



# Rotary International District 7780

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## A Word from Governor Trish

May already! We're entering the final stretch of our pre-Centennial year. We have reports coming in from all over the district about clubs' increased profile in the media. You've done a wonderful job of letting your communities know how Rotarians lend a hand. Increased PR, and raising awareness was my goal this year, and you've far exceeded my expectations--THANK YOU!

As we wind down, I'd like to send out my personal appeal for any Rotarian (or NON Rotarian) to make a donation to our Rotary Foundation. This is the money we use for our GSE team, for our District Simplified (local community service) Grants and our Matching Grants. So many clubs are tapping these resources----as they should---so let's make sure this money is available in the future, so we can make our Rotary dreams of Service Above Self come true.

-Trish



## Celebrate Rotary's Founder's Days

with RI President Glenn E. Estess

on

Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24, 2004

**Friday, July 23, 2004, at Noon**  
**Intercity Meeting**  
**with RI President Glenn E. Estess**  
**hosted by the Rotary Club of Portland**  
**Portland, Maine**

Keeley the Katerer  
178 Warren Avenue, Portland  
Seats are Limited, Reserve Early

**SIGN UP ON-LINE TODAY**  
**Space is LIMITED**

Join President Glenn

**Saturday, July 24, 2004**

FOUNDER'S DAY

with RI President Glenn E. Estess  
honoring Hiram Elmer Shorey

Maine native and one of the first four Rotarians  
**Litchfield, Maine**

10:30 A.M. Memorial Service, Plains Cemetery  
Grave Site of Hiram E. Shorey

11:00 A.M. Dedication of Historical Marker  
Shorey's Birthplace

11:45 A.M. Dedication of the Hiram E. Shorey  
Family History Center & Library

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and members of the Portland Club  
following the meeting for the planting  
of a Centennial Tree at the Rotary Grove,  
Eastern Prom, Portland, Maine

**COME ONE  
COME ALL**

Fellowship, games, music, rides  
and fun for children of all ages

Litchfield Town Hall  
(A Centennial Project of the  
Rotary Clubs of Maine)  
12:30 P.M. Celebration of Rotary and the  
Rotary Centennial  
Litchfield Fair Grounds, Plains Rd.  
"A Family Cookout," featuring  
Bean Hole Baked Beans and food  
from around Maine

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## Saco Bay Rotary Begins Iraq Relief

In a story recently published in the Maine Sunday Telegram, Adam Cote, an engineer with the 133rd Engineer Battalion, has made an appeal to Mainers to help the impoverished civilians of Iraq.

He wrote to his mother, Kitty Chadbourne, a member of the Saco Bay Rotary club:

Mom,

You had asked if there was anything you and your fellow Rotarians could do to help to improve the situation over here for the Iraqis. Well, the time has come.

As you know, one of Saddam's many infamous acts was to displace his own people for his gain. He often did this by taking people out of their homes and sending them to other parts of the country. One such group was forced to move from Central Iraq to the northern Kurdish region. When Saddam's region fell, however, the Kurds kicked them out. They ended up here. The U.S. Army offered "homes" to the first two thousand of them. These "homes" are basically concrete structures with open space inside for the families to live. No electricity. No running water. It's called Ghazlani Village and it's right next to our base before you enter the Mosul city limits. We've been tasked to remodel the village one home at a time. We're also planning on building a soccer field and small playground/park for the children (there are TONS of kids running around there). This will be an ongoing project.

Basically, I'm emailing you to put out to whoever is interested, that the things they have in their garage, basement, whatever, that they're planning to sell someday in a yard sale or send to Goodwill, would be a treasure to these people. Items to furnish kitchens; bathrooms; any part of a home; toys, stuffed animals...for kids; personal hygiene items; etc. are all welcome....People really don't need to purchase things for this; they can simply send stuff they don't have a use for anymore. Use your imagination; these people....have little to nothing.

Thanks,  
Adam

In response, the Saco Bay Rotary Club has asked for boxes of household items to be mailed via the US Post Office (Priority Mail) to Kitty's son, Adam, for distribution by the 133rd to the residents of Mosul.

