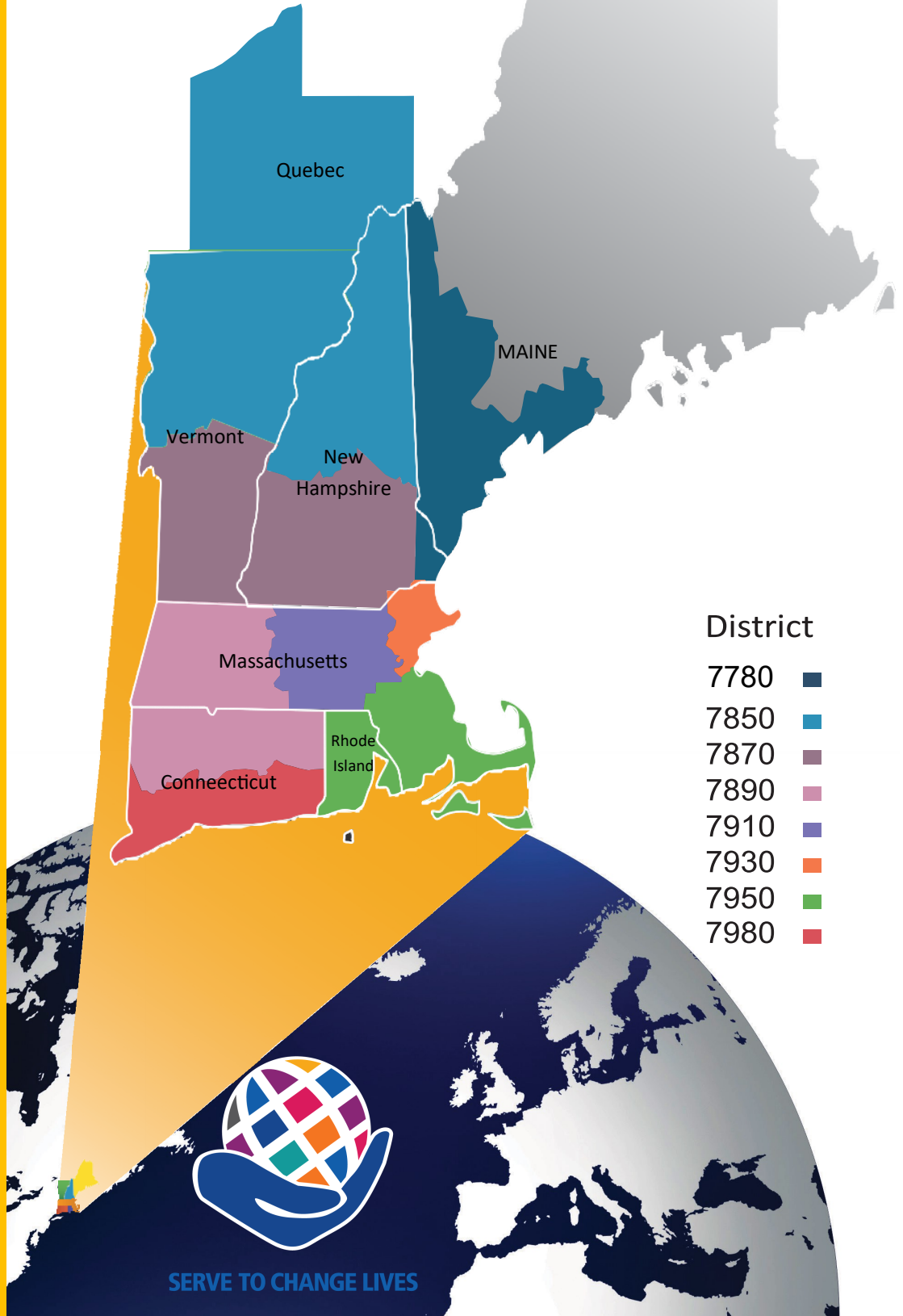


NORTHEAST PETS

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March 11-13 & March 18-20, 2021



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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



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Congratulations and Welcome to Northeast PETS!

On behalf of the District Governors-elect for 2021/2022, we welcome all incoming club Presidents, as well as all of the Assistant District Governors of our combined area!

If you are an incoming club president, we want you to know how rewarding and exciting your role will be! If you are an Assistant Governor, new or returning, you already know (or suspect!) how rewarding it is to nurture Rotary clubs so that they achieve greater success!

Although we have an excellent program planned, you will have many opportunities to connect in breakout sessions with other incoming presidents and assistant governors. This will allow you to share service project and fundraising ideas as well as challenges you may be facing. We encourage you to reach out and take the opportunity to develop relationships with peers from all eight districts.

