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Greetings From Your District Governor Donna Deos

Hello Rotary Family!



What a fun ride this is being District Governor for such an amazing group. So many fantastic clubs, people, projects and ideas that we have been meeting, brainstorming and sharing with. I have received wonderful questions from members and some very helpful suggestions as well. Here are a few:

1. **We should have a "Unite for Good Banner" that is two sided that clubs can use for events.** This was Gilford's idea for their own event running concessions at the NH International Speedway. I loved it so much we now have two for anyone in the District to borrow for Rotary/club events. DGE Ruth Clough has one and I have the other so that one is in each state for easier access (Gilford has their own). Please let us know ASAP if you have an event you would like to borrow one (or even both, if applicable and available) for and we will put you down to borrow it. First come, first served!

2. **Please communicate with us directly more often, DG Donna.** We really liked it when PDG Sandra McGonagle sent out weekly poetry and PDG Carolyn Meub sent out her periodic Meubsings. Message received! I'll work on that.

3. **Could you please put the newsletter that Marty Cohn and Maureen Mooney do such great work on into a format more like an electronic newsletter** where it appears more like a listing and we can see the image and the main topic and lead in, then click to read more. Okay, we have looked into this and Clubrunner can do it in the bulletin feature. We will work with Marty and Maureen on this. Stay tuned!

4. **We would like to revive Interact in our community.** Can you please help us with that? I personally don't know much about that but I am certain there are folks in the District who can and will. Bow, Keene and Meredith all have vibrant Interact clubs. Bow also has Earlyact (which is the middle school version of Rotary). You can reach out to them and/or we can look into a Learning session or informational presentation like we held for the Youth Exchange program.

5. **We would really like to know more about successful projects that other clubs are doing. Please share more information with us on these types of things.** Okay, my idea for this one is, and I have to look into it. Perhaps there is a feature in Clubrunner that can do this where you can tell us your innovative club projects and we can find a way to showcase that. (This may tie in with the Newsletter, or may be a section on the Members area of the website – I'm just spitballing

here so let's see how it can shake out.) Regardless, we can find a way to showcase these at upcoming District Events!

Speaking of events – Put these on your calendar, please:

The District Golf Tournament is Monday, September 29th at Fox Run in Ludlow
The District Foundation Events are October 24 & 25 – to coincide with World Polio Day
President Elect & Vice President Learning Seminar is March 20-21, 2026
The District Assembly has a tentative date of April 11, 2026
The District Conference has a most likely to happen date of May 30, 2026



To date, I have visited 24 of our 63 clubs, which is 38%. The 63 comes from our 58 Rotary clubs, 3 Rotaract clubs and 2 Satellite clubs. Speaking of Satellite clubs, Londonderry, NH is looking to sponsor a new club in Windham, NH. There will be an information night on Wednesday, September 24th. I'm pretty sure there's a flyer for that in this very newsletter. Please let any of your friends, colleagues and relatives in the Windham area who may be interested in finding out more about Rotary near them know about this event!

Assistant Governor, Michael Lucci (a resident of Windham) has done a great job getting the word out and networking with people in the area to research the community needs and brainstorm who would be potential members for this exciting new venture. We are watching him closely as we anticipate being able to R&D (Rob and Duplicate), or in other words, take what Michael has done there to help other communities who may have clubs of their own to zhuzh or grow and/or to add new clubs as well. Club lives go in cycles and sometimes a little Public Image and Community Outreach campaign can be just what a shrinking club may need to help revive them. If you'd like to see about trying this approach in your area, let us know!

Whew. All that and it's just a smidgeon of what we have been learning, sharing and talking about. This reminds me of last year's theme: The Magic of Rotary. Now, we apply the Unite for Good and we share that Magic and work together to help each other.

I raise my glass to all of you! Thank you so very much for enriching my life on this journey. It truly is an honor and a pleasure to get to know you and the good works you all do to make our world, our communities and our lives so much better.

