

The Rotarian



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



BE THE INSPIRATION

Dear District - we have so much to celebrate as a District! I have now been to 52 club meetings and am finalizing my final seven club meetings. I have also been to 25 events and am so impressed with the amazing community work being done in our district! Every club has been so impressive and I thank you for your warm welcome, honest feedback and future endeavors!!!

I have truly enjoyed my visits with your clubs meeting our members, gaining knowledge and perspective on how each of you are committed to Rotary and how we together will face the challenges of membership and the sustainability of the work we do.

I have a few updates I would like to share with you:

FOUNDATION – As a Rotarian, we have an obligation to support our endeavors to know and understand the importance of supporting the Rotary Foundation. As you may know, our Foundation allows us to “Do Good in the World”, as well we are fiscally responsible in managing our funds.

As in the past, we have strived to ensure Every Rotarian Every Year in our Rotary Club, which means every member, gives something to the Annual Fund - that means what you are comfortable giving. For every dollar we donate, we touch a life somewhere in the world including in our own community.

Please consider your donation this year!!! We look forward to growing these funds continuing to touch the lives of others!!! Thank you in the interim for your generous donations!!

501C3 FILING – Dave Mangs has taken the lead on this and to date: We have completed the filing with the State of Connecticut. The response letter was received which puts us closer to becoming a 501c3 organization!!! Next steps – Dave will request a tax ID #. Once the tax id # is in place we can begin depositing money into the account!!! This is huge for our district and we thank Dave Mangs for all of his stellar work, due diligence and persistence on making this a reality for us!!!

We will keep you abreast as to the status and the process. In the interim Dave has plans of making the first deposit significant to our Interact and Rotaract Clubs both domestically and for international service projects!!! More to come as this develops into reality!!!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE!! Sign up, come have fun – it is affordable and we will dance the night away!!!!

The poster is divided into two main vertical sections. The left section has a dark blue background and features large, stylized numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 in shades of blue and white, with small white stars scattered around them. Below the numbers, the word 'DISTRICTS' is written in white, followed by a list of district numbers: 7870, 7890, 7910, 7930, and 7950. At the bottom left is a logo with a stylized wave and the text 'BE THE INSPIRATION'. The right section has a light blue background with a large, faint yellow gear graphic. It contains the title 'District Conference 2019' in dark blue, followed by 'EAT, MEET+ PARTY' in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below this, the word 'Friday' is in red, followed by details for a luncheon and business meeting. 'Saturday' is also in red, followed by details for a youth conference and a surprise event. At the bottom, it mentions discount tickets for a water park and provides the venue information: Double Tree by Hilton, Boston Northshore, 50 Fenncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01927 (978) 777-2500.

**May
3rd & 4th, 2019**

District Conference 2019

**EAT,
MEET+
PARTY**

Friday
Paul Harris Luncheon
Registration starting at 11:30 AM
Luncheon 12:30 PM

Annual Business Meeting
2:30 - 3:30 PM

Dinner Dance - Celebrate Rotary
Fun, Food and Entertainment
5:30 PM Cocktails | 7:00 PM Dinner & Dance

Saturday
New Generation Conference
Youth-centric programming/Youth Summit
8AM – 10:30AM – Youth Programs
10:30AM – 12:30PM - Brunch

Saturday Surprise..... Boston Red Sox (more to come)

Discount tickets are available on Saturday for younger folks for the water park.

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DISTRICT OPIOID TASK FORCE:

Rotary – Partnering with Lions and Elks on Addiction Initiative

District 7890 – thank you for your patience as this committee plans it's kick off meeting to introduce our collective plan on how to address this issue!!!! Please see the committee report below:

With 130 people dying daily from drug overdoses, the addiction epidemic has become the crisis of our time. To help combat the crisis, District Governor Kate Sims has joined with Lions District Governor Harry Schuh and Elks Exalted Ruler Cindy Szabo to raise public awareness of the resources available to help.



A joint addiction task force has focused on resources in the home, the workplace and in the community. Rollout is expected this spring with a call to every Rotary club in District 7890 to get the word out. Rotarians will be joined by Lions in District 23B and Torrington Elks.

Initiatives aimed at the home include education for everyone about the dangers of unused medications. Options for disposal of unused drugs – either at police facilities or using specially designed deactivation pouches – will be presented.

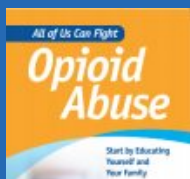
In the workplace, the task force has partnered with the law firm Pullman & Comley for employer education. The goal is to guide employers to resources who can help untangle the legal issues involved when an employee admits or is discovered to be struggling with addiction. Another initiative, Shatterproof, aims to reduce the stigma associated with addiction.

Until recently, addiction has been viewed as a moral failure rather than the disease it really is. This shift in philosophy is behind Rotary's community program called H.O.P.E. (Heroin/Opioid Prevention & Education) where police direct addicted people to treatment rather than jail if they agree to give up their drugs and drug paraphernalia.

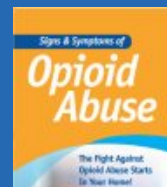
ESTEEM is another community program aimed at raising awareness in children as young as 10 about the importance of making good choices about drugs, bullying and other areas of their lives. More information will be available in the coming weeks. Rotarians should be proud to roll up our sleeves and work on controlling this epidemic. It touches us all. Now it's time to put service above self.

Please click the titles below to see two education flyers:

Rotary—All of Us Can Fight Together



Signs and Symptoms



AMPUTEE CARE IN PERU

With your help we were able to support District 7980 with their Global Grant for Sustainable Amputee care in Peru !!!

The Need: There is a prevalence of approximately 190,000 amputations in Peru mainly related to Motor vehicle accidents, gunshot wounds and land mine injuries. The development and manufacture of medical devices in Peru including prosthetic limbs is hampered by the lack of experts in the field. Local Hospital data indicates that there are 10 prosthetics in Lima and One prosthetic Lab. There is no formalized training for Prosthetics and Orthotics in Peru. The underserved and uninsured do not have access to a prosthesis in their lifetime. Providing prosthesis to these individuals would enhance function, individual family and community ability to enhance their socio economic status. Hospital Nacional Daniel Alcides Carrion (www.hndac.gob.pe) established in 1941 is multispecialty 462-bed hospital and is dedicated to public health and welfare of the underserved and uninsured. The Hospital, the rehabilitation community led by local physician leaders has asked for support for training and implementation of an independent, sustainable amputee program.

The Goal: The goal of the project is to educate, train, assist in infrastructure build and establish a collaborative interdisciplinary amputee care program at Hospital Nacional Daniel Alcides Carrion, which can serve as a model for local and national health care systems. This will lead to improvement in access and quality of care to the underserved and uninsured in Peru and enhance the socio-economic status of individuals, families and communities.

Your Help: District 7890 – your collective assistance has provided this district the opportunity to submit this grant and again do what Rotary does best – help others in need!!! I want to thank all of the clubs noted: (these are checks received to date) and those who are still donating!!!

