

Newsletter
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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

By Val Callahan

Rotary founder **Paul Harris** began with only three colleagues in 1905. They rotated offices, hence the name "Rotary." Their first outreach was to build clean "comfort stations" for Chicago. One could never have imagined 109 years ago that Rotary would become the largest service organization in the entire world – with 1.2 million members in 200 countries and territories, and with more than 33,000 clubs worldwide.



Rotary International's current leader, **CK Huang**, from Taiwan has established the theme for this year as "Light Up Rotary." It is based on the saying by Confucius, "It is better to light one candle than to sit and curse the darkness."

Today, Rotary focuses on six areas of service: peace and conflict resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water sanitation and hygiene; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and, economic and community development.

One hundred and nine years after Paul Harris founded this organization, we are still building clean bathrooms. While that may not be very glamorous, it is quite needed. Research indicates that diseases migrate through contaminated water. That falls within the focus on disease prevention and treatment.

Our signature focus and worldwide project is to eradicate polio. No other service organization has ever embarked on such an audacious goal. If you think that attaining our goal will be easy, inexpensive, or safe, think again. We've worked on this for more than 25 years. We may reach this goal by 2018. And no, this goal is not easy, or inexpensive. Sometimes, it's not even safe. From day one, eradication of this disease has been challenging and costly.

Tragically, some of the workers who were dispensing IPV – inactivated polio vaccine – were murdered in Pakistan and Nigeria. It's a credit to every Rotarian in the world that we do not give up this fight to end polio. We are going to continue to raise the millions of dollars that it will take to eliminate polio myelitis from the face of the Earth. We are going to continue to send volunteers to remote areas of the world, to inoculate children and give them a little pinky, which proves they've been vaccinated.

In addition to District 7910's continuing polio-eradication efforts, we are going to have four global and

26 district projects this year. One of our global projects involves working with a school in Haiti. Another one involves working with a girls' school in Calcutta, India. So far, we've attained an average donation of \$121 per D7910 member to The Rotary Foundation. During this year, we hope to surpass that, and reach at least \$125 per member in order to fund all of the projects we have in queue. As a result, we're looking for an average of \$4 more per member to achieve our annual goal. Many of us, including me, spend more on tolls in any given week. Please know that every bit of your contribution goes a long way.

At the local level, we have some outstanding and inspiring guest speakers. Our Foundation Committee chair is **Roy Balfour** (shown, right), of the Rotary Club of Shrewsbury. That committee is the engine driving the critical work we do, and Roy helps to fuel that engine.

Ralph Hammond (shown, left), of the Bedford club, is our Foundation Grants Committee chair. He is an enthusiastic speaker who brings great passion and dedication to D7910. (See his article, "2014-'15 Grant Status Report," on page 9).



This year, our Membership Committee chair is Dr. **Satya Mitra**, immediate past president of the Worcester club. (He's shown, right, posing with **Deepa Willingham**, past governor of D5240). I have worked alongside Satya, whose energy is infectious. Before he set to work heading membership, the Worcester club was a 49-person group. Once he set his sights on the goal, he enrolled 83 new members over the course of just one year. Worcester is now 132-people strong. That means he is responsible for having recruited 63 percent of the entire Rotary Club of Worcester. Talk about lighting candles! I hope he serves as inspiration for each one of you to consider how much you can contribute to your own club. Please consider inviting Satya a keynote speaker – he's phenomenal!



Last year, our district had 1,518 members with a net gain of 43. This year, we have 1,604 members with a net gain of 86. These steady gains prove that our public-image work and our membership efforts are paying off.

We have so many goals. We're working with teams to improve the district's website and develop its public image. We'll be working with **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**, and we'll be working to make weaker clubs stronger. We're going to be working with **Stop Hunger Now**. We'll work with **Gift of Life New England**, which helps children from under-developed countries to get life-saving cardiac care. We'll be working with **Days for Girls**, so that girls in underdeveloped countries can go to school every day of the month. And, we'll be working with **Group Study Exchange (GSE)**, from Venice, Italy.

Let's work together to continue to light candles, instead of cursing the darkness. Together, all of us can light up Rotary.

Foundation Forum Shows Power of Rotary

Thank you to the more than 90 Rotarians throughout District 7910 who attended our **2014 Foundation Forum** on November 5 at the Beechwood Hotel in Worcester. The power of Rotary truly shines when clubs work together on a common cause. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is the financial engine to help you succeed.



