

The Rotarian



Dear District, 7890,

Well I am only 5 months into my role as the District Governor and I am already saddened it is coming to and end in only 7 short months!!! I want to thank each and all of you for such great club visits. Albeit I am only half way through, my visits to date have been fabulous! I am amazed and in awe of the amount of community work and joyful Rotary Pride in each individual club.

Additionally, I am so very grateful for the help and assistance in doing this job by so many but a few I would like to do a shout out to: thank you to Eileen, Prasad and Steve Penny for the incredible planning and implementation of the Foundation Dinner!! Darlene Rae for her amazing support for all the events managing the registration and my schedule! Gina Herboldt for her coordination of the upcoming Rotary sponsored Theater Works presentation of Christmas on the Rocks, Jen Gruszka for her amazing talent in the website, club runner and most importantly this newsletter and finally my amigos Mark and Marc for your unending support!!!

This past month we had a great Foundation Dinner and honored by the generosity of many of our members. Congratulations to the following:

MAJOR DONORS :

Level 1: Craig F. Buhrendorf, Avon-Canton, Shari Cantor, West Hartford; Martin D. Guyer, Hartford; David Mangs, West Hartford; Barbara Manning, Great Barrington

Level 4 : Sandra Blumer, Hartford & Arthur Blumer, Southington; Eileen Rau & Robert James Rau, West Hartford

Bequest Society Members:

Level 1: George B. Raymond, Great Barrington

Level 5: Priscilla & Frank E. Wargo, New Milford

Traditional Recognitions: Hartford; Avon-Canton; West Hartford

District Foundation Awards • Avon-Canton • East Hartford • East Longmeadow • Great Barrington • Manchester • New Britain-Berlin • Simsbury-Granby • South Windsor • Watertown • West Hartford

The Rotary Foundation Giving & EREY Banner Clubs • Watertown • Dalton
\$1500 or more Polio Plus Giving Clubs • Avon-Canton • East Hartford • Great Barrington • Manchester • New Britain-Berlin • Pittsfield • Simsbury-Granby • Somers • South Windsor • Suffield • Watertown • West Hartford

Rotary Citation Awards: • Avon-Canton • Bristol • Hartford • Kensington-Berlin • Manchester • New Britain-Berlin • Newington • Plainville • Rockville • Southington • Thomaston

Interact Rotary Citation Award – Canton High School Interact

Unsung Hero Awards: Rockville Rotary - Helen Syriac; Thomaston Rotary – Mike Burr; Rotary Club of Enfield – Earl F. Provencher Jr.; Manchester Rotary – Marc Montminy; Rotary Club of Putnam – Karen Osbrey; Simsbury-Granby Club – Paul Martel; Wethersfield/Rocky Hill Rotary – Bruce Tooker

Dates to Remember:

**** November 27th – Christmas on the Rocks – Seats Still Available!!!**

**** May 3rd and 4th 2019 – District Conference**

Recognizing that many of us have been affected by the recent shootings, fires and unexpected deaths, I hope you find peace today and wish each of you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!!

Kate Sims

District Governor



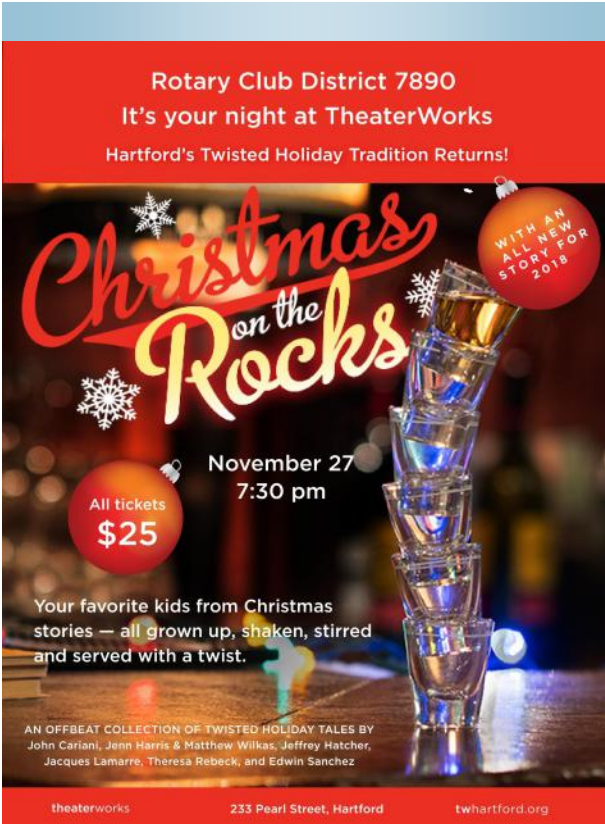
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Special points of interest

