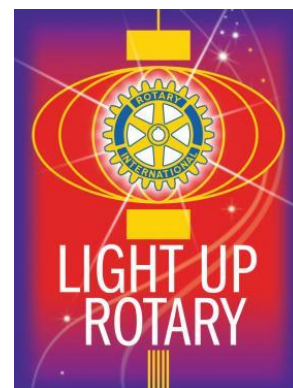


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Central Massachusetts, USA



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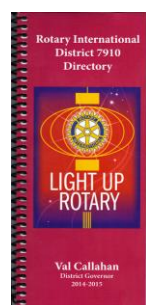
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## Governor's Message

By Val Callahan



Hear! Hear! The **Rotary International District 7910 Directory** (shown, left) is *here*! Each club has been given a set of six directories for their leadership team. If your club has not yet received their directories, kindly contact your **assistant governor**.



It's been a fast-paced week for D7910. Thanks to the outstanding organizational skills of District Governor-elect **Jim Fusco** and Assistant Governor Coordinator **Dick Andersen**, the assistant governors and presidents-elect were trained at the [New England Presidents Elect Training Seminar](#) last weekend at the Sheraton Framingham.



The seminar was a major success and an inspiration for all of us who attended. In the seminar opening on March 12, Rotary International President **K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran** (shown on left with Jim Fusco) thrilled the crowd with a compelling and poignant keynote address. ([Click here](#) for more event images by D7910 Photographer Ron Goodenow).

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For more information, or to RSVP, contact **Jordan Eldridge** at  
617-722-2692 or [Jordan.Eldridge@MAHouse.gov](mailto:Jordan.Eldridge@MAHouse.gov).



**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**

**March 26, 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](mailto:Jordan.Eldridge@MAHouse.gov)***

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On St. Patrick's Day, the Rotary clubs of **Fitchburg** and **Montachusett Area** sponsored a festive **Paul Harris Evening** at Great Wolf Lodge in Fitchburg. **Robert Antonucci**, EdD, president of Fitchburg State University, won the **Service Above Self Award**. Seven members were awarded pins and certificates as first-time **Paul Harris Fellows** or as multiple PHFs. Shown, left, are **Jim Fusco** and his wife, **Karen Fusco** of the **Rotary Club of Fitchburg**, who received their Major Donor crystal and pins.

This is a huge accomplishment for Jim and Karen, for their clubs and for D7910, as well as for the community, the nation and the world. Major Donor gifts play a pivotal role in furthering the mission of Rotary International.

At another important awards ceremony, the **Worcester** club held its **Second Annual Celebrate Community** dinner and auction on March 14. The event also featured **Service Above Self Awards** for five outstanding community leaders: **Colleen Abrams**; **Ted Coghlin**, as a posthumous recipient; Worcester County Sheriff **Lew Evangelidis**; **Kathy Holton**; and **Janice Reidy**.

Now, we are gearing up for our **District Conference** on **May 15 and 16** at the **Marlborough Holiday Inn**. Our official Rotary International representative will be **Deepa Willingham** (shown, right), a past governor of **District 5190**, and founder and chair of **PACE Universal**, whose motto is, "Teach a girl, feed a village." She is internationally known as a captivating speaker and brilliant humanitarian. We are deeply honored to have her as our RI representative.



For example, she has spoken at the White House and at the United Nations. We are doing a Global Grant with Deepa's school in Piyali Junction, West Bengal, India. Her school is educating impoverished girls in order to prevent them from being trafficked. The statistics on human trafficking are astonishing and shocking. If your club wants to contribute towards the Global Grant to help the school, please contact either **me** at [Valentine.Callahan@gmail.com](mailto:Valentine.Callahan@gmail.com) or **Ralph Hammond**, chair of the district's International Service Committee, at [Ralph.Hammond@verizon.net](mailto:Ralph.Hammond@verizon.net).