During this year's Foundation Forum, panelists from across the district shared how they used TRF for their projects. Attendees also got to share their own projects and experiences, and learn how they can support and tap into TRF for greater success.

Thank you one and all for making this year's Foundation Forum a huge success!

[Click here](#) or on image for photos of the Foundation Forum, taken by **Skip Doyle** of the Rotary Club of Northborough.

Pat Doyle to be Officially Announced as '15-'16 DG on December 7

Pat Doyle (shown, right, with her husband, **Skip Doyle**) will be officially announced as **2015-'16 District Governor** during the [District Holiday Party](#) on Sunday, December 7 at Tower Hill Botanic Garden in Boylston. She is a graduate of both Albertus Magnus College in New Haven and Clark University in Worcester. She taught for more than 30 years, and retired as social-studies curriculum coordinator at Marlborough High School. Skip attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, and is the retired owner of Francis Doyle Photography.



About 18 years ago, while teaching at Marlborough High, Pat, a non-Rotarian at the time, was approached by members of the Rotary Club of Marlborough to become the advisor for an Interact Club they were planning to start. They asked her to join the District RYLA program. Knowing Skip was a Rotarian, they were sure these were safe moves.

Pat continued in these positions until her retirement from teaching some six years later. Then, she joined Skip as a member of the Rotary Club of Northborough, and that same year was asked by the then-district governor to head the District's Eastern States Student Exchange (ESSEX) program.

Pat and Skip became a Rotary team at that time. On the club level, they have served as president (Skip, for three terms), foundation chair, youth chair, and bulletin editor. Both are multiple Paul Harris Fellows. On the district level, they have served as district trustees, assistant governors (Skip, for seven years and Pat, for four years). They continue as chairs of RYLA and ESSEX as well as being involved with the Bandy Hefler program and GSE.

Pat and Skip have been married for 51 years. They have a son, Ted Doyle (who lives with his wife, Rose Doyle, in Davenport, Florida) a son, Andrew Doyle (who lives in Shrewsbury), a daughter Gina Cranford (who lives and her husband, Scott Cranford, in Berlin), and two grandsons, Joshua and Will.

Wellesley Club Seeks Temporary Housing for Student from Albania

The **Rotary Club of Wellesley** has received a request to house in the area a **foreign student from Albania**, who is waiting for her work visa to get approved. For now, she is living with a family in

Longmeadow and tutoring their children in mathematics. She would like to live closer to the Boston area and is looking to live *temporarily* with a family. She graduated with a math degree from Amherst College and has a master's in education from University of Pennsylvania. She is an international math Olympian and, as a very good instructor, is willing to tutor children in math and other subjects.

If you or know of someone who is interested, please contact **Tory DeFazio**, of the Wellesley club, for the student's resume, at Tory@WindsorPressOnline.com.

Correction

In the October newsletter, we misidentified Past District Governor and Worcester Rotarian **Ed Hall** (shown, left) in a photo of him posing with fellow Worcester Rotarians **Roger Frost** (shown, right) and **Val Callahan** (shown, center) during a recent luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Worcester.



Happy Thanksgiving to you and your entire family!

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

Coming This January: New, Simple Rotary Invoice

By John Hewko



As you may have heard, clubs will receive a new, simple invoice from Rotary this January. The balance owed will reflect the membership data in Rotary's database on January 1, and clubs will no longer be able to adjust the balance after receiving the invoice. That's why it's crucial that your club officers report membership changes as they occur, so that they are billed correctly.

Get Your Clubs Ready

Make sure all club officers have [Rotary.org accounts](https://www.rotary.org). If they don't, help them create accounts. This may involve reaching out to clubs that don't have their officers reported, helping them set up an e-mail account, and guiding them with registration for My Rotary. Let clubs know they can also contact their regional offices for support.

Show the club officers where and how to [update their member lists](#), pay club invoices, and add officers online.

- [How to add a member](#)
- [How to edit member information](#)
- [How to remove a member](#)
- [How to pay your invoice](#)
- [How to view your invoice](#)
- [How to add an officer](#)

If clubs report membership changes using a local database or software provider, have them make sure it is an [integrated vendor](#). In addition, verify their information is submitted to Rotary through the software provider.