West Hartford	Torrington	North Adams
Holyoke	Wethersfield Rocky Hill	Newington
Bloomfield	Somers	East Hartford
Plainfield	Bristol	Williamstown
Putnam	Simsbury-Granby	Pittsfield
Springfield	Plainville	Dalton
Avon Canton	Kensington-Berlin	Torrington

this only reflects checks received

You are making a difference!!! Thank You!!

PRELIMINARY DISTRICT GRANT REPORT

AVAILABLE DISTRICT DESIGNATED FUNDS (DDF)

50% of Annual Fund Share Contributions from 2015-2016	\$109,519
50% of Available Endowment Fund Share Earnings	\$3,697
Carry forward from 2017-2018	\$12,873
Total	\$126,873

CLUB	PROJECT
Dalton	Books for local school libraries
Manchester	Financial assistance for music education at a music camp
Northampton	Local hunger relief for seniors/Educational youth programming on food access
Avon-Canton	Train staff and 10 women to become manufacturing entrepreneurs includes equipment and materials in Uganda
Simsbury-Granby	Provide CPR training for 300+ Simsbury & Granby residents
Williamstown	Filing cabinets for non-profit that advises low income and elderly on Medicare, Mass Health etc.
West Hartford	Prepare room at the Children's Museum with equipment/activities for 3 -7 year olds to help disadvantaged Hartford children
Holyoke	Computer lab for Loreto House, a MA certified sober housing facility to help with recovery, employment and re-entry
Ware	Purchase WIFI capable radios for the Ware Public Schools to maintain communication in case of an emergency at the schools and when students are off campus for activities
East Hartford	Coats for 125 low income children
North Adams	Youth mentoring program including enrichment opportunities and spending quality time with YMCA youth coordinators
Stafford	Transportation for individuals undergoing treatment for substance abuse to get to these services
Rockville	Rotary Healthy Families and Babies will educate parents on 4 aspects of raising and nurturing a healthy baby. Will be partnering with local health center and the YMCA.

Farmington	Promote second graders awareness of the bees role in food, nutrition and sustainability. Promote literacy through reading materials to be distributed.
New Milford	Install 8 foot bench in Rotary park
Watertown	Provide drone with live video to the Town of Watertown Police department to promote public safety.
Newington	Public outreach & awareness of human trafficking
Ludlow	Rodeo: Bicycle safety training including providing helmets and bike inspections
Thomaston	Renovation of basketball court at Reeves park, new hoops and hardware
Wilbraham- Hampden	Fund 2 young people to attend the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America Conference and bring back all that they have learned under the mentorship of Rotarians.
Salisbury	Creating a drainage swail for a low income young children's playground. Presently, it is a mosquito breeding ground and a hazard in the winter.
East Longmeadow	20 launch pads, preloaded learning tables for children to learn motor skills, expand vocabulary, etc. for the town library . Will participate in Read with a Rotarian.
Killingly-Brooklyn	Install benches in Rotary Park along with reading book exchange stations on the river trail
Wethersfield- Rocky Hill	Supply GPS tracking devices to the Rocky Hill Police department for their two police dogs.
Putnam	Replace decking of the bandstand/performance center in Rotary Park
West Springfield	Renovation of the Rotary Pavilion built in 1963
East Windsor	Fund collections and electronic subscriptions that support adult and young people in continuing ed., career dev and college applications at the town library.
Chicopee	Activities at the town Senior Center: Fund annual senior dinner; purchase benches for the Center; purchase plantings for center's garden
Agawam	Purchase K9 dog for police department
Enfield	Install up to 16 buddy benches at the 7 schools and 4 playgrounds in town. Benches will be constructed by Enfield HS students.

GLOBAL GRANTS IN PROGRESS

Bahari-Mombasa, Kenya	Takaungu Primary School - Rotary Serving Humanity
Dhulikhel, Nepal	Equipment for the Dolakha Mother and Child Hospital
Calcutta, India (New grant)	Maternal & Child Health Care – Equipment & Workshops
West Hartford	Establishment of Hospital-based Hemodialysis clinic in Boac, Marinduque, Philippines
Callao, Peru	To develop a Sustainable Amputee care Program for the Under served and underinsured
Manchester	Water & Sanitation Facilities for Guatemalan Mayan Villages Chajalajya & Xetonox
Simsbury-Granby	Accelerated Sight for Ecuador
West Springfield	Happy School Project of Shimoga India Rotary
Cochin Midtown, India	Dil Se low cost shelters for flood affected
Manchester	Water & Sanitation Facilities for Guatemalan Village Simajulehu
District (Endowed Fund)	Tiffany Robinson Dunn GG Scholarship

DISTRICT AND GLOBAL GRANT WEBINARS

In order for Rotary Clubs to qualify for District and Global grants next year- 2019-2020, **two people** from your club must attend a Grant Management Webinar. **It would be beneficial for your club, if the people involved in a potential grant attend these webinars.**

We are streamlining the District Grant process for next year and adding additional information, therefore, these webinars are really important.

Attendees can register for *one* of three webinars: Tuesday, February 26th at 7:00 PM *or* Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 PM *or* Saturday, March 30th at 10:AM

To register for *the* webinars, **go to rotarydistrict7890.org and click on the date on the right hand side of the home page.**

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Looking for a great program for one of your meetings? Looking to learn more about The Rotary Foundation? Looking to increase your club's Foundation Giving?

Look no further. The District Foundation Committee members are willing and able to come out to your club to talk about the history of the Foundation, how it works and why it is so important for us to donate to one of the most highly rated and respected foundations in the world.



To book a Foundation program, contact Prasad Menon at menon7890@gmail.com or Eileen Rau at ebrau@comcast.net

The Rotary Foundation: Our world – not as it is, but as it could be.

WHY DO YOU SUPPORT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION?

Is it because The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary?

- ◆ Arch Klumph’s idea for an endowment fund dedicated to “doing good in the world” planted the seed of The Rotary Foundation in 1917.

Is it because TRF is one of the most highly rated and respected Foundations in the world?

- ◆ For 11 years in a row TRF has received the highest Charity Navigator rating of 4 stars. Navigator also lists it as one of the 10 Best Charities Everyone's Heard Of.
- ◆ The [Association of Fundraising Professionals](#) recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation at its 2017 conference in San Francisco.
- ◆ TRF is one of CNBC’s TOP 10 CHARITIES CHANGING THE WORLD: ***“They’re big and global, with budgets exceeding \$100 million and net assets of at least \$65 million. Yet these 10 charities manage to do exceptional work throughout the country and overseas, all while maintaining stellar financial management and transparency.”***

Is it because you are proud of all we as Rotarians and The Rotary Foundation do to make the world a better place?

- ◆ This year we have 30 District Grant projects totaling \$53,372 in District Designated Funds (DDF). Each of these projects is making a difference in our local communities. Internationally, we have committed \$62,000 in DDF to date for projects in Africa, India, Nepal, Peru and the Philippines. Where does DDF come from – from your donations to the Foundation’s Annual Fund-Share.

Have you made your annual donation to The Rotary Foundation? If not, why not?



