Rotary Nashoba Valley. (See her photo and profile on [page 2](#).)



On January 7, about two dozen Rotarians throughout D7910 gathered at J. Anthony's Italian Restaurant, on the Auburn-Oxford line, to celebrate the [re-launch](#) of the **Rotary Club of Auburn**, led by club President **Marcia Davis**. We toasted Rotary Auburn's 70th anniversary, the marriage of Rotary Nashoba Valley President **Richard Simon** and **Fatima Simon**, and the birthday of D7910 Photographer **Ron Goodenow**. ([Click here or on image](#) for Ron's photos of the event.) ([Click here](#) for a *Telegram & Gazette* article on the event.)

A week later, on January 14, we hosted an outstanding [Social Media Forum](#) in Leominster, spearheaded by D7910 Public Relations Coordinator **Laura Spear** of Rotary Nashoba Valley. **Amy Luckiewicz** of the [Rotary Club of Wakefield](#), in D7930, was a guest speaker, in addition to **Steve Jones-D'Agostino** of the [Rotary Club of Worcester](#), and **Ben Burger**, past RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) student from the [Rotary Club of Marlborough](#). All three individuals proved to be superb presenters, and



each one brought us up-to-date on the latest trends in social media. ([Click here or on image](#) to view *Ron Goodenow's photos of the event.*)



Currently, D7910 2015-'16 Governor **Jim Fusco** of the [Rotary Club of Montachusett Area](#) and his wife, **Karen Fusco** of the [Rotary Club of Fitchburg](#) (*both, shown, left*), are enjoying San Diego, where they are being trained on all things to do with the governorship. We look forward to hearing the inspiring news about their experiences. Next month, Jim and 2014-'15 Assistant

Governor **Dick Andersen** of the [Rotary Club of Littleton](#) will train our district's 2015-'16 presidents-elect at two upcoming Pre-PETS (Presidents Elect Training Seminar): on [February 5](#) at the Doubletree Hotel in Leominster; and on [February 11](#) at the Marlborough Holiday Inn.

Our **District Conference** is going to be held on May 15 and 16 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Marlborough (*see ad on [page 3](#)*). Our keynote speaker will be the famous **Deepa Willingham** (*shown, left*), past governor of [District 5190](#), and founder and chair of [PACE Universal](#), whose motto is, "Teach a girl, feed a village." She has spoken at both the United Nations and the White House, among other prominent places, and has won numerous awards for her humanitarian work.



As you can see, we have lots of exciting plans ahead. Thank you for your continued dedication, drive and commitment to making D7910 one of the best in our Zone - and one of the best in the entire world.

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

Profile: Karin Gaffney, D7910 Governor for 2017-'18



Karin Gaffney joined the [Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley](#) as a charter member in February 2012 and served as president in its charter year, successfully leading her club to receive numerous Rotary International and District 7910 awards, including Best Club. She has served since the club's inception as chairs of the Speaker and Service Projects committees, and is a member on the club's Board of Directors.

She is in her second year as District assistant governor and her first year as a District trustee. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Rotary Leadership Institute graduate. In 2014, she was honored as Rotarian of the Year. She has organized numerous District events, including the Membership and Foundation forums, and will serve in 2015-'16 as chair of the District Conference.

Karin's banking career spans more than 30 years, and she is currently employed by Rockland Trust as vice president of commercial lending. In this role, she oversees commercial-lending efforts in the MetroWest area, specifically relating to commercial and industrial real estate, and to construction loans.

She is an active member of her community. In addition to her commitment to Rotary, she holds the positions of director of [The Nature Connection](#) and director of the [Live for Liv Foundation](#). Her hobbies include hiking, biking and gardening.

Karin graduated from Clemson University with a bachelor of arts degree in English. She resides in Littleton with her husband, Dana Gaffney. She has three grown children, Christopher, Caroline and Connor.

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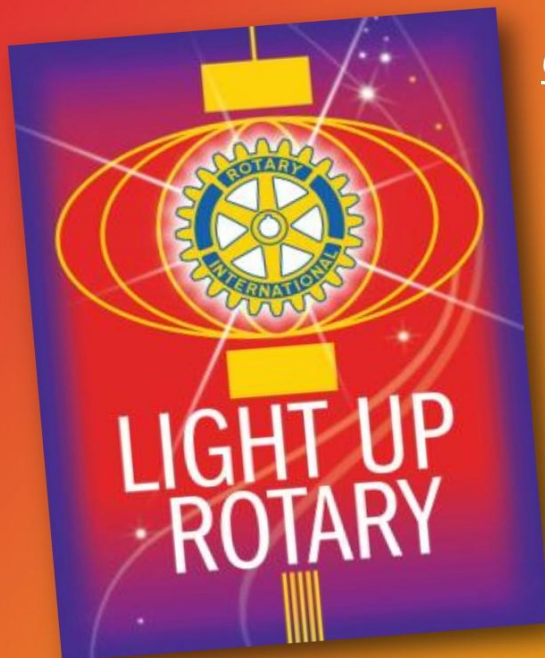
Save the Dates

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!

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
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Rotary Forum

The Power of Change: Improving the Lives of Women

Discover how leading organizations work selflessly to develop solutions to the many challenges facing women, locally and around the world.

The evening will feature a panel discussion by three community leaders whose work advances the lives of women. Rotary will recognize these humanitarians as

Agents of Change.

Coffee and Dessert to follow the program

Through education, we can become empowered: listen, learn, support their efforts and lead your own cultural shifts. Help build a more peaceful and more equitable world.

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Nashoba Valley and Concord in recognition of

25 years of Women in Rotary

Become Inspired

THURSDAY, January 22, 2015 (Snow Date: 1/29/2015)

Fenn School, WARD HALL, 516 Monument Street, Concord

7 pm - 8 pm • Doors open at 6:30pm

Free Admission, Contributions to participating organizations welcome

Featuring: Razia Jan, Razia's Ray of Hope Foundation

Craig Norberg-Bohm, Jane Doe Inc.

Governor, Valentine Callahan, Rotary District 7910

Register at: www.rotary7910.org or 978-627-4135



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