Kitty notes, "It may seem hard to justify spending \$10-20 per box to ship items we deem of little value. But what we may think of as worth \$25-\$75 is a fortune over there, because there are no shops to purchase it and no money to buy items with. This is an opportunity to build bridges and not walls."

Saco Bay Rotary is working with libraries, churches and lodges to raise awareness of the needs of these people and support our troops efforts to make a positive difference. All Rotary clubs and Interact clubs are invited to participate. Here's how:

#### Shipping Rules & Procedures:

Boxes can weigh no more than 70 pounds. DON'T use old liquor boxes or boxes with any kind of questionable logos or stickers - please. Please don't send food or liquor products. Household items only.

A customs declaration has to accompany every box listing the general items enclosed and the estimated value. **The addressee's name and address has to be 2 LT Adam Cote, Co. B 133rd ECB (H), APO AE 09334**

Further down the form check off GIFT--so he is not charged duty fees. The bottom left block of the Custom Declaration gives options in case of nondelivery-- RETURN TO SENDER. The sender then has to sign and date the document.

**Urgently Needed:**

- **Any household items -- sheets, towels, bedding, kitchen and bath items.**
- **Nothing electrical.**
- **Children's toys, clothing, shoes**
- **Basic First Aid Items - double wrap in ziplock bags, please**

Cushioning everything with stuffed toys is a great way to ship.

Any questions, contact

Kitty A. Chadbourne  
50 Stockholm Dr.  
Cumberland Ctr, ME 04021  
TEL: 207-829-6384

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## ROTARY PARTNERS WITH "REBUILDING TOGETHER"

About a dozen members of the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club volunteered for two days with family members at a house in South Portland to construct a ramp for a disabled member of the family. Shown in the left foreground is Jeff Gabrielson, this year's club president. Across from him is Rotarian Tony Wagner.



The work was done April 24 & 25 as part of a national effort organized by "Rebuilding Together." This is the second year the Rotary club has participated in this partnership.

Rebuilding Together is a nationwide, nonprofit volunteer organization with a mission to preserve and revitalize homes so low-income homeowners, especially those who are elderly or disabled or are families with children, can live in warmth, safety and independence.

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## District 7780 Club Extension...In Ireland!



Ray Farrell, second from L, former member of the Brunswick Rotary Club and the Portland Rotary Club, is the founder and Charter President of the Rotary Club of Dingle, Ireland.

Ray writes:

O.K. It's now official. I'm now in charge of the Rotary Club of Dingle as of 04/16/04. We finally had our inaugural on Friday. (See photo).

Accepting congratulations on the formation of a new Rotary Club for Dingle are: L-R Hilary Kelly, President of the sponsoring club of Tralee, Ray Farrell, Founding President of the Rotary Club of Dingle, Frank R.L. Arnold, District Governor (Ireland) for Rotary International, and District Extension officer for Rotary Ireland, Robert Warren.

I've managed to change the day of the meeting to Monday's at 1-2:00 p.m. I'm taking a bit of flack for that but we won't have to meet on all the bank Holiday Mondays. (There are several. )

Please feel free to disseminate this information as you see fit. I think it's a first. Local lad goes abroad and starts his own Rotary Club. I've been very happy as a member of the Tralee Rotary for the last year and a half but it's a 25 miles drive each way from the house. Dingle is just 8 miles down the road.

Our Charter Night is scheduled for the 18th of June at the Skellig's Hotel in Dingle. ([reservations@dingleskellig.com](mailto:reservations@dingleskellig.com)) (web: [www.dingleskellig.com](http://www.dingleskellig.com)) Rates are 100 Euro per person sharing. We have several members that run bed and breakfast places and we will get a list of those out to you this week. We are expecting 125-150 attendees and are advertising it as a great place to spend the weekend or week. Perhaps the Portland Club would like to send a representative or two. We'd love to have you.

All the best,  
Ray

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## Deadlines for This and That

**10 May:** For governors-elect to submit Annual Programs Fund goals to RI Secretariat

**31 May:** For clubs and districts to submit membership information for the RI Membership Development and Extension Award

**30 June:** For receipt of 2003-04 Rotary Foundation contributions at RI World Headquarters

**1 July:** For Matching Grants, the business cycle begins 1 July and extends through 31 March 2005

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## GSE Team Arrives Down Under!