ROTARY AMBASSADOR PAYS IT FORWARD

Roseanne Sapula is a name that many in South Windsor residents are familiar with, and her acts of kindness have impacted many.

The Rotary Club of South Windsor recognized her good works last summer when she was awarded the “Be the Inspiration” Award.

The award is given to “quiet achievers” who inspire others through their community service while keeping with the Rotary’s motto “Service Above Self.”

Sapula had no clue she’d received the honor at the annual Rotary picnic and embarked on a special journey to recognize others.

“I wanted to hand pick people I’ve worked with in the community throughout the years that haven’t seemed recognition, either. The reaction from everyone I got was kindness and everyone with love,” the longtime Monday Night Social Club volunteer said.

Sapula received a Rotary backpack filled with more than \$1,200 in gifts - including gift cards from Dairy Queen, Subway, Olive Garden, Dunkin’ Donuts, BJ’s Wholesale Club, Panera Bread, Battison’s Fabric Care, and numerous others. The bag also included six decks of playing cards, a set of UNO game cards, Hartford Yard Goats tickets, and 24 “Be the Inspiration” pins. She also included gift cards of her own to give to those who inspire her.

Her duty was to use the contents of the backpack to reward, encourage, comfort, and inspire others as she saw fit. She fulfilled her mission in six months.

Loved ones, community members, friends, members of the Monday Night Social Club, volunteers, mentors, families, children diagnosed with illnesses, charities, and many others all benefited from Sapula’s kindness.

“One woman said, ‘When we opened the door we thought it was just another candidate campaigning but we opened the door and it was a ray of sunshine: South Windsor’s own Roseanne Sapula,’” Sapula said.

Sapula created a special binder documenting her journey shining light in people’s lives. Each entry has a picture of the recipient with an explanation of why they were chosen and a thank you message from the recipient.

One of the first recipients chosen was 8-year-old Gabby. Gabby was diagnosed with lymphoma at age six, but recently went into remission while being treated at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. She received a Dairy Queen gift card.

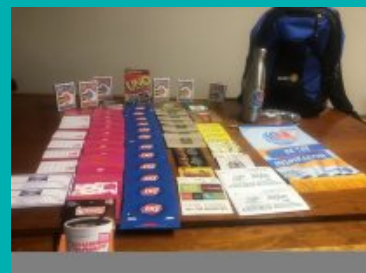
Gabby’s mother said that she was “thankful, happy, joyful, and just felt so excited that [Roseanne Sapula] and Rotary chose her.”

“That’s the kind of stuff that matters. When you reach somebody’s heart and a child. It’s not a pity party,” Sapula said.

Bruce Maneeley, owner of Maneeley’s Banquet & Catering, also reaped the benefits of the “Be the Inspiration” honor. Maneeley often donates food to charities and events without many knowing.

“On Christmas Day, he showed the true meaning of the holiday for those in need by providing food for the Gary Craig ‘We are the Children’ event with 600 children in 2018. He has done this for many years behind the scenes in the kitchen,” Sapula said.

Sapula’s final recipient was The Bridge in South Windsor. The Bridge is a nonprofit organization that provides clients in need with food, clothing, and community resource coaching. Sapula donated almost \$200 worth of gift cards to the organization to benefit its clients.



She learned about The Bridge from volunteer and case manager Jim Mangan, a patient of South Windsor Dental where Sapula works. She knew giving to the organization would be the perfect finale.

“Thank you so much for concluding your mission with The Bridge. We are profoundly grateful and assure you that the gift cards will bring joy to our clients,” Mangan wrote in a thank you statement. “Congratulations on your award, kind, and loving completion of your mission and of course thank you to Rotary! Finally, thank you for your tireless work with special needs kids and athletes.”

To schedule an appointment with The Bridge, call 860-372-4141 or email TheBridgeSouthWindsor@gmail.com.

DINE 'N DANCE IN THE GARDENS

The Farmington Rotary announces our Spring fundraiser **Dine 'n Dance in the Gardens**, which will take place on Saturday evening, April 13th, from 6 to 11 pm at Farmington Gardens on Route 4 in Farmington. Tickets are available for \$75 per person and include the cheese station, 3-course seated dinner, live auction, and dancing. Music is provided by the award-winning **Shaded Soul Band**, whose repertoire includes R & B, Motown, Funk Soul, Jazz, Reggae, Swing, Rick, Pop, Disco, and Top 40. No one is expected to remain seated once the music begins!!

We promise some exciting live auction choices which so far include a CT River Lunch Cruise for six including a gourmet lunch and wine, a 6-month Membership at the Wheeler YMCA, a 4-hour Performance of the Shaded Soul Band at your own event, and 2 tickets to a Patriots Home Game!

Funds raised at this event will benefit the many local and international projects of the Farmington club, including our scholarship program for graduating high school students, our support of the Oasis Program for veteran students at Tunxis Community College, and Rotary International's Clean Water program.

We are happy to announce that Ion Bank has agreed to be our Platinum Sponsor for this event. Additional sponsorships are available and information may be downloaded online. You may also purchase tickets on our website. For full information, please visit www.FarmingtonRotaryEvents.org.

**SATURDAY
APRIL 13**
FARMINGTON GARDENS
COCKTAILS AT 6
DINNER AT 7
DANCING 'TIL 11
TICKETS - \$75

SHADED SOUL BAND
An award-winning, high-energy band, whose repertoire includes R & B, Motown, Funk Soul, Jazz, Reggae, Swing, Rock, Pop, Disco, and Top 40.



Rotary Farmington

**DINE 'N DANCE
in the Gardens**

Cash Bar • 3-Course Dinner • Live Auction • Dancing

www.FarmingtonRotaryEvents.org

SPRINGFIELD CALENDAR RAFFLE

The Springfield Rotary Club is selling a March calendar page to raise funds for their Service Fund. Tickets are \$10 each and each calendar raffle gives you 31 chances to win over \$1,900 in prizes! Names will be pulled at each weekly March meeting and all winners will be notified. All monies raised will be given out as grants to area non-profits this Spring. For more information or to purchase a Calendar Raffle, contact Club President Sue Mastroianni at samastro@comcast.net or 413-355-4871.

