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## Rotary District 7910 Newsletter - October 5, 2015



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### Upcoming Events

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](mailto:jim.fusco2@gmail.com) to your club's distribution list.



Keynote Speaker: Art MacQueen  
Past District Governor, District 6970  
Daytona Beach, Florida

**Membership Forum & Dinner**  
by District 7910 Membership Committee chaired  
by [Satya Mitra](#)

Wednesday, October 14

For more information and to register, [click here](#)



**New! Inaugural Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship Dinner**

By District 7910 RWA

Wednesday, October 21

For more information, [click here](#)



**Rotary Leadership Institute**

Next Session  
in/near District

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### Governor's Message

**Rolling Out The Bandy-Hefler Welcome Mat**

By Jim Fusco



I have now visited all of our clubs. It has been an amazing three months visiting 51 clubs and seeing the great things that they do. Small or big, east or west, north or south, they all are amazing.

[Read more](#)

### District & Club Rounds

**D7910 Leaders Attend Zone 24 & 32 Institute**

Eleven District 7910 leaders attended this year's **Zone 24 & 32 Institute** on September 24 to 26 in Providence. They are: 2015-2016 Governor **Jim Fusco** of the Rotary Club of Montachusett Area and his wife, **Karen Fusco** of RC Fitchburg; 2016-'17 Co-Governors **Pat and Skip Doyle** of RC Northborough; and 2014-'15 Governor **Val Callahan** of RC Worcester; Past DG **Ralph Hammond** of RC Bedford; Assistant Governor **Satya Mitra** of RC Worcester; **Roy Balfour** of RC Shrewsbury; **Bill Domins** of RC Westborough; **Sanjay Deshpande** of RC Wachusett Area; and **Laura Spear** of RC Nashoba Valley.



Also in attendance were: **John Germ** of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, who will be president of Rotary International for 2016-'17; and Red Sox President and CEO **Larry Lucchino**, who was the keynote speaker. Skip



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### Committee Spotlight

**Membership Corner: What Is The Object Of Rotary?**

By Tom Sturiale



As we go about our hectic personal, professional and Rotary lives, we may forget the reasons we are committed to be Rotarians.

Membership Corner will review the "Object of Rotary" and its four goals during the next four weeks. Rotary does have a clear statement of our *raison d'être*.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster the following: [Read more](#)

**RLI Leads: Is The Rotary Leadership Institute Right For You?**

By Doug Detweiler



The [Rotary](#)

[Leadership Institute](#) offers a leadership-development program in three, full-day sessions (Parts I, II and III), plus Graduate courses for those who have completed all three of the previous Parts. The courses are designed to provide Rotary knowledge and to develop skills for volunteer organizations. Some examples of course sessions include: [Read](#)

**7910: Saturday, October 31, Boxborough**

RLI stands for [Rotary Leadership Institute](#), a multi-district, grassroots leadership development program of member districts organized into regional divisions in various parts of the world. RLI is not an official program of Rotary International and is not under its control. RLI seeks to have Rotary Clubs in its member districts identify those Rotarians who appear to have the potential for future club leadership (not necessarily as club presidents) and provide those so identified with a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills so important in voluntary organizations.

[Registration for October 31, Boxborough](#)



### Club Visits



Visits By  
District Governor  
Jim Fusco

For complete visitation list

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### District Events

**Monday, October 5-  
Tuesday, October 13**

[Bande-Hefler Farewell Dinner](#)

**Monday, October 12**

**6:00-9:00 p.m**

**Great Wolf Lodge, Fitchburg**

[Bande-Hefler Visitors from England Depart](#)

**Tuesday, October 13**

[District 7910 Membership Forum & Dinner](#)

**Wednesday, October 14**

**6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Holiday Inn, Boxborough**

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Doyle took all of the photos, except the ones with him in them. [Click here](#) to view the photos.

### WPI Rotaract Takes Part In Humanitarian And Social-Awareness Event

By Rita Newman



activities.

Yoga sessions open to students represented **Ivy Child International**, an edible-plant-potting session represented the **Community Harvest Project**, and Thai food sampling represented the **Worcester Refugee Assistance Project (WRAP)**. These events were mixed in with activities from other humanitarian and social-awareness clubs on campus, including **Engineers Without Borders**, **Global Humanitarian Alliance**, **Habitat for Humanity**, **Promotion of Animal Welfare Society**, and **Students Impacting Growth in Member Activities**. Due to rain, the event was shortened in length and lasted five hours.

Although WPI's students are highly involved in campus activities, volunteer organizations are always searching for more participation. The goal of this event was to make students more aware of such clubs by getting students involved and asking questions. Other activities included doghouse building, social-awareness speakers, and a barbecue. Stay posted for more event photos in the coming weeks!