Another speaker at our conference will be **Michael Figueroa**, vice president of **WPI's Rotaract club**, who will tell us about our Global Grant project in the rural, indigenous community of Guachtuq, Guatemala, to improve water security. In addition, we will feature **Skinner's Antiques Appraisals**, **craft-beer demonstrations**, the **Group Study Exchange Team** from **District 2060** of three regions of northeast Italy (Friuli Venezia Giulia, Trentino Alto Adige, and Südtirol Veneto), and the **hospitality suite** of D7910's brand new **Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship**. Plus, much more to come.

On **April 23** at 6:30 p.m. at the [Museum of the Russian Icons](#) in Clinton, we will host **John "Mac" Leask III**, 2013-'16 endowment/major gifts advisor of [Rotary Zone 32](#). He will thank our Major Donors and Bequest Society members at a cocktail reception.

You can see that our upcoming months in D7910 are dynamic and action-packed!

You may contact me at [Valentine.Callahan@gmail.com](mailto:Valentine.Callahan@gmail.com).



[Click here](#) for more information

# We Want Your JUNK!

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# D7910 Website Gets Cleaned Up And Streamlined

By Steve Jones-D'Agostino



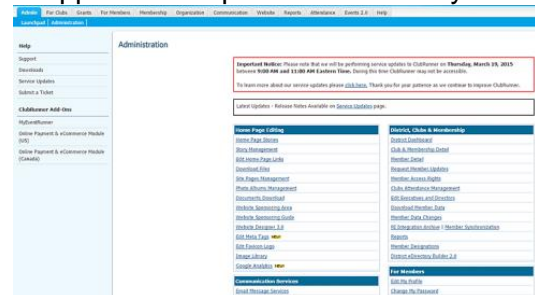
Over the last several months, it has been my pleasure to work collaboratively with 2015-'16 District Governor **Jim Fusco** of the Rotary Club of **Montachusett Area**, **Dick Andersen** of the Rotary Club of **Littleton** and **Laura Spear** of the Rotary Club of **Nashoba Valley** on a critical communication project. As D7910's **Internal Communications Team**, we have toiled for countless hours to clean up and streamline the district website, at [Rotary7910.org](http://Rotary7910.org).

We began with more than 100 pages, many of which were either empty or contained outdated information. We also found innumerable broken or missing links in need of repair. Now, there are fewer than 70 pages and – virtually cross our fingers – all of the links work and go to pages containing up-to-date content.

For now, D7910's website is primarily meant for internal use by Rotarians in our district, as an information- and data-base. As a result, the website is not yet designed or intended for use by the general public. The best bet, when you want to help non-Rotarians learn more about Rotary, is to steer them to the Rotary International site at [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org).

The website is located on a proprietary content management system that's designed, built and supported by [ClubRunner](http://ClubRunner.com) (shown, right), which maintains and supports CMS platforms for many of the clubs in our district and elsewhere. Among other things, ClubRunner's CMS platform allows D7910 to do the following:

- Post district and, when appropriate, various club events
- View club attendance plus active and inactive club members
- Define district executives and manage district committees
- Create and send e-mail blasts to district membership
- Measure and identify the "opens," "bounces" and "blocks" for each district e-mail blast



In closing, if you know of any fellow D7910 Rotarians who are not receiving e-mails from the district – such as this *Newsletter* – it may be because their e-mail server blocks our e-mail messages. They may solve such a problem in one of two ways: either get their e-mail server to "white list" the e-mail addresses of D7910 leaders such as **Val Callahan** and **Jim Fusco**, who send most of district's e-mail blasts; or make another e-mail address the primary one in their own ClubRunner profile.



In collaboration with **Val Callahan**, I also produce the biweekly [Rotary District 7910 Newsletter](http://RotaryDistrict7910Newsletter.com). If you have any questions about D7910's website and/or *Newsletter*, please contact me at [SRDagostino@icloud.com](mailto:SRDagostino@icloud.com).

