



Rotary International District 7890

No. 11

May 2012

HOT DATES IN THE DISTRICT

DISTRICT CONFERENCE
MAY 18-20, 2012
RADISSON HOTEL
PLYMOUTH, MA

RYLA
JUNE 9, 2012
SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE
SPRINGFIELD, MA

INSTALLATION DINNER
JUNE 20, 2012
BOND HOTEL
HARTFORD, CT

DISTRICT GOLF
TOURNAMENT
AUGUST 15, 2012
OAK RIDGE GOLF CLUB
FEEDING HILLS, MA

FOUNDATION SEMINAR
SEPTEMBER 13, 2012
EAST HARTFORD VETERANS
MEMORIAL CLUBHOUSE
EAST HARTFORD, CT

FOUNDATION SEMINAR
OCTOBER 4, 2012
HOTEL NORTHAMPTON
NORTHAMPTON, MA

Message from Governor Sue

“**T**he month of May was named for the Roman goddess of spring, Maia, whose name derived from a Latin word, the comparative adjective maius, maior, in English “larger, greater.”

You ask: Hey Governor Sue, what’s with the Latin lesson?

This is a springboard for this month’s focus here in District 7890.

Those of you attending the District Conference this month will return to your communities recharged and ready to ask friends and business associates to join Rotary, to make one more donation to The Rotary Foundation, and to wear a Rotary pin every day when you are out and about. Those of you unable to attend the conference, please remember why you are proud to be a Rotarian and consider how to spread that message to others.

You ask: Hey Governor Sue, what’s that got to do with May?

If each of us commits to this focus — growth in membership and increased contributions to our Rotary Foundation’s annual fund —this month will result in larger membership and in a greater return for our district’s grants three years from now, Rotary Year 2014-2015. Remember the unique three-year cycle of The Rotary Foundation: three years from now, half of all monies given by our district Rotarians to the Annual Programs Fund will return to our district, the other half will go to the World Fund, some of which will benefit our district’s projects.

Do you realize monies donated three years ago are enabling us to give sight to a blind grandfather in Kolkata? He can now see his granddaughter; she is now free to go to school since she no longer has to guide her grandfather during the day. Do you realize monies donated three years ago are enabling us to fund planting 50,000 fruit trees in West Bengal? This will help alleviate devastating effects of deforestation and over time provide hundreds of families with healthy food for themselves and a product to sell at the local village market. Do you realize monies donated three years ago are providing clean water to a village in the Philippines and a village half a world away in Nigeria? Take a break; go refresh yourself with a glass of water; consider what a luxury that is! Do you realize monies donated three years ago will help with the recovery of our neighbors in southern Vermont who were devastated by Hurricane Irene? As is true when disasters strike in less well developed countries, the most adversely affected by Irene are those least able to cope — the most impoverished, the least educated, the oldest, the youngest, the disabled. This year, ten thousand dollars of our District Designated Fund (DDF) will help them through a Matching Grant initiated by the Vermont and New Hampshire Districts. These monies were raised by PDG Jim Dusza in 2008-2009.

Pat yourselves on the back if you donated to Annual Giving/World Fund SHARE in 2008-2009. Please help me ensure that in 2014-2015 our district has a healthy amount for our District Foundation Committee to do good work here in our communities and internationally.

It is time to **think of the future**, donate a dollar, donate \$100 dollars, **donate whatever you can**. Half will return to northern Connecticut and western Massachusetts in 2014-2015.

REACH WITHIN to EMBRACE HUMANITY

At heart, Rotarians are good friends working together to do good things -- human beings refusing to remain indifferent to other human beings. Ask a friend to join Rotary!

Best wishes to all,

Sue, District Governor



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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Join Us on June 20, 2012 for the District Installation

District 7890 and the Rotary Club of West Hartford will host the District Installation of club presidents, Assistant Governors and the incoming District Governor Eileen Rau on Wednesday evening, June 20, 2012 at the Bond Hotel in its top floor ballroom overlooking the city of Hartford, CT. For a look at the venue go to http://www.bondballroom.com/a_index.aspx

Our guest speaker for the evening is Robert Coultas. Bob was the 1977-78 president of the Morristown, New Jersey Rotary. In 1996-98 he served on the board of directors of Rotary International and chaired its executive committee in 1997-98. In 2000-2001 he was chairman of its Presidential Conferences, and in 2001 he was an aide to then Rotary International President Richard D. King. He helped with the mass immunization of young children against polio in Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan. Bob was also involved in a project to help raise money for a school in Victoria, Brazil. Now there are 200 to 300 students receiving vocational training in that school.