*Shown, are WPI students, including members of WPI Rotaract, enjoying food from the event in support of WRAP, while talking with three refugees from Burma.*

*Rita Newman, 2015-2016 president of the Rotaract Club of WPI, may be reached at [rpnewman@wpi.edu](mailto:rpnewman@wpi.edu).*

### Newton Rotary Presents Scholarships

By Indira Desai

The [Rotary Club of Newton](#) presented scholarships to three local students at this year's **Newton Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast**, held at Boston College. The event, in its 41<sup>st</sup> year, brings together a wide audience, including elected officials, religious congregations, education, health and human-service organizations, the business community, and private citizens. Five-hundred-sixty individuals joined in to break bread and celebrate the diversity of the community.



A major part of this event is the presentation of three college scholarships, one each to a student at **Newton North High School**, **Newton South High School**, and the **Newton METCO Program**. Each recipient selected

[more](#)

### Membership Forum And Dinner: Make Every Effort To Attend

By Satya Mitra



I request you to make every effort to join the upcoming District 7910 Membership Forum and Dinner on Wednesday, October 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough. Please see the flyer for details. I urge you to register online as soon as possible. [Read more](#)

### Foundation Notes: We Need To Pay Attention To Our Foundation Revenue Stream

By Ralph Hammond



In District 7910, we continue to have more than \$1 million - \$1,024,845, to be exact

- in *action*, both at home and worldwide. Thank you for your continued Foundation support, both programmatically and financially. Word of caution, though: We are slipping behind in our annual giving to Rotary International's Annual Fund and SHARE. [Read more](#)

### Nomination Calls: Deadline for Applicants is October 15, 2015

By Carol Toomey



Please remember that nominating applications for the following District positions are due by

October 15: District Governor for 2018-'19; two Trustees for the District Funds, two Trustees for the District Charity Fund (DCF); District Treasurer; Sergeant at Arms; and District Archivist. [Read more](#)

### PR Tips: Add your activities to the Rotary District 7910 calendar.

By Laura Spear

### PR Tips: Use Facebook To Promote Your Club And Activities



Create a Facebook "Group" page if you



## Content



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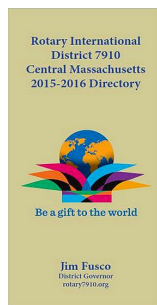
content for consideration for the Monday, October 12 issue of **Rotary District 7910 Newsletter**, please e-mail it Jim Fusco at [jim.fusco2@gmail.com](mailto:jim.fusco2@gmail.com).

The submission deadline is Friday, October 9. Text must be in Word format. Images must be in either JPEG or PDF format



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high school, and the **Newton METCS Program**. Each recipient selected has achieved a superior academic standing, demonstrated leadership and tireless energy in all that they are participants, and are strong advocates of social justice for all.

The **Newton Rotary Anthony J. Bibbo Scholarships** honor the rich legacy brought to Newton and beyond by this 45-year member of the Newton club. This marked the 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive year for the Newton club being a benefactor and organizer for this event. As club president, I joined the school superintendent, Mayor **Setti Warren**, and **Anthony "Tony" Bibbo** in the presentation of the Scholarships.

Shown posing with Tony Bibbo (far right), are award recipients **Mathena Abramson** (far left) of Smith College, **Andrew DeNucci** of MIT (second from left), and **Hyunnew Choi** (second from right) of Princeton University.

Indira Desai, president of the Rotary Club of Newton, may be reached at [newtonrotaryclub@aol.com](mailto:newtonrotaryclub@aol.com).

## Inaugural D7910 Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship Event Set For October 21

By Carl Gomes and Steve Jones-D'Agostino



Hello, fun-loving Rotarians! It is with great pleasure that we announce the formation of a new Fellowship in our district. Don't worry, be happy! It is called the **District 7910 Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship**. We are sponsoring our inaugural event on Wednesday, **October 21** from **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** with a **wine-dinner** event at [Tomasso Ristorante](#) on Route 9 in Southborough.

We will enjoy a delicious four-course meal with a total of four wine pairings. The cost is **\$65 per person**, including tax and tip. Payment must be made by **no later than Friday, October 2**. Because of space limits, this event is **limited to the first 30 registered people**.

Only online payments will be accepted. To make a payment via PayPal, [click here](#).

This will be an **open event**, including both **members and non-members** of the D7910 Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowship. We encourage you to **bring family, friends and co-workers** who may be future Rotarians.

To learn more about **Rotarian Wine Appreciation Fellowships**, [click here](#). For more information about membership in our district's Fellowship, contact **Carl Gomes** of the Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley at [carlcgomes56@icloud.com](mailto:carlcgomes56@icloud.com) or **Steve Jones-D'Agostino** of the Rotary Club of Auburn at [srdagostino@icloud.com](mailto:srdagostino@icloud.com). If you would like a **short presentation** on this Fellowship at your **club meeting**, please contact either Carl or Steve.

[Click here](#) to view, download and/or print the event flyer.

## Littleton and Acton-Boxborough Rotary Team Up To End Local Hunger

By Corinne Braciska

On November 7, the [Rotary Club of Littleton](#) and the [Rotary Club of Acton Boxborough](#) will host their **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rotary Masquerade Ball**. This event benefit two local food pantries: **Leaves &**



want to share information among members of your club. Create a "Cause or Community" page if you want to promote your club's activities to the general public.