Each Calendar Raffle gives you 31 chances to win over \$1,900 in prizes! There is no limit on the number of times an individual may win. All winners will be notified.
All proceeds will benefit The Rotary Club of Springfield's Service Fund which awards grants to area non-profits. Thank you for your support.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
M	A	R	C	H	1 Springfield Museums 4 admission tickets (\$72)	2 Max's Tavern \$100 gift card
3 \$25 Hot Table Gift Certificate	4 White Lion Mixed Case of Beer (\$35-\$50)	5 Fred Astaire Dance Studio (2) 30 min private lessons & 1 90 min dance party (\$50)	6 \$25 Gift Certificate for Nadim's Downtown Restaurant	7 \$50 CASH	8 WMAZ FM Basket w/ \$100 DiGrigoli certificate	9 Samsung Blue- Ray Disc DVD Player (\$100)
10 2 bottles of wine (\$32)	11 \$25 Panera Bread	12 \$50 Chef Wayne's Big Mamou	13 Fred Astaire (2) 30 min private lessons & 1 90 min dance party (\$50)	14 The Delaney House gift card (\$50)	15 1 case of beer from Spencer Brewery (\$65)	16 DeLonghi Coffee/ Espresso Maker (\$100 value)
17 \$50 Irish Cultural Center Pub gift card	18 \$25 Hot Table Gift Certificate	19 Sign Language Class at Willie Ross School for the Deaf (\$140)	20 Sony Blue-Ray Disc DVD Player (\$75)	21 \$25 Gift Card to Yankee Candle w/ Candle (\$37 value)	22 4 tickets to The Big E 2019 (\$60 value)	23 Max's Tavern \$100 gift card
24 \$25 gift cert to Nailsmith's Pub & Pretzel	25 Homedics Massage Pillow (\$50)	26 \$50 Chef Wayne's Big Mamou	27 \$50 Red Rose certificate	28 \$65 gift card to Skin Catering Salon in Springfield	29 \$50 The Delaney House gift card	30 Basketball Hall of Fame Family Fourpack-2 adult & 2 children (\$80)
31 \$100 Frigo's Gourmet Foods gift card	<p>Donation: \$10.⁰⁰</p> <p>www.springfieldmarotary.org</p>					

The
Rotary
Club of Springfield



Raffle 2019

We thank all the Rotarians and businesses who generously donated prizes for this raffle.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF

SENIORS JOB BANK GETS FINANCIAL BOOST FROM ROTARY CLUB OF WEST HARTFORD

The Seniors Job Bank has received a \$1,500 grant from the Rotary Club of West Hartford. According to Sheila Diamond, Seniors Job Bank executive director, “This very welcome donation has been earmarked to support enhancements to our website.”

The Seniors Job Bank, now in its 40th year, is a volunteer-driven community service organization that connects men and women over age 50, seeking work, with businesses, government agencies, nonprofits, and households that have work to be done. From its West Hartford headquarters, SJB serves the entire Greater Hartford region.

Eileen Rau, West Hartford Rotary Foundation chair, noted that the award “signals a longstanding shared commitment of our local Rotary club and the Seniors Job Bank for us both to deliver value to our community.”

Dennis Carrithers, president of the Seniors Job Bank pointed out that, “Linking our job seeking service providers with the clients that hire them is free; we charge no referral fee to either party. So we depend on contributions from individuals, philanthropies and hometown supporters like Rotary to maintain our no-cost policy.”

Describing how the Seniors Job Bank operates, Diamond said that when a client with a job to fill calls SJB, its request is matched against a database of approximately 700 service providers, representing about 150 distinct skills and talents, blue- and white collar.

The potential employer, a company, other entity or household, receives contact information for several service providers qualified to handle the task at hand. The client then decides which service providers to interview and hire. Negotiating the specifics of the assignment: exactly what’s to be done, hours, compensation, etc., is between client and service provider. The Seniors Job Bank merely facilitates the introduction.



“While our service providers are over 50, the clients for which they work may be of any age,” Diamond added.

Some of the Seniors Job Bank’s domestic clients need help with one-time repairs and chores. Others engage an SJB service provider for ongoing home and yard maintenance programs or personal assistance such as with grocery shopping. Similarly, commercial clients look for aid on a regular, part-time schedule as well as for one-off assignments. These jobs may involve office, transportation, retail, industrial and many other types of work.

To discuss becoming a Seniors Job Bank service provider, or to inquire about hiring one, visit www.sjbct.org, call 860-521-3210, or email info@sjbct.org.

A BIG NIGHT FOR WETHERSFIELD/ROCKY HILL ROTARY

On Monday, December 10, 2018 The Wethersfield/Rocky Hill Rotary Club provided many honors.

First on the agenda was a presentation to the Rocky Hill Police Department's K9 Division. As a result of our Rotary District Grant and matching fundraising efforts, we were able to buy GPS tracking devices for the two canine officers to adorn. The collars are a reflective lime green and school bus yellow, which we were told by Officer Baker and Officer Kelley, will look beautiful on the canines. The tracking devices are the same already in use by the Wethersfield Police Department. We were excited to provide such a useful safety device for those protecting us. Wear them in good health Canine Baron and Canine Maverick.



Next on the agenda were citations from the LT. Governor's office for Neal Cox for 50 years of services to rotary and Dave Jepson for 45 years of service to rotary. We are so proud of the dedication of these generous and kindhearted men. Thank you!

Jim Clancy & Phil Saxe received Paul Harris Awards for their generous donations to the foundation and Nella Szilagyi was made an honorary member in appreciation of the work she does with the Wethersfield High School Interact Club. Kudos to you all!

Finally the top honor was awarded to Bruce Tooker for his volunteer work providing eye care to Haiti. The Paul Harris Unsung Hero Award was bestowed upon him. Bruce is the son of one of the founding members of the Wethersfield/Rocky Hill Rotary Club and he embodies the Rotarian spirit of "service above self". Here's to many more years of service from the Wethersfield/Rocky Hill Rotary Club.



BOY'S LETTER TO SANTA WRITTEN WITH A DIFFERENT SLANT

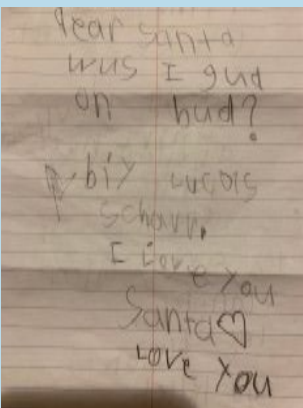
The meals were consumed; the holiday photos all taken; and the crafts the kids made are now hanging on Christmas trees at the homes of hundreds of area residents who attended the Newington Rotary's recently held Breakfast with Santa.

"Once again this annual yuletide project was a resounding success," reported club president Dave Tedeschi. "It was so heartwarming to see both young and old come together for a festive morning of friendship and smiles as Santa Claus circulated among the attendees while they ate their breakfasts," he said.

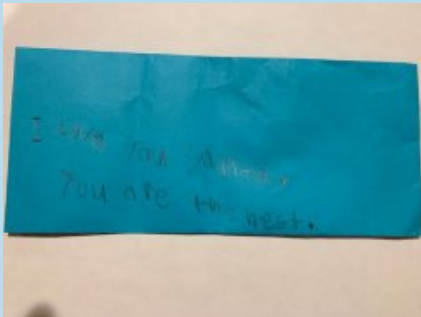
Later, as scores of children lined up to have their photos taken, there was one standout moment, Tedeschi revealed. Six-year-old Lucas Scharr, of Newington, handed Santa a letter he had written listing presents he hoped would be under the tree come Christmas Eve. The only twist, which amused Santa, acknowledged Tedeschi, instead of Lucas convincing Santa that he should be on the nice list, the boy asked Santa to decide for himself if he thought he was 'gud or bud.'



Santa naturally wants to fulfill the hopes and wishes of all the boys and girls who send him letters, but this one written from a different perspective of being naughty or nice had him puzzled, admitted Santa to his Rotarian hosts before flying back to the North Pole.