Make sure each club has designated someone to update membership lists every 30 days or as changes occur. The club secretary is officially responsible for this. Send club officers links to their updated manuals, which include an [insert](#) about the club-invoice changes.

- [Club President's Manual](#)
- [Club Secretary's Manual](#)
- [Club Treasurer's Manual](#)

Direct club officers to www.Rotary.org/clubinvoice for more information.

Encourage club officers to save a tree and opt to receive [paperless](#) invoices.

Offline Options

We recognize that not all Rotarians are able to report membership changes online. They can also complete the [Member Data Form](#), and do one of the following:

- E-mail it to Data@Rotary.org
- Fax it to 1-847-556-2207
- Mail it to their local Rotary office or fiscal agent

Rotary staff members worldwide are working hard to develop tools that make being a Rotarian easier. We hope you find this new process beneficial and efficient.

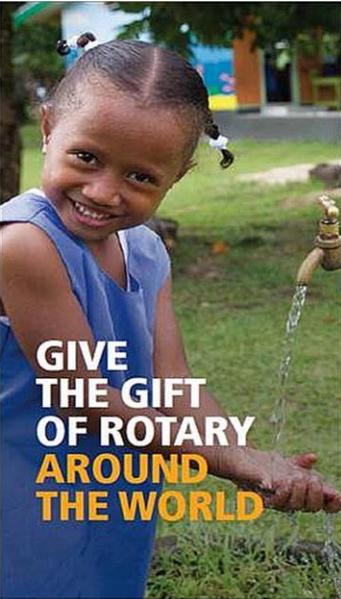
Thanks for your help in getting your district's clubs ready for the new club invoice.



John Hewko, general secretary of Rotary International, may be reached at www.Rotary.org/myrotary/en/contact.

Give The Gift Of Rotary

[Click here](#) to give now, online.



Every year, hundreds of thousands of people benefit from projects funded by The Rotary Foundation.

Although Rotary gives back in countless ways, we focus our service efforts in six areas: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local communities.

A gift of any size allows us to create positive, lasting change.

* Your gift will support projects like those shown here, though not directly purchasing the items listed.

I want to change lives through Rotary

The gifts in this catalog show how even a small donation to Rotary can lead to life-changing projects in our six areas of focus. A monthly gift of any amount allows Rotary to do more for those in need.

Give online now at: www.rotary.org/givethegift

Gift amount:
 \$10 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100
 \$250 \$500 Make this a monthly gift
 Other \$ _____

Please direct my gift to address each:
 Where the need is greatest (eligible for \$14,000)
 Endicating Polio
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 Fighting disease
 Providing clean water
 Saving mothers and children
 Supporting education
 Growing local economies

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\$10 MOSQUITO BED NET
 In countries like Uganda, where malaria is a major health concern, bed nets offer a safe, peaceful night's rest.



\$50 WATER FILTER
 In rural Guatemala, deadly waterborne diseases are common. Personal water filters can create access to this basic need.



\$100 FOLDING WALKER
 Walkers and wheelchairs offer long-term health improvement, access to education, and improved economic security.



\$250 CERAMIC WASHBASIN
 Ceramic washbasins give mothers living in domestic violence shelters the means to bathe and care for their babies and families.



\$25 SCHOOL UNIFORM
 For students everywhere, succeeding in school starts with dressing the part. The gift of a school uniform can open the doors to education for one child.



\$85 BOX OF PURPLE MARKERS
 After children receive the polio vaccine, their pinky fingers are marked. This is an effective way to show they have been immunized.



\$100 SEWING MACHINE
 Within Rotary microfinance training, sewing machines are used to show entrepreneurs how to turn sewing skills into a business.



\$500 COW
 Besides providing dairy products, cows produce calves that farmers in Cambodia can sell to support their families.





TAKE ACTION:
www.rotary.org/givethegift

Visioning Overview

By Skip Doyle



A club visioning session provides a vision for the future and the beginnings of a written plan that promotes consensus, consistency, and continuity. This statement of goals and initiatives provides a road map that's easy for leaders and club members to understand. It serves as a foundational piece for any club that wants to grow and become more effective.