Encourage your club to make the District Installation its meeting for the week of June 17th as we celebrate the beginning of a new Rotary year and the installation of your club president. The opening reception starts at 6:30 PM with dinner and the installation program to follow. Dinner is \$45 per person with a choice of stuffed chicken Duxelles, London broil or vegetable Napoleon. To register please, mail your registration & check made out to District 7890 or e-mail your registration and credit card information by June 5, 2012 to:

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See registration on page 7.

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Interact In Action: Service Above Self

The annual Interact Conference “Interact in Action: Service Above Self” held April 1st 2012 at the Enfield Holiday Inn was a great success again this year! Many thanks to all the Interactors, Advisors, and Rotarians in attendance. It is your involvement and support which makes this a wonderful event every year. Special thanks to Vincent Marinaro who once again led our youth in a group leadership session. Thanks to District Governor Sue Klock for chairing the Rotary/Advisor break-out session. Thanks to Incoming District Governor Eileen Rau for her contributions throughout the conference. Our District Governors have always supported the growth of Interact in our District and we are pleased to see that this support continues! Thanks go out to Cindi Lang from the West Hartford Rotary Club for taking the group picture again this year. Also thanks to Adam Mangs and Michele Brown for help before, during and after the conference with the numerous administrative details that make this a successful event. A special thanks to our new Northampton Interact Club for sharing their early morning wake up exercises. Finally, the group presentations really made this event special. We are so very proud of the service projects, fundraisers and social events being done throughout the District by our Interact Clubs. They have also proved that you can make a positive difference in the world and have fun at the same time!!! Please go to the Rotary District 7890 Website to see photos of this event.

I am pleased to report that over half of our 62 Rotary Clubs have active Interact Clubs (youth age 12 to 18). We also have a number of Interact Clubs “under construction”. As we wind down the academic year, our Interact and Rotary Clubs are taking the following steps to ensure that our Interact Clubs continue to thrive and grow.

Each Rotary Club has designated an Interact Advisor who is known to all Club members, and who reports regularly on the activities and progress of the Club’s Interact Club. The advisor will ask others to serve on an Interact Committee or assist our Interact Clubs with their activities. Because this person is required to attend Interact Club meeting, attendance credit should be granted by your club for the Rotary advisor’s service to the Interact Club. If you are currently starting an Interact Club or re-starting an Interact Club that has temporarily stopped meeting, the designated advisor should regularly report on the steps taken to begin the new Interact club. Children of Rotarians should be invited to join Interact as they are some of our most energetic youth leaders. Interactors should be invited to Rotary Club meetings, and should participate in social, service, and fund-raising events. If Interactors help raise money consideration should be given to sharing the proceeds raised with the Interact Club. Each Advisor and the Interact Board members should have a hard copy of the Interact handbook downloaded from www.rotary.org.

David A.Mangs
District 7890 Interact Chair

EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT BANERJEE’S MAY MESSAGE ON MEMBERSHIP

When we talk about building membership we all recognize that welcoming a new member into a Rotary Club is only the beginning of our task. To turn a new club member into a committed Rotarian, much more is necessary – and the first step is helping that new member get involved.

Every Rotarian in every club should know that he or she is not only needed but relied upon. Every Rotarian should have a job within the club – a role to play. After all, why are we in Rotary? We are here to make a difference. Yes, we enjoy our Rotary service but that is not enough if we are to make Rotary a priority week after week, year after year. The knowledge that we are having an impact, that we are changing lives – that is what keeps us going, no matter what other demands may compete for our time. And this is why each one of us, however long we have been in Rotary, must always be striving to grow as Rotarians – to find new ways to help others and to bring about all the positive change we possibly can. For this, more than anything, is what makes our Rotary service worthwhile. Every one of us has so much potential and can achieve so much when we “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.”

Kalyan Banerjee
President, Rotary International

HAPPENINGS 'ROUND THE DISTRICT...



