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A Word from Governor Trish -

Give Thanks

Already, Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Not only do we have much to be grateful for but, as Rotarians, we have much to contribute. Many local clubs give food baskets, support homeless shelters, or serve dinner in soup kitchens.

As Ted and I have been traveling to district clubs for my official visits, we've been amazed and humbled by the warm welcomes we've received, and the wonderful projects the clubs carry out. Each sparkles with the enthusiasm of its participants, and no two clubs are alike. Each is as individual as a snowflake, and each is a reminder that Rotary's motto - Service Above Self - is alive in this pre-Centennial year.

Let us enter the Thanksgiving season with gratitude for the bounty we enjoy, and the resolve to Lend A Hand, especially here at home in our local communities.

District Conference, Oct 31-Nov 2, Montreal, Canada

And what did we do? Ate, shopped, toured, confered, ate some more, saw can-can dancers, confered a bit more, ate a lot more, listened to great speakers, danced, and HAD FUN!



Two governors and spouses!
 Governor Trish and Ted Hunter, District 7780,
 and Governor Paul and Cheryl Nader, District 7930
 at the Saturday evening Governor's Ball.

Terrific food, fantastic decor, good company, and a band that kept us going!



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President's Representative T.D. and Dori Griley
and their aides for the conference, PDG Tim and Gladys Placey.
The Grileys were great sports and fun to be with!



Cancan dancers in the theater at the hotel. Very festive attire!
And the theater itself was beautiful, with tiers of seating so
all had a great view of the stage. We were able to eat and enjoy the show.



Governor Trish applauds as President's Representative T.D. Griley
presents PDG Mike McGovern with the Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service.
Richly deserved!

Good Sportsmanship-by Ted Hunter

Main Entry: **sports*man*ship**

Function: *noun*

Date: 1745

: conduct (as fairness, respect for one's opponent, and graciousness in winning or losing)
becoming to one participating in a sport

The business world is perpetually encumbered by sports analogies in regards to competition for profit. However, I believe the true value of athletic competition is the development of good character and good sportsmanship. In Rotary we are provided ethical guidelines through the Four Way Test. These simple rules are the basis for promoting good will and encouraging good character and good sportsmanship in our endeavors. As people we strive to promote our ideals and beliefs, and as Rotarians we have the Four Way Test to guide us in that endeavor.

A couple of weeks ago I had the privilege of sitting at the New England Dragway Awards banquet with a fellow racer by the name of Edward "Bud" Mullen and his wife. Bud finished in fourth place for the season but early in the year had been in first place and it looked like he was going to run away the championship. Bud and his red 1934 Ford Coupe have competed for many years and in 2003, he is young enough to have nine grandchildren. It looked like it was Bud's turn to be on the podium. But it was not to be and early season success turned into a series of defeats at the end of the year, which left Bud in fourth place.

What caught my eye the most about Bud this season was his willingness to Lend a Hand to his fellow racers. When my car snapped a throttle cable during a final round, Bud stayed late to help me fix the car to I could drive it two hours home. Bud was always willing to let you borrow a tire gauge, tools, or anything else to help a fellow racer. He would tell us about his wonderful wife or his grandchildren, and he was always the first one to offer a sandwich or a cold drink on a hot day.

When Bud's name was called for the Sportsman of the Year he was completely shocked. He didn't even get up at first as he couldn't believe it was his name that had been called and his wife had to push him out of his chair to go up on stage. Bud's recognition for being part of the racing community in a way that touched so many people and in a manner that exemplifies the ethics of the Four Way Test stands out to me as a highlight of the awards banquet. Sure there were racers that won larger trophies, or more races, but none were more deserving of their award than Bud.

It is what we put into our activities that helps define us as individuals and as a group. During Trish's term as governor, I have been continually amazed at the generosity of Rotarians and people I have met. I urge all of you this upcoming holiday season to dig a little deeper and give what you can back to our communities and to those less fortunate. As Trish is fond of saying, "One of the hidden benefits of helping people is that some of the blessing reflects back on us." For Bud Mullen this is certainly true. As Trisha's husband, I can also verify a high percentage of "blessing" that I have had the privilege of receiving. As a Rotarian, I urge you all to share in this wonderful feeling by continuing to give of your time and resources and encouraging others to do the same.

Get Ready for January 10, 2004 WGME 13 & Rotary Bottle Drive for Mentoring

WGME 13 and District 7780 have teamed up again with Shaw's Supermarkets to hold our second annual Bottle Drive for Mentoring. On January 10, 2004, Shaw's Supermarkets across the District will host Rotarians collecting bottles and cans, with the proceeds benefiting Maine Mentoring.

WGME will be providing heavy on-air promotions and PSA's before the event, highlighting Rotary's commitment to the community.