- Giving Tuesday is November 27. [Give the gift of Rotary!](#)
- Read RI President Barry Rassin's November message
- Learn how to support hurricane relief efforts for our friends in southern U.S.
- Rotary Means Business Blowout Event on December 5



Rotary presents “Christmas on the Rocks” at TheaterWorks

Join us on November 27 for “Christmas on the Rocks” at TheaterWorks in Connecticut.

The nearly sold out event is open to all Rotarians and is sure to be a festive social evening.

Tickets are \$25 each, and \$11 of the ticket price will be donated back to Rotary. The play begins at 7:30, and a pre-social gathering in true Rotary fashion will take place. Hope to see you there!!!

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

Submit nominations for District 7890 Governor 2021-22

It is that time of the year for nominations for our District Governor for the year of 2021-22! Below is the nomination form which should be filled out and sent back to Dick Borden. Dick is coordinating the interview and selection process and will keep us all informed to next steps and progress.

Questions can be directed to Governor Kate Sims. Kate is also the NEPETS Chair for the year of 21-22 and will be working directly with our DGND during this year.

[Click here to access the nomination form](#)

2019 Council on Legislation Update

By: Sue Klock District 7890 Representative to the 2019 Council on Legislation

Preparations for the 2019 Council on Legislation are in full swing. I have an update for you.

Statements of Support and Opposition

Clubs and districts may use the online form to submit statements of support, opposition, or general comments regarding legislation. The online form can be found here: https://rotary.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3z84O8VkJGe5J1oV. Club statements must be submitted or confirmed by the club's president and district statements must be submitted or confirmed by the governor.

Statements may be in support of, in opposition to, or as a comment on an item of legislation. The deadline for submitting statements is **14 February 2019** and they may not exceed 2000 characters. A separate form should be used for each statement. Please note that substantially similar statements will be merged, with each submitter being listed on one statement.

Statements will be distributed electronically to all representatives before the Council.

For information about the 2019 Council on Legislation, including the link to the proposed legislation, go to <https://my.rotary.org/en/exchange-ideas/events/council-legislation>

If you have any questions, contact Council Services at council_services@rotary.org.

November is Rotary Foundation Month

As we enter Foundation Month, we thank you for your ongoing support of contributions to the Foundation's Annual Fund – SHARE. Thus far for the 2018-2019 Rotary year we have raised \$40,000 towards our reported goal of \$130,850 representing 75% of all clubs in our District. The ongoing challenge for annual giving is to raise awareness of our Foundation, it's mission, and it's focus areas in order to promote and encourage giving by every Rotarian every year. So here is a bit of a refresher!



The Rotary Foundation's Mission is to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Our projects cover the major focus areas of Rotary:

- Promoting Peace
- Providing Clean Water
- Saving Mothers and Children
- Supporting Education
- Growing Local Economics
- Fighting Disease

So why the Rotary Foundation? Here are a couple of compelling reasons:

- More than 90% of donations go directly to supporting our service projects at home and around the world. Charity navigator has consistently rated our Foundation in the top 3 charities worldwide.
- Of the donations to the foundation Annual fund – SHARE program, 50% of the funds are retained for three years and then returned to the district to be used for District and Global Grants.
- The Foundation is not just about international projects. Without the SHARE aspect, clubs would have to pay 100% of their own project expenses.

And why Now?

We are 99% of the way towards eradicating one of the worst diseases known to mankind through our polio challenge. Through our water project, headed by Rick Lawrence and funded by 23 local clubs and Global Grants, the lives of hundreds of people in Guatemala have been improved. Through our Vocational Training Teams we are teaching specific groups to develop sustainable processes taught by the VTT and implemented on a local basis around the world.