The **PUTNAM** Regional Interact Club recently assembled mini survival kits for the homeless. The kits contain first aid, toiletries, bath towels, hand sanitizer, rain ponchos, plastic trash bags and more. Working with the local food bank, the Interact members identified frequently requested items by the homeless, purchased and packed the items and delivered them to the food bank. The kits will be distributed on an “as needed basis”. Thanks to a district simplified grant, the club was able to provide 10 kits. Thanks District 7890!



l to r: Lorna Boyd, Past District Governor Ottoson, Ann Marie Ottoson, Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd, Foundation Dinner Keynote Speaker

At the recent Foundation Dinner, Past District Governor Larry Ottoson was presented with the “Citation for Meritorious Service.” The award is from The Rotary Foundation and recognizes Rotarians who have demonstrated active service to The Rotary Foundation for more than one year.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

15th Annual District 7890 Golf Outing
Monday, August 6

A day of FUN, FELLOWSHIP & GOOD GOLF
Don't Miss It.

How does one person make a difference in the world? Ask Mike O'Hara, longtime member and former president of the **SIMSBURY-GRANBY** Rotary Club. Mike challenged his fellow Rotarians and friends to sponsor him to Swim 400 lengths of the Olympic sized pool at the local YMCA in Granby, CT to raise money for Greater Hartford Foodshare. To no one's surprise, Mike Raised \$2200 in donations.

WEST SPRINGFIELD Rotary Club will once again feature a 5K Fun Run and Walk, Sunday, June 10 beginning at 10AM. Race prizes will be awarded to Participating Rotarians – fastest male, fastest female and fastest 'super-sized' Rotarian weighing 200 lbs or more. Come join the fun!! Check the West Side's Taste of the Valley website – www.westsidetaste.com for information and to register for the race.

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UPCOMING GOLF TOURNAMENTS

STAFFORD –

June 5, 2012 at Elmcrest Country Club,
East Longmeadow, MA
Registration and lunch begins at 11AM with shotgun
start at 12 Noon. Cost is \$125 which includes lunch
and dinner with each golfer receiving a complimentary
free round of golf at Elmcrest. For more information
contact David Grysiewicz at 860 684-8342 or Tony
Scussel at 860 749-9237.

WINDSOR-WINDSOR LOCKS –

June 18 at Oak Ridge Golf Course,
Feeding Hills, MA.
Registration at 10:30AM with shotgun start at
11:30AM. Cost is \$125 which includes lunch and
dinner. For more information contact Dick Baxter at
860 688-9086.

NEW BRITAIN-BERLIN – August 13 at Tunxis
Plantation Golf Course in Farmington, CT. For more
information contact Steve Nims at 860 538-4874.



*l to r Rotarian Richard Keating, CEO New England Public Radio and **SPRINGFIELD** Club President Edward P. Sunter*

This winter New England Public Radio held a fundraising campaign designed to help with clean up and replanting efforts throughout their listening “Root For Your Radio - Make a Pledge, Plant a Tree. For every contribution made to support programming on WFCR and WNNZ during their winter on-air fund drive, a tree would be planted in the community. The **SPRINGFIELD** Rotary Club awarded \$1,000 to the CT River Watershed Council for this project.



More than a year ago a group of parents set out to raise approximately \$53,000 to renovate a playground on Beacon Field in Greenfield, MA. Through generous donations from various groups and the **FRANKLIN COUNTY** Rotary Club their dream came true and they recently completed the task of installing a new one, complete with slides, swings and climbing structures. Shown pictured are Greenfield Recreation Department Director Christy Moore (foreground) and Rotary Club volunteers Willow and Brian Ross installing a playground barrier.