The theme of NEPETS 2021 is **"Rise Up!"** which shows our plans to make Rotary better than ever. The theme for the Rotary year 2021-2022 is **"Serve to Change Lives"**. You may look back on all of the opportunities Rotary has afforded you, to this point. There are, and continue to be, opportunities to serve, opportunities for personal and professional development, and opportunities for sincere and lifelong friendships, as well as many other opportunities. We must now assure those same opportunities for others, Rotarians and non-Rotarians, alike.

So, join us in celebrating the fact that we as Rotarians— **"Serve to Change Lives"**

2021—2022 District Governors & NEPETS Chairs



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Dear President-elect,

I am happy to know that you are having your President-Elect Training Seminar for the 2021-22 Rotary year. Your term as President will be the most amazing, fruitful months in your life. During your term in leadership, dream big using your vision, plan and set goals, and then inspire and motivate Rotarians to reach goals – goals to expand the reach of our organization by increasing membership and increase the impact of Rotary by serving the world.

One of my mantras in Rotary has always been “Do More, Grow More”. And I hope you too will take this on as your mantra. “Do More” as in bigger and impactful service projects and “Grow More” as in increasing our membership. As we want to do more, we must also grow more. Our vision is to reach 1.3 million by 1st July 2022 and our plan is “Each One Bring One.” It is not a difficult task, I am sure, to bring just 1 member each in the next few months. But for this to become a reality it is YOU who will have to sharpen the focus in ensuring that the message “Each One Bring One” reaches every member in your club. I repeat, I request, “EVERY member” in your club should bring one. And I expect you to lead by example and be accountable for this growth.

In the coming Rotary year, I request you, urge you, cajole you to serve people, and to help change their lives. So friends, our theme for the year, as you know, for the year 2021-22 is “SERVE to CHANGE LIVES.”

My friends, these sound like great challenges for you – but I see them as your chance to leave a lasting impact on Rotary. Your service will change lives for people around the world and will make millions more to think of the good work of Rotary. This will benefit our efforts to grow bigger, and that growth will make even more lasting, good work possible.

We embark on starting this virtuous cycle and a new era in Rotary. Thank you for becoming leaders in our organization and for making the commitment to reaching these important milestones together.

Sincerely,

Shekhar Mehta

President-Elect, Rotary International



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MAKING THE MOST OF NORTHEAST PETS

General Sessions:

Full group sessions will be held via Zoom. A complete list of your links will be sent to you after you have registered. In addition, daily links will be sent to you by 10:00 am each day of NEPETS.

Breakouts:

Breakout sessions are topic specific. Participants will work with Presidents-elects of other clubs from the eight districts. This enables you to benefit from the experiences of others with similar challenges and successes.

To help you make contact after the breakouts, your daily email will include the names and contact information for all in your breakout session.

Making the most of your PETS:

All general sessions will begin promptly at 6:45. The meeting room will open at 6:30 to check connectivity and allow networking before the official start. Be ready to start at 6:45. Please be respectful of the other participants and keep yourself on mute during breakouts when not speaking. Make the most of your time at PETS! You will never have a better opportunity to:

- Learn more about Rotary
- Compare ideas
- Network with other club Presidents-elect
- Virtually see future, present, and past officers of Rotary International

Discussion Leaders are the backbone of PETS. They are great resources, willing and eager to share ideas. Be assertive in contacting them after your session or after PETS to ask for their suggestions or benefit from their experience. Be sure to thank them for volunteering their time at PETS. This event and its entire staff have but one goal – to help you make the most of your year as president and to improve and strengthen your Rotary Club!

Networking and Hospitality:

Meeting and establishing relationships with your counterparts are important parts of the NEPETS experience. You will get to know other fine people whose goals are identical to yours. There are opportunities built in to the NEPETS experience to help you do so.

- For each breakout session, you will be given a list of all attendees and their contact information. Reach out and expand your connection after the session.
- All President Elects will also be given contact information for all the attending PEs, AGs, and other leaders after PETS is over.
- A Fun trivia night is also included
- Virtual District Cocktail Lounges—Both Saturday evenings after the programs and breakouts, each District will be holding virtual cocktail lounges. Visit one or all eight of them for interesting conversation and fellowship. Zoom links will be given the morning of with all of your other links.

Contact your District Governor Elect:

The DGE is always available to support you and your club. Feel free to contact her or him at any time, during PETS, after PETS or any time through the year when you need information, help and support.

