



# Rotary District 7780

Carolyn Johnson, District Governor

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**Just one more week to register . . .**

**. . . be sure you are engaged in our conference story!**

Stories of Rotarians changing lives - in their own hometowns and half way around the world - is the theme of Rotarians gathering at our district conference on May 16-18. The event is designed to inspire and renew your pride in our Rotary service. In just one weekend, where else could you meet:

- Two Rotary Peace Scholars
- A Rotarian who scaled Mt Everest - to raise money for polio eradication
- The General Manager of The Rotary Foundation
- Rotarians changing lives by partnering locally in community development

And if that's not enough . . .

- Be the first to see our district's Four Way Test Video winners!
- See how we changed lives in the community of Lac Megantic
- Learn who benefited from all those mobility devices we collected for Crutches 4 Africa
- Learn about the children whose lives changed by from your support of Rotaplast
- Meet a teacher changing lives by teaching indigenous children in Guatemala to read
- Meet local youth developing leadership skills and a commitment to service - because of their involvement with Rotary's programs
- Learn how local communities - right here in New Hampshire and Maine - benefit by your support of The Rotary Foundation
- Meet our Rotary music team who traveled to Uganda - and learn what may happen next

Looking for a little entertainment? You'll find it at our conference!

- Pihcintu Multinational Children's Chorus
- *Award-winning* Yarmouth Middle School Jazz Band
- WFCP Home Time Radio Hour

*Come be inspired, share fellowship, and take pride in the results made possible because we are Rotarians!*

Come for a day - or for the weekend. You will be glad you did!

Share in our story of Engaged Rotarians changing lives!

**The last day to register for district conference is Friday, May 9**

[Register for the conference here](#)

Westin Harborview Hotel, Portland, May 1--18

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## **What service project could your club use help to start?**

Have a dream to build a walking path in your town? Want to start a community garden? Would a reading or mentoring program benefit youth in your community? The opportunities are endless - and District Grants can help! **Applications for**

**Community Grants and Springboard Grants are due by June 1.**

These grants are funds are available to us as a result of our past contributions to The Rotary Foundation. We determined that our District Grant funds will be used for new projects of our clubs intended to have a positive impact locally or internationally. Grants can be used to jumpstart a new community project or as "seed money" to investigate or test out a new international project. Application forms and information are on the district website - but you must act soon!





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Where else but in Rotary, could forty people with their families and Interactors “flash mob” a grocery store and have everyone leave with a smile and knowledge that people in your home town will benefit? Hampton Rotary's 2nd Annual Food Shopping Spree! Hampton Rotarians, Winnacunnet HS & Seabrook MS Interactors, district governor Carolyn and Peter Johnson, friends and family, young and old descended on the local Market Basket at 8:00 AM on a Saturday morning to do some serious shopping. With \$5,000.00 in hand volunteers filled the wish lists of pantries & organizations. Donned in Rotary t-shirts and jackets, lists & gift cards in hands, carriages proudly displaying the Rotary wheel, instructions outlined by committee chair, John Nyhan, the parade of intense shoppers filled the aisles to purchase items needed by local organizations.

Baskets were filled with a canned fruit, soups, tuna, chicken, pastas, peanut butter, cleaning products, baby items, personal hygiene items and so much more. Dave Reid, public relations director, informed all of the shoppers and employees during those sixty minutes via the PA system that the volunteers in yellow t-shirts were Rotarians and Interactors shopping for food for those in need throughout local communities.

Phase two was delivering the items to the beneficiaries our work. The thanks, the tears, the stories, the hugs and gratitude is something that needs to be experienced. Simply, writing out a check to a local food pantry does not and will never give us the satisfaction or the gratification that a few hours this past Saturday morning brought to all of us. Just a few hours, friends and families - but what a difference Rotarians made that day. You just can't help feeling good and leaving with a big Rotary smile! Job well done Hampton Rotarians and our entire Rotary family!

**Falmouth Rotary**  
**Electronics Recycling**  
*Saturday May 10, 9-2*  
 Falmouth Shopping Center  
 Recycle your unwanted or broken



**Heroes Needed!**  
**Kittery Rotary Charity Auction**  
 to help the hungry in our communities  
*Thursday, May 8 - 6-9pm*  
 The Regatta Room, Eliot, ME  
 FMI: [www.kitteryrotary.org](http://www.kitteryrotary.org)



**Are you Grahamtastic?**  
 Bring gently used, no longer needed laptops and tablets to our district conference to donate to help children with serious illnesses keep up with their studies.