Santa just kept staring at the letter, Tedeschi explained. Lucas had scribbled on the envelope: "I love you Santa, you are the best," and on the inside were two memo-pad pages containing a laundry list of gifts from robots and helicopters to pajamas and toy Army drone.



Whether Lucas has been naughty or nice, approaching Santa the way that he did made for a magical moment during our fundraiser, noted Tedeschi.

The proceeds from the event benefit the multitude of Rotary Club charities. Newington Rotary is comprised of dedicated business professionals and retirees whose annual fundraising projects include collecting food and monetary donations to support the town's food pantry, providing backpacks and school supplies for needy children, distributing dictionaries at local elementary schools, supporting new programs implemented by the town's fire and police departments and hosting an annual golf tournament that benefits its signature charity - the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation - a Rotary project that in seven years has raised more than \$150,000 to combat pediatric cancer.

NEWINGTON ROTARY LAUNCHES ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE

A new committee has formed in town, with a mission to tackle the modern-day slavery known as human trafficking. The group is hosting its first Public Forum on Human Trafficking on Tuesday, March 5 from 6-8 p.m. inside the auditorium at John Wallace Middle School, 71 Halleran Dr. Speakers will address the issue itself, how it affects youth locally and warning signs to prevent it and report it.



The Stop the Traffik! Committee is Newington Rotary Club’s 2018-19 community service project, launched by President David Tedeschi. The committee is comprised of not only Rotarians, but also community members like Newington Police Chief Stephen Clark and former State Rep. Gary Byron.

Committee member Patricia Young spent three months volunteering in Miami, Florida at a safe house for victims. Volunteers would like to start up a similar project here in Connecticut, where sex-trafficking has largely remained hidden in a black market. “Everything always starts at the local level,” Young said. “The more you find out about this unfortunate evil the more you realize it’s happening everywhere.”

Tedeschi and several others were first introduced to human trafficking at a Rotary International convention in Atlanta, Georgia. As they learned, a trafficker uses force, fraud or coercion to control another person for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex acts or soliciting labor or services against his or her will. “We had no idea how prevalent it was in the United States,” Tedeschi said. “My heart sank when I learned this stuff was going on, not just in Thailand or Africa but right here in our backyards.”

The Berlin Turnpike, a known hot-spot for prostitution and drug transactions, has also been the site of several human trafficking cases. One of the most high-profile of these is detailed in the book, “The Berlin Turnpike: A True Story of Human Trafficking in America.” The U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security’s Blue Campaign, the Human Anti-Trafficking Response Team (HART) and CT Department of Children and Families’ Trafficking in Persons Council (TIP) are working to combat this issue. Still, TIP’s 2017 Annual Report estimated there were 2,000 buyers of child sex in our state over the course of one year.

Stop the Traffik!’s first order of business is raising awareness in the upcoming forum. Freedom United CEO Joe Schmidt will be a special guest speaker. The second goal is educating youth. School curriculum on human trafficking has only been implemented in public schools in California. Committee members plan to reach out to local youth community groups to spread the word.

CT Rotary District 7890 awarded Newington’s club a \$2400 grant to start working on this new initiative. “As Rotarians we feel we can be advocates for change, but we can’t do it alone,” Tedeschi said. Past President LeeAnn Johnson’s main goal is to raise awareness in schools. “Children need to understand what the dangers are,” she explained. “Often times they aren’t even aware they’re being preyed upon and they are trafficked before they even know they’re in danger.” Trafficking criminals tend to seek out vulnerable and naïve teen girls in places like shopping malls or movie theatres. They get hooked with compliments, gifts or even legitimate employment offers. “It’s heinous,” Johnson added. “And it deserves more attention than it’s getting. Any light we can shed on it, any awareness we can raise, is time well spent.”



Public Act 17-32, An Act Concerning Human Trafficking, requires the operators of certain businesses to post notices concerning services available to trafficking victims. However, there is currently no agency monitoring compliance. Stop the Traffik! plans to distribute posters to local motels, salons and other common trafficking sites. “We want to make sure any business identified in that public act has a flyer posted,” Tedeschi said. “We also want to make their accountability addressed by the law. The more we understand and recognize the signs of human trafficking, the closer we come to freeing those enslaved.”

Call 888-373-7888 if you suspect someone is being trafficked. The toll-free National Human Trafficking Hotline is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and available in more than 200 languages. Tips can also be submitted at humantraffickinghotline.org.

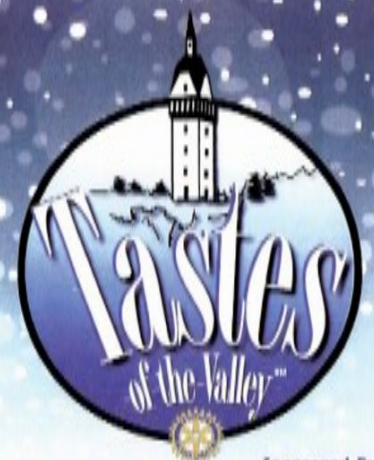
AVON-CANTON TASTES OF THE VALLEY

Please join Avon-Canton for the 2019 “Tastes-of-the-Valley” - now enjoying its 11th season! This event celebrates all the extraordinary flavors of the Farmington Valley while raising money to support many charities sponsored by the Rotary of Avon-Canton.

During the past 10 years, “Tastes-of-the-Valley” has attracted thousands of attendees enjoying wines supplied by M&R Fine Wines and Liquor and great food provided by many local restaurants.

Again this year, the event will be hosted at the outstanding Farmington Gardens Banquet Facility, Route 4 in Farmington, allowing for a fabulous selection of food, wine, delicious desserts, specialty beverages, and beer tastings.

[View sponsorship brochure by clicking here](#)



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We believe we made a difference in the Rotary world. Our customers were always our number one priority and many of them became personal friends. I know some will be surprised at this announcement and others will say “congratulations!” We cherish all the good times at PETS, Zone Institute and the fabulous response we received at International Conference in Atlanta and Toronto. Most of all we will cherish the people we've come to know. They all have a common bond....Rotary and service to their communities and world.

Thank you for your business, your friendship, and most of all the good work you do for Rotary. There is nothing that can stop a determined Rotary club and the world is a better place for that reason. You might see us around at a few PETS events helping the Russell Hampton crew transition to our products and customers. Please be sure to stop by and say hello!

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service! It's been a great ride!
Sam, Nancy & Justin Varn



PITTSFIELD ANNOUNCES 2018-2019 SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD RECIPIENTS

Pittsfield President, John Perreault and Service Above Self Award Chair, Joan DiMartino presented six local students with "Service Above Self" awards. This award exemplifies student volunteer efforts and their selfless contributions to the service of others. The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise which we both encourage and foster.

Joan DiMartino and Committee members, Jay and Kelly Marion, had the privilege of reviewing a number of outstanding nominations for students this year and selected the six awardees for their service above and beyond in their community. Ms. DiMartino noted, "It certainly was not an easy task, but it was truly heartwarming to see that more of our students are out in our community volunteering both their time and talents."