**Keep updated on the wanderings of our GSE Team -they have their own page on this website!**

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## *Matching Grant Awards!*

Two Matching Grant Awards have just been announced by the Rotary Foundation:

- **The Rotary Clubs of Biddeford-Saco** and Kisumu (Kenya) have been awarded \$10,000 to help establish revolving loan funds for four organizations serving underprivileged residents in Kisumu.
- **The Rotary Clubs of Westbrook-Gorham** and Baku (Azerbaijan) have been awarded \$9,500 to help provide dental services for IDP (internally displaced persons) Azerbaijani children in Baku.

Congratulations to all these clubs for their hard work and service!

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## Literacy - Adult Education

As an adult, have you ever thought about your ability to hold a job, the demands of your family life and the responsibilities of being a citizen in the USA? Probably not, as many of us just take these things for granted. Many adults have a hard time doing these things, as they all require literacy skills. The various applications of literacy to everyday life are reflected in the different types of programs commonly directed at adult learners. However, they are typically designed for the adult who has completed some formal education - usually a high school education. Your workplace literacy focuses on the skills required to successfully do your job.

What is the most effective means of adult education especially for those who have never learned to read or can only read at the most basic level? Tutoring! This allows the individual to progress at his or her own rate and is often times less embarrassing because it is on a one to one basis. We should focus on the practical things in life, completing a job application or preparing for a written driver's license exam. These are things that will help hold peoples interest as they are things they need in life to help them succeed.

You can't just walk off the street to be an effective adult tutor; it is essential to receive training. Teaching adults is a lot harder than teaching children! It is recommended that any one planning to serve in any type of advocacy role would benefit from learning about instructional methodology and issues related to adult education. These issues include the types and quality of instructional materials as well as the right type of setting to hold classes.

Here are some project ideas suggested by Rotary International:

- Organize a book discussion group or a reading club, perhaps in cooperation with the local library.
- Establish a literacy center with a library where people can come to read and to meet tutors.
- Start a community library where one is not available. (Like the Rotary Clubs of Maine Centennial Project establishing the Hiram E. Shorey Family History Center & Library in Litchfield, Maine.)
- Provide transportation for students attending literacy classes.
- Offer babysitting services to students who are parents.
- Collect the writings of literacy students in a book or pamphlet, which can be distributed in the community to promote literacy training while developing self-confidence among the students.
- Make a videotape of literacy students discussing their learning experience for use encouraging other adults to learn to read.

Please Lend a Hand by helping to teach those who can not read which will make next year much more meaningful as we Celebrate Rotary. You will not only be improving the life of the individual but also the lives of their families and generations to come.

Marie A. Williams, PDG  
District 7780 Literacy Promotion

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## Women in Rotary District 7780 *personal perspectives*

The April 2004 edition of The Rotarian features "Role Models," an in-depth look at how women bring strength and vitality to Rotary clubs, now about 140,000 strong.

By coincidence the next several issues of *The Call of the Loon* will tell, in part, the 7780 story of Rotarian women who “as active members bring strength and vitality” to our Rotary clubs.

To begin, here are brief answers to the “teaser” questions and statements printed in the March issue.

*About which club was it said "Revitalization of a club that is a bit too conservative, staid, complacent; immediate and visible change of long-term sexist stigma..."*

Answer: Rotary Club of Portland, Maine

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*Which club had the first women member and who was the first woman president?*

Based on club returns to this inquiry, first club chartered after the Court decision was the Rotary Club of Kittery, the only club chartered in 1987. It may have invited the first woman member. However, Bobbi Steele-Marotta was “first out of the gate” woman member of the Rotary Club of North Conway in 1987 and was one of the first women to start the Rotary Club of Fryeburg in 1994, where she was the first president in both the provincial club and the chartered club. Her mother was president-elect. It was an historic moment that was featured in *The Rotarian* magazine in 1994 in both word and pictures.

