

MARCH 2019

The Rotarian



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



BE THE INSPIRATION

District 7890 – Happy St. Paddy's Day to each of you!! I am so thrilled to be a part of this district and to have the opportunity to meet and work with each of you. We have a few events coming up and would like to see all of our clubs get involved!!!

Kate Sims DG

Service & Social

May 19th - SAVE THE DATE

Barbeque and Service

Come here more about the [Opioid Task force](#) and how your club can get engaged.
Details Coming soon.....



SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Congratulations to the upcoming DG Mark Brady and to all of the incoming Presidents on a successful NEPETS Training Session!!!! We are looking forward to your Leadership!!! Kate Sims DG



American, Health



Otherwise known as “National Prescription Drug Take Back Day,” National Drug Take Back Day is sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency. Its goal is to keep the public aware of the dangers of prescription drug use and misuse. Many Americans don't know how to safely dispose of the prescription drugs that have been sitting in the medicine cabinet past their prime. Using these expired drugs, or using someone else's, is dangerous and puts both the public and the environment at risk.



ARE YOU A PROUD PAUL HARRIS FELLOW?

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. It was established in 1957 to show appreciation for and encourage substantial contributions to what was then the Foundation's only program, Rotary Foundation Fellowships for Advanced Study, the precursor to Ambassadorial Scholarships.

Early Paul Harris Fellows received a certificate of recognition. In 1969, the Foundation unveiled the first Paul Harris Fellow medallion at the RI Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Japanese metal artist Fiju Tsuda created the piece under the direction of then-past Foundation Trustee Kyoza Yuasa. Today, Paul Harris Fellows receive a certificate and pin. They are also eligible to purchase a Paul Harris Fellow medallion.

Rotarians have a tradition of supporting the Foundation by honoring others. Ida LeTulle Taylor became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1978 when her husband, then-District Governor Vann Taylor, made a donation in her name in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary. The gift also made her the 25,000th Paul Harris Fellow. At the International Assembly in 1979, then-RI President-elect James Bomar challenged each Rotary club to make one non-Rotarian a Paul Harris Fellow. The Rotary Club of Pikesville, Maryland, USA, responded by making a donation in the name of Mother Teresa in 1980. The entertainer Pearl Bailey also became a Paul Harris Fellow through a joint effort of the Rotary clubs in Cape Cod, Massachusetts.

Many other notable figures have been named as Paul Harris Fellows, including U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Russian President Boris Yeltsin, U.S. astronaut James Lovell, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and Jonas Salk. There are over one million Paul Harris Fellows. Are you one of them?

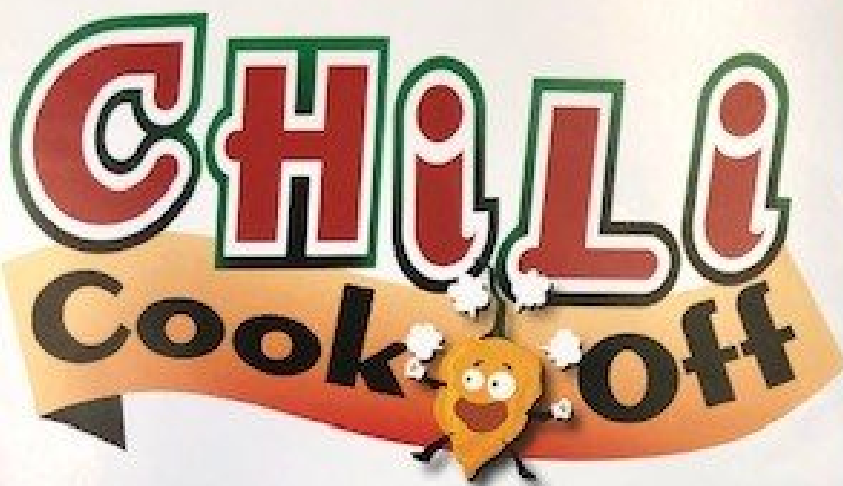


IF I AM A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW, AM I A MEMBER OF THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY?

The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more **each year** to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus Fund, or approved global grants or any combination thereof.