All my best,
Donna

District News

Save the Date - Foundation Event(s) and World Polio Day Celebration



Celebrate World Polio Day with Rotary District 7870 - October 25, 2025

When: Saturday, October 25, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

Where: 119 Emerson Road, Milford, NH 03055

Lunch: Soup, Salad, and Sandwiches prepared by our own Evelyn Roberge

Cost: $25/person

Dress: Casual, but please wear your Rotary pins and badge

Register: rotary7870.org



Join DRFC Dianne Barclay and the District's Rotary Foundation Committee for a special Rotary Foundation luncheon in honor of World Polio Day. We will feature a series of short, engaging presentations on the impact our Rotary Foundation donations are making in the district and around the world. Also, we will hear the latest update on polio eradication.

Raffle to Benefit The Rotary Foundation

- Proceeds: 50% to PolioPlus and 50% to the Annual Fund
- Prizes include gift cards, a case of wine, and more (details coming soon)
- Clubs wishing to donate raffle prizes: please contact Randell Barclay at rotary.randell@gmail.com

Let's celebrate Rotary's impact, enjoy fellowship, and fuel the fight to end polio.

Dianne Barclay, District Rotary Foundation Chair

Club News

Milford Rotary Learns About Pine Ridge Indian Reservation



Marty Cohn, Springfield Vermont Rotary Club Secretary, Chair of its Public Relations Committee and co-editor of the District #7870 Newsletter, addressed a capacity crowd of Milford Rotary Club Rotarians and guests on September 3rd, 2025 of the plight of the residents of the "Pine Ridge Indian Reservation", a sovereign nation of native Americans within the State of South Dakota.

Marty described his long time efforts, as one of a line of Rotarians, including that previously of Tony Gilmore of the Hopkinton RC , on attempting to "making a difference " in the lives of those individuals who call this 2.1 million acre parcel of land their home, by donating their time and efforts helping to provide to them some of the basic modern day supplies and necessities of 21st century life.

Home of the Oglala Lakota Sioux Tribe, it is primarily inhabited by over 18,000 individuals of Native American origin and is the largest reservation of its kind in the United States.

Marked by exorbitant rates of unemployment, sub standard housing/ infrastructure, alcoholism, teen suicide, infant mortality, drug abuse, chronic illness and the lowest life expectancy in the United States, the reservation, defined by living standards of industrialized nations, is the poorest nation, outside of Haiti , in the western hemisphere.

Marty's efforts, those before him and to this day, remain a testament to Rotary's genuine humanitarian mission of goodwill...and of the immeasurable impact that simple acts of kindness can impart to one's sense of self-dignity.

Rutland South Rotary Club Celebrates 50 Years of Service with $50,000 Grant to Local Non-Profit

The Rutland South Rotary Club is proud to announce a major milestone and a bold new initiative in honor of its 50th anniversary. For over five decades, the Club has been a driving force in the community and beyond—raising thousands of dollars to support nearly 100 nonprofit organizations locally and globally.

Among some of their projects the club has:

- Distributed hundreds of dictionaries to third-grade students
- Enhanced the Rutland Creek Path for bikers and walkers
- Built an outdoor play area for students at Northwest School
- Provided essential school supplies to children in need

To mark its 50th anniversary, the Club is launching a significant philanthropic initiative: a $50,000 grant will be awarded to a nonprofit organization serving Rutland County.
This one-time grant aims to empower a local nonprofit with the resources needed to expand their mission, improve lives, and strengthen the community.

Link to the application for the $50,000 grant is at https://rutlandsouthrotary.org/50k-celebrating-50-years/ Submit the application so that we receive it by October 1. Applications filed after that date will not be considered
Eligible nonprofits serving Rutland County are encouraged to apply.

"We are incredibly excited to give back in such a meaningful way," said Peter Tobin, President Rutland South Rotary Club, "This grant represents our ongoing commitment to service above self and to the betterment of our neighbors right here in the Rutland region."

26th Annual Duck Race Features Over 650 Ducks Seeking Victory



This past Saturday, over 650 ducks (rubber ducks to be certain) raced from the Depot Street bridge to Walker Bridge as the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) conducted its 26th annual race down the Black River.

