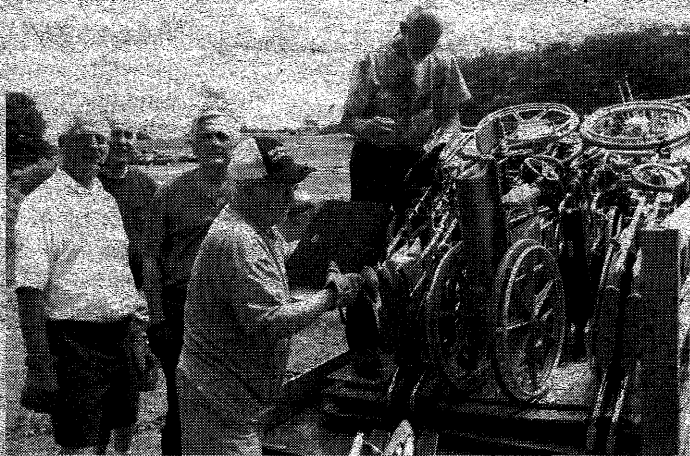


# Rotary collects Wheels for the World

Twenty-five wheelchairs, 62 sets of walkers, 19 sets of metal crutches, and canes will go to people in need around the world; thanks to members of the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary and Cape Transfer Station attendant Pat Anderson. Rotary members on June 2 loaded a truck driven to Cape from Massachusetts by representatives from an organization called Wheels for the World, which has delivered more than 38,000 refurbished wheelchairs, as well as crutches and other equipment, to people in need in India, Iraq, Africa, South America, and other areas.

"Incoming Rotary President and Cape resident Tony Wagner and transfer station attendant Pat Anderson had noticed that many crutches and other medical equipment had been turning up at the transfer station and were being discarded," Adrienne Murphy of Rotary said.



*Cape Rotary members, left to right, Paul Butler, Dan Davidson and Tony Wagner stand with two Wheels for the World representatives from Massachusetts as they load a truck with equipment the Rotary members collected.*

So the two got to work and learned about Wheels for the World. Through Goodwill, Rotary also has delivered wheelchairs to people in the Portland area who are in need. According to the World Health Organization, 20 to 30 million wheelchairs are needed in poor countries around the world. Rotary will hold a special collection day at the transfer station later this summer or in the fall.