The purpose of the Paul Harris Society is to honor and thank individuals for their generous, ongoing support of The Rotary Foundation. If you would like to learn more about the Paul Harris Society and how you can join, contact PDG Frank Wargo at frank.wargo@snet.net.





FRIDAY

MAY 3, 2019

5:00-8:00 PM

**HAWK RIDGE
WINERY**

**28 PLUNGIS ROAD
WATERTOWN, CT**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

CHARLES STAUFFACHER

860-488-0162 • SEADUK@GMAIL.COM

OR

HUGH LANGIN

860-274-6796 • HUGH@PROTOPAC.COM

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THEM ALL,
VOTE FOR YOUR
FAVORITE!**

**ENJOY A
CHILI DINNER
INCLUDING:**

**SALAD, TORTILLA CHIPS,
DESSERT, SOFTDRINKS
& COFFEE**

**VEGETARIAN
OPTIONS AVAILABLE**

**LIVE MUSIC!
RAFFLES!**

**DONATIONS
BENEFIT WATERTOWN
ROTARY FEED THE
HUNGRY PROJECTS**

**PRICE:
ADULTS \$35**

3rd Annual Wine, Beer & Spirits Tasting

Friday April 5th, 2019
6:00PM—9:00PM

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Hall
52 South Elm Street, Windsor Locks 06096-2128



Sponsored by The Windsor Rotary Club Charitable Fund, Inc.
Supporting your community through charity, volunteering, and friendship.

Wine, Beer & Spirits
by: Joe's Fine Wine & Spirits.

Ticket Donations
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A Wonderful Affair of
Appetizers and Food Stations

Contact: Dennis Guay

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Tickets available at door or
purchase in advance, send check to:

Windsor Rotary Charitable Fund,
P.O. Box 11, Windsor, CT 06095

Tickets will be held at the door for
advance ticket purchase.

Order Online at:

<https://secure.anedot.com.WRotaryCharFun/2019WT>



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CLUBS WHO ARE LEADING THE WAY
IN ANNUAL FUND PER CAPITA GIVING (AS OF 3/7/19):**

- East Hartford \$215
- New Britain – Berlin \$161
- East Longmeadow \$153
- West Hartford \$152
- Dalton \$141
- Avon-Canton \$120
- Windsor-Windsor Locks \$111
- Hartford \$106
- Great Barrington \$100



IT’S NOT TOO LATE FOR A VERY IMPORTANT DATE

It's not too late for you to attend a Grant Management webinar. You can register for *the last webinar for this year*: Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 AM.

To register for *the* webinar, go to rotarydistrict7890.org and click on **March 30 on the right hand side of the home page.**

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



**WATERTOWN ROTARY CLUBS DICTIONARY PROJECT 2019 WAS A SUCCESS!
OVER 120 BOOKS WERE GIVEN TO 2ND & 3RD GRADERS!**



ROTARY CLUB OF CHICOPEE CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

The Rotary Club of Chicopee will be hosting its 50th Anniversary Celebration in concurrence with its annual Paul Harris Fellowship Dinner on Friday, April 12, 2019 at the Castle of the Knights in Chicopee. The event celebrates five decades of service to the Chicopee community with a nostalgic trip down history lane and will include a Paul Harris Fellowship awards ceremony honoring several prominent citizens who embody the ideals of Rotary; integrity, generosity of spirit and goodwill, and who have demonstrated a commitment to “Service Above Self.”

The Rotary Club of Chicopee was initially sponsored by the Rotary Club of Springfield, MA. It started in the summer of 1968 with discussions to form a new Club in Chicopee. There were 32 charter members when Chicopee was granted its Charter on June 9, 1969 by Alfred M. Wade, the District Governor of CT and Western MA.

The Chicopee Club has been active for five decades, and was recently chosen as the 2019 Shining Stars “Citizen of the Year” by the Greater Chicopee Chamber of Commerce !! A great honor of recognition in the community.

This year’s 2019 Paul Harris Fellowship designations will be awarded during the festivities to:
Thomas Guertin, founder and owner of Chicopee based INK Products Corp., an active member of the Rotary Club of Chicopee for over six years and Past President of the club for the 2017-2018 year.