Being a bank officer “I always wore suits and heels. One meeting I had on a red suit and red heels. One of the [older] members came to me and whispered that I should not wear red heels again. And I didn’t know what “kind” of woman wore red heels. LOL.”

She's currently president again with the club celebrating its 10th anniversary in April this year!

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*DGE Bob Jacobson tells us why Muriel wanted to join:*

She said “it looked like a fine organization that did many wonderful things and she wanted to be a part of it.”

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*Who said "it will be to our collective and individual credit if we do so with grace?"*

M.A.T. Caparas, R.I. President, 1986-87, in a letter to his fellow officers on acceptance of women in Rotary.

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*The weekly news magazine Newsweek in the May 18, 1987 issue, quoted several all-female service groups about the decision:*

What Rotarians worry about most is losing their relaxed camaraderie. Some also think their wives, known coyly as “Rotary Anns,” are clearly dismayed by the court decision. “We think it is disgusting,” said Spirit Lake’s Margaret Klemme. “Men are entitled to their own groups.” In fact, several all-female service groups, including the Pilot, Zonta, and Altrusa International clubs, have warned the Supreme Court that they want men to stay out of their organizations, to preserve their “character, intent and identity.”

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*Rotarian Jane Bubar, current president of the Rotary Club of Rumford, writes:*

Rumford Area Rotary’s first woman member was Joyce Pelton who joined in 1987 and was its first woman president in 1992-1999. The same year four other women joined. Only Joyce is still a member. She has been club secretary for years. Of our current members eight are women. Jack Zollo (a football standout at the University of Maine) was very active in the club and had 50 years of PERFECT ATTENDANCE. He always liked to rib the women, often saying that Rotary went downhill fast after they were allowed to join. Those first woman members would sometimes “fix him” by watching him closely and, when he sat, immediately filling his table so he was surrounded by women.

Since Joyce served as president in '91-92 the club has had four women presidents including me, Jane deFrees, Patty Duguay, and Jolene Lovejoy. Our president-elect is also a woman, Linda French.

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*Rotarian Carl Griffin, past president of the Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor and club historian, chronicles how the first women came to join the club:*

We had much discussion at one club meeting devoted solely to the admission of women to the club. Over half the club members threatened to quit. Not one member left the club solely due to the inclusion of women. Just as at Bowdoin College a decade earlier, the inclusion of women vastly improved, rather than diminished, the community. Jane Conley became the first women Rotary and was joined by Gail Clark, Karen Fiducia, and Gloria Walters.

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*This year the Rotary Club of Bethel will be observing its 30th anniversary with their current president, Dawna Hannan, leading the charge. Dawna provided information about the club's first female Rotarian, Robin Zinchuk, who writes:*

I was proposed to be the first woman member of the club in 1988. I was 32 years old, the mother of three little boys under the age of 5, a bed and breakfast inn owner and part-time Executive Director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

I was generally welcomed into Rotary by most of the members, but the club was not in 100% agreement that having women as full members was a good idea...by 1990 there were at least five other women members.

In the last 16 years I feel that women have added tremendous depth to the Bethel Rotary Club. We have had [several] woman presidents.... Any of the original concerns or tensions...has long since gone away. We have a terrific group of hard-working members, we have celebrated together and we have mourned together. We are truly a family in the spirit of Rotary!

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*Several of the district's Rotary clubs have reported membership of couples.*

Kittery had a "charter couple" – Donald and Marlene Young; their second club president was Joyce Crabtree, married to Rotarian Richard Crabtree; the current club president is David Dimmick whose wife, Susan, is a Rotarian. One Rotary couple, Anne Corriveau and Glenn Querion, have produced and performed in two musical fund-raisers for the club as well as a holiday musical.

Jim and Marjorie Dawson recently joined the Rotary Club of Portland:  
[We] decided early on in our careers (Married in 1977) that we would do all our volunteer work together, which would minimize time away from each other outside of business activities, both having separate professional careers – otherwise we might never see each other! Rotary embodies many of the values we hold and gives us the opportunity to meet people and to get to know the community, which is important when you have moved 10 times in 25 years as we have."