“Rising to the Challenge”



Kate Sims
2021 NEPETS Chair



Larry Vars
2021 NEPETS Co-Chair

At this time 12 months ago, we could not have imagined how a global pandemic, social injustice and a divided political atmosphere would reshape our lives and our work as Rotarians. Throughout this unprecedented time, we have endured the challenge keeping Rotary relevant in our communities and lives serving those who rely on us. How apropos it is to have the theme of this year's NEPETS be "RISING TO THE CHALLENGE"!

With that, we want to extend a warm welcome to each of you who will be joining us for the Rotary Northeast PETS (Presidents-elect Training Seminar) or NEPETS. It is an honor and a privilege for us to welcome the 2021-22 class of Club Presidents and Assistant Governors from the eight districts of NEPETS that comprises all of New England (excluding the northeast part of Maine) and part of Quebec. This is our 33rd year of bringing districts together, albeit this year will be virtual, it will not interfere with our objective to provide an opportunity of learning, sharing, networking and having fun.

The orchestration and planning that has gone into this event has been the responsibility of your district governors-elects who have worked tirelessly to create both an inspiring program but also converting this historical onsite event to a virtual reality. The district governor elects were not alone in this planning, as they were assisted by the sitting district governors, the district governor nominees, nominee designates and a handful of other volunteers. This team has been working since last March, to make this an exceptional experience for you. In addition, this year the DGEs have modified the traditional NEPETS format by elevating the level of training at Pre-PETS.

This year the program will embrace six nights of energized, educational, and enlightening events focusing on "Rising to the Challenge" of Leadership; the Foundation; Public Image; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Membership and Engaging our larger community. These sessions will be led by a group of outstanding speakers who will ensure a memorable and worthwhile experience to kick off your year. Joining our speakers, it is an honor and a privilege to have both Shekhar Mehta, RI President 2021-22 and Rotary International Director-elect Valarie Wafer kick us off as our keynote speakers on Thursday night. Additionally, we have selected expert facilitators from our combined districts to lead the discussions regarding these topics. We encourage you to actively participate in these sessions in which you will benefit from the experiences and views of your fellow presidents-elects and other fellow Rotarians.

In closing, being a club president is an honor and a privilege and most Rotarians, even those who have risen to significant positions in our organization, would say this is the best job in Rotary. Thank you for sharing these few days with us and remember that the NEPETS committee is here to support and encourage your success. Each member of this team is a resource for you during and after your year of service. Your District Governor, District Governor elect, District Governor-nominee, District Governor-nominee-designate, Assistant Governor and everyone on the NEPETS committee are here for you. Thank you for being an important part of NEPETS 2021-22.

On behalf of the 2021-22 NEPETS Committee

Kate Sims
Chair NEPETS

Larry Vars
Co-Chair NEPETS

NEPETS PRESIDENTS-ELECT & ASSISTANT GOVERNORS AGENDA

Thursday, March 11, 2021

6:30 pm Zoom Room Opens for Open Chat	Zoom Link #1
6:45 pm NEPETS 2021 Open “Rising to the Challenge of Leadership”	Zoom Link #1
7:10 pm Valerie K. Wafer—Rotary International Director.....	Zoom Link #1
7:30 pm Shekhar Mehta—Rotary International President Elect.....	Zoom Link #1
8:00 pm Anis Mojgani—Poet Laureate Oregon.....	Zoom Link #1

Friday, March 12, 2021

6:30 pm Zoom Room Opens for Open Chat.....	Zoom Link #2
6:45 pm Opening of NEPETS Day 2 “Rising to the Challenge of the Rotary Foundation Development/Embracing the Seven Areas of Focus”	Zoom Link #2
7:00 pm Marty Helman—Innovative Club Advocate.....	Zoom Link #2
7:35 pm Brenda Cressey—Rotary Foundation Trustee.....	Zoom Link #2
8:00 pm President Elects Breakout Session #1.....	Zoom Link #3
8:00 pm AG Discussion with Brenda Cressey (Stay in the Original Zoom Room).....	Zoom Link #2

Saturday, March 13, 2021

6:30 pm Zoom Room Opens for Open Chat.....	Zoom Link #4
6:45 pm Opening of NEPETS Day 3 “Rising to the Challenge of Public Image”	Zoom Link #4
7:00 pm Evan Burrell—Zone 8 Assistant Public Image Coordinator.....	Zoom Link #4
7:55 pm President Elects Breakout Session #2.....	Zoom Link #5
7:55 pm AG Discussion with Evan Burrell (Stay in the Original Zoom Room).....	Zoom Link #4
8:30 pm Virtual District Cocktail Lounges Open	See your morning email for all eight zoom links