According to the Head Duck, Sharon Bixby, the course was difficult for both the ducks and the Rotarians and friends helping them traverse the shallow and rocky waters of the river. Nonetheless, most of the ducks managed to cross the Walker Bridge finish line.

The first ducks crossing the line rewarded their owners who had "rented" them with financial awards. They were:

Duck #1 – awarded $200, owner, Anonymous
Duck #2 – awarded $100, owner, Theresa Southworth
Duck #3 – awarded $50, owner, Suzanne Theroux
Corporate Duck winner – awarded "bragging rights", owner, The Book Nook
And last (but not least) The last duck to make it across the finish line, awarded $25 and owned by Virginia Ward

The proceeds from this year's race will go to the Mt. Holly Fire Department so they can purchase new hoses.

Sharon Bixby, expressed her thanks to the various groups that assisted in the event, especially the businesses and those who purchased Duck tickets.

While some of the river guidance staff are still trying to dry out their shoes, Sharon indicated that the LRC is busy planning next year's "river exercise"'. The first objective will be to identify an area non-profit group to benefit from the 2026 duck race. For information, contact Sharon at 802-228-8823.

PHOTO: Ludlow Rotarians and members of the Mt Holly Fire Department as they assist the more than 650 ducks across the finish line in the Ludlow Rotary Club's 26th annual River Race at Walker Bridge. As is clearly evident, the river was running low causing the ducks to need guidance to the finish line.

Bow Rotary Holds Discussion on NH's Election System - October 3, 2025

On Friday, October 3rd at 7:30a.m., after breakfast is served, Secretary Scanlan (Rotary Member), former U.S. Senator John Sununu, and former Ambassador Richard Swett, (Rotary Member), will be holding an informative and lively discussion with the Bow Rotary, championing and celebrating New Hampshire's election system. Sen. Sununu and Amb. Swett co-chair New Hampshire's Democracy Defense Project, a bipartisan organization dedicated to strengthening democracy by reestablishing faith in the transparency, safety, security, and validity of our election process. The program ends at 8:30am.

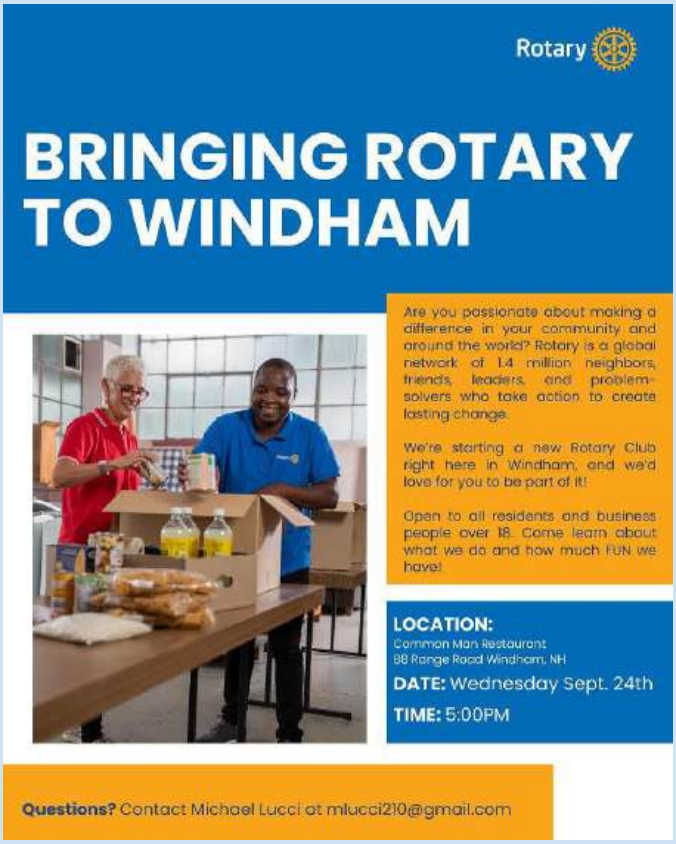
If you can join us and you are not a Bow Rotary Club member, breakfast is on us!

