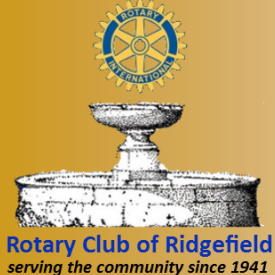


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July 12, 2017



District Governor Trish Pearson

was last night's speaker. She is a delightful person and we quickly saw the energy and drive she will bring to District 7980 this year. Trish's focus this year is to build the District's communication capabilities both internally and externally. The District will develop a new Strategic Plan that will be the foundation for success for the future. A key driver will be a Leadership Development initiative both at the District and Club level. Her final goal is to continue to build on the District's strong diversity base. One of the perks of being a Rotarian is the ability to network which currently has not been developed to an effective level. This will change! Trish, we are looking forward to working with you as you develop your plans.



District Governor Trish helped President Robert thank Kristina Kelly for her Presidential year. Robert presented her with a Plaque and a diamond Past President's pin.

Thank You Kristina

Glenn Pearson, Chair of the District Grants Committee discussed the opportunity for a District Grant for a magnet school in Kenya. The school had 30 students in 2004 and now has 4000. Yes there is a big need!

Glenn Pearson



Ric Meyer, Past President Stamford Club, is the driving force behind the initiative to create a Global Grant between District 7980 and District 3450 Mongolia, Hong Kong, Macau & The People's Republic Of China. The \$88,000 grant would be for projects at a school in Erdenet, Mongolia. Ric, based on District 7980 successful diversity record, is also RI's LGBTQ Leader.

Rotary Global Grant
District 7980 & District 3450

Mongolia US\$88,000
Education Grant - Phase I

- School playground
- "Edible Schoolyard Garden"
- Teacher & Parent Health Related Classes
- Water Drainage & School Landscaping
- Potable Water System

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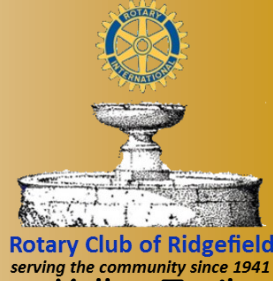
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Rotary Club of Ridgefield Presents RSO with Grant to Support Education & Outreach Initiative

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Rotary to sponsor the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra's Education & Outreach Initiative

The Rotary Club of Ridgefield presented the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra with a grant for \$2,500 in support of the RSO's 2017-18 Education & Outreach Initiative. Pictured (L to R) are RSO board member Peter Gleson, Executive Director Laurie Kenagy and Rotary member Rich Vazzano.

"The Ridgefield Symphony appreciates the continued loyal support of The Rotary Club of Ridgefield," says Executive Director Laurie Kenagy.

"Sponsorship like theirs makes our educational community outreach possible."

Professional musicians from the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra visit local public schools and present lively interactive music education programs exposing students to a variety of instruments and musical genres, as well as opportunities for including music as part of their lives. Programs also focus on the role of the arts in education and the goal of balancing music participation with other academic pursuits. In addition, the RSO makes it possible for school groups and their families to visit dress rehearsals to learn what goes on behind the scenes and enhance their experience as audience members.

The Ridgefield Symphony's mission is to enrich the cultural lives of citizens of Ridgefield and surrounding communities by presenting professional live orchestral concerts. The RSO also strives to increase the appreciation



Rotary Club Awards a Grant to KTHC for Digital Storytelling

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Written by Catherine Prescott



Keeler Tavern Museum and History Center (KTHC) recently received a \$3,000 grant from the Rotary Club of Ridgefield to hire a consultant to help the Museum develop a digital storytelling strategy. By developing and using digital storytelling tools KTHC will be able to continue to expand its educational offerings, including increasing access to its programs.

In the 2016-2017 school year, some 1,500 school children from 17 Fairfield County schools, two-thirds of them from Ridgefield, attended programs at KTHC on three nation-shaping periods: the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and the Gilded Age. The Museum aims to double the number of children to whom it provides school programs by 2020.

KTHC aims to improve learners' access to and engagement with its educational offerings by delivering at least some of its content through digital media, which can include video, audio, photographs, and interactive web-based stories. These digital storytelling tools will also allow KTHC to increase its program capacity without exhausting its pool of trained school docent volunteers; in the 2016-2017 school year, 34 school program volunteers gave nearly 700 hours of their time.