Tania, Greg and Emmalee Spear. Tania and Greg are co-owners of Silver Linings Home Care. Tania has served as Past President of the Chicopee Rotary Club, is a member of the Board of Directors for the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, the West Springfield Council on Aging and the Professional Women’s Chamber of Western Massachusetts. Her husband Greg is a member of the St. Patrick’s Committee of West Springfield, was recognized as Volunteer of the Year in 2015 and awarded the Jinx Powers Award in 2018 for his long-standing service to the Parade Committee. Their daughter Emmalee, is an eighth grade honor student at St. Thomas the Apostle School in West Springfield, MA, began serving the community two years ago by collecting much needed items for local foster care children.



Ernest Laflamme, Jr. was the elected Treasurer of the City of Chicopee for 40 years. With a total of 50 years of city service, he may be one of the longest Public Servants in the State! Ernest also founded the Chicopee Municipal Employees Credit Union and served as Chairman of the Board. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the former WestBank and is also a past director of the Providence Hospital. He currently serves as the Chairman of Board at Sunshine Village, is a member of the Shining Star Committee for the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce, is a Co-chairman for the Capital Campaign Committee for the Senior Center, a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus 4044, a longtime member of the Chicopee Lodge of Elks, and a member of the Friends of the Senior Center.



Tickets for the 50th Anniversary April 12th event are \$75, with fellowship, live music and hors d’oeuvres beginning at 6pm followed by dinner and the evening program. If you would like to attend, celebrate the club’s milestone and honor these exceptional individuals, please call committee Chairperson, Kathi Donahue at (413) 333-5830 or Chicopee Rotary Club president Kirk Burnham (413) 575-4062 to make reservations before March 29th.

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.

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.

Raffle 2019
We thank all the Rotarians and businesses who generously donated prizes for this raffle.

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 WMAS 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 (\$90)
31 \$100 Frigo's Gourmet Foods gift card	Donation: \$10.00 www.springfieldmarotary.org					

2019 AMERICAN HONEY PRINCESS TO VISIT FARMINGTON SCHOOLS AS PART OF FARMINGTON ROTARY'S BEE PROJECT

Nicole Medina, the 2019 American Honey Princess, will visit Connecticut April 25-26 where she will participate in the Farmington Rotary's Bee Project, speaking to hundreds of elementary students in the Farmington school system. She will speak about the importance of honeybees to Connecticut agriculture and how honeybees drive the quantity and quality of our food. She will also share information about the bonuses that honeybees provide beyond honey. Nicole's visit is sponsored by the Farmington Rotary.

Nicole, A sophomore at Sussex County Community College in New Jersey, has been keeping bees for five years with her family and is an active volunteer in the Sussex County Beekeepers Association. As the 2019 American Honey Princess, Nicole serves with the American Honey Queen as a national spokesperson on behalf of the American Beekeeping Federation, a trade organization representing beekeepers and honey producers throughout the United States.



The beekeeping industry touches the lives of every individual in our country. In fact, honeybees are responsible for nearly one-third of our entire diet, due to the pollination services that they provide for a large majority of fruits, vegetables, nuts and legumes. This amounts to nearly \$19 billion per year of direct value from honeybee pollination to United States agriculture.

For more information on Princess Nicole's Connecticut visit, contact Rotary bee project coordinator Elizabeth Sheridan at Ion Bank at 203-823-0935.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM OR VTT

In 2013/2014 Rotary International instituted changes to the Rotary model. Change is inevitable as the circumstances in our world change.

One of the big changes that many Rotary members struggle to get used to, is the down grading of the Group Study Exchange. We need to understand that Group study exchange can still take place. The only difference is that the Rotary foundation will not allow Districts to use District designated funds or DDF.

In place of the Group Study Exchange the Vocational Training Team or VTT has been instituted.

What is a VTT?

VTT is a team of professionals who are experts in a field that is needed in a foreign country. They may be Engineers, Teachers or leaders in their professions. they will share their knowledge with other professionals in that country.

All projects have to fit into RI's 6 areas of focus.

A team can comprise of as few as 3 or more members, however one member must be a Rotarian. A needs assessment is carried out and a Global Grant application is made.

The employees at the Rotary International Grants Foundation vet all applications and only give approval if it deems the VTT worthy and the project sustainable.