New Rotary Club Planned for Windham, NH - Recruitment Meeting September 24, 2025

The Rotary club of Londonderry is leading an effort to start a new Rotary club in Windham, NH. Windham is a growing community of over 17,000 and some think that it is definitely time for them to have their own club. This group will start as a satellite club of Londonderry RC and will hopefully be able to be chartered as their own club in a short time.

We are putting this out to the district as many of our Rotarians have family as well as personal and business contacts in the Windham area. We are encouraging you to reach out to them and let them know that there is a great opportunity to be part of a great organization as well as being a charter member in the new Windham Rotary. You can also share their name and contact information with us as a second choice (the personal connection is always better!)

We are planning our first recruitment meeting on September 24th and will be hosted by the Common Man restaurant. Time is short so your help is appreciated making these contacts.



For more information, contact Michael Lucci at 603-718-5581 or mlucci210@gmail.com or PDG Steve Puderbaugh 603-303-0239 spuderbaughdg@gmail.com.

Ludlow Rotary Celebrates Literacy Week Continuing over 30 Years of Promoting It



For the past 30 years, the Ludlow Rotary Club (LRC) has participated in a variety of programs stressing the value and importance of literacy. Its efforts were primarily aimed at providing children with the means and tools to foster this objective. Rotary International (RI) has long concentrated on this program.

In reviewing the accomplishments of these programs, Kevin Barnes, LRC President, noted, "While our club has been involved in many projects to help, none has been as consistent and rewarding as our literacy programs."

Barnes further indicated, “These programs have long been a source of great pride in the club as we continue making books available to all the children in our service area of Ludlow, Mt Holly, Cavendish, and Plymouth.”

In conjunction with the Dolly Parton “Imagination Library”, LRC has provided appropriate reading material to children from very young to five years. Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until they begin school, no matter their family’s income.

The signature book of the Imagination Library, “The Little Engine That Could”, is recognized by most parents. The books are addressed and mailed directly to the children, much to their delight. To register your pre-school child or children for this program is to visit the children’s’ section of Ludlow’s Fletcher Memorial Library or registration cards can also be obtained from the Ludlow Rotary, PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. The privacy of the children is strictly honored.

LRC has a continuing program of supplying books to elementary school students in the four towns in its area. LRC has created books, personalized with each student’s name, for many years to the elementary schools in its service area as part of its Literacy Improvement Project. Interestingly, one teacher even commented that “I still have the ones created for my children more than 20 years ago and still enjoy giving them a read now and again!"

An important part of this program is the continuing program of awarding scholarships to eligible graduating residents who live in LRC’s service area. LRC funds $9,000 to $12,000 in awards each year. The LRC has previously awarded $280,000 in scholarships through this program. The principal source of this funding is the annual Penny Sale.

Applications for these awards are available through the school Guidance Officer. Awards are presented at the school’s annual award night program.

In summarizing the LRC’s dedication to providing these books, Barnes said, “It is the long-range goal of Rotary and our club to ensure that every student and child in our area are served with the educational and learning tools for a successful career in whatever avenue they select.”

PHOTO: Rotarian George Thomson presented books to students at the Cavendish Town Elementary School.

International

International Coffee with JB - An Informal Zoom Get Together

The next International Coffee With JB will be held at **8:30AM** on **Friday, Oct. 3rd**. You can join by using the link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/78773960966?pwd=QkFlTTZkdDJyRzJIa3phTmhzam1kQT09





Brattleboro Sunrise Rotary Club International Projects



Escuela Agricola de Suyapa, Merendon Mountain región west of San Pedro Sula
For over 9 years our RC has provided a $1000 scholarship annually to a student at the Escuela Agricola de Suyapa, a 4-year high school, in the Merendon Mountain region west of San Pedro Sula, Honduras. The school offers courses only on-site as families are too poor to own computers or connect to internet services. Core courses are offered as well as special focus in business and farm management. Successfully accomplishing these courses qualifies the students for practicums with established businesses in the San Pedro Sula (SPS) region. SPS is the economic capital of Honduras. The students come from very poor families so the education offers a critical first step to breaking the cycle of family poverty. Scholarship recipients have been wonderful about staying in touch, writing letters about their studies, dreams, and hopes for a different future.