Representatives from Pittsfield High School and Taconic High School presented each of the awardees to the Club at a luncheon, held on January 17, 2019 at the Berkshire Plaza Hotel in Pittsfield. Also, in attendance to recognize the student achievements were Dr. Jason McCandless, Superintendent of the Pittsfield Public Schools, Sarah Maddelena and Katie Place from Taconic High School Guidance, along with Janice Barry and Amy Higgins, Pittsfield High School Guidance

This year's awardees are who are all Seniors at their respective schools are Carolyn Guachione, Jonathon Campbell, Shakia Green from Taconic High School, along with McKenzie Benoit, Katelyn Zwingelstein, and Kailey Sultaire, from Pittsfield High School. . Rotary made \$100 donations in honor of the students to the charity of their choice which included the Girls Inc. Eureka! Program, the Jimmy Fund, Be Like Brit Foundation for Haiti, Camp Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Solider On and the Berkshire Human Society.



The presentation ended with Ms. DiMartino congratulating the award winners and thanking their parents for their involvement in supporting their student's volunteerism. She added that our wish is that these students will continue down the path of service to others as they prepare for graduation and the many challenges and successes ahead!

PUTNAM ROTARY INTERACT HONORS VOLUNTEERS

The Putnam Rotary Interact Club recently hosted a pizza party for all the volunteers who contributed to another successful Salvation Army Kettle Campaign.

Enrico Leo Rocchetti won the Ring-A-Ding Trophy for volunteering 15 hours during the campaign. Michael Rocchetti came in second place with a total of 12 volunteer hours. Woodstock Academy had most volunteer hours; 23 student volunteers totaling 68 hours and Putnam Science Academy came in second place with 16 student volunteers totaling 32 hours.

Salvation Army Director of Volunteer Services Kathy Orfitelli thanked volunteers for their service. She said since 1992 local schools from the Putnam region and members of the local community have volunteered their time to make the annual kettle campaign a success. The 2018 campaign took in over \$9,500 in donations benefiting the northeastern corner of Connecticut.

Orfitelli introduced Kathi Peterson from the local Salvation Army office (inside the Daily Bread building in Putnam). Peterson said the money donated benefits local families in need.



The Winner Is ... Richard Naumann, vice president of the Putnam Rotary Club, presented Enrico Leo Rocchetti, right, with the Ring-A-Ding Trophy. Rocchetti volunteered a total of 15 hours.

FEBRUARY IS ENFIELD CT ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

President Scott Kaupin (Left) introduced PDG-Prasad Menon (center) who is 7890 District Foundation Chair along with Milton Rosenberg, (right) Enfield Club President Elect to help 54 Club Members learn more about Rotary Foundation.

In 2018-2019 - \$53,500. was awarded to (30 clubs) - District 7890 District Grants.

Good Job!

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Enjoy an evening of laughs with the Willimantic Rotary on Friday, March 29 at the Windham Club in North Windham, Connecticut. For more information, call Angela at 860-884-776. Adult content.

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Tickets \$20

For More info call: Angela 860-884-7765
Performers subject to change. ADULT CONTENT

Starring

HEADLINER: Mike Hanley (Today Show - Comix)

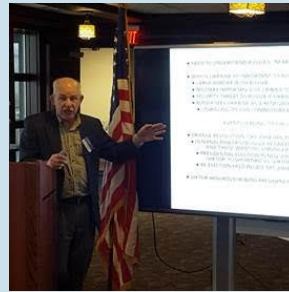
FEATURE: Pat Oates (El Network)

HOST: Katie Arroyo (Comix Magazine Sun)

EAST LONGMEADOW ROTARY CLUB PLANS FOR BUSY SECOND HALF OF 2018-2019 ROTARY YEAR

The club is welcoming three new members on February 14th at a special Induction Luncheon at Twin Hills Country Club. In addition to the incoming members, the club is working to host a Membership Information Night in the next couple of months. Besides the Fall Wine Tasting Event, the club is continuing to plan social events. On February 24th the club has planned a Family Bowling Night at Shaker Bowl and March 14th pledges to be another great St Patty's Day Dinner Party. The club has also become a proud partner with Manchester Rotary on the Guatemala Water and Sanitation Project. Soon the 3rd graders in East Longmeadow will receive their dictionaries donated by the Rotary Club as part of the club's focus on literacy. Scholarship applications are starting to come in for the annual scholarships from the East Longmeadow Rotary Memorial Scholarships Foundation Incorporated and the East Longmeadow Rotary Foundation Incorporated. This year, \$20,000 is being awarded using the "Total Person Concept". East Longmeadow High School Seniors and East Longmeadow Rotarian's children and grandchildren who are high school students are eligible to apply. Plans for the annual Easter Party are just underway as well. For July 4th festivities, the club looks to be sponsoring the annual Carnival and Fireworks. The club's summer concert series advertising and sponsorship drive is getting underway. Look forward to the big reveal on the concert schedule starting the end of June.

Finally, the January luncheon speaker series hosted President Gary Lefort's presentation on the historical journey of the Ukraine and Russian struggle in early January and wrapped up with Fitness Coach Trevor Dorian (Coach2Go) presenting a few great exercises to strengthen upper and lower body muscles.



LUDLOW ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER

The Ludlow Rotary would love your support for our Annual Fundraiser Dinner, this year featuring Emmy-Nominated Entertainer Matt Roberts! Matt has been featured Off-Broadway, on the Today Show, and the Boston Symphony Hall among other venues across thirty-two states and a dozen countries. The Patriots loved him, and we are sure you will too!

The Fundraiser will be held at the Lusitano Club, 385 Windsor St., Ludlow MA, on Friday, March 15, 2019. The ticket price is \$35 per person, and we think you will agree, a dinner and show of this caliber is an exceptional value at this price. So please, invite all your friends and make this an evening to remember.

To reserve a table for your club, please contact Jim at (312) 399-7717 or Maria at (413) 426-6901. Additional details and tickets available at <https://www.ludlowrotary.org/>



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March 15th 2019
6:00PM
Lusitano Club
Ludlow, MA

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www.ludlowrotary.org

For more information, or to get tickets by phone:
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PUTNAM ROTARY SUPPORTS YOUTH HOCKEY LEAGUE

Putnam Rotary Club President John Miller, left, presented \$250 to the Pomfret Eastford Little League's fund-raising coordinator T.J. Billiard. Another \$250 was presented to the Griffin Youth Hockey league. Billiard presented the club a thank you plaque.



WATERTOWN HONORS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Watertown Rotary Club honored January's students of the Month at their weekly meeting held at the Grand Oak Villa. This month, the students were nominated by the Science Department at Watertown High School. Pictured from left to right – Sophomore Octavia Butler, Senior Jack Ryan and Student of the month chairperson Sue Santopietro.



PUTNAM ROTARY DISCUSSES FINANCIAL LITERACY

Putnam Rotarian and banker Emily Petrik (standing with Putnam Rotary President John Miller) Jan. 29 presented her TED talk on a program she designed called "A Penny Saved". It's a financial literacy program that teaches people with intellectual and developmental disabilities how to manage their finances --- including how to write a check, go to the bank, use the ATM machine, etc. She said these are all skills that are needed to become independent adults and the program has shown great success so far.