So, in closing, our sincere thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity as we continue to carry out our Mission. Please give some thought to using Rotary Month as a springboard to action! Remember that a contribution of any amount made through Rotary Direct is quick and easy. Go to www.rotary.org and click on 'Donate' to learn more about ways to give.

My very best for a Happy Holiday season to you and yours!

Sue Chatfield, Annual Giving Chair

Giving Tuesday

By: Eileen Rau

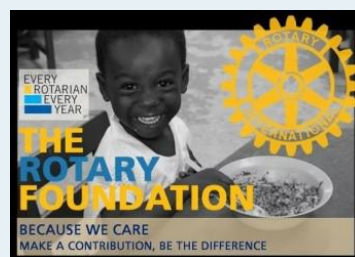
Join the global online movement to celebrate the season with a gift to The Rotary Foundation. [Giving Tuesday](#), November 27th, uses the power of social media and the spirit of generosity to promote giving and philanthropy around the world.

You can support the cause by going online on November 27th to [make a gift](#) to The Rotary Foundation. Then use social media to encourage your friends and family to do the same. It's the perfect opportunity to reach our supporters and build on the momentum of Rotary Foundation Month.

Last year, the Foundation raised more than \$100,000 on Giving Tuesday.

[CLICK HERE TO Make a gift to the Foundation](#)

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!



Rotary Volountour Trip to Ecuador

Paul Martel of the Simsbury-Granby Rotary Club organized a "Rotary Volountour" 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 Volountour.

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

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

[Click here to view flyer!](#)



JOIN US ON A SPECIAL ROTARY "VOLUN-TOUR" TRIP TO ECUADOR FROM APRIL 3-10!

"This trip was a genuine adventure and a life-changing experience from the second we stepped foot on Ecuadorian soil." —2015 Trip Participant

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	4/7 DAY 5	4/9 DAY 7
Transfer to the Hotel	FIBUSPAM Volunteer Program	FIBUSPAM Volunteer Program
4/4 DAY 2	4/8 DAY 6	4/10 DAY 8
Horseback riding at Cotopaxi Volcano - Transfer to Riobamba	FIBUSPAM Volunteer Program	Transfer to Quito - Quito Tour - Airport Transfer
FIBUSPAM Volunteer Program	FIBUSPAM Volunteer Program	FIBUSPAM Volunteer Program

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.

www.fibuspam.org
sarah@fibuspam.org

Franklin County Festive of Trees

The Franklin County Rotary is well into our planning for our 3rd annual Festival of Trees. Neighboring clubs are invited to join in the fun and sponsor a tree this year. Last year we raised \$20K (in only our 2nd year!) for our beneficiary.



3rd Annual Festival of Trees

Yankee Candle Village, South Deerfield, MA 01373

Opening Gala
 Thursday November 29, 6-10pm

By invitation for Rotary, Kiwanis, Beneficiary Organizations, Tree Sponsors and Guests
 Proceeds from this year's event to benefit....

United Way of Franklin County

Tree Viewing
 Weekends - November 30 through December 15th

Thursdays - 5-8pm
 Fridays - 5-8pm
 Saturdays - 11am-6pm
 Free Admission

Event includes tree raffles, commemorative ornaments for sale, holiday selfie station, & local entertainment
 Entertainment schedule will be posted on our FB page:
 Festival of Trees- Franklin County
 Want to become a sponsor? Email FCFestivalofTrees@gmail.com

Williamstown supports World Polio Day

The Rotary Club of Williamstown ran an informational table and bake sale to raise awareness and funds for World Polio Day on Saturday, October 20th at the Stop and Shop Supermarket in North Adams, MA. The club raised over \$200 for Polio Plus. Just as important, we showed the face of Rotary to the community and educated shoppers about the disease, which most people are convinced is no longer a threat. Some shoppers spoke about people they had known that had some form of the disease years ago and are continuing to live with the effects. We were glad to be able to talk about the achievements of Rotary in bringing the world "this close" to eradicating polio.

Pictured: Valerie Hall, President; Sharon LeBlanc and Anne Skinner, Past President



November message from RI President Barry Rassin

My dear friends and fellow Rotary leaders,

As we enter Foundation Month, we would like to thank each and every one of you who did so much to make World Polio Day such an enormous success.