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Laura Spear, chair of District 7910's Public Relations Committee, may be reached at [laura@spear.net](mailto:laura@spear.net).



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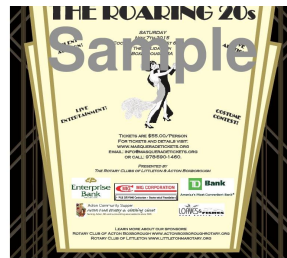
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benefit two local food pantries. **Loaves & Fishes** in Devens; and **The Acton Community Supper & Food Pantry** in Boxborough. These pantries serve 12 towns within our district, providing a source of food and personal-hygiene products to more than 100,000 members of those communities. Every year, the two food pantries combined spend more than \$500,000 on these items to help those in need. Most of the money spent is from donations given or raised by events like this.



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This year, the **Rotary Masquerade Ball Committee** extends a special invitation to each of the clubs in our district to become a sponsor, with hopes that someday we will be able to grow the number of food pantries benefiting from the annual event to end local hunger. There is a **Special Sponsor Level** just for the Rotary clubs of District 7910. Each club sponsor will receive a page in the program book to highlight their club and activities as well as get a table for 10 to the event. What better way to combine the strengths of fellowship and membership into one by participating as a **Rotary Club Sponsor**. The cost of this Special Sponsor Level is \$550 - a flat-fee cost of 10 tickets, with the advertisement piece at your disposal to promote your club and events. And by doing this, you will have 10 tickets to join the event with friends, family and possibly potential new members to show what it means to be a Rotarian.

Final call for this Rotary Club Sponsor Level will be no later than Monday, **October 19**, so we can make sure your ad is ready for print and your meals are chosen. For further information, please reach out to Club Committee chairs **Corinne Braciska** of Littleton at [cbraciska@gmail.com](mailto:cbraciska@gmail.com) or **Joseph Badenhoff** of Acton-Boxborough at [jbadenhoff@hotmail.com](mailto:jbadenhoff@hotmail.com). For **more information** on the Masquerade Ball Event, please visit [www.Masqueradetickets.org](http://www.Masqueradetickets.org).

In the true fashion of this year's Rotary theme, let's **Be A Gift** to our communities and help end local hunger!

*Corinne Braciska is president-elect of the Rotary Club of Littleton for 2016-2017.*

#### Marlborough Rotary Published 20-Page Newspaper

By Peggie Thorsen



The [Rotary Club of Marlborough](#) recently published our 12<sup>th</sup> promotional newspaper, **Marlborough Rotary Club News**, which ran in the September 19 edition of the **Main Street Journal**. In addition to the *Journal's* circulation, additional copies were distributed at local hotels, restaurants, and newsstands.

Although our club made a modest profit over costs from advertising sales, the chief reason for the newspaper section was to publicize the club's service and events to the community in which it serves, and to use for club information and membership recruitment. The stories included in the publication were:

- A list of members and honorary members
- District Conference held in Marlborough
- What is a Rotary Club?
- President's message to the community
- Listing of our club officers and directors
- Rotarians in the community

- Rotarians around the world
- Exchange program offers mutual benefit
- The Rotary experience
- Our club's biggest event of the year – Turkey Shoot
- Rotarian Profile: Dr. Nick Kofos
- For many, a Rotary Club is a family affair
- Highly regarded youth program: Rotary Youth Leadership Exchange
- "Conversations" aim to promote awareness: our club's mental-health initiative
- Financial-literacy program for high schools: Reality Fair at Marlborough High School; and Reality Check at Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School
- Seven scholarships awarded

"We are very pleased with this year's club newspaper, Club President **Michael Lashua** notes. "We had an extra 200 copies printed to use as an informational piece for prospective members as well as having it available at events like Marlborough's upcoming **Heritage Weekend**, the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce's **Business Expo**, and, of course, at club events and fundraisers."

*Peggy Thorsen, chair of the Rotary Club of Marlborough's Publicity Committee, may be reached at [mathorsen@verizon.net](mailto:mathorsen@verizon.net).*

### Retired Judge Mel Greenberg Addresses Worcester Rotary on Market Basket Case

The Honorable **Mel Greenberg**, a retired state Appeals Court judge, shared the key legal lessons to be learned from the now-famous **Market Basket employee walkout**, when he spoke to the [Rotary Club of Worcester](#) on September 24.



[Click here](#) to view video of his presentation, which was recorded by Worcester Rotarian Rich Prager.



### Major District & Club Happenings: October

D7910 Bandy Hefler Fellowship Exchange: Through October 13

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Ayer: Comedy Night - October 10

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Athol: Gourmet Dinner and Auction - October 13

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## District 7910: Membership Forum and Dinner - October 14

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## Westwood: Best Of Westwood - October 16

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## Marlborough: We Want Your Junk - October 17

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## Chelmsford Comedy Night - October 24

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## Dedham: Taste Dedham! - October 29

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## Worcester: Glow Ball Tournament - October 30

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