*Steve Jones-D'Agostino is webmaster and editor-in-chief of District 7910 and a member of the Rotary Club of Auburn.*



[Quack here](#) for more information

*get all your ducks in a row...*



## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lucky Duck Race!**

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Municipal Parking Lot, Chelmsford Center**

*First heat starts at 11:00 A.M, Final heat at 3:00 P.M.*

Buy "Lonely Duck" (1) for \$5 or "Quack Pack" (5 Ducks) for \$20

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$250.00 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$100.00

*You don't need to be present to win! (But why miss the fun?!)*



For tickets, contact:

Enterprise Bank (Tony Kalil) 978-656-5582

OR Northern Bank & Trust Company

(Dawn Ferrari) 781-569-1551

OR Any Chelmsford Rotarian



*All proceeds benefit the local charities  
& school programs sponsored by  
the Chelmsford Rotary Club.*

*Music and lots of give aways!*

# Lucky Duck Race Nears In Chelmsford

By Al Thomas

*get all your ducks in a row...*



*The ducks are coming! The ducks are coming!*

The [Rotary Club of Chelmsford's](#) fourth annual **Lucky Duck Race** will take place on Saturday, **May 9** in the **center of town** ([see ad on page 6](#)). The first race will begin at 11:00 a.m., with the final heat at 3:00 p.m.

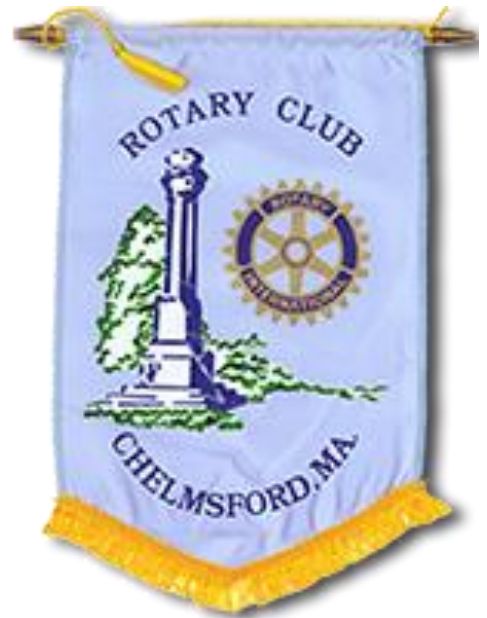
While the race is the featured event, the day will include numerous booths and activities in the parking lot behind Santander Bank.

There will be related events at other locations, including Ames Library. It will truly be a town event!

Chelmsford club members are selling "ducks." Tickets are \$5 for one "Lonely Duck" and \$20 for a "Quack Pack" of five. Tickets may be purchased by calling either **Tony Kalil** at Enterprise Bank (978-656-5582) or **Dawn Ferrari** at Northern Bank and Trust (781-569-1551), or visiting [Ducks.ChelmsfordRotary.org](http://Ducks.ChelmsfordRotary.org).

You don't have to be present to win. First prize is \$500, second prize is \$250, and third through seventh prizes are \$100 each. All proceeds will benefit the local charities and school programs sponsored by the Chelmsford club.

Our Rotary club is also providing opportunity for town groups to promote their organization and/or to have a fundraising booth in the parking lot. There is no charge for that opportunity. We are also hoping that nearby businesses will join in, by having sidewalk sales and/or specials inside their establishments.



*Al Thomas, chair of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Committee for the Rotary Club of Chelmsford, may be contacted at [WAllenThomas@yahoo.com](mailto:WAllenThomas@yahoo.com).*