We welcomed Rotarians, Rotary staff members, Rotaractors, and guests to our livestream viewing and virtual reality event here at Rotary headquarters in Evanston. It was an amazing experience—not only sharing our excitement and enthusiasm for polio eradication with so many strong supporters, but knowing that our event was just one of the 3,300 registered World Polio Day events taking place around the world on that day. Every one helped raise awareness of our work; every one brought eradication that much closer.

Rotary's work to eradicate polio continues, as does our work to promote literacy, economic development, better health, clean water, and peace throughout the world—all of it supported by our Rotary Foundation. In its 101st year, our Foundation continues to be the engine that drives the Rotary machine, allowing Rotary clubs and districts to aspire to larger, more ambitious projects with transformative, sustainable impact.

If your club is thinking about taking on a more ambitious project, remember that Rotary Action Groups ([RAGs](#)) are great resources. RAGs are international groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants, and alumni who are experts in a particular field, such as microcredit, peace, family health, disasters, or water. In addition to contributing technical expertise, RAGs can also assist clubs with global grant projects by helping prepare grant applications, conduct community assessments, identify partners, raise funds, and establish monitoring and evaluation plans.

Some of the largest RAGs serve as leaders in Rotary's areas of focus and help clubs take on large-scale global grant pro-

jects: [RAG for Population and Development](#), [Water and Sanitation RAG](#), [RAG for Family Health and AIDs Prevention](#), [Microfinance and Community Development RAG](#), and [RAG for Peace](#). Connect directly with a RAG for assistance with a project, district, or global grant, at any stage of planning.

You can end Foundation Month on a charitable note by participating in Giving Tuesday, 27 November. Rotary will be joining thousands of other organizations worldwide for a global day of giving. Our [new online giving platform](#) has made it easier than ever to give to the Foundation, and you can easily notify someone of a gift made in their honor via email or by printing and delivering a customized notification yourself.

We usually refer to The Rotary Foundation as Our Foundation. Unlike most charities, our Foundation is truly Our Foundation, because it is both supported by the Rotary family, and supports the work we do. This year, our Foundation has already approved 222 district grants, with \$31.9 million USD in total funding, and 41 global grants, with \$11.9 million in total funding.

Our ambitious goals to grow our endowment and our annual giving set the stage for a larger, more effective, more sustainable Rotary—that will *Be the Inspiration* for generations to come.

Yours in Rotary,

Barry Rassin
President, Rotary International 2018-19

Ron D. Burton
Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation 2018-19

California Fire Relief

The devastating fires in California have impacted thousands of lives. The Paradise, CA Rotary Club has set up a [Go Fund Me account](https://www.gofundme.com/paradisestrong-fire-relief) to help those in need.

Contact: Dean Fender
Paradise Rotary Foundation
c/o Scheer Memorial Chapel
2410 Foothill Blvd
Oroville CA 95966
(EIN: 26-2754805)
dean@paradisedirect.com
530-518-2173

Even as the embers glow, as the fires rage, we are in the first steps of recovery. Rotary Club of Paradise launches this site to collect contributions from generous family, friends, and neighbors who have never met each other. The contribution you make is tax deductible via our 501(c)(3) Paradise Rotary Foundation. All of your contribution – 100% of it – goes to people in need, fire victims and heroic first responders who are helping us in our time of need.

We will use this money to help people get back on their feet. We will provide people with gift cards so that our merchants – and their employees – can survive, too.

With your support, we will rebuild our community in Butte County– our neighborhoods, our businesses, our playgrounds, our churches, and everything else that's so easy to take for granted... Until it's gone.

Visit <https://www.gofundme.com/paradisestrong-fire-relief> to make a donation.

Friends Forever!

FRIENDS FOREVER!

THANK YOU PLAINFIELD ROTARY FROM ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

What great hosts the Plainfield Rotary Club were on November 9th and 10th introducing one of America's favorite holidays – Thanksgiving - to exchange students from Districts 7890, 7910, and 7980. Assisted by Plainfield Interactors, this happy group enjoyed all kind of fun events on Friday and Saturday culminating in a delicious traditional Turkey Dinner cooked by the expert chefs of the Plainfield Rotary.