This is an excellent PR opportunity, and all clubs are urged to participate. If you don't have a Shaw's supermarket in your community, team up with a club who does!

FMI, contact Tom Talbot, PP of the Portland Club, 207-839-8440.

November is Foundation Month!

Rotary President Jonathan Majiyagbe has spoken with enthusiasm about this topic in his November address. Some of his comments:

"November is The Rotary Foundation Month, a time for all Rotarians to consider the many ways in which they can support Foundation programs and projects around the world. The Foundation is our most effective vehicle for fighting hunger, poverty, disease, and illiteracy. People who are deprived of life's basic necessities understandably may feel fear, hopelessness, and desperation — emotions that can breed anger and intolerance and even lead to violence. Through the Foundation, we can carry out humanitarian projects that improve the standard of living worldwide. These efforts will provide a stable foundation for peace and promote international understanding.

"The Foundation offers Rotarians an opportunity to participate in humanitarian and educational projects that make a difference. They can refurbish a school, build a water well, deliver medical supplies, provide vocational training, and immunize a child. The Rotary Foundation allows Rotarians to transform their ideas into action and turn dreams into reality.

"As we approach our centennial in 2005, we can take pride in all that we have accomplished through the Foundation. One of our goals is "Every Rotarian, Every Year." I ask that every Rotarian contribute at least US\$100 every year to the Annual Programs Fund. This will allow us to continue so many worthwhile projects that deserve funding through our grant programs. It is our personal investment in peace, in hope, and in ourselves."

This is a month to really sink our teeth into our Foundation giving, and to find or continue work on Foundation projects in our clubs and districts.

-Be a Santa at Santa Weekend-
Skiers & riders who play Santa to needy children ski for free!

Whether you're a participant or a witness, Sunday River's Santa Sunday is the perfect festive occasion to kick off the holiday season. Hundreds of Santas are expected to turn out for the 4th

annual event Sunday, December 7th.

This event is part of a Santa Weekend at Sunday River. Skiers and riders are required to register on-line for the event, then show up in full Santa garb and donate \$10 toward the Bethel Rotary Club's annual Christmas for Children drive for needy children in the area.

To qualify, skiers and riders must wear a red Santa hat with white pompom, red Santa jacket, red Santa pants and a Santa belt and beard. Other guidelines and registration information for Santa Sunday can be found by logging on to sundayriver.com.

HO! HO! HO!

Empowerment through Literacy

November is Foundation month, and hopefully, you have attended one of the Foundation seminars around the district. There, you were asked to give to Our Rotary Foundation and told you how your dollars help the people of the world receive food, job skills, medical assistance, etc. Think of all the good you have done with your outstanding donations to PolioPlus last year! Unfortunately, it is difficult to teach illiterate people the paths to good health, the advantages of family spacing, the way to increase crop yields, proper nutrition for their children and how to earn a living. Without the ability to read, they are denied so much of the knowledge they need. Already in poverty, they often cannot afford to turn their backs on any means of obtaining the necessities of life, even if that includes crime, prostitution, and drugs.

In developed countries, we see the impact of illiteracy in people who become antisocial when they cannot obtain a driver's license or read instructions on machines or labels. They are not promoted at their jobs because they cannot complete the job application nor do the necessary reports that may go along with the promotion. Please take a minute, and think about all the things you read today: your alarm clock; the label on your toothpaste, deodorant; the milk and juice bottles; the morning newspaper; your mail; your ATM/Debit card and the ATM machine, the Dunkin' Donut sign, the road signs, your gas gauge - all before you got to work! Then, when you got home, you looked at your child's school papers, helped them with their homework, prepared dinner, read about today's sports events, checked out the TV guide and read your child a story before they went to bed! What about all the things you had to read at work today! Aren't you fortunate to be able to read! Try to imagine how your life would have been affected if you couldn't have read any of those things.

In Africa, research has shown that women with less than four years' education have on average six children. Those with more than four years education have two. We also know that in Africa, women produce most of the crops. Add in the importance of the mother in the family's health, education and upbringing, and it is easy to see why educating women is so important. Despite this, in many developing countries, the literacy rate for women is appalling! One of the best values for our dollars to Our Rotary Foundation is the education of women. The benefits are long term and flow from generation to generation.

Lend a Hand this year by obtaining a matching grant to help empower the people through literacy in the developing countries and give generously to Our Rotary Foundation so the work of literacy can continue to be done in the years ahead.

*Marie A. Williams, PDG
District 7780 Literacy Promotion*

Friends Forever

Rotarians from Kennebunk, Portside, Wells, Westbrook, Portland, and the Biddeford/Saco Clubs gathered at the Nonantum on October 28 to meet and celebrate our Irish friends from Cerrickfergus, in Northern Ireland. The clubs have been hosting 10 young people and two chaperones as part of the Friends Forever Program since October 21. Friends Forever is aimed at bringing together Catholic and Protestant youths from Northern Ireland on neutral ground in order to overcome long-standing regional and cultural animosities and build long term peace and understanding. "They are our hope for the future," was the sentiment of the morning. The young people shared their own personal experiences with prejudice and violence and expressed how this program is helping to build new bridges.