District 7890 has had 2 very successful VTT projects, both in South Africa. The first was designed to improve the skills of teachers dealing with children 3 to 5 years old.

The second dealt with pregnant mothers and the alcohol fetal syndrome and drug effects on new born babies.

Like a group study Exchange, the teams usually visit each other's countries. They are hosted and entertained by Rotarians, clubs and the hosting District.

Should you, or your fellow Rotary Club members, have any knowledge as to the need of a VTT exchange. Please contact, Mike Barnett your District VTT Chair. Aragon264niantic@gmail.com

GUATEMALA WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS

On Friday, 3/9, and Monday, 3/10, Elin and I had the honor of representing 40 Rotary Clubs, three charitable foundations and many donors for the dedication and celebration of sustainable clean water & sanitation systems in three more Mayan villages in Guatemala. This brings the total to 22 villages completed in 12 years. Funding was provided by two Global Grants totaling \$156,522 with contributions coming from nearly 50% of the Rotary Clubs in District 7890 and clubs in 7 other Districts.

These photos show the presentation of the dedicatory plaques, one for each village, with recognition given to all contributors. Also shown are the four components provided to each household: potable running water, gray water filters and vented improved pit latrines. The fuel-efficient stoves were funded by a dozen Rotary Clubs from Utah through a separate Global Grant.

In the village of San Vicente the water system is powered by an array of solar panels, thereby saving the residents the cost of diesel fuel and electricity. This is the first such installation in our projects and due to its anticipated environmental and cost-saving features, one of the villages will have a similar solar installation in the current RY '18-'19 Global Grants for which funds are being sought. These two Global Grants will fund 3 more villages and have been approved by The Rotary Foundation, thus allowing contributions to be made.

Many clubs have made arrangements for a presentation about these highly beneficial projects after our return to New England on May 1. If your club would like to schedule such a presentation please contact me by email: elawrlaw@sbcglobal.net.

*Rick Lawrence, District 7890 Chair - Water & Sanitation Projects
Chair - Simajulehu, Chajalajya & Xetonox Water & Sanitation Projects (RY '18-'19)*



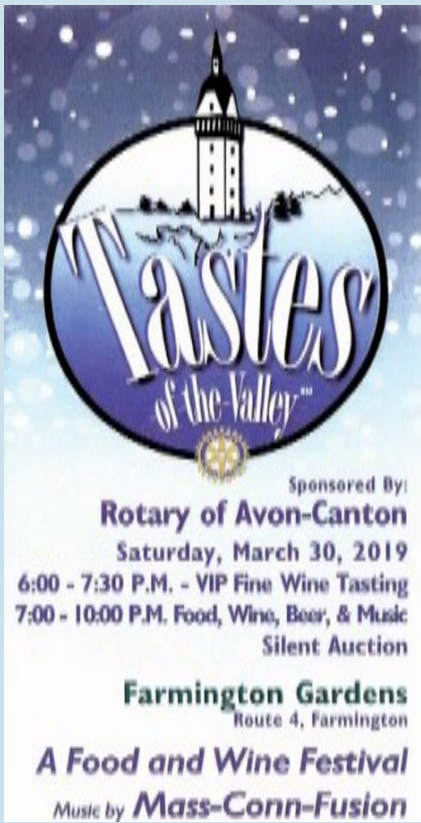
AVON-CANTON TASTES OF THE VALLEY

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](#)



New Members, “Let’s Bowl” and Celebrating the 114th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Club of East Longmeadow welcomed three new members to their family on Valentine’s Day, February 14th. Pictured below with Club President Gary Lefort are Crystal Gonyea, Kevin Snow and Larry Bauman. The three new members bring in a vast amount of experience in banking, management, legalese and communications to the club.



Adding to the Social Activity list for the club in 2018-2019 was “Let’s Bowl” coordinated by Rotarian Dawn Starks and held at Shaker Bowl in East Longmeadow on February 24th. The group of Rotarians bowled for 2 hours, enjoyed pizza, beverages AND a cake emblazed with the Rotary symbol and a gluten-free brownie dish in honor of the Rotary Foundation’s 114th Anniversary on February 23rd. Next up for a Social Event is St Patty’s Day at President Gary’s House on March 14th.