The 80 plus lucky Rotarians, host families, and students were treated to a hilarious superhero's costume contest at dinner, ultimately won by a surprise guest – LeBron James, played by Plainfield's own – Cheyenne LeTilly of France.

Thank you Plainfield for putting on a wonderful event every year for our kids. We know that you put in long hours making it a highlight of year for our students but please also know that it is very much appreciated.

Rotarians – don't forget to invite kids from 15-18.5 to participate in either our year long exchange program or Summer program. What a great International service project for your club and a way to change a student's life forever!

For more information, contact Rich Friedman at riche-friedman@yahoo.com



Watertown Rotary Happenings

Watertown Rotary had fun dressing up for their Halloween luncheon



Students of the month were honored at a weekly meeting. Pictured from left to right: Watertown High School Senior Emma Zaccagnini, Rotarian Susan Lymna Santopietro, Watertown Freshman Erica Gugliotti, and Club President Ronald Pleasant.



On Wednesday November 14th the Watertown Rotary Club presented the Watertown Police Department with a Camera Drone at the clubs weekly Luncheon held at the Grand Oak Villa. The drone is the departments 1st aerial camera assistance drone that will aid in various situations such as accidents and missing persons.

1st picture is Officer Jeffrey McKirryher holding the drone Rotary donated.
2nd picture from left to right is President Ronald Pleasant, Officer Jeffrey McKirryher and LT Tim Gavallas.



Happenings at the Rotary Club of Thomaston

Dick Dill from the Terryville Rotary club visited the Rotary Club of Thomaston this month to discuss Harvest Pack which is a Fortified Soy-Rice Protein Meal that has a branch here in Connecticut and is shipped throughout the United States and the world to assist people in need of food.

Rotary Club of Thomaston is planning on running an assembly line with our Interact Club to produce and ship these food packs.

We were happy to have the Litchfield/Morris Rotary Club join our meeting to learn about Harvest Pack as well.

It was great to have visitors (pictured) Mickie-Ann Budny, Litchfield/Morris Club President, Kate Sims, our District Governor and Joanne Alfieri our Area 10 Assistant District Governor. Also in the picture is Breia Pinette our club president.



2019 Northeast Presidents-elect Training Team wants your feedback

Greetings from the 2019 Northeast Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS) Team! Your year as Club President is off to a great start, so thank you for leading your club in 2018-2019. We are hoping you are working towards your personal and club goals during your term as President.

As we begin planning for 2019 Northeast PETS, we are asking that you take approximately 10 minutes to complete the following survey. Your responses will help us plan NEPETS 2019.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DYGGJ7K>

Looking forward to your suggestions,

Sincerely yours,
2019 Northeast PETS Team

Bristol Rotary Events

Bristol's Rotary club completed a fundraiser on October 26th at WalMart with Liberty Bank, combined with several other area clubs to raise money for Zion Lutheran Food Bank. Last year, the Club was able to donate \$25,000! The Club, along with Liberty Bank, will present this year's proceeds on November 20th.

Bristol has a host of upcoming events:

11/21 Meals for Neighbors volunteer opportunity.

11/23 Sponsorship alum lacrosse game to benefit HS lacrosse

12/4 Bristol holiday party at Marilyn's pub

12/8 Holiday on the Hill Reverse Parade for kids volunteer opportunity

12/15 Salvation Army bell ringing at Stop N Shop volunteer opportunity

12/18 Membership drive with hosting Morning Jolt, a joint Chamber of Commerce Rotary event

Spread the word about Rotary Youth Exchange

For more information, contact Rich Friedman at richefriedman@yahoo.com



STUDY ABROAD

The Youth Exchange Scholarship provided by your local Rotary Club



Valued at over \$24,000: Room, board, tuition, and monthly stipend for a high school year abroad.

HAVE YOU EVER DREAMED OF...

- ▶ TRAVELING THE WORLD?
- ▶ LIVING IN ANOTHER COUNTRY?
- ▶ BEING FLUENT IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE?

The Youth Exchange Scholarship for one academic year covers room, board, tuition, and a monthly stipend. The student/family pays for airfare, medical insurance, personal and optional expenses.

THE YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROSITY OF OUR ROTARY PARTNERS OVERSEAS AND LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS. QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MUST BE AGES 15-18 1/2 AT THE TIME OF DEPARTURE.