Thursday, March 18, 2021

6:30 pm Zoom Room Opens for Open Chat.....	Zoom Link #6
6:45 pm Opening of NEPETS Day 4 “Rising to the Challenge of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion”	Zoom Link #6
7:00 pm Natará Gray— Director Undergraduate Admissions / Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Eastern Nazarene College.....	Zoom Link #6
7:50 pm President Elects Breakout Session #3.....	Zoom Link #7
7:50 pm AG Discussion with Kate Sims (Stay in the Original Zoom Room).....	Zoom Link #6

Friday, March 19, 2021

6:30 pm Zoom Room Opens for Open Chat.....	Zoom Link #8
6:45 pm Opening of NEPETS Day 5 “Rising to the Challenge of Membership—Growth & Retention”	Zoom Link #8
7:00 pm Melissa Ward—Rotary Coordinator Membership.....	Zoom Link #8
7:35 pm Membership Panelist Discussion	Zoom Link #8
7:50 pm President Elects Breakout Session #4.....	Zoom Link #9
8:00 pm AG Discussion with Melissa Ward (Stay in the Original Zoom Room).....	Zoom Link #8
8:30 pm Trivia Night—Virtual Edition of Hospitality Rooms.....	Zoom Link #10

Saturday, March 20, 2021

6:30 pm Zoom Room Opens for Open Chat.....	Zoom Link #11
6:45 pm Opening of NEPETS Day 6 “Rising to the Challenge of Engaging the Larger Community”— “Becoming Outward Looking”	Zoom Link #11
6:50 pm Final Evening Remarks—DGE’s.....	Zoom Link #11
7:15 pm Michael O’Neal—Executive Director of Community United Services Inc. / Founder Parents University.....	Zoom Link #11
7:45 pm President Elects Breakout Session #5.....	Zoom Link #11
7:45 pm AG Breakout’s with their DGE’s	Zoom Link #12
8:30 pm Virtual District Cocktail Lounges Open	See your morning email for all eight zoom links

Another great NEPETS comes to an end. We wish all of you a great year ahead.

Discussion Group Breakouts

Presidents-Elect

The 30-minute discussion groups are intended to permit our Presidents-Elect to have a group discussion about various topics that were presented during the general sessions each evening. This will be an opportunity for all PE's to drill down on a specific topic or topics so that they will carry away ideas and tools that they can use to enhance their club's ability to become a positive asset in their communities.

Assistant Governors Program

After joining with the President Elects for an enlightening series of talks from the experts, including Shekhar Mehta, RIPE and Valerie Wafer. RI Director, Assistant Governors will then have an opportunity to meet directly, for questions and answers with the specialists in the areas of The Rotary Foundation, Public Image, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Growing Rotary. The final session will be a chance to talk with their respective District Leaders on the plans for the year ahead.

Friday March 12, 2021

Rising to the Challenge of The Rotary Foundation Discussion

This is an opportunity for Presidents-Elect to share ideas about how they might use or have used TRF to help benefit their clubs and their communities.

Some time will be spent reflecting on the Foundation's 7 Areas of Focus and how they are connected to the overall RI strategic plan for peace in the world.

Saturday March 13, 2021

Rising to the Challenge of Our Public Image Discussion

The discussion will create a vision on how a strategic public relations plan can improve club's ability to impact and positively influence their communities. The discussion will focus on the tools that are available to clubs from Rotary International and Zone and as well as your District.

Thursday March 18, 2021

Rising to the Challenge of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The discussion will center around understanding diversity, equity, and inclusion as it relates from a world perspective as well as a North American and New England perspective. How inclusion and diversity can benefit local clubs and their relationship with their communities. Explore how this thinking can benefit members lives as well as benefiting their clubs.

Friday March 19, 2021

Rising to the Challenge of Membership Engagement

Share ideas on ways clubs can create a focus on membership and how to develop a plan for growth and retention. You will be asked to talk about ways you might engage club members; formatting interesting club meetings; and illustrating how changing a club's format can achieve success. Time will be provided for you to ask questions or share ideas about new club models that can assist in attracting new members.

Saturday March 20, 2021

Rising to the Challenge of Reaching Out to Our Communities Discussion

Reflect on ways clubs can positively impact a community by reaching out beyond their members to engage more community partners. Share stories of ways collaboration with other community partners has or could extend your club's reach and potentially can achieve a greater value proposition for your members.