WATERTOWN ROTARY WELCOMES AUTHOR DR. CHARLES MCNAIR

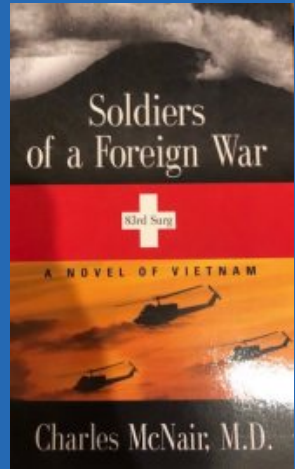
The Watertown Rotary Club was honored to have speaker Dr Charles McNair, author of "Soldiers of a Foreign War". His electrifying novel covers more aspects of the Vietnam war than most other works of fiction. The American, South and North Vietnamese soldiers are followed from their civilian backgrounds, enlistment, training, combat and treatment of their wounds.



Pictured above is Author Dr Charles McNair speaking to the Watertown Rotary Club Members.



Pictured from left to right is Watertown Rotary Club's President, Ron Pleasant and Dr Charles McNair, author of the novel "Soldiers of a Foreign War".



In honor of Groundhog day, the Rotary of Avon-Canton is proud to have a special guest from the Children's Museum in West Hartford. Our extraordinary guest will give us a prediction on whether spring is around the corner or 6 weeks away! Introducing CT. Cider!!! Assisted by Katelyn Kaplan, Avon-Canton Rotarian and Naturalist at Roaring Brook Nature Center.

Hear-ye, Hear-ye!

On this first day of February, Rotary stands with Connecticut Cider, ready to make her predication. Here is what she has to say.

"After an early morning with lots of chatter - it's time to get to the heart of the matter!

I think I see a shadow of a tree, NO WAIT.... THAT'S ME!

If I dare, I do declare -

6 more Weeks of Winter!"



WILBRAHAM-HAMPDEN PRESENTS TOUR DE MINNECHAUG MOUNTAIN

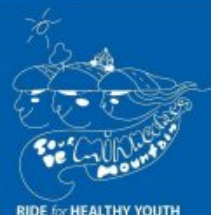
The bicycle event to benefit Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club's healthy youth development projects will be held on Sunday, May 5. It's a great event to share with cyclists of varying abilities. The Ride: There are three loops to choose from on the Tour. Through historic main streets, country lanes and a hill-climb challenge: The 41.1-mile Long Route starting at 8 a.m. is designed for avid bicyclists; the tamer 20-mile scenic Medium Route starts at 9:30 a.m. The 8-mile Short Family Route starts at 11 a.m. and is comfortable and scenic.

Learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/events/296599874389850/>

Tour de Minnechaug Mountain RIDE for HEALTHY YOUTH

Fountain Park in Wilbraham

Sunday, May 5, 2019



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WILBRAHAM-HAMPDEN



CONNECTING ROTARY AND YOUTH IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The club focuses on working towards providing a safe and healthy place for children and adolescents to learn, grow, and thrive.

- To promote education, our club awards annually post-secondary scholarships to outstanding students residing in Wilbraham or Hampden.
- Each year, the club donates dictionaries to every third grader in Wilbraham and Hampden to encourage their natural curiosity for words. This tradition has become a back to school highlight for third graders.
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards presented each year to high school students allow them to meet and exchange leadership experiences with students from other schools.
- With Hampden-Wilbraham Partnership for Youth Coalition, we co-sponsor participation of high school students in the National Leadership Forum for making communities healthy, safe, and drug-free.

The Rides...

- 41 mile Long Route - Start 8:00 a.m.
- 20 mile Medium Route - Start 9:30 a.m.
- 8 mile Family Route - Start 11:00 a.m.

Attractions include raffle prizes, DJ music, free breakfast and lunch for cyclists and volunteers, free bike safety check.

The Tour de Minnechaug Mountain is a fun and varied bicycling experience through the mountains and valleys of Wilbraham and Hampden.

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Club of Wilbraham-Hampden
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Register: www.TourDeMinnechaug.com Call: (413) 279-4343

SPRINGFIELD ROTARIAN CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Rotary Club of Springfield honored long time member Al Gay on his 50th Anniversary in the club at their February 1st meeting. Al joined the Springfield Rotary on Feb. 7, 1969 and has had perfect attendance all these years. A Vermont native, he graduated from the New England Institute of Anatomy & Sanitary Science in Boston. After working in VT for a period of time he moved to Springfield to work for Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home. In 1966 he became an owner of the funeral home. Al holds licenses in both MA & VT as a Funeral Director.

Al served in the US Army during the Korean conflict from 1954-1956, stationed in the Army's mortuaries in Germany.

Al was the editor of the Spokesman for many years and on the attendance committee back when you could only miss 3 meetings and then you were out. He had the difficult task of calling members who had missed 2 meetings. This may be one of the reasons why he started the habit of visiting a Rotary Club other than Springfield each week, just in case he couldn't make it to his own club.

Al is very fond of Rotary International and in particular the Polio Plus Initiative, and has personally donated 12 Paul Harris Fellows. He has also traveled extensively throughout the United States and the world, mainly through Rotary International Conventions, has hosted many Rotary exchange students and enabled his children to participate in the Rotary Youth Exchange. Later encouraging them to become members of Rotary and, of course, maintain perfect attendance as well.



L-R H. Marcel Schmidt, Lt. Governor, Al Gay and Sue Mastroianni, President of the Rotary Club of Springfield



HOW WILL YOUR CLUB CELEBRATE ROTARY'S ANNIVERSARY?

On February 23, Rotary clubs worldwide will mark the 114th anniversary of the first Rotary club meeting by holding an event, hosting a fundraiser, or lighting a notable building. What is your club doing to celebrate? How are *you* going to celebrate?

One way is to [Give the Gift of Rotary](#).

Consider making a birthday gift to The Rotary Foundation to mark the organization's 114th year, on February 23. When you give to Rotary, you empower your fellow leaders to improve their communities and make a lasting impact.

[CLICK HERE](#) to give the gift of Rotary.



ROTARY VOLUNTOUR TRIP IN ECAUDOR

Paul Martel of the Simsbury-Granby Rotary Club organized a “Rotary Voluntour” to travel to a clinic in Riobamba, Ecuador to support an ophthalmology team from the US that did over 1,000 vision screenings for the poor in 5 remote communities throughout Chimborazo province. They also did some touring and generally had a fun, inspirational and very meaningful experience. The six participants were from the Simsbury-Granby club and the New Britain club. Dr. Schwartz and his team have set their dates for 2019 and are ready to begin organizing a second Rotary Voluntour.

The trip can accommodate approximately 15 travelers. To learn more, contact Paul Martel, International Director, FIBUSPAM, Riobamba, Ecuador at Paul@yhbta.com

[Click here to view photos from this year's trip](#)

[Click here to view flyer!](#)



FIBUSPAM invites you to travel with us and participate in our Volun-tour trip to Andean Ecuador scheduled from April 3-10, 2019. Trip highlights include spending time serving the local population in need; visiting indigenous communities; experiencing native culture and cuisine; exploring a nearby, active volcano; and taking an excursion to the Ecuadorian Cloud Forest. This trip is an excellent opportunity for students, adults, retirees, and families alike.