Rotary   Contact: _____

Student/Parent Information Meetings: _____

East Longmeadow raises Polio Awareness

The Rotary Club of East Longmeadow made strides to raise awareness of Polio Eradication efforts that started in 1988 and Rotary International's involvement. The Rotarians used wooden and metal splints crafted at Shriner's Hospital for Children in Springfield Massachusetts and a scavenger hunt highlighting the Five Facts about Polio from ENDPOLIONOW.ORG on October 20, 2018 at their community Celebrate EL event. With the contributions of multiple community organizations and businesses, the club was able to educate ~250 children and their families about Polio just a few days before World Polio Day (October 24th). In addition to the bounce houses, pumpkin patch, tractor rides and great concessions, three dance companies performed on the club's bandshell stage for "Showcase your talent". The East Longmeadow Children's Library Director was on hand to announce the club and Rotary District 7890 contributions to the library's Launchpad program. Eight high school students completed a total of 41.5 community service hours toward graduation. 19 Rotarians and their family members were on hand throughout the day to set-up/break-down the event, serve concessions, manage the fun and games, and provide information about Rotary and how we serve our communities.



Putnam Rotary helps refresh Rotary Park bandstand

PUTNAM --- The crown of Rotary Park, the bandstand, was looking a little tarnished.

The number of events and performances that had taken place on the bandstand stage extension over the last 14 years had taken its toll.

The deck was made of simple plywood and after 14 years, there was warping, rotting and some wear and tear, said Parks and Recreation Director Willie Bousquet. "It was losing integrity," he added.

When the bandstand was first used, Bousquet said, the town realized that an extension was needed.

The stage extension has "just enhanced performances in the park," said Bousquet. But it needed replacing after so many years of service.

The Putnam Rotary Club joined with the town to get the stage extension decking replaced. Karen Osbrey, the club's project chair, applied for a Rotary District 7890 grant. The club won a grant for \$1,750 and added \$2,000 from the Putnam Rotary Club's budget. That covered the materials, according to Bousquet. The town kicked in the labor to install the decking.

Osbrey, in her application for the Rotary grant, said the project would benefit the community because it would expose everyone to the arts --- free. Over the years, she said, the facility has hosted "both amateur and professional performances ... everything from high school band and choral concerts, dance recitals, martial arts demonstrations, acrobats and magicians to professional symphonies, opera performances, military bands and Shakespeare in the Park" and more.



The decking, which measures 32 by 16 feet, was replaced with Trex. "It's a nice decking that will last for a long long time," Bousquet said.

"We'll continue to have the ability to accommodate large groups and the ability to accommodate performers," he added.

Putnam Rotarians, left to right: Karen Osbrey, Club Project Chair; Club President John Miller; and Jeff Rawson at the new decking at the Rotary Park Bandstand in Putnam. The club donated the funds for the materials and the town provided the labor for decking replacement. Courtesy photo.

Rotary Means Business Year-End Blowout

Rotary Means Business

District 7890 "Introduce a Friend to Rotary" Year-End Blowout!

Business Networking with Rotarians & Friends
ROTARIANS BRING A GUEST FOR FREE!



To learn more about setting up your own Rotary Means Business event, contact Bennett Forrest at (860) 977-3176 or bennettforrest@kw.com

Wednesday, December 5th

6 PM - 8 PM - The North House in Avon, CT

Event Details

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



COST: \$20 Rotarian + Bring a Guest for Free!
(LIMIT 1 GUEST/ROTARIAN)

INCLUDES: Networking | Door Prizes
Hors d'oeuvres | Cash Bar

LOCATION: The North House
1 Nod Rd Avon, CT 06001

ONLINE REGISTRATION: <https://bit.ly/2PsDnGk>

Questions? Contact: Bennett Forrest | (860) 977-3176 | bennettforrest@kw.com



Rotary Means Business encourages Rotarians to support the success of their fellow Rotarians by doing business with them, and by referring others to them



A Rotary Means Business event took place on October 24th at the Hawk's Landing Country Club in Southington, Connecticut. Enjoy photos from the evening!



District 7890 eDirectory Club Executives and Directors 2018-2019

Please click [here](#) to access the District 7890 eDirectory of Club Executives and Directors for 2018-2019. The eDirectory is available under Download Files on RotaryDistrict7890.org.