KEYNOTES AT A GLANCE

Rotary International President Elect Shekhar Mehta

An enthusiastic presenter, Mr. Mehta, RC Calcutta-Mahanagar West Bengal, India has broad experience in service and prefers to join people where they are sharing experiences and insights. His presentation promises to be engaging providing a delightful and intimate connection with next year's International President.

Rotary International Director Valarie Wafer

A warm and inclusive leader, Ms. Wafer, RC Collingwood South Georgian Bay, Ontario Canada is determined to make space for every Rotarian no matter the circumstance. Her leadership style is modeled by the actions she takes as an integral aspect of her life. Valarie offers a new vision of service by a senior member of the Rotary leadership.

Poet Laureate Oregon Anis Mojgani

An impressive Spoken Word Artist with a decided commitment to embracing all of humanity through humor and reflection. An opportunity to visualize leadership through the eyes of others and how humor can be effective in breaking barriers and building trust and harmony in groups. This promises to be an enjoyable interlude for all.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Brenda Cressey

The significant experience of service as a member of the Rotary Foundation Board, uniquely positions Ms. Cressey RC Paso Robles, California to provide insight and a vision of the world-wide reach of the resources made available through our humble gifts creating opportunities for change and the betterment of humanity. The Rotary Foundation has demonstrated an amazing influence in far flung places motivating Rotarians to contribute not only their financial resources but also their labor to make this world a better place for all. We welcome her deep knowledge.

Zone 32 Innovative Club Advocate Marty Helman

A creative thinker whose enthusiasm is infectious Ms. Helman RC Booth Bay Harbor, Maine is ever applying Rotary concepts to new expressions in club models, membership types and also in building awareness of the Rotary areas of focus. How these areas of focus can inspire our efforts and attract a wider range of resources both human and material brings a new level of discourse about our organization.

Zone 8 Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator Evan Burrell

This presentation will knock your socks off! Mr. Burrell, RC Turramurra, Sydney Australia has a track record of reshaping ideas about how to expand the visibility of Rotary in the world. An engaging presenter who brings concrete examples that can be applied to club and district efforts to promote Rotary and its aims.

Director Undergraduate Admissions / Diversity Equity Inclusion Nazarene College Natara Gray

How will this area of concern contribute to the development of our organization and build confidence in us as individuals as we strive to become an organization reflective of the communities we serve? Ms. Gray extends an easily accessible grasp of this sensitive topic and invites the hearer to step outside convention to embrace new ideals. This promises to be an eye opening and encouraging invitation to join this new Rotary exploration.

Zone 32 Rotary Coordinator Membership Melissa Ward

Explore how a plan for membership, both growth and retention can be an effective stimulus for realizing objectives. Ms. Ward, RC Twin Bridges, Saratoga, New York offers new models and innovative approaches which beckon us as we move forward into the future. A well rounded and insightful vision will be a focus of her presentation. Her quiet determination to support the vision of Rotary Clubs in the quest for growth is a mainstay of her engagement. She is remarkable and joins Rotarians on the journey along this challenging pathway.

Executive Director of Community United Services Inc/ Founder Parent University Michael O'Neal

How can Rotary Clubs effectively collaborate with other organizations in their communities to achieve greater influence and impact? Mr. O'Neal RC Savannah, Georgia traces the journey of Parent University and the critical role Rotary played in its expansion to other communities in the United States. Discover opportunities in plain sight to make your club a better community partner and become a recognized leader in serving.



SHEKHAR MEHTA
PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
2021-2022

Shekhar Mehta is only the 4th Indian in 115 years to be nominated as the President of Rotary International for the year 2021-22.

Shekhar Mehta was born in 1959 in Kolkata India. A keen academician, he graduated from St. Xavier's College, and has the unique combination of Masters in Commerce, a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant and Company Secretary.

He heads the Skyline Group engaged in Real Estate Development in different parts of India, including the largest group housing in the state of Rajasthan.

He is member of many professional, cultural and charitable organizations.

He has served as trustee of Shelter Box (UK).

He is a trustee of (ii) Operation Eyesight India, a Canada based organization.

Shekhar joined Rotary in 1985. He is a member of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar.

He served as District Governor in 1999-2000 and was elevated to the Board of Directors of Rotary International for 2011-2013.

He has been Chairman of:

Joint Partnership Committee of Rotary International

Strategic Planning Committee of Rotary International

Rotary India Literacy Mission.

Rotary Foundation India

Rotary India Centennial Celebrations.

Rotary India Humanity Foundation.

While serving as Director on the Board of Rotary International he helped Rotary add 2 countries to its fold – Bhutan & Maldives.

