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Tonya Albee honored with "Good Neighbor" award

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Jaffrey-Rindge Rotarians had a surprise visit at their meeting at Franklin Pierce University on Nov. 8 by two representatives of the New Hampshire Association of Realtors.

Gerry O'Connell, the current president of the association, and Director of Communications Dave Cummings came to the meeting to present a special award to Tonya Albee for her "lofty ideals" of community service, which includes helping to found the free Rotary enrichment summer camp, Camp BEST.

This energetic Rotarian leader was selected as a "Good Neighbor" in New Hampshire for her critical role over the last eight years in the development of a program highly regarded by families and students as well as sponsors Franklin Pierce, Jaffrey-Rindge School District and fellow Rotarians.

Harvard professor and local resident Robert Putnam has endorsed the unique experience as among the most promising efforts anywhere in the country to address the opportunity gap facing America's kids today.

Ablee's honor came with a "Good Neighbor Award" pin, and a beautiful Pepi Hermann crystal engraved award. Stunned Rotarians cheered as the New Hampshire Realtors presented a \$5,000 donation given in her name to Jaffrey-Rindge Rotary's Camp BEST.