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DISTRICT ATTENDANCE

	MEM	MAR
AGAWAM, MA	37	87
AMHERST, MA	80	59
AVON/CANTON, CT	66	87
BLOOMFIELD, CT	22	74
BRISTOL, CT	34	53
BROADBROOK, CT	15	64
CHICOPEE, MA	33	65
DALTON, MA	16	
DANIELSON, CT	28	80
E-CLUB	6	96
EAST HARTFORD, CT	69	81
E. LONGMEADOW, MA	32	77
EAST WINDSOR, CT	19	84
EASTHAMPTON, MA	28	55
ENFIELD, CT	63	59
FARMINGTON, CT	57	71
FRANKLIN COUNTY, MA	32	71
GLASTONBURY, CT	73	89
GREAT BARRINGTON, MA	48	80
HARTFORD, CT		
HOLYOKE, MA	86	87
KENSINGTON/BER, CT	12	83
LITCHFIELD/MORRIS, CT		
LUDLOW, MA	27	59
MANCHESTER, CT		
MONSON, MA	8	40
NEW BRITAIN/BERLIN, CT		
NEW MILFORD, CT		
NEWINGTON, CT		
NORTH ADAMS, MA		
NORTHAMPTON	34	74
PALMER, MA	31	75
PITTSFIELD, MA	70	73
PLAINFIELD, CT	26	97
PLAINVILLE, CT	38	67
PUTNAM, CT	65	79
ROCKVILLE, CT	28	
SALISBURY, CT	63	
SIMSBURY, CT	73	71
SOMERS, CT		
SOUTH WINDSOR, CT	67	68
SOUTHINGTON, CT	40	76
SOUTHWICK, MA	16	80
SPRINGFIELD, MA	76	40
STAFFORD, CT	24	61
SUFFIELD, CT	53	56
TERRYVILLE, CT	10	78
THOMASTON, CT	33	70
TORRINGTON, CT	65	46
TRI-TOWN, MA	21	60
WARE, MA	12	72
WASHINGTON, CT		
WATERTOWN, CT		
WEST HARTFORD, CT	64	88
WEST SPRINGFIELD, MA	64	68
WESTFIELD, MA	43	60
WETHERSFIELD/RCKY HILL, CT	16	83
WILBRHAM/HAMPDEN, MA	37	69
WILLIAMSTOWN, MA		
WILLIMANTIC, CT	28	61
WINDSOR/WNDRLOCKS, CT	37	77
WINSTED, CT		

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

AMHERST	SEAN CLEARY RALPH GUISTI KATHERINE PIEDRA
AVON/CANTON	CATHY SHANLEY
BLOOMFIELD	JONATHAN HOCHMAN PATRICIA WRICE
FARMINGTON	WILLIAM BAKER
PITTSFIELD	MARK MCKENNA
SPRINGFIELD	JEREMY LEAP
SUFFIELD	GEORGE BEITER
WESTFIELD	DONNA BYS
WETHERSFIELD/ROCKY HILL	LISA BEAUPRE

Happy Anniversary To:

92 Years Pittsfield Chartered May 1, 1920	53 Years Watertown Chartered May 20, 1959
91 Years Winsted Chartered May 1, 19221	38 Years Farmington Chartered May 30, 1974
88 Years Great Barrington Chartered May 15, 1924 Palmer Chartered May 24, 1924	30 Years Southwick Chartered May 27, 1982
85 Years Bristol Northampton Chartered May 21, 1927	8 Years e-Club Chartered May 27, 2004

*When was the last time you brought a guest to Rotary?
When was the last time you sponsored a new Rotarian?*

In Memoriam

Our condolences and sympathies to the family and friends of:

Raymond LeBreux
East Windsor

Please report attendance to District Secretary
Carole Laliberte's e-mail: celaliberte@verizon.net

June 20 District Installation Dinner Registration Form

Mail To: **Dana Gordon, Registration Chair,**
West Hartford Rotary Club, PO Box 270252, W. Hartford CT 06127-0252
 with your check made out to Rotary Dist. 7890 Or
 E-Mail to: vangordon@aol.com
 with your Credit Card information *by June 5, 2012*

Name: _____ Rotary Title: _____

Club Name : _____

Address: _____ Tel. No. _____

E-Mail: _____ (for Confirmation)

No. in the party: _____ x \$45 per person Total \$ _____ Check enclosed _____

Credit Card Info: No. _____
 Exp. _____ Security Code _____ (VISA & MC only)

Food Choices (Indicate how many): Chicken ___ London Broil ___ Veg, Nap. ___

Members of party:

(Tables of 8 or 10 available - add an additional sheet if necessary)

Name	Title	Meal Choice
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“In Lima, Peru, more than 70 percent of the drinking water comes from the Rimac River, which is polluted with high levels of cadmium, copper, lead, zinc, and arsenic.

To help alleviate that problem, The Rotary Foundation and its partners have supplied water filters to 5,000 families living along the river. (Rotary.org, 2012)”

This project, along with others are helping Rotary with the Rotary’s six areas of focus. Please visit the website to learn of what those areas are.

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