Keenly dedicated to service, Shekhar Mehta has led many major service initiatives in India & South Asia. Some significant initiatives are:

Constructing 500 homes for Tsunami survivors at Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Starting the Shelter Kit program in India which has served about 20 disasters distributing more than 15,000 Shelter Kits helping about 75,000 disaster victims.

He started saving little hearts a pediatric Heart Surgery Program – through this he has got done more than 2,500 heart surgeries for children from across India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal & African Countries. He also facilitated for the program to now become a National Program.

Conceptualizing nationwide T-E-A-C-H a literacy program in India having reached out to more than 50,000 Schools and 15 million children. T-E-A-C-H is a holistic program on literacy. Rotary is working on the T-E-A-C-H Program with the Central Government and many State Governments. The Program has been replicated in Nepal & Pakistan.

He has helped take the E-learning Program to millions of children through the television channels of Government of India. He is the architect of the Rotary Total Literacy Program of India.

He has been Instrumental in setting up more than 15 Eye Hospitals across India serving nearly 50,000 eye operations each year.

Shekhar Metha's Bio con't

He started a scholarship program called UDAAN for marginalized children. Over last 10 years 1,000 scholarships have been given by his club. ☐ Responding to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's national call – He has helped set up 6000 rural toilets benefitting 30,000 people.

Shekhar is spearheading an India-wide projects in collaboration with the Government of India, in the areas of Water, Sanitation, Literacy, Healthcare, Environment and Disaster Management. The result of these programs he professes will be "Rotary's Role in Nation Building in India".

Shekhar is recipient of the highest awards of Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation:

"Service Above Self Award"

"The Meritorious Service Award"

"The Distinguished Service Award"

Shekhar is married to Rashi Mehta. She is a social worker and is a stage artist having performed in socially relevant plays across India. They have a son Chiraag married to Geeta, a daughter Geeta and a grandson Veer.

His guiding mantra in life is **"Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on this earth"**.



Valerie K. Wafer—Rotary International Director 2020-22

Valarie Wafer joined Rotary in 2005 in order to fuel her passion for making an impact that matters. Valarie was District Governor of RI District 7070 covering the Greater Toronto Area in 2013/14. Now residing in Thornbury, her home club is the Rotary Club of Collingwood South Georgian Bay, RI district 7010.

Valarie has continued to serve Rotary in a number of international roles. She is an International Trainer, a member of the Host Organizing Convention Committee Toronto 2018, representative of the Rotary International President, and is an elected member of the Rotary International Board for 2020-2022.

During Valarie's tenure as a Rotarian she has participated and led many initiatives including a recent mission to Kosovo with Gift of Life International. She has also served as the Vocational Training Team leader to Australia in 2010 focusing on youth mental health, a National Immunization Day in India in 2012, and has travelled to Kenya and Tanzania to audit long-term Rotary Foundation grant activity. In her non-Rotary life, Valarie had a 27-year career as a restaurant owner in Toronto. The brand, Tim Hortons, is the most recognized and iconic franchise in Canada. The Wafer's operation was best known for its inclusive hiring practices and accessibility, especially in the area of employment.

Valarie, and her husband of 34 years, Mark are Paul Harris Fellows, Bequest Society members and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.

Rotaract
Rotary Club Partner



The 2021 NEPETS Committee is pleased to welcome Rotaractors from districts throughout New England. Rotaractors will participate in programs and discussion groups with Presidents-elect as they plan their year.



Brenda M. Cressey, Rotary Foundation Trustee - 2017-2021

Brenda joined Rotary in 1989 and is currently member of the Rotary Club of South Portland Cape Elizabeth in Rotary District 7780. She served as District 5240 Governor in 2001-02 and is retired as the CEO of Office Support Systems, a telecommunications business in Maine.

Brenda served in several key roles for Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation and in 2018-2019 served as the first woman Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair.

Most of Brenda's assignments have focused on Fund Development for The Rotary Foundation, specifically in the areas of Peace and Polio Eradication.

However, she shares the importance of supporting the Annual Fund, Endowments and Major Gifts.

Most recently she is inspired by the amazing projects being carried out around the globe addressing needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Brenda has seen and experienced, first-hand, how our gifts to the Rotary Foundation greatly impact the lives of others and how these gifts will someday bring peace and understanding around the world.

She and her husband Dick are members of the:

prestigious Arch Klumpp Society

Major Donors

members of the Paul Harris and the new Legacy Societies

and have established the **Brenda and Richard Cressey Endowment for Peace**, supporting Peace Certificate Fellowships.