Club visioning defines and celebrates the unique culture of each club through a four-hour facilitated delivery of eight sequenced exercises supporting the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." Visioning allows the club members to dream about what their club could become. From this dream comes a new sense of identity and a renewed commitment to make a club better than it is today.

How does your club interpret "Service Above Self"? Without a conscious awareness of that unique interpretation, clubs have a tendency to lose focus. To a club that has not defined who they are, what they stand for and what they intend to do, anything and everything is an opportunity. All it takes is the strongest personality, the one who will give the most time, or the one who is the most influential for the club, to run the risk of following personal agendas, short-term gratifications and individual legacies. The premise here is that clubs are made up of many talented personalities, all of whom are supporting one cause: "Service Above Self." How can we get back to a team that is all pulling in the same direction - without waiting for crises management to occur, to get the team to start pulling?

The simple act of writing down long-term goals (strategic initiatives) in a group setting builds camaraderie and fosters agreement on a vision. The challenge to the visioning process is how to gather so many ideas (the dreams) and opportunities for the future from a group of 15 to 30 people, and condense them to the most important goals determined by that club (consensus), all within a very limited time frame. This is where an outside, neutral team of trained Rotary facilitators can make the difference. Self-facilitating any process brings limited success as all facilitators are too close to the process. A neutral team of Rotarians understands both the big picture of how Rotary works in the world today as well as how a facilitator should remain neutral. This skill set is the best service we can offer to the visioning process.

The opportunity to serve our clubs with vision facilitation and Rotary "clarity" through modest training within our club visioning process has created a "fellowship" of Rotarians delivering planning and club assistance within each district. Together, we focus on building strong clubs.

Click on each link, below, to download that document in Word format:

- [Request For Club Vision Facilitation Services](#)
- [Visioning Coordinator Guide](#)
- [Testimonial for Visioning by John Sbrogna, 2014-'15 President of the Rotary Club of Montachusett Area](#)
- [Testimonial for Visioning by Mary Heafy, 2014-'15 President of the Rotary Club of Fitchburg](#)



Skip Doyle, immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Northborough, may be reached at PDoyle2@Verizon.net.

Principles Rotarians Seek To Profess

By David Frazier

As Rotarians, it is taboo to solicit other club members for business or personal reasons. Meetings could easily turn into a free-for-all if solicitation were fostered. This doesn't mean that we can't do business with club members. Business among Rotarians is quite common. People do business with people they know and trust. A Rotarian can ask another for another Rotarian's product or service, but we can't ask for business. The lines on this can be confusing.

The following is an excerpt from the Rotary International website that covers some of the principles Rotarians seek to profess. The update for new members and tenured members alike can never be offered too frequently.

Philosophy



The vision of Rotary founder **Paul Harris** (shown, right) was of a club that would kindle friendship among members of the Chicago business community. He wanted to find in the large city the sort of friendly spirit and helpfulness that he had known in the small towns where he had grown up - the spirit to reach out in service to others less fortunate. Through the subsequent spread of the Rotary movement, the spirit of friendship and service evolved quite naturally into a focus on helping to build goodwill and peace in the world.

It was also Harris's thought that the first club should represent a cross-section of the business and professional life of the community. From this idea, developed Rotary's Classification Principle Admission to Rotary club membership is by invitation, and accepting the invitation represents a personal commitment of the Rotarian to exemplify high ethical standards in one's own vocation or occupation.

The mission of Rotary International, the entity representing the global association of all Rotary clubs, is to assist Rotarians and Rotary clubs to accomplish the Object of Rotary. Rotary International emphasizes service activities by individuals and groups that enhance the quality of life and human dignity, encourage high ethical standards and create greater understanding among all people to advance the search for peace in the world.

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary can be considered the foundation stone on which the Rotary house is built. This brief statement, 106 words in its current form, is a key element of the Rotary International Constitution.

It states the essential purpose of the organization - "to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise" - and lists four areas by which this "ideal of service" can be fostered. They are: development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service; promotion of high ethical standards in business and professions; service in one's personal, business and community life; and advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

The Four-Way Test

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the Rotary Four-Way Test. It was created by Rotarian **Herbert J. Taylor** (shown, on next page) in 1932, when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy.

Taylor looked for a way to save the struggling company, which was mired in depression-caused financial difficulties. He drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all employees to follow in their business and professional lives. The Four-Way Test became the guide for sales, production, advertising and all

relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy.