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*Portland's first women member's job opportunity moved her out of the territory so that the club is honoring its second woman member who joined the club in November 1987, and is still very much with them. Judy Cavalero stated:*

Actually, the membership was accepting and helpful to the new female members. We were asked to participate in all club activities, projects and committees. We were equals! Through the years I have developed friendships with many members who have encouraged me to expand my service to the community and to broaden my horizons. I am honored and privileged to be a member of the Rotary Club of Portland...it has become an important part of my life.

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*Rotarian Mary Littlefield, Rotary Club of Ogunquit historian, celebrates women in her club with the following commentary:*

We have a wonderful group of ladies in our club and they're all doers! Our first female member was Lisa Hancock (whose dad was also a member). She also became the first woman president. We've had four woman presidents. Approximately 25% of our membership is female. We have several bank managers, an innkeeper, real estate agents, and a chamber of commerce director, one person in investment services, a security person, and a library director (me). As you can see, it's a diverse group and one that works very well together. When something needs to be done, the girls are right there to help!

Bob Patten, PDG  
District 7780 Historian

A happy mom holds her baby, snug in a quilt donated by Wrap A Smile, the non-profit group headed by Terry Hodskins, also a member of the Wells Rotary Club.

The quilt was part of a lot of quilts distributed at St. Mary's Hospital in Pinetown, South Africa, to newborn babies and sick children in the pediatric ward.

photo by Berri Kramer




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## District Challenge

The Rotary Club of FALMOUTH hereby challenges all Clubs in District 7780 to participate in the

### HIRAM SHOREY CHALLENGE

at our Golf Outing June 7th at the Woodlands Country Club

In an effort to support the creation of the Hiram Shorey Research Center and Library during Rotary's Centennial Year, we invite clubs to put together one foursome to compete against other clubs in the district. The winning club will receive a Challenge trophy and a minimum of \$2000 will be donated in the name of the winning club to the Hiram Shorey foundation.

The cost per foursome is \$750 which includes golf, golf carts, box lunch, complimentary beer at the cocktail hour and a catered Maine lobster/steak bake. Come join us! FMI contact Sean Joyce [joycejoyce@1stcounsel.com](mailto:joycejoyce@1stcounsel.com) 781-5750/828-5750 or Clare Moss: [zebararkat@gwi.net](mailto:zebararkat@gwi.net) 781-3686.

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## How Rotary Got Women

*By Kerck Kelsey (courtesy of Bob Patten)*

(Kerck Kelsey is a member of the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine; past president Rotary Club of Boston, MA. It was the Boston club that chartered the Portland club in 1915.)

Rotary was originally founded as an all-male organization. Membership was intended for occupational classifications from the business and professional world and, in 1905, most of those occupations were held by men.

Following World War II however, as women flooded into the world of work, pressure for change began to come, particularly in the big cities. In liberal Boston, where I was privileged to serve as president in 1987, the pressure became acute. Visiting speakers criticized us from our own podium. Corporations began to withhold support and we dropped below 200 members for the first time in many years. In a meeting of large city club presidents, I found that no other large club was facing the problem we in Boston were.

Then came the brouhaha from California. A small club in the Los Angeles area, facing extinction, voted to admit three women. Somebody blew the whistle to Evanston, and Rotary International pulled the charter of the Duarte, California Rotary Club. The club, advised by a couple of feisty law professors, then sued Rotary International. The court upheld Rotary International, but Duarte appealed. In a blistering opinion, the California Court of Appeals reversed the local court and found for the Duarte group.

Rotary International then, under pressure from overseas, took their case to the United States Supreme Court. We in Boston (Club #7) voted to join with the Rotary Clubs of San Francisco (Club #5) and Seattle (Club #9) to pay to have an Amicus Curiae brief prepared and sent to the high court. Judge Sandra Day O'Connor, who had just been appointed to the high court, recused

herself. Even without her the Court, by a unanimous vote, declined to reverse the California Appeals Court finding.