Mujeres Mejorando Vidas, Women Improving Lives, Huehuetenango, Guatemala
Our RC learned about this project this year and contributed to the funding for a retreat/education/training center. In Guatemala, abused women is a national disgrace but the government has not only recognized the severity of this issue but has collaborated with at least 10 different organizations trying to offer safe havens, training, support for kids, education, counseling, and especially job skills. The concerted level of government support has made a difference. The women we are supporting have been learning how to make chocolate and we are anxious to see their first product entering the market.

Work Force Development Project, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, South Dakota
For more then 7 years we have been working with Wendell Yellow Bull helping him realize the set of project objectives he has designed. Initially, he was determined to offer work force development skills for carpenters, plumbers, and electricians. He was able to take over use of a trailer that had been a COVID treatment center then became horribly abused by local disaffected kids. He repaired all the windows, painted the interior, replaced flooring and made the bathrooms functional. My wife & I delivered a 9' screen donated by the Rhode Island School of Design, which will allow him to enhance training through projected images and zoom meetings.
He needed a commercial grade kitchen meeting code requirements so that he can offer meals during training days. Lakota families are very poor so by offering meals, he is expanding hius impact.

He has offered courses in whittling and working with clay, The whittling classes were not very successful but in contrast the kids really enjoyed were keenly motivated to be making images with clay.

Recently, Wendell felt the need to improve availability to locally grown vegetables. He secured second hand materials that allowed him to construct 2 green houses, which he did with the help of his kids and local youth. The green houses have been very successful already but he is still looking forward to harvesting all he planted.

Wendell completed college, is a Veteran, and served on EMS units on the reservation. He is a community leader.

Bethel Rotary International Dinner: Sunday, October 19 at 4pm

Join this year's District Exchange Students and fellow Rotarians at a meal celebrating our shared heritage of Food and Fellowship. The International Dinner is held to commemorate United Nations Day and its mission to promote international cooperation and understanding.



This year will focus on UN Day as A Symbol of Hope for Global Unity
This year's dinner will be a potluck and you are welcome to participate by bringing a dish that is representative of your cultural heritage or life travels. No time to prepare? No worries! We will have plenty to share.

It would be helpful for planning to have RSVPs sent to our president, Jeanne Conde, at BethelAreaRotary@gmail.com, by Oct. 15. Note the event is at the Bethel Town Hall (not the White Church).

The event is free of charge, but you can help support our Youth Exchange program by purchasing tickets for our raffle.

Join Us in Togo for the 2025 West Africa Project Fair - Nov. 4-13, 2025

Looking to find a Global Grant to support? Interested in hands-on Rotary service in Africa? The 2025 West Africa Project Fair (WAPF) offers a one-of-a-kind opportunity to engage with impactful humanitarian work in Rotary's West African region—and you're invited!

From November 4–13, 2025, Howard Tours will lead a delegation of Rotarians to Lomé, Togo for this year's Project Fair. This immersive experience is far more than a tour—it's a deep dive into community service, cultural connection, and international Rotary collaboration.

Why Attend?

- Connect and Collaborate with Rotary clubs from 15 West African countries.
- Visit Active Project Sites: Spend two days seeing the incredible work local clubs are doing.
- Participate in Service: Get hands-on by joining a day of community service—helping with polio vaccinations, health screenings, and more.
- Explore Togo: Enjoy guided sightseeing in Lomé, meet U.S. Embassy staff, and learn about the region's culture and development context.
- Build Global Friendships: Attend receptions and dinners with West African Rotarians, creating partnerships that can lead to Global Grant collaborations.

Led by Past Rotary International Director Brad Howard, this trip is organized by Howard Tours. Brad helped establish the WAPF over 20 years ago and brings unmatched insight and experience to the journey.

Trip Details:

- Dates: November 4–13, 2025
- Location: Lomé, Togo
- Cost: $1,899 per person (land only, double occupancy). Add $625 for a single room.
- Includes: Hotel, some meals, registration for the Project Fair, embassy briefing, and sightseeing.
- Not included: Airfare (Howard Tours can assist with arrangements).