Taylor became president of Rotary International in 1954-'55. The Four-Way Test, adopted by Rotary in 1943, has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways.

Here is the Four-Way Test.

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



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D7910 Starts Local Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship

By Carl Gomes and Steven Jones-D'Agostino



District 7910 has started a local chapter of the Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship. The purpose is provide D7910 Rotary members opportunities for fellowship and to learn about and enjoy the wonderful, diverse world of wine. Most of all, we intend on having many interesting, fun-filled local events.

Benefits:

- Invitations to all District 7910 Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship events
- Monthly RWAF newsletter

Cost:

Here are the Membership choices and costs:

- Lifetime Membership includes spouse/significant other, 1 corkscrew, 1 Lifetime Member corkscrew pin: \$100
- Extra Lifetime Member corkscrew pin: \$10
- Annual Membership: \$25

Membership incentives:

The first 10 Lifetime Members, only, will have their membership fee matched and a \$200 donation will be made in their names to [The Rotary Foundation](#) for Rotary's [PolioPlus](#) program.

How to join:

- Complete the online Rotary Wine Membership application form at www.RotaryWine.net, and pay online with either PayPal or a credit card. (PayPal fees are included in the Rotary Wine Membership fee.)
- Mail your completed application form and payment by check to: 2405 Summit View Dr., Bedford, Texas 76021.

Committees:

We will need a team of volunteers to help establish our D7910 chapter of the Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship. Please select the committee(s), below, you would be willing to serve on, and e-mail your selection to **Carl Gomes** of the Rotary Club of Worcester at CarlCGomes56@icloud.com.

- Administrative
- Event Planning
- Fundraising
- Publicity

For more information:

Visit www.RotaryWine.net, or contact:

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2014-'15 Grant Status Report

By Ralph Hammond

Club	Project Name	District Grant	Total Project Cost
101	Acton Community Supper/Food Pantry, and Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry.	10,000.00	20,000.00
102	Develop support for local food pantries in our district.	10,000.00	20,000.00
103	Lowell Addiction Recovery Program.	10,000.00	20,000.00
104	RFK Ropes Challenge Course.	10,000.00	20,000.00

Your contribution to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation is part of what makes possible both the grant program and the ability to multiply your contribution to a project by either 2.0 or 3.5. Clubs need the help of other clubs. Since 1997, District 7910 has processed more than 600 projects, bringing in more than \$6 million to project sites in the U.S. and 58 other countries.

[Click here](#) or on image to download the full 2014-'15 Grant Status Report as of November 25, in PDF format.

Here is the status of District Grants, shown in alphabetical order by project name. Partner-clubs help is wanted. For every \$1.00 contributed, \$2.00 will go to the local project.

- **Project:** Acton Community Supper/Food Pantry, and Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. **Clubs:** Acton-Boxborough, and Littleton. **Contact:** Joe Badenhoff, JBadenhoff@hotmail.com.
- **Project:** Develop support for local food pantries in our district. **Clubs:** Acton-Boxborough, Bedford, Fitchburg, Littleton, Sturbridge, and Wachusett. Other clubs are welcomed. Projects like this make us all proud. **Contact:** Corinne Braciska, CCBraciska@gmail.com.
- **Project:** Lowell Addiction Recovery Program. **Club:** Tyngsboro-Dunstable. **Contact:** Bill Garr, BGarr@LowellHouseInc.org.
- **Project:** RFK Ropes Challenge Course. **Club:** Nashoba Valley. **Contact:** Richard Simon, RLSimon@comcast.net.

Here is the status of Global Grants, shown in alphabetical order by project name. Partner-clubs help is wanted. For every \$1.00 contributed, \$3.50 will go to the project site.