She is the recipient of the RI **"Service Above Self Award"**, The Rotary Foundation's **"Citation for Meritorious Service"**, the Rotary Foundations highest recognition, and **The Distinguished Service Award**.

Brenda currently resides in Wells, Maine with her husband Richard, who is retired from a long career as a Vice President in manufacturing.



Martha "Marty" Helman— Innovative Club Advocate

Martha and her husband Frank joined the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club in 2003, and in 2012-13 she served as Governor of District 7780.

Marty is the 2020-21 chair of The Rotary Foundation's Peace-Major Gifts Initiative. She has served on this committee and its predecessor committees since 2015, and she conceived of and chaired the Sakuji Tanaka Endowed Rotary World Peace Fellowship Committee, which raised \$1 million for the Rotary Peace Centers.

Marty is currently Trainer for Zones 28/32 (2019-21). She served as International Training Leader at the 2018 and 2019 International Assemblies and will serve as Training Leader Support for the virtual 2021 International Assembly. She has been a Trainer for the Governors-elect at Zone 24/32 Institutes for a number of years, as well as for District 7780 Governors-elect. She has facilitated at the Rotary Leadership Institute since 2009 and Northeast PETS since 2013, and she has presented in breakouts at the Atlanta, Toronto and Hamburg International Conventions.

She has served as President's Representative and is a popular speaker on The Rotary Foundation, the Rotary Peace Centers, and membership topics.

Marty is a Zone 32 Innovative Club Advocate, and previously served as her District's Growth Chair. In 2019, she was instrumental in chartering the D-7780 New Voices Rotary Club, made up entirely of young RYLA graduates. Marty helped conceive and edited A String of Pearls, a book authored by PDG David Forward which tells the stories of Rotary Peace Fellows.

Earlier, she used a Rotary Foundation Volunteer Service Grant to research, write and publish Rewriting the Future, a book designed to promote awareness of educational needs in Guatemala.

Marty and Frank started their club's Veterans Appreciation Night in 2006, the year she served as club President.

Marty and Frank are Paul Harris Society members, Major Donors, and charter members of the Legacy Society of The Rotary Foundation. Through the corporate support of the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, they are also Arch Klumpp Society members (Foundation Circle)



Melissa Ward—Rotary Coordinator Membership

Melissa joined Rotary in 2002 as a charter member of the Twin Bridges Rotary Club. Shortly after Melissa participated in a mission trip to Zimbabwe that would forever change her view of Rotary (and the world). That trip helped Melissa understand the true power and reach of Rotary. Melissa was District Governor from 2012-2013 for Rotary District 7190 and is currently the Zone Coordinator for Zone 32.

Melissa has presented at various club, district, and zone events as well as the International Convention as a trainer for public image and membership. She also had the honor of keynoting to her own class at the International Assembly.

Melissa Ward has been working online since 1999. As the Managing Partner of NewWard Development, LLC, Melissa manages the internet presence of her clients. From web site design to inbound marketing techniques, Melissa's job is to make sure her clients get found and convert visitors into customers.

As a trainer, Melissa takes the time to understand the nuances of each industry and creates actionable plans to help business get the most out their investment online. As a speaker, Melissa is enthusiastic, dynamic and offers solutions in non-tech language. Audiences walk away motivated and with knowledge to take action. As a consultant, Melissa works one on one with business owners and companies to help them find the best and the shortest path to online success.

When she isn't working or volunteering, Melissa spends time traveling, and enjoying life in upstate New York with her family and her dogs, Otis and Toby.



Evan Burrell—Zone 8 Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator

As a digital media consultant in the non profit community volunteer sector, Evan has expanded his skills to educating local professionals, businesses and community groups across Australia and around the world to focus on the practical use of social media and how to develop it to brand and market their stories.

Evan is an accomplished public speaker, emcee, trainer, social media advocate and hardworking volunteer with over 20 years of volunteer experience with Rotary International. You may recognize Evan best as a service minded superhero. You see, for Evan, it's easy to be a Rotary hero because as he sees it, all Rotarians are superheroes and we all need to promote the heroic acts we do in the community and around the world.

In whatever way, Evan is proving that Rotary isn't all business. His message is "Let's have fun in Rotary," and with that message he's engaged in telling Rotary's digital story.



Anis Moigani – Poet Laureate Oregon

Anis Moigani is the current Poet Laureate of Oregon. A two-time individual champion on of the National Poetry Slam and winner of the International World Cup Poetry Slam, he has been published in such journals as *Rattle*, *Platypus*, *Winter Tangerine*, *Forklift Ohio*, and *Bat City Review*, amongst others.

