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2016 District Conference



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

Produced by Assistant Governor Richard Simon

Save The Dates!

May 20, 21 and 22, 2016

Hotel 1620 At Plymouth Harbor, Plymouth



Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar

by District 7910 Rotaract Committee

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

Committee Spotlight

District Positions: Grant Subcommittee being expanded (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 Governor 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: How exciting are your Rotary meetings?

By Tom Sturiale



Wednesday noon and it is time to go to another Rotary meeting. Gee, I wonder who is speaking today and what he/she will talk about? Haven't we heard the same thing before? Do you think we'll have the same old lunch menu? Will the meeting start on time and will the speaker have enough time to cover the subject? Would it be embarrassing if only half the members show up? Isn't this getting to be old hat? [Read more](#)

PR Tips: Be creative in how you can reach your target audience

Governor's Message

We're Making Great Progress

By Jim Fusco



Last week, there was plenty to do. I had the honor to induct Nancy Maynard into the Rotary Club of Fitchburg and to induct Sarah Proctor in the Rotary Club of Montachusett Area. And, 2016 District Conference Chair Karin Gaffney of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley and I continued to meet with the chairs of the event's Paul Harris Dinner, Program Book and Promotions subcommittees. [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.)

Rotarians In Memoriam



[Nicholas Mercadante](#), Fitchburg

Welcome, New Rotarians

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

- Albert Lincoln, [Brookline](#)
- Nancy Maynard, [Fitchburg](#)
- Sarah Proctor, [Montachusett Area](#)
- James Romano, [Milford](#)
- Steven Shama, [Brookline](#)

District & Club Rounds

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

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.

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District Events

**Monday, January 25-
Monday, February 22**

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

Wednesday, January 27

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.

Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship Wines and Dines at Heritage of Sherborn

By Carl Gomes and Steve Jones-D'Agostino



by Jen and Josh Ziskin, the dynamic wife-husband duo that owns and operates the restaurant and inn, which includes a provisions shop. We thank them and their staff for their truly hospitable service.

(Shown, left, are the attendees of the January 19 event at Heritage of Sherborn. [Click here](#) for all event photos.)

We also extend a warm appreciation to our two non-Rotarian guests, Bradford and Milza Clay. And, we give a special shout-out to Richard and Fatima Simon of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley for inviting the Clays. Hopefully, each us will introduce fine people such as the Clays to our Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship and share with them the great work that Rotary does and wonderful fellowship that it provides. Who knows: They just might consider becoming Rotarians! [Read more](#)

Milford Rotary Honors Milford Regional CEO Frank Saba

By Thomas Sawyer Sr.

As Milford Regional Medical Center CEO Frank Saba was preparing for retirement, he was invited by the Rotary Club of Milford to attend its annual Paul Harris Foundation Luncheon. There, he was presented an Honorary Paul Harris Community Service Award for his many outstanding accomplishments during his 28 years as the medical center's guiding light.



The award was presented by Past President **Steve Ellis**, who gave an inspiring talk on how the medical center grew from a small, local hospital to an award-winning major medical center under Frank's leadership. Steve also noted that he was honored to have had the opportunity to serve the medical center in a number of different capacities during Frank's many years, and considered him a personal friend and a true humanitarian.

Following the presentation to Saba, Foundation Awards were presented to club President **Allan Villatoro**, who, in turn, presented an honorary Paul Harris Award to his wife, **Lauren Villatoro**. Club Treasurer **Ralph Mastroianni** presented a Paul Harris Award to his wife, **Mary Ann Mastroianni**, and **Paul Surapine**, a two-term past president, also presented his wife, **Susan Mcwade-Surapine**, with a Paul Harris Award. Club members **Mike DiCicco**, **Russ Dennett**, **Ralph Mastroianni**, and **Paul Surapine** were presented Sapphire Foundation Pins for their continued support of The Rotary Foundation.

A Paul Harris Fellow Award is presented to an individual who has either donated \$1,000 to the Foundation or had \$1,000 donated in his or her honor. Since the Milford club was chartered in 1937, 89 members have become Paul Harris Fellows. The club has only presented four Honorary Paul Harris Community Service Awards, including the one to Frank Saba.

The Rotary Foundation transforms these gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, the Foundation taps into a global network of Rotarians who invest

By Laura Spear



Use flyers, articles, Facebook, your website, lawn signs, banners, school announcements and so on, to get the word out about a project, fundraiser or event. Be creative and think outside the box. You won't get many results from a single outreach activity.