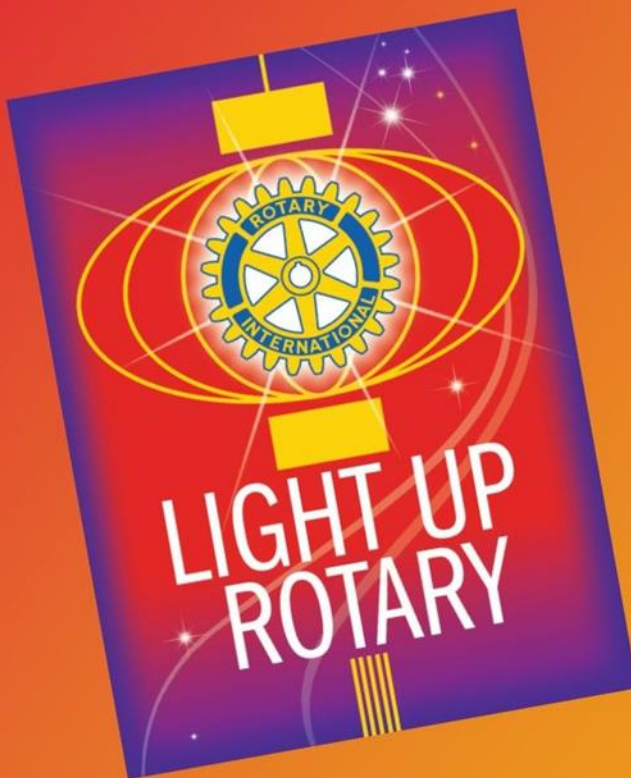


**SAVE the DATES...**

**May 15-16, 2015**

**Rotary District 7910**

***"Celebrates Community!"***



**GREAT PROGRAMs!!!**

- Paul Harris Gala Dinner & Awards Friday night May 15  
*"Black Tie Optional"*
- Hospitality *Friday & Saturday Nights*
- GSE Team from Italy
- Rotaract/Interact/Earlyact
- Antiques Appraisals
- Craft Beers Demonstration
- Club Awards Dinner
- Memorial Service
- Annual Business Meeting
- Ralph Hammond Cycling for RI Foundation
- *And More to Come!*

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## Updated District 7910 Interact Report

By Ron Bott

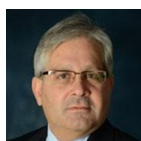


As the new chair of District 7910's **Interact Committee**, I present an **Updated District 7910 Interact Report** of active and forming clubs, based on a recent request for information. [Click here](#) to view the report. Please reach out directly to your counterparts in other clubs, to connect and share best practices.

Please note in the "status" column that some clubs are not officially recognized by Rotary International. If your club is not listed in the RI database, please contact me for further instructions, to correct this. There is also a "club type" column for school or community-based clubs. Please check this column for accuracy, as I have had to make some assumptions.

[Click here](#) to view, save, complete and submit the **2014-2015 Presidential Citation application form** for Interact clubs. **Tuesday, March 31** is the deadline to submit your form to District Governor **Val Callahan**, at [Valentine.Callahan@gmail.com](mailto:Valentine.Callahan@gmail.com). This is a great opportunity for your Interact clubs to be recognized for their achievements by RI.

*A longer version of this article appeared originally in the [March 7 issue](#).*



*Ron Bott, chair of District 7910's Interact Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, may be contacted at [Ron@BottGroup.com](mailto:Ron@BottGroup.com).*

## GoFundMe Page Created For Mary And Rich Garcia

By Nanci Bishop



**Julia Garcia**, daughter of **Mary and Rich Garcia** of the **Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley**, has asked that I pass on some good news. For those that may not know, Mary and Rich had a horrible house fire last week. They are doing well and are in good spirits as they put Humpty Dumpty back together again.

It has been determined that the house can be saved and rebuilt, but the interior will need to be gutted and brought down to the studs. They have also recovered their three kitties, who will be staying with Julia for the duration. All of their possessions will most likely have to be replaced. Very little wasn't affected by fire, water or smoke.

The insurance people will determine in the next few days whether any sentimental valuables may be able to be refinished and/or restored. Let's keep our fingers crossed. For the immediate time, they have moved from Julia's to a hotel nearby. In the next week, they will transition to more long-term temporary housing. A **GoFundMe page** has been created at <http://GoFundMe.com/osq6y8> in case any of you would like to help these two most generous people we are blessed to know.

Julia has relayed that the biggest help would be to keep the loving calls and messages coming! Both Mary and Rich have recovered their iPhones and iPads, so they are reachable!

I'm sure you'll all agree with me when I say these are two of the most remarkable people we are honored to have in our district. I hope all of you take a moment to pass on good wishes, And, if you are so inclined, please pledge at the Gofundme site.



*Nanci Bishop, a member of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, may be contacted at [NanBish@yahoo.com](mailto:NanBish@yahoo.com).*

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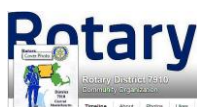


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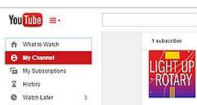
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