The news broke in early May, 1987. For the first time in the history of our club the news media wanted to talk to us. I also got some unfriendly calls from Rotarians – but none from our club. We had about six weeks to move before my term was over. We decided to launch an all-out recruiting campaign. Any and all qualified women in the city of Boston would be welcome to apply to be the first women members in the history of the Rotary Club of Boston. Our poor Classifications Committee had to review seventy applications in four weeks. In the end, one week before my term in office ended, in a hotel ballroom full of television cameras and reporters, we brought in 22 new members. It was a great day.

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**The Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club's  
"Taste of the Lakes" Dinner and Auction  
Saturday, May 15, 2004  
Bridgton Academy**

**5:00 PM – Appetizers & Silent Auction Opens  
6:30PM – Dinner Buffet  
7:30 PM – Live Auction & Entertainment by FOREFRONT**

Participating Restaurants:

Black Horse Tavern	Olde Mill Tavern	Charlie Biegg's
Sudbury Inn	Sydney's	Montibello's
Fine Kettle of Fish	Bray's Brew Pub	Lake Region Caterers
		Thatcher's

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS DONATED BY:

NORWAY SAVINGS BANK \* SHAWNEE PEAK \* ERA TODAY REALTY \* BLACK HORSE  
TAVERN  
TUESDAY GROUP \* CHEF PETER BODWELL

*\*\*Fifty percent of the net proceeds from the ticket sales and auction will go towards the local **Habitat for Humanity** Project. The other 50% will support the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary in our community, country, and the world. Some of these projects include: LRHS Scholarships, Camp Sunshine, Polio Eradication, Thermal Imaging Camera, Roadside Cleanup Days and many, many more.\*\**

TICKETS FOR SALE - \$25.00 PER PERSON

To purchase tickets please send a check to:  
Bridgton – Lake Region Rotary  
PO Box 845  
Bridgton, ME 04009

Tables of 10 can be reserved

\*\*\*\*\*Space is limited – so don't wait!\*\*\*\*\*

For more information about the event or to make a donation, please  
contact Emma Bodwell, 647-3170  
Or via email at [ebodwell@highlandmortgage.net](mailto:ebodwell@highlandmortgage.net)

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**Rotary Club of Brunswick**



Inducts new members and awards a Paul Harris Fellowship.

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## Rotarian Gets Award

Kathy Wright of the Rotary Club of Ogunquit is a recent recipient of a "Starfish Award." She was nominated for all the work she did on the Wells 350th Celebration. 80 names of individuals were submitted for their volunteerism in their own communities. Of them 12 were chosen and Kathy was one of them. Surprised and honored, she also gets \$500 sent to the charity of her choice.

This award is given by United Way of York County Volunteers, Kennebunk Savings Bank, and the York County Coast Star.

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## Rotaplast in District 7780

Rotaplast in District 7780 has taken flight once again. The past few months we have been busy getting back out here to speak at as many clubs as possible. This morning was one of those that emphasize why I am proud to be a Rotarian and why I spend my time speaking at Rotary clubs about Rotaplast.

I had the pleasure of being the guest speaker at the Hampton Rotary Club. This means being up and out of the house by 5:45 and pumped up to be the voice for children born with cleft lip and palates around the world. Today started like many mornings that I am asked to speak, but soon changed.

After I was done with my presentation, President Brad handed me a check for \$600.00. Within moments a woman came up and handed me a personal check. I thanked her for her support and tucked it in my bag without opening it. When I opened the check up I saw that it was written for \$600.00 - enough to forever change the life of a child by paying for the surgery. This woman's name is Catherine and she has made a difference today.

This difference will change the life of a child from just an existence to a life that will include an education and a chance to maybe fall in love and have their own family. As Dr. Capozzi, one of the founders of Rotaplast says, "We are not down here just fixing lips folks, We are making the perfect kissing tool!" That says it all. And it is moments like this that make all the early mornings worth it. Thank you Catherine and thank you Brad for finding room in your budget for the children.

To date we have raise nearly \$16,000. There are no words to express my full gratitude for the way Rotarians in District 7780 support this World Community Service Project.