The [District Organizational Chart for 2018](#) is also available on our website.

2017-18 Rotary Citation from the RI President



Congratulations to the following clubs who received the Rotary Citation (aka the Presidential Citation): Avon-Canton; Bristol; Hartford; Kensington-Berlin; Manchester; New Britain-Berlin; Newington; Plainville; Rockville; Southington; and Thomaston. The Rotary Citation recognizes clubs that are strong and making a positive difference in our communities by achieving goals related to Rotary's three strategic priorities: to support and strengthen clubs, focus and increase humanitarian service, and enhance Rotary's public image and awareness.

Hartford enjoys Trick or Treat event

The Rotary Club of Hartford volunteered in costumes at the Yard Goats first Trick or Treat event at Dunkin Donuts Park on October 28. Over 3,000 people attended - it was an amazing success!



The State of Rotary Membership — updated

The newly revised [State of Rotary Membership](#) presentation is now available. Viewing it, you'll learn about growth, attrition, and the opportunity to enrich membership. The updated slides include 1 July 2018 membership data.

The 16-slide PowerPoint presentation can be given as is, or you can easily regionalize it to create a custom presentation for your members.

[Read](#) how Sherri Muniz, Rotary coordinator for region 26 (USA), used this valuable resource, and discover other ways to use the presentation effectively.

Watch a recording of the presentation with narration on our [Vimeo channel](#).

Hurricane Florence Relief Donations

Many have asked how to help with hurricane relief efforts. District 7730 has been contacted and provided information on ways to help:

"There is still a long way to go in terms of recovery. The greatest need is housing as many of the homes were inundated with water as Hurricane Florence dumped 36 inches of rain over a three day period. Electrical power was lost in the initial hours of the storm and in some instances took 7-10 days to restore. Black mold spread throughout the waterlogged homes and businesses in the humid heat of eastern North Carolina. Subsequently, they have been gutted and must be rebuilt. Our District has an emergency fund and opened a grant program to individuals, businesses and non profits who need assistance. We received 56 applications totaling \$736K. Our fund contains only 10% of the amount requested. Any amount donated is appreciated and needed. The outpouring of support from Rotary clubs across the country has been tremendous. Your interest in our district demonstrates the awesome power of Rotary and the embodiment of our motto, "service above self."

For those who want to contribute, we recommend using the Donor Advisor Fund, (DAF). The advantages of using this fund are:

- 1) It is already established and ready to receive funds, NOW.
- 2) Payments can be made online to the Rotary Foundation for relief efforts.

Donations received online cannot be earmarked specifically for District 7730. However, any checks made to this DAF can be allocated for 7730 as long as it indicated on the check. As a reminder contributions to this DAF are tax deductible.

Make checks payable to: The Rotary Foundation DAF #574

In the Memo Line: Rotary District 7730

Mail to:

Lin Kelly

6960 Rosebury Ct.

Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469

For online contributions access the following website:

<https://www.your-fundaccount.com/rotary/howtocontribute.asp>

Account Name: Rotary District 7680 DAF No. 574 Account No.: 574

Again, thank you for your concern and support.

In Rotary service,

April Clark, RYT500

Rotary DG 2018-2019

East Longmeadow raises Polio Awareness

The Rotary Club of East Longmeadow made strides to raise awareness of Polio Eradication efforts that started in 1988 and Rotary International's involvement. The Rotarians used wooden and metal splints crafted at Shriner's Hospital for Children in Springfield Massachusetts and a scavenger hunt highlighting the Five Facts about Polio from ENDPOLIONOW.ORG on October 20, 2018 at their community Celebrate EL event. With the contributions of multiple community organizations and businesses, the club was able to educate ~250 children and their families about Polio just a few days before World Polio Day (October 24th). In addition to the bounce houses, pumpkin patch, tractor rides and great concessions, three dance companies performed on the club's bandshell stage for "Showcase your talent". The East Longmeadow Children's Library Director was on hand to announce the club and Rotary District 7890 contributions to the library's Launchpad program. Eight high school students completed a total of 41.5 community service hours toward graduation. 19 Rotarians and their family members were on hand throughout the day to set-up/break-down the event, serve concessions, manage the fun and games, and provide information about Rotary and how we serve our communities.