Friends Forever, October 28, 2003

Above and Beyond Awards - Portland Rotary Club

Recognition is one of the most effective ways to reinforce an organization's culture, support its objectives, and retain top performers. Our local service agencies work for all of us, because of the top performers who make it happen often sacrificing higher pay and benefits each may have obtained in the private sector. A positive work environment, rewarding success and providing recognition allows people to be their best, to perform at higher levels, and to feel genuinely appreciated in the process.

This year, the club focused on employees who provide service in our service agencies, as well as our places of employment for their annual Portland Rotary Employee Recognition Day.

Tom Fairbourn and Carl Laws did a great job in organizing this year's awards program to honor outstanding local employees. The honorees ranged from a police dog handler to a sales assistant at Morgan Stanley. Tom made a particular effort to see that non-profit organizations were represented this year (YMCA, Portland Police Dept., Stone Soup, Salvation Army, Long Creek Center, The Food Cupboard). An old friend from the Salvation Army kitchen, Ron Nickerson, was one of the honorees. Anyone who's worked the Christmas dinner the Portland Club provides each year knows Ron – though not in the coat and tie he was wearing last Friday. Each honoree was supported by their supervisor (they all got coffee mugs). The winners will all get another free lunch at the Portland Harbor Hotel. We're happy to note that Carla, the security dog, also got two boxes of dog bones...

Bethel Rotary Club Annual Fall Projects Come Join In Some Fun and Fellowship!

The Bethel Club welcomes you to participate in our annual Fall Country Breakfast and/or Annual Senior Citizens Holiday Luncheon. We've appreciated your participation in the past and would love for you to join us again if your schedules allow.

Sunday, Nov 30th is our annual Fall Country Breakfast - It's an All-You-Can-Eat buffet with Rotarians cooking and serving eggs, pancakes, home fries, bacon and sausage. The proceeds benefit our traditional and non-traditional scholarships and our community projects.

7:30 - 11 am Gould Academy, Ordway Hall Adults \$5, Children \$2.50

On **Tuesday, December 9th**, we cook, serve, and share the holiday spirit with the self-defined senior citizens of our area. It starts at noon, but we're there early to prep and cook the food...truth be told, the seniors come early too!

Noon

American Legion Hall, Post 81 Gore Road, Locke Mills, Greenwood, ME

For more information, please feel free to contact us ...

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Nominations are Due by January 15, 2004 for:

District Governor, 2006-2007

Finance Committee Member, must be from a club in Oxford or York County.

Forms can be found at: [Forms & Documents](#)

*Interested parties contact Nominating Committee Chair,
PDG Bill Skinner, liskinner@nh.ultranet.com*

Youth Exchange: Looking for a Few Good Host Clubs

This fall the Youth Exchange Committee has been overwhelmed with the number of applicants from high school students who would like to participate in a cultural exchange for next year. Applicants from our district usually number between 8-10 students. This year we have nearly twenty (20!!) students who have applied or are in the process. Each student must be sponsored by a club, who agrees to host an inbound student in exchange for our student being hosted in another country. This is a super opportunity for your club, your local school, and your community to live and learn from an outstanding young person from another country and culture. Students come from, quite literally, all over the world. If this is a project and responsibility your club would be interested in pursuing, contact Tom Wilbur (twilbur@suscom-maine.net) or Tim Placey (tng1966@maine.rr.com).

Rotary International Theme Ornaments

An annual series of collectible Rotary International theme ornaments. Collectible quality blown glass disc - 3 ¼ diameter - with R.I. theme imprinted. Great personal and corporate gifts, or as honorariums for guest speakers. Priced at \$5.95 each. Stands are available at \$1.00 each. Shipping and handling charges are based on a minimum order of 25 ornaments. Offered by The Rotary Club of Delavan-Darien, Inc. (Wisconsin). These ornaments can be ordered through their email address: info@ddrotary.org. Your order supports Polio Plus.



Governor's Visits: November

Bridgton-Lakes Region	Thursday, November 6	(7:30AM)
Wells	Monday, November 10	(7:30AM)
South Berwick	Thursday, November 13	(7:15AM)
Exeter	Monday, November 17	(12:15PM)

RI Mission Statement

Did you know that Rotary International has a mission statement? The mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member clubs;
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world;
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary; and
- Providing a system of international administration.



District Governor Elect Bob Jacobson and Governor Trish after the close of the 2003 District Conference. The Conference torch has been passed to Bob and his planning committee for the 2004 Conference at the MBNA center in Rockport!

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