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(That's Rotarian Spelled Backwards)



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District 7890

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## November Birthdays

Mansoor Haidary - Nov. 12

## November Anniversaries

Robert Macklin - Nov. 3

Ivan & Dawn Shiffman - Nov. 6



**The club needs to fill some open board member seats for our 2022-2023 slate.**

**Those that are interested in serving on the board are to contact President Deb by Nov 15.**

## November Upcoming Meetings and Events

**Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Lisa Morrisey, New Milford Director of Health, will update on the status of flu and Covid incidents, available vaccines and the health of our community.

**Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** - Marilyn Lowney, Executive Director of the Haitian Health Foundation, a non-profit organization providing health, education, and community development services to more than 100 impoverished mountain villages in and around Jeremie, Haiti. The HHF was founded by a Rotarian, Dr. Jeremiah J. Lowney, Marilyn's father, in 1985. He and his family have active roles in the HHF to this day. Website: [HaitianHealthFoundation.org](http://HaitianHealthFoundation.org)

**Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** - Ivana Butera-Violette, Director of New Milford Social Services, will speak about the needs of the under-served in our community.

**Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** - New Milford Refugee Resettlement members Michelle Shackelford and Ari Rosenberg will speak about refugee family resettlement in New Milford.

**Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** - Jasmin Ducusin-Jara, Director New Milford Senior Center, will speak about the Senior Center and seniors in our community.

## ROTARY THOUGHTS FOR NOVEMBER

As a club we are trying to find answers as to where and how we meet. I went on the Rotary International web site and signed into “My Rotary”. Everything looked good except under “My Club Snapshot” they still have the Holiday restaurant as our meeting place. Hopefully we can find a permanent home and then update that info on the RI web site.

Also connected with a permanent meeting location will be the opportunity to invite prospective new members to see how we operate, who we are and ultimately join our organization. Presently RI has our membership number at 34. In 2017 we had 42 members and in 2018 we had 45. So obviously it would be nice to reverse that trend and see our membership grow. Furthermore RI shows us as having 13 female members and 19 men. Is it my imagination or is it real that so many of our leadership roles are now taken up by women? But anyway, thanks to all who work hard to make our club a success.

As has been stated before, Jennifer Jones will be the next Rotary International president. She will be the first woman to hold that position. She is from Ontario, Canada. And going out one more year, our present president has announced that Gordon McNally of South Queensferry, Scotland will be the president of RI in 2023.

As Frank Wargo announced at a previous Zoom meeting, our district 7890 golf tournament was rained out. But our district leaders decided to use the proceeds from the rain out to award three clubs with \$2000.00 Community Service Project Grants. Our club was one of the three winners.

( Thank you Frank for your presence and for sponsoring a foursome. ) Any ideas on how to put that \$2000.00 to work?

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