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

ESSEX Alert: Seeking Sponsor For Holy Name Student

By Marcia Davis



District 7910's ESSEX (Eastern States Student Exchange) Committee is seeking a Rotary club to be an outbound sponsor

for Julia Cashman, who will be a senior this fall at Holy Name Junior Senior High School in Worcester. She wants to spend the 2016-2017 school year studying in a Spanish-speaking country. Based on our preliminary interviews with Julie, we believe she will be an excellent ambassador. The deadline to respond is January 31. [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 this July 1. You must be available for an interview in person this 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](#)

Peace Fellowships: Application

Location to be determined

[District Conference Committee Meeting](#)

Thursday, February 4

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

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

Thursday, February 11

6:00-8:00 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel, Leominster

[RYLA \(Rotary Youth Leadership Awards\) Chairs Prep](#)

Thursday, February 11

7:00-8:00 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel, Leominster

[PETS Prep](#)

Tuesday, February 16

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

[RYLA Chairs Prep](#)

Tuesday, February 16

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

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RI Spotlight

2016-2017 Rotary Theme: 'Rotary Serving Humanity'
[Click here to download the theme image in JPEG format](#)



Zone 32 Rotary Foundation Webinar

By Ron Smith



Rotary, the Foundation taps into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into priorities such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation funding empowers Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Shown, front row, left to right, are: **Allan and Susan Villatoro, Frank Saba, Mary Ann Mastroianni and Susan McWade-Surapine.** Shown, back row, left to right, are: club Foundation Chair **Thomas Sawyer, Mike DiCicco, District Governor Jim Fusco, Russ Dennett, Ralph Mastroianni and Paul Surapine.**

Thomas Sawyer Sr., chair of the Rotary Club of Milford's Foundation Committee, may be reached at sawyer@chattysdream.com.

Wachusett Area Rotary's Sandy Mahoney Profiled In Sunday Telegram



Sandy Mahoney (shown, left), president of the Rotary Club of Wachusett Area, was profiled in the January 24 *Sunday Telegram* in her role as the new administrator of Christopher House in Worcester. Asked about her involvement with Rotary, she responded, "I got involved in the Wachusett Area Rotary Club when I worked at Oriol Healthcare, and I was in line to become president, so I have stayed on there, where I have gotten to know so many great people.

"We just worked on an international program with the Rotary Club in Pune, India, and assisted them in the purchase of a mobile blood collection unit,"

she continued. "We also will be holding a fundraising dinner dance this spring and will be giving our \$2,000 in college scholarships to graduating seniors from our area towns." To read the entire profile, [click here](#).

Montachusett Area Rotary Inducts Sarah Proctor

During a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Montachusett, District Governor **Jim Fusco** (shown, left), who is a past president and a member of that club, inducted **Sarah Proctor** (shown, right) as a club member.



Newton Rotary Inducts Susan Paley

During a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Newton, **Susan Paley** (shown, center) was inducted as a member. She is shown posing with club President **Indira Desai** (shown, left) and club Membership Chair **Susan Peghiny** (shown, right).



Register Now For This Free 'New Generations' Event!

District 7910's First-Ever Rotaract Advisor Training Seminar

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

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](#)

Membership Updates: Two Important Items

By Jim Fusco



You are more than 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



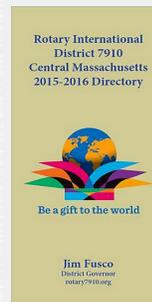
We and all of you have embarked on the adventure of a lifetime. We have attended the Rotary

International Training Session in San Diego, so we are ready to help all of you become well-prepared club presidents in 2016-2017. [Read more](#)



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Rotary District 7910 Newsletter



February 1, 2016



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 MyRotary

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

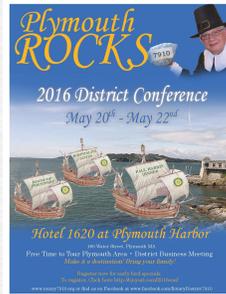
Youth are the future of Rotary. If you lead a veteran Rotary club, what are the diversity, energy and youth metrics for your club? Rotary is at a crossroads in terms of membership – particularly, in North America. Many clubs have stagnant, minimal or decreasing membership. Rotary International along 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. [Read more](#)

Rotaract
Rotary Club Partner

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)
To register, [click here](#)

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** of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, [click here](#).

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

[Register Now!](#)

Nashoba Valley Holds Bolton Repair Café

The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, with help from Bolton Local, held the [Bolton Repair Café](#) on Saturday, January 23. The event took 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.



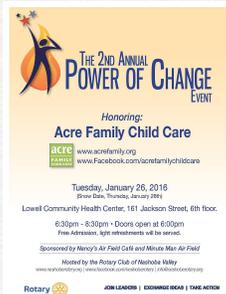
Patrons brought in their items that need repair, and knowledgeable volunteers tried to fix them for free. The volunteers worked on items such as mendable clothing, lamps, small appliances, computers and other electronics, bikes, toys, and jewelry. They also sharpened knives, scissors, and garden tools. Patrons only paid for needed parts.



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.

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-

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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:

- [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



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.

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.

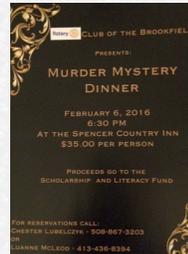
For more information, visit Nashoba Valley's [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

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

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.



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 - Guayana 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

Nashoba Valley: Power of Change - January 26, Lowell Community Health Center

[Click here](#)



Needham: Rotary Music Awards - January 30, Needham Town Hall

[Click here](#)



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Waltham: Football Frenzy - January 31, Westin Waltham Boston Hotel

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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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