



Rotarians having fun? Is that even allowed?

Jamie Milne and Katheryn Laferriere (St. Johnsbury), Anita Lotto (Cambridge Area), Joan Vars and Larry Vars (Lancaster), Anne Donahue (Northfield), and Eric Denu (Middlebury) celebrate a great evening and a strong 50/50 raffle return!

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Got Something to Say? Here's Your Chance!

Do you have an event to announce? Do you want to promote a project or celebrate an achievement? Publish it here!

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RYLA – Synergy In Action!

By Bob Broadhurst, RYLA Registrar

The **Cambridge Area and Morrisville Rotary Clubs** deserve a round of applause for their Synergy in helping out the **Sherbrooke Rotary Club** with sponsoring RYLA students this year.

At our District Assembly in April, then DGE Richard Fox announced the Synergy theme of one club helping another. The Sherbrooke Rotary Club had an abundance of students they could select for RYLA, but funding for five. With the help of the Cambridge Area and Morrisville Rotary Clubs, Sherbrooke was able to select seven students to attend RYLA.

Having students from the Quebec region of our District makes the RYLA experience more interesting for all the participants and helps to showcase the unique international aspect of our District.

With Rotary programs such as RYLA and Youth Exchange, such club to club help can be beneficial as one club may be able to find more students to sponsor to RYLA, more who want to be outbound exchange students and maybe a club has an abundance of willing host families for an inbound exchange student. Yet they may not be financially able to take on the responsibilities.

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IFSR Recognition for North Conway Rotary

Congratulations to the **North Conway Rotary Club**, which has been granted the IFSR (International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians) Youth Service Award as a result of an article published in the April 9, 2019 issue of [The Conway Daily Sun](#). The article, entitled "Local groups join to 'Rise Against Hunger'", described the North Conway Club coordinating multiple local service organizations, including Scouting units, in its Rise Against Hunger project.

The IFSR issued the award as part of its efforts in promoting service to youth through Scouting and Guiding and in recognition of the North Conway Club "publicizing [its] relationship with Scouting . . . as an example for other Rotary clubs looking for ways to promote the Scouting movement".

The IFSR, International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians, is a Rotary Fellowship promoting service to Youth through Scouting and Guiding. IFSR is composed of over a thousand Rotarians in 45 countries that work to promote Scouting and Guiding through their membership in Rotary.

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Other clubs may have strong finances, but for whatever reason are not able to find the students for such programs.

A big THANK YOU to the Morrisville and Cambridge Area Rotary Clubs! Hopefully they will Be the Inspiration for more Rotary Clubs to help each other as we go forward.

District Night at the Ballpark!

On the evening of July 27, 2019, Rotarians from throughout our District made their way to Centennial Field in Burlington, Vermont, to enjoy a night at the ballpark as the Vermont Lake Monsters played the Brooklyn Cyclones.

While the game play may have been lackluster at times, our Rotarians certainly were not: in addition to cheering on the home team, many of them roamed the grandstand selling 50/50 raffle tickets to benefit our District's charitable endeavors. Their hard work generated a season-high \$714.00, resulting in \$357.00 for the District.

Besides great (and discounted) seats and the opportunity to conduct the 50/50, Rotary District 7850 received great public exposure as radio personality and play-by-play announcer George Commo interviewed District Governor Richard Fox live during the fifth inning. All in all, a great night of fun with Rotary friends and family!

To learn more about IFSR, visit it at www.ScoutingRotarians.org or its [Facebook](#) page. For more information about the IFSR Youth Service Award and to download the award from the IFSR website, go to: <http://scouters.us/ifsr/pages/awards.html#anchorYOUTHSERVICE>



The view from up in the radio booth of George Commo.



A lull in the action with our Rotarians.

Your August Calendar

August 8, 2019

67th Annual Bristol Rotary Club Penny Sale



WE WANT YOU!

You Can Be District Governor!

All Rotarians in good standing who will have been in Rotary for at least seven years by 2022 are eligible to apply to be nominated to be the District Governor for 2022-23.

Being District Governor is an immense honor as well as an opportunity to share your vision and commitment to Rotary. It is also a chance to be part of a team of other committed Rotarians and to have a lot of fun!

To apply for the nomination, fill out the Governor -nominee form found at <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/district-governor-nominee-form> and have your club secretary sign it. Once you have done so, send it to the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Past District Governor Larry Vars at Larryvrotary@gmail.com.



More details available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/884279855240493/>

August 24, 2019

Rotary Club of Lebanon 3rd Annual Brewfest



More details available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2188745001247087/>

**Check the District
Calendar at
www.rotary7850.org for
more events!**



A Word From the Governor...

Why.

(You thought I was kidding, didn't you, when I titled this "A Word..."?)

For those clubs I have already had the privilege of visiting, they know what this means and **why** I place so much value on it. For those of you I have yet to visit, allow me to explain:

Rotary frequently comes up in conversation with our friends, family, or acquaintances. Perhaps we are wearing a Rotary pin or shirt, or perhaps someone notices we are raising funds for a Rotary project. When that happens, we are often asked "What is Rotary"? And most of us fail to give a cogent response because we are too caught with explaining the "How" of Rotary instead of the "**Why**". Consider this example:

Friend: *So, what is Rotary?*

Rotarian: *Well, we meet every Thursday morning at the local mosque, and we listen to a speaker and maybe talk about a project...*

Does this sound familiar? It certainly does to me. I spent the first three years of being a Rotarian explaining the "How" of Rotary instead of the "**Why**". Specifically, I failed to explain

- **Why** I joined Rotary;
- **Why** I stayed a member of Rotary;
- **Why** Rotary means so much to me; or
- **Why** Rotary is so critical to our world at this time.

When people ask about Rotary, they are rarely seeking a breakdown of the moral, temporal, and financial obligations of membership – that comes later. Instead, most people want to know your story - **why** does Rotary matter to you?

For this reason, I encourage all of you to know your **why** – **why** you joined, **why** you've stayed, and **why** you value Rotary in your life. And once you know your **why**, share it with those around you. It's one word, but it has an enormous impact.



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