- **Project:** Middle-school peer-leadership and wellness project in Puerto Rico. **Club:** Wellesley. **Contact:** Bob Anthony, BobAnthony@AdolescentWellness.org. **Goal:** \$10,000. **Needed:** \$3,500.
- **Project:** Mobile blood-collection facility for a hospital in Pune, India. **Clubs:** Wachusett, with Fitchburg, Framingham, Shrewsbury, and Uxbridge. **Contact:** Sandy Mahoney, SandraBMahoney@gmail.com. **Goal:** \$5,800. **Needed:** \$0.
- **Project:** School and community well in Leogane, Haiti. **Club:** Worcester. **Contact:** Carl Gomes, CarlCGomes56@icloud.com. **Goal:** \$10,000. **Needed:** \$10,000.
- **Project:** Schools for girls in Afghanistan. **Club:** Fitchburg. **Contact:** Karen Fusco, Karen.Fusco@verizon.net. **Goal:** \$10,000. **Needed:** \$10,000.
- **Project:** WPI Chapter of Engineers Without Borders USA's water-harvesting project in Guatemala. **Clubs:** Nashoba Valley, with WPI Rotaract, Acton-Boxboro, Bedford, Littleton, and Shrewsbury. **Contact:** Richard Simon, RLSimon@comcast.net. **Goal:** \$10,000. **Needed:** \$4,000.

The more partnering, the better. Please keep us all posted as we watch the partnerships grow.



Ralph Hammond, chair of the District Grant Subcommittee and executive secretary of the Rotary Club of Bedford, may be reached at Ralph.Hammond@verizon.net or 781-275-2373.

D7910 Delegation Attends Rotary Day At The UN

By Ed Babinsky and Laura Spear, with photos by Richard Simon



[Click here](#) or on image, to view photos of the D7910 delegation on Rotary Day at the UN. Shown, left to right, are: **Karen Fusco, Satya Mitra, Richard Simon, Indira Desai, Bob Johnson, Rich Garcia, Jackie Wilson** (Natascha Finnerty's sister), **Carol Toomey, Fatima Serra, Natascha Finnerty, Jim Stone, Chris Spear, Mary Garcia, Laura Spear, Teresa Iapalucci, Rich Dietz, and Jim Fusco.**

More than 20 Rotarians and a sizable number of Interact students from District 7910 attended Rotary Day on November 1 at the United Nations. They had the chance to meet folks from all over America and the world who are working to better our world.

The meeting rooms were amazingly comfortable, and the break-out sessions were very informative. It was heartening to hear that work continues in Haiti in order to help small businesses grow and rebuild the Haitian economy. But it was also daunting to hear that 65 million people are in slavery around the world (more than at any other time, including the days of the Slave Trade in the 1800s). And, that by 2050, one out of two people will be without fresh water.

What was truly wonderful was the camaraderie of folks working on major problems around the world.

Ed Babinsky is a member of the Rotary Club of

Save The Date: New Generation Meeting On December 12

SAVE THE DATE
New Generation Meeting
Friday, December 12, 2014 at 6:30pm
Dinner and Hospitality Suites
Saturday, December 13, 2014 9am to 4pm
at The Boxborough Holiday Inn, Exit 28, Rte 495, Boxborough, MA
Cost is \$35 which includes a box lunch.
Special Hotel Rate Friday night: \$99 per room

Celebrate the "Future of Rotary" as we share best practices, past successes, and creative ideas for the future.

Breakout sessions and facilitated sessions for:

All Rotarians interested are invited.

For more information, contact Carol Toomey at:
carolrotary@gmail.com

Ideas for Agenda are welcome. Please email carolrotary@gmail.com with any suggestions or ideas.

If you are interested in the planning of this meeting contact Carol

Photos by Rob Goodnow

[Click here](#) or on image to view and/or download the full-sized version of the flyer (shown, left), in PDF format.

[Click here](#) to view and/or download the agenda, in Word format.

[Click here](#) to register.

For more information, contact **Carol Toomey** at CarolRotary@gmail.com.

Rotary Framingham Holding 'Click & Bid 2014 Online Auction'

The **online bidding**, which opened on November 18, will end on December 11 at 10 p.m. Bid online www.BiddingForGood.com/framinghamrotary for hundreds of items, including sporting-event tickets, jewelry, restaurant and retail store gift cards, home goods, and much, much more!

Watch live on Access Framingham TV (Verizon, Channel 4; Comcast, Channel 9; and RCN, Channel 3) on Dec. 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds will go to benefit the Rotary Club of Framingham's community-service efforts. For **more information**, visit www.FraminghamRotary.org.

[Click here](#) or on image to **view and/or download** the flyer (shown, right), in PDF format.

FRAMINGHAM ROTARY

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2014 Online AUCTION

@ www.biddingforgood.com/framinghamrotary



All proceeds benefit Framingham Rotary's community service efforts. For more info, www.framinghamrotary.org or visit us on Facebook @ Framingham Rotary.

