



New Milford Rotary Club
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(That's Rotarian Spelled Backwards)



District 7890



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August Birthdays

August 12 - Peter Daubner

August Anniversaries

August 8 - Gail & Brad Abbott

August 8 - Frank & Pricilla Wargo

August 30 - Joe & Carol Bruschetti



August Upcoming Meetings & Events

August 3rd - Lorna Rhyins, Director of the New Milford Library will be our Speaker.

Saturday & Sunday, October 2nd & 3rd - New Milford River Fest at Young's Field

Sunday, October 3rd - The Great Housatonic Rotary Duck Race

Rotary Projects Around the World

FRANCE—The Rotary Club of Nice Riviera Cote d'Azur and sister club, the Rotary Club of Norwich, England, teamed up to install a rainwater recovery system in Ho, Ghana. The Rotarians also donated to a charity that purchased garden planters valued at more than \$6,000 for local pediatric medical facilities in Nice.

MEXICO— In Ciudad Juarez, a project to protect children from street violence has blossomed into Soles de Anapra, a center serving some 80 young people. Since 2014, the Rotary Club of El Paso, Camino Real, Texas, had been donating goods to Lourdes Contreras for the after school program she ran out of a small house. In 2015, the club decided she needed more space. With \$25,000 donated by the 16 clubs in Ciudad Juarez and two partners in New Mexico, the club purchased a 6,000 square-foot warehouse in 2016.

SOUTH AFRICA— Rex Omameh, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Blouberg, started making sandwiches out of his family's living room to help those in need during the Covid-19 shutdowns. He spent more than \$1,500 on food, and a bread company has also pitched in to provide bread and soup.

SRI LANKA— In September of 2020, the 331-member club wrapped up an initiative to use social media platforms to promote pandemic stricken businesses in around Colombo, one of the nation's two capital cities. The Rotaractors produced and posted 10 video interviews with the operators of various enterprises. Sharoni Anthony, a club member, says "We hoped to make the public aware of them and their amazing products and services."

The Rotary theme for the year is “**SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**”. We should try to find, right here in New Milford, some service opportunities to make a difference in some person's life.

Hey !!! Rotary District 7890, our district, is celebrating 100 years of service.

Pretty cool.

Rotary International is constantly reminding us that new members are our life blood and to that end the call is “**EACH ONE BRING ONE**”. Very ambitious but certainly a goal we should strive for.

For those of us old enough to remember the Vietnam War and its disastrous consequences this may seem startling but the country of Vietnam has just allowed the formation of two Rotary clubs to be chartered in Saigon. Vietnam is the newest Rotary country.

Our new District Governor is Joanne Alfieri. She is a member of the Southington Rotary club. Joanne has had a 33 year career in the financial industry. She was an assistant District Governor from 2018 till 2020. She is married to Tom Alfieri and they have three children and 8 grand children.

Check out the Rotary International Face Book page. There are so many interesting things to see there..... how we Rotarians are “Champions of Girls Empowerment”, Rotary's involvement with “Global Peace Index”, How one club is trying to lessen poverty in Nicaragua, and our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

What a dynamo our R I president is. Shekhar Mehta. Please read about him in the July Rotary magazine. Where there is a problem, he sees solutions. As when there was a disaster in India he devised a “Shelter Kit”, a version of the Shelter Box to help people in need. This program has served about 75,000 people. He is the architect of the TEACH program which aims to end illiteracy in India. *Main Hoon Na* is a Hindi phrase that translates “Don't Worry I'm Here For You”. We should all have that mind set as Rotarians. We can make our town and the world a better place under the leadership of Shekhar Mehta.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW ROTARIAN - Peter Daubner

Where were you born ? Newton, NJ

Who introduced to Rotary ? Daughter Christie chose to be an exchange student, I came to meetings, hosted a student in my home and became a member

Your favorite sport team ? Don't care, nothin, none, nope

Your favorite dessert ? Key Lime Pie

Your dream vacation ? Adventure in New Zealand

If I won a million dollars, I'd Boring....Invest it.

Where do you hope to be 5 years from now ? Right here in New Milford enjoying retirement and traveling

Do you have any hobbies ? Sing with Mad Hatter Chorus , cycling, tennis, cross county skiing, reading, camping

How did you get your current job ? I decided it was a good time to end my practice of 30 years—Retire!!!!