Muchas gracias - you are truly Amigos De Los Ninos (Friends of the Children)  
Bridget Burns, Wells Rotary

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## Hampton Rotary

At its Tuesday, April 27 meeting the Hampton Rotary Club presented a club sweatshirt to Chris Giuca, who was present as a guest of his uncle, club member Dick Hansen. Chris is home on leave after serving the past 16 months in Afghanistan and Iraq.



At the same meeting club president Brad Jett presented a check for \$600.00 to Rotaplast.

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## Freeport Rotary Celebrates 20 Years

On May 19th the Freeport/Pownal Rotary Club is celebrating two decades of service to Freeport and the surrounding community with a gala banquet at the Falmouth Country Club, beginning with cocktails at 5:30 and followed by dinner and program at 6:30 PM. Reservations may be made by calling 688-2265.

Freeport has many reasons for celebrating. Over these past years the club has contributed more than \$250,000 to needy service projects and related activities. In the last two years, as an example, the club's 35 members supported 15 local projects and 13 overseas efforts. More than half of the club are Paul Harris Fellows, and all the club's members participate in the many fund-raising activities.

The banquet will feature the recognition of Rotarians making outstanding contributions to the larger community, the installation of Interact officers and advisors, historic skits, and performances by several of the in-club comedians. Banqueters will also test their knowledge of Rotary history and achievements, hear reports about activities funded by the club, as well as "old-timers" and founders talking about the "good old days."

The cost of the banquet is \$30.00 per person and reservations must be made by May 14th.

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## Portside Rotarians Give Time & Talent



Members of the Kennebunk Portside Rotary Club recently rolled up their sleeves to help with renovations to the Day One Residential Treatment facility in Hollis. The program is a 12-month therapeutic community for up to 12 male and female residents who are struggling to overcome serious addictions. It is the only 12 month treatment program for adolescents in Maine and serves around 30 youths each year.

The program is housed in a 19th century wooden structure that once served as the town's hospital. It was showing the wear and tear of years of use, and desperately needed a face-lift to provide a comfortable and up-to-date environment for the residents and staff. With some help from residents, who were amazed that people cared enough to help them, club members painted

bedrooms, repaired walls and floors in the laundry room and classroom, and refinished an antique stairway and banister.

Residents learned a lot about Rotary and its motto "Service above Self," and Rotarians learned about the kids behind the troubling issue of adolescent substance abuse.

## Youth Exchange: A Letter from a Host Father

This sums up the experience of many people.

*Tom Wilbur, Youth Exchange Outbound Chair*

O.K.... I have a bone to pick with you....You should have given me time to put up some walls; toughen up!.

Somewhere along the line you should have warned me, that the hardest thing I've had to do since I took (my daughter) Jenny to the airport in August was to take Marga to her (new) host family tonight!

You should have told me that someone could impact your household and your life so much that you know you will never forget them. You should have told me that I might end up with two daughters!

You should have told me!

But you didn't and I guess it sort of took me by surprise. I know that not every person is the same and all the homes may not work out, nor the relationships. I can say that Kathy and I will forever love the little Columbian who shared our home and our hearts for the past four months. If I have a regret it is only that Marga and Jenny will not see each (other) before either returns home, because I know they already share a bond that would become a lasting friendship...

Thank you  
Paul

## Rotary Club Honors Paul Harris



The Oxford Hills Rotary Club held a special Pot Luck Supper event on Wednesday, March 31st that featured displays of educational programs offered by Rotary International. Dan Allen, event organizer, did a wonderful job inspiring club members to put together visual displays that were very informative.

The winning entry of the night was the Oxford Hills Interact Club with their presentation on Paul Harris, Rotary's founding father.

Shown here is Past President Paul Thornfeldt and Paul Harris.

## Coastal Rotary Desserts Around the World & Silent Auction for the Foundation

Join the Brunswick Coastal Rotary Club on June 12, from 6-8:30pm at the Cram Alumnae House on the Bowdoin College Campus for "Desserts Around the World" and Silent Auction. Tickets are just \$12.00 for delicious treats and great fellowship. For more information, contact Chairman Bruce Goodman at 729-4583.



And, last but not least-

**Happy Mother's Day!**

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