PUTNAM ROTARY WELCOMES GUEST SPEAKER AND NEW MEMBER

The Putnam Rotary Club spent part of its recent meeting learning about Abraham Lincoln. Bill Juzwic, a funeral director at Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory, spoke to Rotarians. The funeral home presented a week-long display of a replica of Lincoln's casket and other items from that time. Putnam Rotarian Robert Fournier Jr. owns Gilman and Valade Funeral Homes & Crematory. Photo courtesy of Valentine Iamartino.



Muriel Pepper, manager of the Inn at Woodstock Hill (shown with club President John Miller) and Putnam Police Officer Dana Peloso were recently welcomed to the Putnam Rotary Club family. Peloso stands with his sponsor Jeff Rawson, left, and club President John Miller, right. Courtesy photos.



WILLIMANTIC ROTARY COMEDY SHOW

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.

**Franco's
COMEDY
FOR YOUR
CAUSE**

To Benefit

**Willimantic
Rotary**

Presents an Evening
of Comedy

**Friday
MARCH 29, 2019
@ 7:00 pm**
Doors open @ 6:00 pm
Cash Bar - Raffles

**Event held @:
THE WINDHAM CLUB**
184 Club Road, N. Windham, CT

Tickets \$20

HEADLINER:
Mike Hanley

FEATURE:
Pat Oates

HOST:
Katie Arroyo

Today Show - Comedy

El Network

Comix Morgan Sam

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

ROTARY GLOBAL SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE TO DISTRICT 7890!

DUNN DEADLINE MAY 15 FOR 2019-20

FELLOWSHIP DEADLINE MAY 31 FOR 2020-21

District 7890 is accepting applications for students seeking to pursue graduate studies overseas in the following areas: Promoting peace, Fighting disease, Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, Saving mothers and children, Supporting education, and Growing local economies. See more information here: <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes>. We also have the opportunity to nominate/endorse Peace Fellows to The Rotary Foundation!

Currently we have two scholarship recipients pursuing graduate programs abroad as Global Grant scholars:

Tiffany Robinson is pursuing a Master's in Science in Biomedical Device Materials at the University of Limerick in Ireland under the Rotary pillar of disease prevention and treatment. She hopes to develop cost effective medical devices that can be used in developing nations.

Emily Goldman is studying social neuroscience at University College London. Under the Rotary pillar of peacebuilding, her studies center around the ways in which certain experiences and encounters make groups in conflict such as mobs, armies, etc. cooperate and resolve conflict nonviolently. She hopes to use her graduate training to design and evaluate peacemaking and social cohesion programs in the US and abroad.

Spread the word about this incredible opportunity! Emily and Tiffany's stories are just two of the many wonderful students we have had the privilege of supporting. Encourage other budding global change makers!

The **Dunn Global Grant Scholarship** provides \$30,000 in funding this year for at least one student to participate in an international graduate level program covering living expenses, tuition, and more! To apply by May 15th for the 2019-2020 academic year, they need to already have been accepted to a program. It is not too early to start planting the idea for eligible candidates for next year. Help us **GET THE WORD OUT!**

The **criteria** are as follows:

1. Studies must be at an international institution at the graduate level.
2. Proof of admission/acceptance to the international institution is required no later than May 15, 2019.
3. Cannot use scholarship for studies that have already begun.
4. Strong public speaking and interpersonal communication skills
5. High ethical standards demonstrated in their personal, academic or professional lives.
6. Any permanent residents/legal residents of Rotary District 7890 may apply, preference to residents of East and West Hartford.
7. Pre-departure documents will require proof of insurance that meets The Rotary Foundation (TRF) requirements.
8. Completed scholarship application form with all attachments to be submitted no later than May 15, 2019.

If applicants qualify they must submit the application form along with, resume, essay, 2 letters of recommendation, official transcripts & a letter of admission to the Intl. Institution. This submission must be made to the District Scholarship Committee (DSC) electronically or through snail mail.

For more information about the Dunn Global Grant Scholarship, check out this link: <https://www.rotarydistrict7890.org/SitePage/global-grant-scholarships>.