This trip isn't just for Rotary veterans. Whether you're new to international service or looking to deepen your club's impact, the WAPF offers a meaningful and memorable way to "Unite for the Good of Africa."
Spots are limited. To learn more or reserve your place, visit: www.howardtours.net

For personal insights or questions, feel free to contact me:
Randell Barclay (PDG 2022-23) ✉ rotary.randell@gmail.com

Amigo de Honduras Mission Team Trip - Jan. 31-Feb. 7, 2026

As noted previously, the 2026 Amigos de Honduras mission team is beginning preparation for their mission trip which is scheduled to leave on Saturday, January 31st and return on Saturday, February 7th.

The team roster has been filled and, under the guidance of Vice Chair, Jill Pierson, the planning for the mission is well underway.

As in the past, our team requires medical supplies and many of these items can be purchased over the counter. Attached is a list of needed supplies and if your club, or your club members, would like to donate supplies, go to the attached list and click on the item and it will tell you where these can be purchased. If you do this, we'd ask that you contact our Medical Supplies Coordinator, Jeanne Conde, at jeannec@simpleportals.com to let her know which supplies you are going to acquire so we don't over purchase any items.

If instead you'd like to make a cash donation for medical supplies, but would prefer the Amigos Committee to make the purchases, that would be great. Please make checks payable to Amigos de Honduras and send your donations to my address which is noted in the header above. Whichever approach you choose, we need to have this completed by the end of September due to the documentation requirements.

Last year, my Bow club had already made a generous donation for the projects. But, then they passed the hat and members generously contributed toward the purchase of medical supplies and the club matched those donations. This resulted in a second donation being made with the express purpose of purchasing medical supplies.

However, your club and your club members decide to contribute, we very much appreciate your support.

This year's trip will have the same three areas of focus as with previous trips: medical and dental brigade, school construction, and a water and sanitation project. Typically the projects on these mission trips require funds of between $12,000 and $18,000.

Please know that 100% of the funds that are contributed will go to the projects, as our team members fund their own travel expenses and the administrative costs are donated.

The Rotary International District 7870 Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization under the rules of the Internal Revenue Service. Our Tax ID is 26-0197796.

If you would like a copy of our 2025 report, please email me at cep617@comcast.net The report highlights this past mission trip, but also provides an overview of our activities over the past 25 years. Also, please let me know if you would like one of us to present to your Rotary Club.

Sincerely,
Christopher E. Parkinson, Past District Governor and Chair of Amigos De Honduras

Youth Exchange: This Year's Inbound Orientation Weekend



This year's Inbound Orientation Weekend was a beautiful example of what World Peace through Understanding looks like. These are the faces of Rotary! Uniting for Good:
3 Districts, 4 Generations, 17 Exchange Students, 16 Countries (including USA), 3 Glorious days of Learning, Sharing & Bonding!, Lifetimes of memories, friendships and relationships around the world have just begun...

Fundraisers

Bethel Area Rotary Golf Tournament - September 27, 2025



Driven to Serve Golf Tournament: 1pm on Saturday, September 27 at Montague Golf Club in Randolph, Vermont.
There are two ways to support our Driven to Serve Rotary Golf Tournament fundraising event,
including:

- Gathering a foursome to play golf on September 27
- Tournament/hole sponsorship

Contact Jenny Hewitt - hewittvt@gmail.com or 802-779-1257 or Jeanne Conde - BethelAreaRotary@gmail.com with questions, to sign up a team of 4, or to make a donation.

Merrimack Rotary Hosts 2nd Annual NuBingo - October 4, 2025



The Rotary Club of Merrimack invites the community to its 2nd Annual NuBingo Fundraiser on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM (doors open at 5:30 pm) at the Budweiser Brewery Grounds, 221 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, NH.

This high-energy, Halloween-themed evening is NOT your grandmother's bingo! Instead of numbers, players match the #1 hit songs of the past four decades. Enjoy a Live DJ, music, singing, dancing, costume contests, games-like "name that tune", prizes, fellowship, and more. The event is for ages 18 and older.