Southington Rotary Events

Southington Rotary has been busy this fall! Events included:

Annual Harvest Food Drive
Rotary Means Business Event
Turkey Leg with Liberty Bank



Southington Rotary held a Rotary Means Business event on October 24 at Hawks Landing Country Club. The event was quite a success with over 40 attendees. Pictured are Kate Sirignano and Joe Mauriello, Co-Chairs of the event.



Habitat for Humanity trip to Guatemala

Rotary International has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to provide safe and affordable housing across the globe.

The partnership will facilitate collaboration between local Rotary clubs and local Habitat for Humanity organizations, enabling Habitat to extend their volunteer pool by tapping into Rotary's 1.2 million members in 200 countries and regions.

[Learn more about this partnership.](#)

The Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity invites District 7890 to participate in a 2019 trip to Guatemala to work with families in need of simple, decent and affordable housing. The total cost per person is \$2,600. The nine day trip is sure to be a life-changing experience!

[View the flyer here](#)

[Download the application](#)

New Members

Brandon Affeldt, Westfield

Nicholas Cocchi, Springfield

Armando DiCianno, Williamstown

Daniel Glanville, Holyoke

Jeffrey Hayden, Holyoke

Sean Layton, Bristol

Sarah Leathers, Avon-Canton

Monica Mackey, Williamstown

Stuart Mattson, Simsbury-Granby

Gina Nelson, Holyoke

Nicole Orahoad, Rockville

Ronna Ostheimer, Williamstown

Gianpaolo Patane, Southington

Lindsay Redin, Rockville

Denise Salmon, Willimantic

Lori Unghire, Enfield

Lynn Veronesi, Bristol

In Memoriam



[George Agnelli, East Hartford](#)



[Louis Oldershaw, Holyoke](#)



[Jim Williamson, New Britain](#)

Anniversaries

South Windsor, Chartered October 14, 1960

Gladys Dunn, Rotarian friend, passes away

Gladys Dunn, wife of long-time West Hartford Rotarian and past president Dr. Robert Dunn, passed away. She and her husband endowed a Rotary District Global Grant Scholarship. Robert and Gladys Dunn Endowed not only the Dunn Global Scholarship with the Rotary Foundation, but established "**The Robert E. Dunn Fund for Youth Leadership**" at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. This fund is where Gladys requested that charitable donations be made. Services are private. She will be missed. The District extends sincere condolences to Robert and his entire family.



Read her obituary [here](#)

October Attendance

Club	Members	October %
Agawam	28	*
Amherst	64	42.01
Avon-Canton	80	37.17
Bloomfield	21	*
Bristol	37	53.27
Chicopee	25	*
Dalton	10	*
Easthampton	30	*
East Hartford	48	*
East Longmeadow	23	75.46
East Windsor	12	*
Enfield	52	64.01
Farmington	36	43.68
Franklin County	26	*
Glastonbury	75	82
Great Barrington	46	57.78
Hartford	32	*
Holyoke	59	48.81
Kensington-Berlin	15	43.92
Killingly-Brooklyn	18	62.96
Litchfield Morris	25	50.3
Ludlow	22	73.81
Manchester	34	52.72
Monson	8	*
New Britain-Berlin	44	*
New Milford	45	*
Newington	21	70.78
North Adams	12	*
Northampton	28	48.21
Palmer	22	*
Pittsfield	59	*
Plainfield	16	70
Plainville	36	*
Putnam	53	64.13
Rockville	19	*
Salisbury	33	48.74
Simsbury-Granby	67	*
Somers	33	*
Southington	43	*
Southwick	12	*
South Windsor	56	*
Springfield	47	30.96
Stafford	28	35.71
Suffield	34	80.88
Terryville	11	79.00
Thomaston	39	60.5
Torrington-Winsted	65	*
Tri-Town	7	*
Ware	11	*
Washington	13	*
Watertown	38	*
Westfield	30	62.9
West Hartford	51	*
West Springfield	62	65.77
Wethersfield/Rocky Hill	16	*
Wilbraham-Hampden	23	67.30
Williamstown	30	*
Willimantic	24	30.18
Windsor/Windsor Locks	20	49

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Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

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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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