Peace fellowship candidates for 2020-2021 must meet the following requirements:

- Proficiency in English; a second language is strongly recommended
- Demonstrated commitment to international understanding and peace
- Excellent leadership skills
- Master's degree applicants: minimum three years of related full-time work or volunteer experience, Bachelor's degree Certificate applicants: minimum five years of related full-time work or volunteer experience

Check out this link for more information: <https://www.Rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>.

Application and more information available on our website: www.rotarydistrict7890.org. For any questions, please email rotaryd7890@gmail.com.

For more information, please feel free to reach out to Bruce Stanger, the Scholarship Committee Chair at 860-561-5411.

Please spread the word! We rely on our Rotary members to make their communities aware of these incredible opportunities!

SOUTHWICK ROTARY CLUB TAG SALE



All are invited to participate in the Rotary Club of Southwick's annual tag sale, taking place Saturday, March 30th from 8:00am to 3:00pm at Southwick Florist, 636 College Highway, Southwick, MA.

Club is accepting sale items from Monday through Friday, 9 until 5pm, Saturday 9am to 12 noon. No electronics will be accepted. Clothing accepted as long as the items are laundered and folded. For more information, please contact Bob Fox at 413-579-4585.

SOUTHWICK ROTARY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Southwick Rotary is proud to offer free concerts at Whalley Park in Southwick during the summer months. The Club is now booking bands and vendors. For more information, [visit the Club's website.](#)



EAST HARTFORD ROTARY AT FOOD SHARE

Eight Rotarians from the East Hartford Rotary went to Food Share in Bloomfield recently and packed 3950lbs of frozen meat into bins for distribution to food kitchens, and food banks throughout Connecticut. Each bin weight was approximately 29lbs. This total weight would provide meals for roughly 4100 people! This is one of East Hartford Rotary's continuing projects to provide service to the community.



ROTARY CELEBRATES 91ST YEAR IN EAST HARTFORD

East Hartford Rotarians enjoyed the usual fellowship and a Birthday Cake to recognize the Clubs Ninety First Birthday. Many years of "Service Above Self" to the community and mankind for which all are grateful were recollected by each on this festive occasion.



Ready to cut the cake are –

Bill Saunders, Art Bradbury, Peggy Schoen, Frank Collins and Sue Klock



WATERTOWN ROTARY LEARNS ABOUT CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Watertown Rotary Club's recent guest speaker was Lynn Curless, Director of Development at CCS, Children's Community School. The only private secular nonprofit providing a complete education to Waterbury's inner-city children.
For more information, visit www.CCSWaterbury.org

Pictured Ron Pleasant, Club President with Lynn Curless, Director of Development at CCS.



WILBRAHAM-HAMPDEN PRESENTS TOUR DE MINNECHAUG MOUNTAIN

Registration now available at TourdeMinnechaug.com

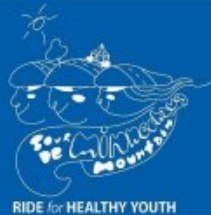
Registration for the Wilbraham-Hampden Rotary Club's May 5 bicycle event is available now at TourdeMinnechaug.com. The bicycle event to benefit the club's healthy youth development projects will be held on Sunday, May 5 starting and ending in nearby Fountain Park in Wilbraham. It's a great event to share 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.

Activities include DJ music, raffle prizes, tee-shirts, free breakfast and lunch provided for ride participants and volunteers and a bicycle safety check. For more information email Joe Kielczewski at tourdeminnechaugmountain@gmail.com or call 413-279-4343.

Tour de Minnechaug Mountain RIDE for HEALTHY YOUTH

Fountain Park in Wilbraham
Sunday, May 5, 2019



ALL NET PROCEEDS
BENEFIT THE YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS OF THE
ROTARY CLUB OF
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.

Rotary
Club of Wilbraham-Hampden
Massachusetts

TAKE ACTION to REGISTER or SPONSOR the Tour
Register: www.TourDeMinnechaug.com Call: (413) 279-4343

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.