The author of five books of poetry, Anis has done commissioned work for the Getty Museum and the Peabody Essex Museum and his work has also appeared on HBO, NPR, as part of the Academy of American Poets Poem-A-Day series, and in the NY Times. Originally from New Orleans, Anis currently lives in Portland Oregon.



Michael O'Neal – Executive Director of Community United Service Inc/Founder Parent University

Born and raised in Philadelphia, PA., Michael has been a Savannah resident for 47 years. He is married for 45 years to wife Jo-Nell and they are the parents of three sons and a daughter, three daughters-in-law, and 10 grandchildren. Michael is the founder of Parent University in Savannah and now serves as the Executive Director of Community United Services Inc., which is the entity that manages the Parent University program. O'Neal has been the chief steward of this grass roots community-based program since its inception here in Savannah in 1999. Currently Michael is facilitating Parent University and its new component "Early Learning College" program for the parents of children birth to five years old.

He was employed with International Paper from 1976 until May of 2018 and worked most of that time in the Electrical and Instrument maintenance and Safety

department.

During that time Michael did several other things in his spare time including giving talks about Parent University and community building many places in the United States and several countries.

Mr. O'Neal also presently hosts the TV show "Parent University TV". He previously co-wrote the "Dear Diane and Mike" column and currently is a contributing columnist for the Savannah Morning News. Michael volunteered as a Junior Achievement Consultant. He has managed a pilot project for the City of Savannah called the Strong Families Program to give parental training to the parents of youth who were considered at risk by the schools or courts. He has co-facilitated Parental Engagement seminars at locations in Georgia and South Carolina in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Education which was featured on Georgia Public Broadcasting.

In 2015, O'Neal went on a year-long paid leave from International Paper which allowed him to work with Parent University and Early Learning College full time and develop the model to enduring sustainability. He then returned to IP in 2016 until his retirement in May 2018. Michael served on the Advisory Board of the Savannah Early Childhood Foundation and he has served on many Boards of Directors or councils in the Savannah area. Michael was listed as one of the 2015 Fortune Magazine "Heroes of the 500" and has received numerous awards for himself and Parent University. A Paul Harris Fellow, Michael is currently President Elect of the Rotary Club West in Savannah Ga.



Natara Gray – Director Undergraduate Admissions / Diversity Equity Inclusion - Eastern Nazarene College

Natara Gray comes to ENC with over 10 years of Student Affairs/Admissions experience within the Higher Education System. Her life's work is to provide educational access and opportunities to our youth. Her passion and dedication for supporting and empowering students, along with her deep commitment to Diversity, Inclusion, and Christ, is what brought her to ENC. "Often, one simply needs to know that you believe in them, so that they may have the courage to believe in themselves. I cannot wait to be a part of the journey our students will embark upon at ENC! I am both excited and thankful for the opportunity to join such an amazing team."

Prior to ENC, Natara served as the Associate Director for Student Diversity, Inclusion and Undergraduate Admission at Babson College. Natara led Babson's undergraduate diversity admission and recruitment initiatives and, was focused on cultivating a diverse and inclusive student body. She worked to establish, and foster internal and external community partnerships, and served as an ambassador of the institution, managing the application/ recruitment process for 18 territories. She sat on multiple scholarship committees, facilitated an MOU for a New York based CBO, increased applications and enrollment in her territories, and managed Babson's overnight fly-in program. Natara was also responsible for the diversity training of all admission staff and is a certified implicit bias, and bystander intervention facilitator.

Prior to Babson, Natara was the Assistant Director for Student Diversity and Inclusion at Harvard Kennedy School, where she worked to create a more inclusive environment at HKS. She facilitated workshops, was a member of the admission, financial aid, and diversity committees, and managed the PPLC (Public Policy Leadership Conference), which serves underrepresented and underserved first and second year undergraduate students.

Natara received her BA in Communication Studies from Bridgewater State University and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Higher Education Administration.

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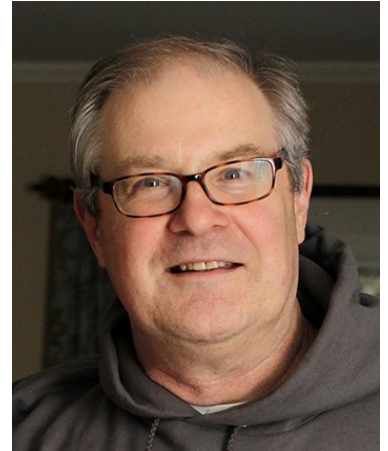
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