D7910 Clubs Celebrate Our Vets

Rotary Groton-Pepperell Visits Veteran's Home at Devens on Veterans Day

Shown, left to right, are: an unidentified Veterans Home caretaker; **Derek Ten Broeck**; **Neptali Rondina**; **Bob France**; **Cindy Thomas**; an unidentified veteran from the home; and, in the tuxedo, **James Reedy**.

Mr. Reedy represented the 14th Masonic District of Massachusetts, from which he dropped off donated items



Rotary Nashoba Valley Helps Serve Veterans Day Breakfast



The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley and the Stow Council on Aging co-sponsored a hearty breakfast for about 140 people, including more than 100 veterans, on Veterans Day. [Click here](#) or on image for photos of the event.

The keynote speaker, **Mrs. Reidy**, is a 103-year-old veteran who spoke about her career in the WAACs from 1942 through 1946. She also remembers the original Armistice Day: November 11, 1918! She's shown posing with District Governor **Val Callahan**.

Rotary Acton-Boxborough Holds Veterans Day Reception

The Rotary Club of Acton-Boxborough and National Honor Society students from Acton-Boxborough Regional High School ABRHS served breakfast for 300 veterans in Acton and Boxborough. [Click here](#) or on image for photos of the event.



Rotary Wellesley Expands Wellness Project To Puerto Rico

By Robert Anthony



*Shown, left to right, are these Rotary Interact mentors: **David Michael**; **Nathan Chiu**, president; **Teddy Sevilla**, vice president; **Harman Bharj**, director; **Joey Kinyanjui**, director; **Thomas Capozzi**, director; and **Nicole Frontero**, secretary.*

Thank you so much to District Governor **Val Callahan** for authorizing the application to expand the Rotary Club of Wellesley's Wellness Project beyond Wellesley, and with Rotarians in Puerto Rico. Even before The Rotary Foundation decides whether to accept our application, which we submitted on October 23, the Rotary Club of Wellesley has learned a great deal from working with the Rotarians in Puerto Rico.

One example is how they helped make this application vibrant and practical by wholly engaging four school communities in the planning. A simpler example is that they demonstrated the importance of sponsoring an Interact group.

As a result of sponsoring our first Interact club, we are enjoying the following: a cascade of new relationships; the meeting space offered by Wellesley High School; teens from neighboring Interact and Rotary clubs asking to participate in our project; and, our long-standing Rotaract group at Babson College reaching out to help the Interact teens succeed

The two neighboring Rotary clubs seeking to take part are Wayland and Weston as well as the Interact club they support. A Rotary member engaged with Scouting has suggested scheduling the local Interact mentors to present at their pack meeting. Another member has suggested their international Interact project be used to help the Wellness Project Interact teens in Puerto Rico succeed. To date, officers from those two local Interact clubs have met to discuss the idea!

This will be great fun going forward!



Robert Anthony, who chairs Rotary Wellesley's Community Services Committee, may be reached at BobAnthony@AdolescentWellness.org.

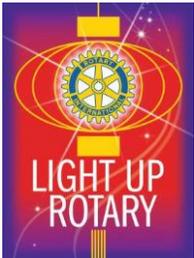
Speakers Who Have Presented At D7910 Rotary Clubs



- **Speaker:** Dan Shaughnessy
- **Subject:** Being a Sportswriter for *The Boston Globe*
- **Rotary Club Presentations:** Newton, November 2
- **Contact:** [AEI Speakers Bureau](#), 800-447-7325

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Save The Dates



- **Dec. 7:** [D7910 Holiday Party](#), 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tower Hill Botanic Garden, Boylston
- **Dec. 12 & 13:** [RYLA New Generations Meeting](#), Holiday Inn, Boxborough
- **Jan. 14:** Social Media Seminar, Doubletree Hotel, Leominster (for more information, contact **Laura Spear** at Laura@Spear.net)
- **Jan. 22:** [Rotary Forum – The Power of Change: Improving the Lives of Women](#), 7 to 8 p.m., Fenn School, Concord

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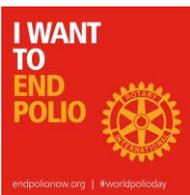
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