Keeler Tavern Museum and History Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, presents three centuries of the town's history through the lives of the families that occupied the site starting in 1713. It offers docent-led tours of its period-furnished building February through December (Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.; adults, \$8;

Here's a look at what's on TheRidgefieldPress.com today. [View this email in your browser](#)



The news of Ridgefield, Connecticut • An HAN Network site

On this day in Ridgefield history, 1925 – The Danbury and Norwalk railroad line is switched from coal-powered engines to electric engines. The line remains electrified until 1961 when diesel engines take over. — [RidgefieldHistory.com](#)



Rotary Club jump starts Norwalk River Valley Trail in Ridgefield

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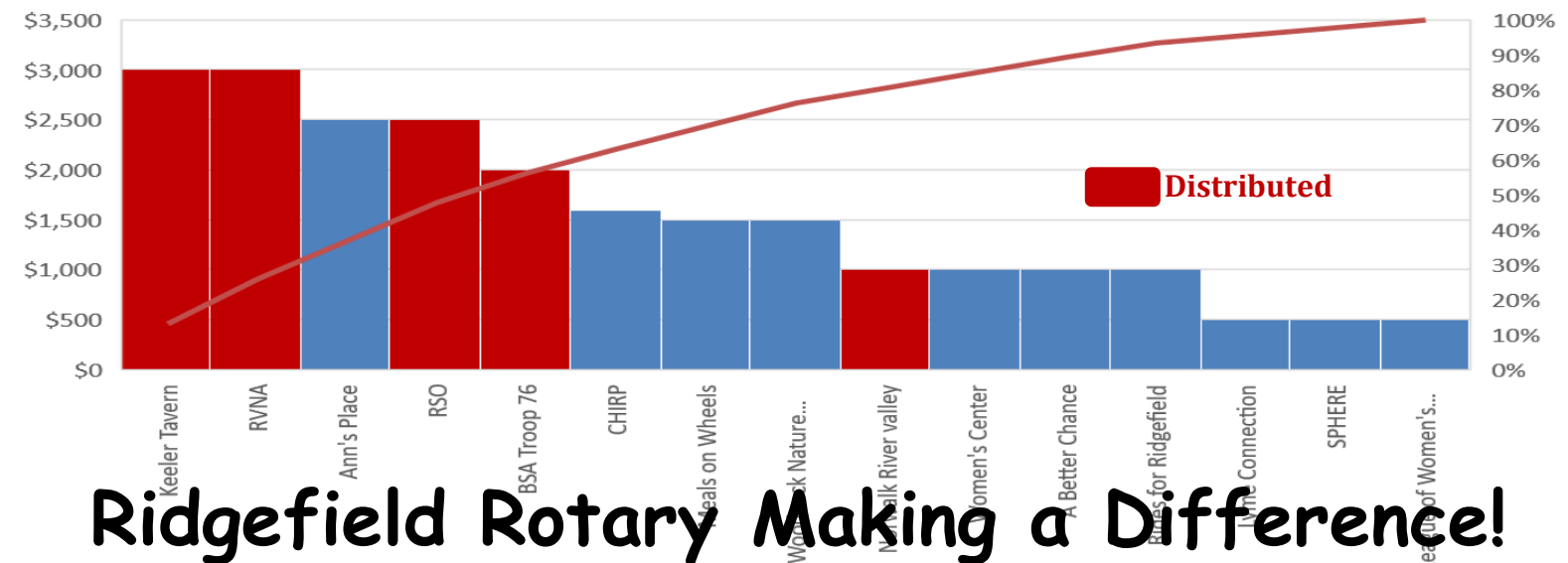
Grant Presentations Wednesday

RVNA!

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Speakers & Events

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Speaker/Trivia Responsibility & Events

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| Wed July 19 | 6:30pm | Mike Anderson | 850 Pizza—Party Room Across the Patio |
| Fri July 21 | 8:00am | Breakfast Meeting | Dimitri's |
| Wed July 26 | 6:30pm | Andy Bodner/Barbara M | |
| Wed Aug 2 | 6:30pm | Geri Blair | |
| Fri Aug 4 | 8:00am | Breakfast Meeting | Dimitri's |
| Sat Aug 5 | 9:30 > 4 | Food Drive—Barbara Lane barbara.lane7@gmail.com WE NEED VOLUNTEERS | Stop & Shop |
| Mon Aug 7 | 6:30pm | Board Meeting | Lounsbury |
| Wed Aug 9 | 6:30pm | Joe Cleary | |
| Wed Aug 16 | 6:30pm | Pat Cooney/Ken | |

Stonehenge

It was amazing, during Happy Dollars, how many Rotarians thanked Stonehenge for their food and service. We have had no better host than JP. He has been a supporter as well as a host. Missing from their team last night was Doug. After trying everything for his back he underwent surgery last week, two supports were inserted. We wish him a speedy recovery!

We need Trivia volunteers!

Please contact Chris N

President Robert advising the Club that Brittany's membership application has been received by the Board

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Trivia Sign up!

July 12 _____

July 19 _____

July 26 *Barbara Lane*

August 2 _____

August 9 *Joe Cleary*

August 16 *Pat Cooney*

August 23 _____

August 30 *Joe Cleary*

September 6 *JOEL THIRTY*

September 13 *Barbara Lane*

September 20 *Kristina Kelly*

September 27 *Pat Cooney*