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(That's Rotarian Spelled Backwards)



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## October Birthdays

Robert Mullen - Oct. 3  
Ralph Williams III - Oct. 9  
Brad Kamp - Oct. 18  
Sharon Ward - Oct. 27



## October Anniversaries

Alex & Danielle Rafoss - Oct. 13  
Brad & Jennifer Kamp - Oct. 20  
Katy Francis & Mike Scofield - Oct. 23  
Arthur & Hillary Klein - Oct. 24  
Thomas & Michelle Mott - Oct. 25



## October Upcoming Meetings and Events

Saturday & Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> -

**New Milford River Fest at Young's Field**

**\*\*\*\*\* Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Great Housatonic Rotary Duck Race, 2:00 pm**

**Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> - Ted Hine, Democratic candidate for New Milford Mayor**

**Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> - Lynn Priest - New Milford Fitness and Aquatic Club - Health coach, trainer, fitness instructor, exercise specialist during cancer treatments - Motivating us to exercise and stay fit to prevent illness and strengthen our brains.**

**Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - Jasmin Ducusin-Jara, Director of NM Senior Center**

**Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - Mayor Pete Bass will provide a 'state of the town' update.**

## ROTARY THOUGHTS FOR OCTOBER

Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta has three special initiatives for the 2021 – 2022 Rotary year aimed at expanding our impact through service and introducing new members to Rotary. They are 1. Empowering girls, 2. Rotary Day of Service, and 3. Presidential Conferences. As October and the fall are upon us and as you read this after the Duck Race, maybe our club could focus on a Rotary Day of Service. Why don't we set aside a meeting this fall to brainstorm and come up with a service project? I do not have any specific activity in mind but hopefully our club members could identify a need in the greater New Milford area and bring Rotary members and others in the community to create a project to improve some situation.

We live in a new age and as president Shekhar Mehta says “ If Rotary clubs are to be relevant going forward, we have to commit to supporting diversity, equity and inclusion”. We, as a club, should post a statement on our website clearly stating our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. And, as our president Mehta says, this is not a political issue. Each of us has the right to be treated with dignity and respect, to have our voices be heard, and to access the same opportunities to succeed and lead at Rotary.

Update on Polio. Aidan O'Leary ( now there is a great name) is World Health Organization's polio chief. He has given us a very positive update in the latest Rotary magazine. We are down to just a few cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Even though there is regime change in Afghanistan, hopefully we will be able to continue to give Afghan children their polio drops. Dr. O'Leary worked for many years in Pakistan on polio eradication. He reminds us that each year in Pakistan alone there are between 7 and 8 million new babies born. And it continues to be our job to see that those children will get their proper vaccinations. Read Dr. O'Leary's interview in the Rotary magazine. It is eye opening.

### **Rotary Foundation Moment: WHAT IS A ROTARY FOUNDATION BEQUEST SOCIETY MEMBER?**

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