The price per person is **\$1,695** excluding airfare, and reservations are expected to fill quickly. Email sarah@fibuspam.org to make your reservation.

FIBUSPAM supports and operates a full-service clinic, surgical center, and mobile medical unit in Chimborazo Province, Ecuador. Our mission is to empower impoverished Ecuadorian families to live healthy and productive lives by providing access to high-quality health care. Building on local trust and relationships, our ultimate goal is to ensure that each patient has access to the information, resources, and services needed to restore and maintain good health. We provide life-changing services to an average of 2,000 patients a month. Components of the volunteer program include the supervised assistance of patients at our local clinic and serving families in need within the indigenous community. Examples of volunteer tasks include: assisting in administering patient eye chart exams, interacting with and supporting families during the patient intake process, assisting with facility improvement projects at the clinic site, and providing support with neighboring schools projects. Neither Spanish fluency nor medical experience are required.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

4/3 DAY 1

Transfer to the Hotel



4/4 DAY 2

Horseback riding at Cotopaxi Volcano – Transfer to Riobamba



4/5 DAY 3

FIBUSPAM Volunteer Program



4/6 DAY 4

FIBUSPAM Volunteer Program



4/7 DAY 5



FIBUSPAM Volunteer Program

4/8 DAY 6

FIBUSPAM Volunteer Program



4/9 DAY 7

FIBUSPAM Volunteer Program



4/10 DAY 8

Transfer to Quito – Quito Tour – Airport Transfer



TRIP DETAILS:

Included:

- Private transportation
- Bilingual guide 24/7
- Accommodation in double and triple rooms
- Daily Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
- Program Fees
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner July 7th-14th

Not included:

- Airfare
- Extra expenses and meals not mentioned
- Travel and international medical insurance (required)
- Personal expenses and souvenirs
- Tips for the driver and travel guide.

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ECU-HEALTH CARE GETS NEW OFFICE EQUIPMENT COURTESY OF WILLIAMSTOWN ROTARY

Rotary Club of Williamstown's latest community project can be filed under "G" for generous.

A week before Christmas, the civic organization delivered six new filing cabinets to ECU-Health Care in North Adams.

"We heard they needed new cabinets that locked to protect patient privacy," said club President Valerie Hall.

Hall tells County Fare that proceeds from the club's annual spaghetti supper, pancake breakfast and contributions from Rotary members covered the roughly \$1,700 cost of the office furniture with drawers and a special surprise.

"We also got them a tablecloth with their logo to be used when they are at public events," Hall said.

Ecu-Health Care is the designated outreach and enrollment site in Northern Berkshire for all of the Massachusetts health programs, and also helps residents enroll in all supplemental programs associated with Medicare. The nonprofit is located at Northern Berkshire Campus of Berkshire Medical Center in North Adams.

Executive Director Karen Baumbach said she and her staff are very grateful for the practical gift.

"People wonder how you can get excited about filing cabinets," she said, "but when you're a non-profit, you appreciate saving money any way you can."



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Tara Brewster, *Northampton*
Anthony Cahillane, *Northampton*
Megan Connor, *Easthampton*
Kathleen Corcoran, *Newington*
Brian Czapla, *Somers*
Christina Emery, *Torrington*
Jennifer Ewers, *Northampton*
Tiffany Gouveia, *Newington*
Judy Helems, *Easthampton*
Carole Laliberte, *Easthampton*
Nicole Laurie, *Northampton*
Scott Leonard, *South Windsor*
Tim McCarthy, *Avon-Canton*

Karraine Moody, *Hartford*
Rita Myers, *Torrington*
Claudia Pazmany, *Amherst*
William Pond, *Salisbury*
Antonio Ponte, Jr., *Torrington*
Dan Rosow, *South Windsor*
Betsy Schabacker, *Easthampton*
Margaret Shea-McCarthy, *Avon-Canton*
Barbara Simpson, *Easthampton*
Stephanie Smith, *Amherst*
Giselle Vizcarrondo, *Springfield*
Jessica Wales, *Northampton*

ANNIVERSARIES

Bloomfield	<i>January 21, 1972</i>
Killingly-Brooklyn	<i>January 13, 1926</i>
Manchester	<i>January 24, 1940</i>
New Milford	<i>January 12, 1960</i>
Salisbury	<i>January 25, 1949</i>
Stafford	<i>January 21, 1942</i>
Ware	<i>January 19, 1928</i>
Washington	<i>January 11, 1988</i>
West Hartford	<i>January 14, 1952</i>



IN MEMORIAM

Raymond Boutin, East Windsor



Nicholas Cecere, East Hartford



JANUARY ATTENDANCE

Club	Members	%
Agawam	29	*
Amherst	65	*
Avon-Canton	85	44.85
Bloomfield	20	*
Bristol	34	*
Chicopee	25	*
Dalton	12	*
Easthampton	30	*
East Hartford	44	68.75
East Longmeadow	22	*
East Windsor	10	*
Enfield	52	69.84
Farmington	39	41.18
Franklin County	23	*
Glastonbury	75	*
Great Bar-rington	45	*
Hartford	29	*
Holyoke	60	42.92
Kensington-Berlin	12	33.33
Killingly-Brooklyn	18	42.11
Litchfield Morris	22	*
Ludlow	23	73.81
Manchester	34	55.17
Monson	10	*
New Britain-Berlin	41	*
New Milford	45	*
Newington	20	75.99

Club	Members	%
North Adams	15	*
Northampton	27	55.56
Palmer	22	*
Pittsfield	60	*
Plainville	34	66.26
Putnam	54	72.50
Rockville	19	*
Salisbury	33	*
Simsbury-Granby	65	*
Somers	31	56
Southington	39	*
Southwick	12	*
South Windsor	56	*
Springfield	48	35.57
Stafford	26	53.85
Suffield	34	*
Terryville	12	76.40
Thomaston	39	54.03
Torrington-Winsted	61	*
Tri-Town	7	*
Ware	11	*
Washington	11	60
Watertown	38	*
Westfield	31	*
West Hartford	51	*
W. Springfield	57	55.32
Wethersfield/Rocky Hill	16	*
Wilbraham-Hampden	22	70.40
Williamstown	32	46.09
Willimantic	22	27.82
Windsor/Windsor Locks	19	43

2019-2020 Theme: Rotary Connects the World

RI President-elect Mark Daniel Maloney's theme for 2019-20, *Rotary Connects the World*, asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

Download the theme materials: <https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-theme>



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HAVE SOME NEWS TO SHARE?

Send news and information about your club's activities, news and events. Sharing your Good in the World may Be the Inspiration for others to start their own projects and activities.

Please send submissions, including attachments and photos, to Jennifer Gruszka, Newsletter Editor, by the 10th of each month for inclusion. Please send materials to: Rotary7890News@gmail.com

Please take note of new email address for submissions.

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