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You may submit event information per the [District 7910 Promotional Guidelines](#). If your club does not use ClubRunner, please send your event information to [Rotary District 7910 Newsletter](#). And make sure to add jim.fusco2@gmail.com to your club's distribution list.



2016 District Conference

Save The Dates!

May 20, 21 and 22, 2016

Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, Plymouth

Check out the fun, exciting video that Assistant Governor Richard Simon has produced to promote our 2016 District Conference. To view it, [click here](#).

Club Visits



Visits By
District Governor
Jim Fusco

All my visits have now been completed. What a great experience

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Governor's Message

An Abundance Of Activities Last Week

By Jim Fusco



The Holiday Season is just around the corner and Thanksgiving is only one week from this Thursday. Many of the clubs are sponsoring Thanksgiving events and many have their Holiday parties quickly approaching. The next nine weeks will fly by and then we will be trying to remember to write "2016" instead of "2015." [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 required)

Welcome, New Rotarians!

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

- Kimberly DeGizzo, [Brookline](#)
- Kyle Farrell, [Newton](#)
- Brian Mann, [Newton](#)
- Rae Mintz, [Newton](#)
- Susan Paley, [Newton](#)
- Paul Simard, [Wellesley](#)

District & Club Rounds

Polio Purple Pinkie Day Activities In Review

By Carl M. Hapgood III



As of November 13, a number of clubs had told us about their Polio Purple Pinkie Day activities (*see below*). Thanks to you all. We would like to hear from all the clubs. Photos of the events would be greatly appreciated.

Athol-Orange: Kathy Kilhart - The club had done the Purple Pinkie coupled with



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Committee Spotlight

Membership Corner: Rotary Clubs Honor Veterans

By Tom Sturiale



Each year on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, we celebrate and honor all the veterans - those alive and those who sacrificed their lives - throughout our history. [Read more](#)

Foundation Notes: Good News, Bad News

By Ralph Hammond



First, the *good* news. Six Rotary clubs in our district submitted District Grant Projects last week. It is wonderful that so many clubs are taking advantage of Annual Fund Contributions. [Read more](#)

Speakers Bureau: How To Find And Recommend Speakers

By Steve Levitsky



Are you looking for a speaker? Have you heard a terrific speaker who might also be willing to speak to another club in the district?

If so, you may want to visit the [District Speakers Bureau](#) link on the Home Page of our website, where you will see a list of recent speaker recommendations. All the speakers have been

great experience.

If you have any special events you would like me to attend or any inductions/presentations you want 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

District Events

**Monday, November 16-
Monday, November 30**

[Interact Training](#)

Monday, November 16

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

[Nominating Committee Meeting](#)

Tuesday, November 17

5:30-9:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn, Boxborough

[Area #6 Team Meeting](#)

Wednesday, November 18

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham

[Area #7 Team Meeting](#)

Wednesday, November 18

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn, Waltham

[Area #3 Team Meeting](#) (Rescheduled from October 22)

Thursday, November 19

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Home of Nashoba Valley
Rotarian Richard Simon,
Sudbury

[Assistant Governors Meeting](#) [via Webex](#)

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24

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the Million Dollar Meal just this past May for the year 2014-'15, and the club has voted to do a similar venue in mid winter. A donation will be made at that time.

Brookfields: *Lynn Duffy O'Shea* - Our club raised and sent in \$190 by passing around a pocket change jar each week from the end of July until October 15. No pictures - just generosity. At the end of collecting the money, everyone placed their guess on the amount raised on paper and the one who came closest won a bottle of wine! That just made it a little more fun for the club.

Chelmsford: *Dawn Ferrari* - We will be donating \$500 to the Purple Pinkie Project! Also, we plan to have a "Purple Pinkie Event" in conjunction with our annual Duck Race in the spring. Perhaps we will "dip" the kids' fingers in pink and have a Rotary Purple Pinkie display!

Concord: *Sharon Spaulding* - We so enjoyed Purple Pinkie Day! We made a big deal of it - had a table with Halloween candy and balloons, literature, etc. We will be sending \$431 from our club to Polio Plus.

Southbridge: *Eileen McNamara (National Honor Society Health Tech adviser)* - So far, our progress is looking good. NHS Health Tech students made a PowerPoint presentation, which is being given to some classes to raise awareness of polio and Purple Pinkie Day. The last couple of weeks we've been having a Coin War between the lunches to raise money. As of right now, there is about \$150. After one week of a coin drive, I feel it is a good start. We'll be holding the second half of the drive this week and rewarding the highest earning lunch with a "DJ party" at the end. I'm hoping that we'll continue to be able to donate even more to the cause.



Uxbridge: *Kellie Drew* - We will be donating our happy dollars that we get for the next month. We are also going to make a club match for the same amount that we collect in happy dollars.



Westborough: *Jason Camuti* - Bette O'Reilly (shown, left) and a volunteer pose at our Purple Pinkie Day event. Thank you to Jim O., Kathy G., Janice V. and Bette and Sue A. for their participation in this important event. Lots of questions were answered, folks were educated, and very necessary money was raised. Great work!