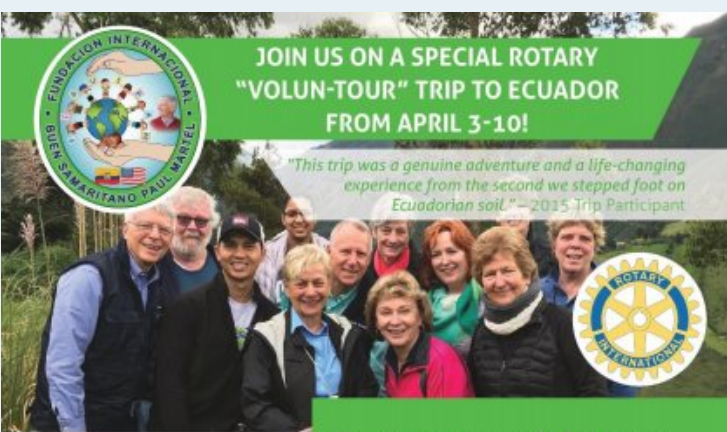
ROTARY VOLUNTOUR TRIP IN ECAUDOR

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@yhb.com

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

[Click here to view flyer!](#)



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

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4/7 DAY 5

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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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U.S ROTARY CLUBS AND DISTRICTS LIABILITY INSURANCE PROGRAM

The U.S. Rotary Clubs and Districts Liability Insurance Program ("Program") provides general liability (GL) and directors' & officers'/employment practices liability (D&O/EPL) insurance coverage to active U.S. Rotary Clubs & Districts. Here is the basic information about U.S. Rotary Clubs and Districts Liability Insurance Program which can save your club and district time and money when planning fundraising events and projects.

The Program provides all U.S. Rotary clubs and districts (its territories and possessions) with general liability (GL) and directors' and officers'/employment practices liability (D&O/EPL) insurance. The Program has been in existence since 2001 and is paid for by U.S. Rotarians via the July club invoice. All U.S. Rotary clubs and districts are automatically insured – no action is needed on your part.

The insurance broker's website, Gallagher Insight, includes the following information:

Certificates of insurance that can be easily filled out and downloaded

Insurance policies and summaries (what is covered, what is excluded)

Loss Prevention Strategies – tips and resources to assist your club in planning safe and successful events/activities

FAQ of common insurance questions and concerns relating to the Program

Incident Report Form for incident reporting

Gallagher Insight Information: <https://insight.ajg.com>

Username: rotary@ajg.com Password: rotarian1 *username note: after A is J not I*

Rotarians can also contact Gallagher by email (rotary@ajg.com) or phone: 1.833.3ROTARY (1.833.376.8279).

The general liability portion of the Program does not provide 'accident' insurance. Medical Payments coverage is offered on a limited basis. Medical payments are excluded for persons injured while practicing, instructing, or participating in any physical exercises or games, sports, or athletic events.

Insurance Requirements in Contracts: Always review insurance requirements in your contract to ensure that they can be met by the Program's insurance. Otherwise, if you club signs an agreement with insurance requirements that are beyond what the Program provides, your club will have to purchase an insurance policy that meets those requirements. The Program cannot be modified to meet a particular contract's requirements. If you have questions or concerns, reach out to RI Risk Management prior to signing contracts.

Additional Insured: If you need an additional insured endorsement per a contract/permit/application, please email a copy of the contract/permit/application to Gallagher and allow 3-5 business days for processing.

Incident Reporting: As soon as your club is aware of an incident that could result in a claim or lawsuit please report it to RI Risk Management at claims@rotary.org. The Incident Report form is available on Gallagher Insight. If your club is served with a lawsuit, please contact RI Risk Management immediately.

Contact information: **Insurance Broker: Gallagher** (833) 376-8279 rotary@ajg.com

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WESTFIELD CIVIC LEADER LYNN BOSCHER REMEMBERED FOR SERVICE, LOVE OF FUN

By Hope Tremblay, Massive

I don't know exactly when I met Lynn Boscher, but I can't remember a time when I didn't know him. I suspect it was 1978 or 1979 when we met. I was in-first grade at St. Mary School and became fast friends with Kerry, Lynn's daughter. I didn't know then, but this would be a lifelong friendship that I've been happy to continue now, nearly 40 years later. Throughout these past four decades, our friendship has ebbed and flowed because of jobs, kids and other changes in life. But, ours has been the kind of friendship in which months can pass without getting together only to be able to pick up right where you left off. This, I have come to learn, was passed on from Lynn. He was a steadfast friend and always welcomed people into his life.

