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(That's Rotarian Spelled Backwards)



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District 7890

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February Birthdays

Feb 1 - Frank Wargo

Feb 26 - Lou Abella

February Anniversary

Feb 12 - Mansoor & Hamida Haidary



Feb 15th



Feb 14th

Upcoming Meetings All via ZOOM

Feb 2nd – Literacy Volunteers on the Green

They'll discuss how they interact and impact our community, speak about what it's like to be a tutor and what's involved in tutoring – and it's not needing to know a foreign language!

Feb 9th – BD Provisions

We'll find out who they are, what they offer, that it's not "bulk" buying, and learn about the many delicious and healthy items they carry.

Feb 16th - Wayne Woodard, Director of Sunny Valley Preserve

February 23rd - Dave Elmore will present a Rotary ShelterBox video

Happy Groundhog Day!



Feb 2nd

Rotary International theme for February

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Our commitment to peacebuilding today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our vision of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved.

Rotary creates environments where peace can happen.

More on Shelter Box

Shelter Box is an international relief charity. It provides emergency shelter and aid items to families around the world who have lost their homes to disaster or conflict. The first distribution of 143 Shelter Boxes was sent to victims of the 2001 Gujarat India earthquake. Our Rotary district 7890 is being recognized as one of the top 20 all time Rotary district supporters of Shelter Box USA.

District Conference

Keep in mind that the district conference for 2021 is scheduled for April 30 – May 3. It will be held in Hyannis MA. It is a multi-district conference. We are joining up with Districts 7950 and 7890. This amounts to pretty much all of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. We are waiting to hear from the district leaders as to whether this will be an in person conference or virtual.

Rotary President

Rotary International President Holger Knaack's theme for 2021 – 2022 is **Rotary Opens Opportunities**. He is asking each and every Rotarian to create opportunities that strengthen their leadership, help put service ideas into action, and improve the lives of those in need.

District Website

A statement seen on the district website can not be stated often enough, so here it is At Rotary we have no tolerance for racism. We will promote respect, celebrate diversity, demand ethical leadership, and we will work tirelessly to advance peace. These are the central tenets of our work.

Town of New Milford

Our town website shows that you can now pre-register for the Covid-19 vaccine if you are over age 65. The Town of New Milford has formed a Sustainability Fund. The mission of the Sustainability Fund is to help reduce adverse economic consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic as they affect the people of New Milford.

The three main areas of focus for this fund are first responders, residents, and small business. Please go to the town website to get more information if you want to donate, or if you wish to apply for sustainability funds. Take heart, economic help is available for small businesses.

Connecticut News

The Connecticut National Guard sent 300 men and women to Washington D.C. to help protect the capital.

Can anyone beat the UCONN women basketball team? They just beat Butler University 103 – 35. Coach Auriemma now has 1099 wins.

Rotary International

Check out the “News and Features” section on the on the RI website. There are all kinds of ideas that will move you to action see Help on Wheels or How to Organize a Successful Food Drive.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN - **Frank Wargo**

Where were you born ? Waterbury, CT

Who introduced to to Rotary ? Jim Faure

Your favorite sport team ? Giants, Mets

Your favorite dessert ? Vanilla Ice Cream

Your dream vacation ? Antarctica

If I won a million dollars, I'dGive most of it away to Rotary Foundation

Where do you hope to be 5 years from now ? Alive

Do you have any hobbies ? Help others, repair work, golf

How did you get your current job ? I created Fire Control, and retired.