Carl M. Good III, PhD, chair of District 7910's Polio Committee, may be reached at carlgood@yahoo.com

Veterans Day Celebrations At A Glance

Several clubs throughout our district held events to celebrate Veterans Days and honor of veterans. Here are some of them:

- **Acton-Boxborough:** "Veterans Day Breakfast 2015" - *photos and article, [click here](#)*
- **Auburn:** "Celebrate Our Auburn Veterans" - *photos, [click here](#); and video, [click here](#)*
- **Nashoba Valley:** "Veterans Day Breakfast 2015" - *photos, [click here](#)*
- **Shrewsbury** - *photos, [click here](#)*
- **Southborough:** "A Celebration of Service" - *article and photos, [click here](#)*
- **Wachusett Area:** Past District Governor Ed Hall on his World War Two experiences - *video of Ed giving the same presentation in 2013 to his Worcester club, [click here](#)*

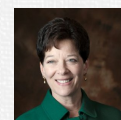


recommended by Rotarians, so they must be really good! Feel free to send information on speaker candidates to me at stevey50@aol.com so they can be posted on that web page.

Steve Levitsky chairs District 7910's Speakers Bureau.

PR Tips: Create A Club Brochure

By Laura Spear



Distribute brochures at all of your club events, fundraisers, and projects. Use them with fireside chats. Give them to friends, family, and colleagues. Make sure they communicate the sense of community, fun, fellowship and leadership, to entice others to join you!

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

Club Planning: Worksheet reminder

By Jim Fusco



Have you yet reviewed your club's progress with your Board of Director and your membership? [Read more](#)

Rotary International Spotlight

Miles To End Polio: November 21 in Tucson, Arizona

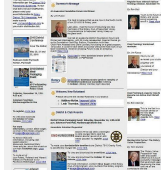


On Saturday, November 21, Rotary International General

Secretary **John Hewko** (shown, far left) and a team of staffers will join Rotary members to bike up to 104 miles in El Tour de Tucson to raise funds for polio eradication. The event is one of the top cycling events in the U.S., attracting more than 9,000 cyclists each year. John and the Rotary team aim to raise \$3.4 million, which will be tripled by the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** for a total of more than \$10 million, for the fight to end polio.

[Click here](#) to make a contribution to help Rotary create a polio-free world.

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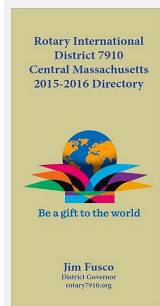
content for consideration for the Monday, November 23 issue of Rotary District 7910 Newsletter, please e-mail it Jim Fusco at jim.fusco2@gmail.com.

The submission deadline is Friday, November 20. Text must be in Word format. Images must be in either JPEG or PDF format



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If your club has photos and/or video that you'd like to share in next week's newsletter, please send the [link to them](#) to Jim Fusco at jim.fusco2@gmail.com by no later than this Friday, November 20.

District Meal-Packaging Event Packages 48,264 Meals



The 2015 District Meal Packaging Event was held last Saturday at the Solomon Pond Mall. We packaged 48,264 meals. Thank you to the 24 clubs that volunteered and/or donated to this event to make it such a success. Plans are already in the works for a repeat event in November 2016 at the Solomon Pond Mall. Shown, is Governor **Jim Fusco** (center) posing with event organizers **Carol Toomey** (left) of the Rotary Club of **Nashoba Valley** and **Steve Sager** (right) of the Rotary Club of **Framingham** during the Meal Packaging Event. Next week we will include a more comprehensive breakdown by total and by club.

To view the excellent event photos by Cheryl Rosen of the Rotary Club of Hudson and Richard Simon of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley, [click here](#).

To read the great write-up in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, [click here](#).

Fun and Philanthropy High Stepping in Brookline

By Susan Rack

On November 7, eight Brookline notables danced their toes off for local charities. In a fun-filled event, the **Rotary Club of Brookline** hosted the third "Dancing with the Brookline Stars." Each Brookline Star was given 10 dance lessons at the **Fred Astaire Dance Studio** in Dedham while their support team was raising thousands of dollars for their designated charity. About 450 friends and supporters then watched the performances while enjoying the catering of **Vine Ripe Grill**, owned by first year's "Dancing with the Brookline Stars" winner, **Lisa Wiesel**. More than \$260,000 was raised for the designated charities.



The winner this year for **Best Fundraiser** was local police officer, **Phil Harrington** and his team from **Kids Clothes Club**. The **Judges Choice Award for Dance Performance** went to **Dawn Oates** and her partner, **Bob Burres**, who performed an emotion-charged "pas de deux" between a dancer on feet and a dancer seated in a wheelchair.

Susan Rack, president of the Rotary Club of Brookline, may be reached at streamers@comcast.net.

D7910 And D7890 ESSEX Students Hold Rotary Youth Exchange

By Marcia Davis



Thanksgiving dinner on Saturday,

Our district is currently hosting three students, one of whom is from France. Last Friday, when the tragedy happened in Paris, the students, in solidarity, made signs and posed for this photo. Shown in the front row, left to right, are: **Ana**, from **Chile**; **Bruna**, from **Brazil**; **Garance**, from **France**; **Anna**, from **Spain**; and **Rodrigo**, from **Bolivia**. Shown in the back row, left to right, are: **Leo**, from **Taiwan**; and **Martin**, from **Brazil**.

Marcia Davis, chair of District 7910's ESSEX Committee, may be reached at largetutor@verizon.net.

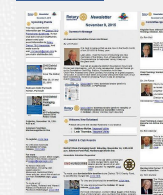


Major Club Happenings: November & December



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Marlborough: Turkey Shoot - November 21, Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School

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Fitchburg & Leominster: Breakfast For The Bands - November 22, Leominster High School

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Clinton: Pancake Breakfast and Super Raffle - December 6, Clinton Elementary School

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Send flyers of your **club's major events**, in either **JPEG** or **PDF** format, to **Jim Fusco** at jim.fusco2@gmail.com.