Lynn Boscher died on Feb. 12, surrounded by family in his beloved city of Westfield.

Everyone who knew him - whether it was for 60 years or 60 minutes - says the same things:

He was a good friend.
He had a kind word for everyone.
He was a great guy.
He was a family man.
He enjoyed talking about any subject.
He loved Westfield.

The latter describes the Lynn who thousands of people came to know. He was dedicated to his community in a way people admire.

A longtime Westfield Rotarian, he exemplified its mission of "Service Above Self." His wife Mary and children, Kerry, Mary, Edward, Michael and his late son Paul, lived that life with him. They watched Lynn give back in so many ways.

His fellow Rotarians said they would feel his loss.

"Lynn was the epitome of the Rotary motto of Service Above Self," said Jennifer Gruszka of the Rotary Club of Westfield. "There was never a time where he wasn't thinking of how to improve the lives of others - from helping with countless events to just making you smile. He was full of life, laughter, silly jokes, stories and love. Lynn was a dear friend and mentor, and will be deeply missed."

Longtime friend and former councilor Mary O'Connell mourned the loss of Lynn. "I have known Lynn for over 40 years, and he was definitely one of a kind," she said. "He was ethical and direct. He stood up for his ideals and dedicated himself in service to Westfield. I respected him so much and admired his approach and take on local politics and government. Lynn did not have a mean bone in his body and worked very hard on many different levels to make our community a better place. I will miss him, and I think his death will be a great loss for our city."

Boscher served as executive director of the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce from 2006 through 2010. Current executive director Kate Phelon said Lynn left some big shoes to fill. "I am deeply saddened by the loss of my predecessor and fellow Rotarian, Lynn Boscher, as I have known Lynn well over 20 years. "He was so gracious and extremely helpful to me when I became the first woman president of the Westfield Rotary Club. I came to know his wife, Mary and a few of his children over the years. He was a pillar to the community and will be missed my many."

Many people knew Boscher as a business owner from the years in which he and his wife operated the Travel Bureau of Westfield. He helped thousands of people plan trips, which was something he was an expert in since traveling and having a good time were among his favorite things.

Friends and acquaintances alike took to social media upon hearing of Lynn's death and remarked that in addition to the great loss for the city, they would personally miss the good times they had with him.

Lynn loved music and martinis and could often be found listening to live, local music and sharing food and drink with friends and strangers, who almost always felt like friends after a few minutes chatting with Lynn. He spent his retirement photographing events for local newspapers, sharing his passion once again with his community.

Lynn will be remembered as someone who loved life, his family and his city. And that's the way he'd like it.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Robert Agnoli, *Springfield*
Larry Bauman, *East Longmeadow*
Conor Bevan, *Holyoke*
Kevin Cook, *East Longmeadow*
Crystal Gonyea, *East Longmeadow*
Aileen Hermes, *Kensington-Berlin*
Alain Monbaron, *Southington*
Dana Peloso, *Putnam*
Muriel Pepper, *Putnam*
Daniel Ragozzine, *Southington*
Willie Rodriguez, *Kensington-Berlin*
Jeff Tager, *Simsbury-Granby*
Lisa Wright, *Avon-Canton*



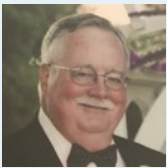
IN MEMORIAM



[John Barclay](#), Westfield



[Laura Hawks](#), Simsbury



[Lynn Boscher](#), Westfield



[John Luning](#), Salisbury



[Donald Clark](#), Westfield

ROTARY CITATION

The Rotary Citation is an honor worth achieving. The implementation guide is a critical piece in helping you update your Citation Goals and recording information in Rotary Showcase and Rotary Club Central. I hope you find this information helpful in obtaining the Rotary Citation for your club. This is for the current year. A new guide will become available for next year.



Rotary Citation Brochure Citation Achievement Guide

RYLA 2019



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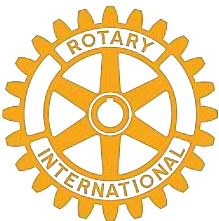
HAVE SOME NEWS TO SHARE?

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.

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