Event Details:

- Tickets: $65 per person or $500 for a reserved table of 8
- Included: 2 bingo cards, pizza, popcorn, and candy (extra cards available for purchase)
- Cash bar available
- Proceeds: 100% of charitable proceeds fund Merrimack Rotary projects that directly benefit the Merrimack Community

Buy Tickets Online: Eventbrite Link – Click Here
Media & Public Inquiries: Maureen Tracey, Rotarian
Phone: (603) 320-0733 Email: maureentracey3@hotmail.com

About the Rotary Club of Merrimack: Founded in 1971, the Rotary Club of Merrimack is a volunteer service organization of business and community leaders dedicated to making a positive impact locally and globally. Local initiatives have included the Roger Duhamel Pavilion at Watson Park, scholarships, reconstruction of Kids' Kove Playground, Merrimack flood relief, Fourth of July festivities, the Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest, Interact Club, Wasserman Park Cabins, and lighting at Reeds Ferry Fields. Internationally, the club has contributed to polio eradication, clean water access, and hurricane relief efforts.

For membership inquiries: Contact Chris Christensen at (603) 424-2542 or Chris@ChristensenNH.com, or visit www.merrimackrotary.org.

Ludlow Rotary Club 34th Annual Chili Cook-Off



The Ludlow Area Rotary Club is sponsoring the 34th Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, October 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cook-off will be located at the traffic light on Depot Street. Proceeds to benefit The Ludlow Area Rotary Charitable Fund that services Ludlow, Cavendish, Mount Holly, and Plymouth. Admission is $15.00 for adults, $5 for under 12, and $35 for 2 adults and 2 children. It includes chili, bread, ice cream and cider.

Chili entries are welcome from individuals, clubs, and businesses. Entry fee of $10.00 will include a table space and sterno. Participants are responsible for arriving between 10:30 – 10:45 the day of the cook-off. Cash prizes will be awarded in the "People's Choice" category. Awards will be given to the chili entry with the most votes in the "Judges' Choice", "Spiciest", and "Team Spirit" categories. Chili entrants are asked to provide five (5) gallons of chili for this event and we can help with servers if needed.

Please mail your name, address and phone number along with a chili entry fee of $10.00 to: Ludlow Rotary Club, PO Box 216, Ludlow, VT 05149. For more info, contact Kevin Barnes 802 558 0479.

We hope to see you there – come join the fun!

PHOTO: At last year's Chili-Cookoff, many of the hundreds of visitors received "taste checks" from the more than 25 different chili concoctions prepared by area businesses, groups, and individuals. The chilis varied from well-seasoned Tex-Mex versions to a vegetarian one with a variety of dishes in between. To enable each participant to fully enjoy the taste of each chili, cider was available to clean the palate with ice cream at the conclusion.

Miscellaneous

District Calendar

So much going on within the clubs in the district! Be sure to regularly check this District Calendar of Events: http://rotary7870.org/events/calendar

Do you have an entry for the District online calendar? Please email your entry to: prrotary7870@gmail.com.

Months of the Rotary Year

Many months of the year are designated by Rotary International for special significance.
July – Maternal and Child Health Month
August – Membership & Extension Month
September – Basic Education and Literacy Month
October – Economic and Community Development Month
November – Rotary Foundation Month
December – Disease Prevention and Treatment Month
January – Vocational Service Month
February – Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month
March – Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month
April – Environment Month
May – Youth Service Month
June – Rotary Fellowships Month

Have Something You'd Like to Share with the Entire District?

Updates and short (1 page) articles, along with images **(Word and JPEGS only. NO PDFs please)** may be submitted to Martin Cohn and Maureen Mooney at prrotary7870@gmail.com to be included in the Monthly Newsletter. **Please limit your photos to one per article.** The District Newsletter is a means of

communicating with other clubs in our district: items of interest, upcoming events, fundraisers or opportunities for service. **Deadline for next newsletter submissions: October 14th, 2025 at 6 PM.**

Website and Social Media

Be sure to check (and share) the Rotary District 7870 **website** at: www.rotary7870.org.

Be sure to join (and share) the Rotary District 7870 **Facebook page** here: