

1961-1963

President - Richard F. Kilroy
Vice Pres - William C. Kilroy

Secretary - Ronald Tripp
Treasurer - Richard E. Jordan

Directors : Edwin L. Inness, Clyde Pierce, Maurice Viens, Warren Simpson

The idea of a Rotary Club in South Portland was first conceived by Bill Kilroy, President of the Rotary Club of Rumford, Maine in 1954. He enlisted the aid of his brother, Dick Kilroy, and on December 27, 1961, a meeting was held at Howard Johnson's Restaurant in Thornton Heights with the following twenty-one members in attendance:

Al Baka, Earl Barrett, Dr. Jack Boland, Mel Charity, Al DiMatteo, Ed L Inness , Dan Gacetta, Dick Jordan, Bill Kilroy, Dick Kilroy, Bob Lamy, Clyde Pierce, Blaine Raymond, Dr. Paul Rieger, Allen Rowe Jr., Warren Simpson, Don Skillings, Mark Stimson, Ron Tripp, Ted Wainwright, Joe Viens, and Dick Yerxa.

Cost of the meal was \$1.50. Annual dues were \$25.

We were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Portland Club, and Ray Frost, one of their members was designated as our advisor. May Rowe, Allen's wife, supplied the drawings for TWO LIGHTS our weekly bulletin and Robert Stevens of the Rotary Club of Portland donated song books. Our Rotary banner made its first appearance on February 21.

On March 31 we celebrated Charter Night with a roast beef dinner at the South Portland High School Cafeteria with 300 in attendance. The cost was \$3.50 each. Twenty three clubs sent gifts. The inspiring Rotary address was given by G. Arnold McArthur, Immediate Past District Governor from Shawinigan Falls, Quebec, Canada. George W. Goodall, President of the Portland Club, gave the response.

On June 6 we had a monthly attendance of 99% and knocked Shawinigan Falls out of first place in the District 779 attendance standings. Noon luncheon meetings started on Wednesday, June 20 for the summer. Cost of meals increased to \$2. Dan Gacetta brought in our first foreign exchange banner from Rennes Nord, France.

A Summer outing was held on Sunday, August 12th at Dick Kilroy's cottage at Little Sebago for Rotarians and their wives. Ted Wainright furnished airplane rides.

On August 11 Dick Yerxa and Priscilla A. Soule were married.

On October 3 our first District Governor's visit and Ladies' Night was held at Carolyn's, Cape Elizabeth. District Governor Malcolm P. Noyes from the Rotary Club of Ellsworth attended.

On December 26 we had a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Scarborough. A trophy was awarded to the Scarborough Club for winning the three month attendance contest. December 1962 was the first time we sold Christmas Trees. Our net profit was \$422. Half of this was presented to the South Portland Jaycees for the South Portland Library Building Fund.

The District Conference was held at the Poland Spring House in June.

1963-1964

President - Warren Simpson	Secretary - Ronald Tripp
Vice Pres - Thomas F. Walter	Treasurer - Richard E. Jordan

Directors - Robert Lamy, Ted Wainwright, Richard J. Yerxa,
Richard F. Kilroy

The club had now grown to 36 members.

Our summer outing at Dick Kilroy's cottage on Little Sebago on July 14.

District Governor, Gaston Saucier of the Rotary Club of Quebec visited on August 21. This was a Ladies' Night at Carolyn's in Cape Elizabeth.

We received a plaque from District 779 for having a yearly attendance of over 90% and being one of the top ten clubs for the year 1962-1963.

On November 6, holiday fruit cakes were distributed to members to sell and raise funds. We sold them, we raffled them off at meetings, we gave them to speakers, and although we thought we would never see the last of them we made a profit of \$450.

December 17 we held a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Scarborough when we won back the attendance trophy. We had 100% attendance for a total of 16 consecutive weeks with a club membership of 36. This was a District 779 record.

Profit from the sale of Christmas trees was \$500.

Ladies Night was held at the Pinedale Restaurant in Scarborough

with a punchbowl, dinner, and live music. Guests included President George Frame of the Rotary Club of Portland, President Clyde Esty of the Rotary Club of Westbrook, President Steve Burton of the Rotary Club of Scarborough and their Rotary Anns. This was held on Saturday, January 18.

Dick Jordan was elected Selectman of Cape Elizabeth.

Total charitable donations were \$933. Largest donation was to South Portland Family Welfare (shoes for needy children) \$150.

District 779 Conference at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City on June 18 to 20.

1964-1965

President - Thomas F. Walter	Secretary - Ronald Tripp
Vice Pres - Allen B. Rowe, Jr	Treasurer- Richard E. Jordan

Directors - Ralph Green, Raymond H. Frost, Ronald Hall, Warren Simpson

The club began the year with 44 members.

Our summer outing was held at Dick Kilroy's cottage on Little Sebago on July 12.

Two road signs were erected informing visitors to our city when and where our meetings are held.

We became a 200% Rotary Foundation Club.

On Friday, October 30 District Governor Turner Brown made his visit. This was a Ladies' Night held at Carolyn's in Cape Elizabeth.

The Rotary Little League team that we sponsored won the league championship and the city championship.

At our December 23rd meeting we hosted 20 children from the South Portland area.

A joint meeting with the South Portland Kiwanis Club was held on December 30. Martha Hurd, a Rotary Foundation Fellow, was our guest speaker.

Profit from the Christmas tree sale was \$1,900.

Ladies Night, Saturday, February 6, at the Grand View Cottage Hotel, 551 Preble Street, South Portland featured dancing and Lobster or Sirloin at \$10 per couple.

We defeated the Rotary Club of Scarborough in a three month attendance contest. We won permanent possession of the attendance trophy.

A program of color slides of Maine and club pictures was sent to our matching club in Abbeyville, France. This was narrated by Martha Hurd in French. This was requested by Rotary International President in "The Rotarian" entitled "An Invitation to World Understanding Week."

The University of Maine Glee Club on its way to the Worlds Fair gave a concert in South Portland High School auditorium. Our sponsorship consisted of providing them with dinner at Howard Johnson's and club members providing bed and breakfast. The club sold many advertisements in the program and participated in advance ticket sales for the May 5 concert.

The District 779 Conference was held at the Wentworth-by-the-Sea, Portsmouth, New Hampshire May 13 - 20.

1965-1966

President - Allen B. Rowe, Jr	Secretary - Ronald Tripp
Vice Pres - John Nadeau	Treasurer - Richard E. Jordan

Directors - Keith F. Dennison Jr, Mark Stimson, Ralph Strachan, Thomas F. Walter

Allen Rowe was installed President by his father, Allen Rowe Sr., who 25 years previously had been installed as President of the Rotary Club of Portland.

On Sunday, July 11th, we held our annual outing at Dick Kilroy's cottage at Little Sebago.

Marie Jose Gilmert, our student guest from Paris, France, arrived August 5th. Marie brought greetings from the Rotary Club of Abbeville France, our matching Rotary Club. The club has sent us slides and a tape recording about their club and local area.

The Director of Goodwill thanked the club for its sponsorship of the pick-up box at Shaw's parking lot. Over 2,600 boxes were picked up at that station.

District Governor Sam Lowe visited on October 27th. This was a Ladies' Night at Carolyn's in Cape Elizabeth.

Because their regular meeting fell on Veterans Day we held a joint meeting with the South Portland Kiwanis Club on November 17th.

We entertained 20 children at a Christmas Party with Stan Milton as Santa Claus.

A joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Scarborough was held on January 5.

A father and son night was held on January 12.

Profit on our Christmas Tree Sale was \$1,101.

Ladies Night at Higgins Inn on January 22.

Father and daughter night on February 9 was a huge success with 28 daughters present.

Our club was paired with the Rotary Club of Felixstowe, Suffolk, England.

We volunteered to put a roof on the dugouts at Family Field, on Shore Road, Cape Elizabeth.

District Conference held at the Samoset Hotel, Rockland on May 19 - 21.

Our meeting place changed to Carolyn's in Cape Elizabeth for the summer in order to hold night meetings. Dinner price increased to \$2.50.

Membership at the end of the year was 50.

1966-1967

President - John Nadeau

Secretary - Ronald Tripp

V P - Keith F. Dennison, Jr.

Treasurer - Richard B. Jordan

Directors - Lloyd Pike, Allen B. Rowe, Jr, Edwin H Inness, Frank Lyman

David Aikman, from Scotland, arrived for a nine week visit on July 31. This program was sponsored by the Experiment in International Living with headquarters at Putney, Vermont.

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On August 11 we had a joint meeting with the South Portland Kiwanis Club at The Cloyster.

On September 7th, District Governor Harold Hooper from the Rotary Club of Grand Mere made his visit. The meeting was at Howard Johnson's. The price of the meal was now \$2.50.

On September 24 we held an outing at Black Horse Lodge in East Sebago with dinner at 7pm costing \$12 per couple.

The South Portland Kiwanis Club meeting fell on Thanksgiving so they met with us on Wednesday, November 23.

In a ten week attendance contest with Shawinigan Falls we were the winner thanks to two 100% meetings. South Portland 97.9%, Shawinigan Falls 95.2%.

On December 21 we held our first Christmas Party for the elderly. Eighteen guests were in attendance.

Bud Barrett compiled a group of slides of South Portland and scenes around the state and Lloyd Knight provided the narration. This went to our matching district in England.

A Fifth Anniversary Party was held at the Purpoodock Club on Saturday evening, January 21.

Christmas tree sale net profit was \$1,000.

Father and son's night on February 8. 72 persons attended.

On Saturday, March 4 at the Purpoodock Country Club we held our first Intra-District Festival of Fellowship. 15 visitors from the Rotary Club of Shawinigan Falls PQ, recent losers in our attendance contest, attended. We were presented with a plaque and we in turn presented a picture of the Portland Head Light to our Canadian friends. Dancing closed out the evening.

A joint meeting with the Cape Elizabeth Lions Club was held at Carolyn's on March 15th with 83 in attendance.

Father and daughter's night was held on April 12th.

Dues increased from \$25 to \$35.

Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians were engaged for a dance at the Portland Exposition Building, on Friday evening June 23. Volunteers set up the 150 tables and 1500 chairs and on Saturday morning the reversed the procedure and cleaned up the debris.

1967-1968

President - Keith F. Dennison, Jr Secretary - Ronald Tripp
Vice Pres - Edwin H. Inness Treasurer - Richard E. Jordan

Directors - Howard Williams, Arthur S. Keniston, Jr,
Richard Kennedy, John Vose, John Nadeau

On September 20 we were visited by District Governor Franklin Hinckley a member of the Rotary Club of Portland.

Frank Lee, a former member of our club, who has spent two years in Nigeria under the sponsorship of Harvard University, gave two presentations complete with slides.

On November 22 Thanksgiving Eve, thirteen members of the South Portland Kiwanis Club met with us.

Thirty guests attended our Christmas Party for the elderly. Entertainment was provided by Lloyd Knight, Bob Jennings at the piano, and Betty Gribben.

Profit from the Christmas Tree Sale was \$850.

Ladies's Night and Sixth Anniversary Celebration at the Purpoodock Club on Saturday, January 27. Tickets were \$15 per couple for dinner and dancing to Reggie Strout's Orchestra. "Drinks a maximum of 55 cents."

Our ten week attendance contest with the Rotary Club of Shawinigan Falls resulted in a victory for South Portland. We were also in sixth place in District Attendance.

The name of the club was changed to the Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth

On February 28 , we observed Ladies' Night with Governor and Mrs. Kenneth Curtis as our guests. President Keith presented Governor Ken with an honorary membership in the Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth.

On April 10 we had a combined sons and daughters night.

District Conference at the Wentworth-by-the-Sea, Portsmouth, N.H. on May 23 - 25.

June 15 we held the annual Guy Lombardo and his Orchestra dance at the Portland Exposition Building. Profits were \$1,512.

1968-1969

President - Edwin H. Inness
Vice Pres - Ralph Strachan

Secretary - Raymond H. Frost
Treasurer - Richard B. Jordan

Directors - Roger Sturtevant, Daniel J. Gacetta,
Richard Anderson, Robert Jennings, Keith F. Dennison, Jr.

A joint meeting was held with the Kiwanis on July 3.

On July 17, the club enjoyed a cruise on the U.S. Coast Guard ship "Yankton". Leaving at 2:30 we went out to "Half Way Light" then back through the inner harbor, returning about 5:30, a trip of 28 miles.

On July 17, a testimonial was given to Past Secretary, Ronald Tripp, for his six and a half years service. A Rotary Plaque was presented to him.

Our District Governor, Dennis J. Lombardi, visited us on September 18

We moved to the Purpoodock Club on a year-round basis.

Christmas trees were sold for \$7 each.

Sales Pitch "Lady you can't have a French Canadian cut a tree in Quebec, pull it out of the woods, wrap it individually, load it on a truck, inspect it at the Canadian Border, and unload it in South Portland Maine and sell it like an ordinary Christmas Tree...look at it as a work of art,"

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, but he won't come to your house unless you get your Christmas Tree from a South Portland - Cape Elizabeth Rotarian."

Christmas party for the elderly.

We won our ten week attendance contest with Sanford and were #1 in the district with 98.85%.

Profit on the Christmas Trees was \$2,000.

Joint meeting with South Portland Kiwanis Club at Howard Johnsons.

Our intra-club attendance contest ended in a four way tie so no one got to eat steak. Our club's six month average has been 90.04%.

January 31 was a Ladies' Night at Purpoodock Club. BYOB Social

Hour, Dinner, and Dancing for \$10 per couple. This took the place of a regular meeting and there was a large turnout.

On April 23 the Rotary Club of Scarborough met with us.

The District Conference was at the Samoset, Rockland on June 5 - 7.

June 4 was a Son-Daughter night.

Friday, June 20 Guy Lombardo and his Orchestra was at the Expo.

The Rotary Club of Hampton, NH became the newest club in District 779.

1969-1970

President - Raymond H. Frost

Secretary - Robert Chambers

V P - Arthur S. Kenniston Jr

Treasurer - Richard B. Jordan

Directors - Newton Pratt, Lloyd R. Knight, Sarando P. Giftos,
Bud Barrett, Edwin H. Inness

Yearly dues were increased to \$40.

District Governor, Dan McCaughey, visited the club on August 13 at a Ladies' Night held at Carolyn's in Cape Elizabeth.

Director Newt Pratt was transferred to San Francisco and Bob Foden was elected to replace him.

On October 15 our regular meeting was held at the South Portland Boys Training Center. A roast beef dinner was served followed by a tour of the facilities under the guidance of former member, Ralph Kilgore.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International has now made us a 300% club.

Twenty senior citizens attended our annual Christmas party.

We had a net profit of \$1,800 on our Christmas Tree sale.

On April 1 we celebrated our 8th Anniversary with a Ladies' Night roast beef dinner at the Purpoodock Club. Entertainment was by the Rotary Club of Portland Trio - Howard Reiche, Alex Cote, and Dr. Fred Jensen plus Maury Cox, Bass, Mark Stimson, tenor, and Lloyd and Ellen Knight. Speaker was District

Governor Nominee, Theodore E. Lewis of Augusta.

The board voted honorary membership to Past District Governor Franklin G. Hinckley for service rendered in the incorporating of our Club at no expense to us.

Voted to contribute from our service fund \$100 towards Veteran's Memorial Chapel at Togus. The District 779 Rotary Clubs are working together to make a substantial gift.

Friday, May 29 was our annual Guy Lombardo dance. Despite the increase in the price of the band, now \$4,000, we made a profit of around \$1,000.

Rotary District 779 Conference was held in Quebec City on June 11 - 13.

1970-1971

President - Arthur S. Keniston, Secretary - Raymond H. Frost
Vice Pres - Lloyd R. Knight Treasurer - Richard B. Jordan

Directors - William Lewis, Alexander R DiMatteo, Paul Chantal,
Harold Fralich

District Governor "Ted" Theodore Lewis visited the club on September 9. This was held at the Purpoodock Club with our Rotary Anns as guests. Dinner tickets \$3.

Twenty one senior citizens attended our annual Christmas Party. Entertainment was by a Salvation Army musical group.

Our Christmas Tree Sale showed a profit of \$2,200.

Congressman William Hathaway of Maine's Second Congressional District was the speaker on January 6.

"A Salute to Allen M. Marks," retiring Town Manager of Cape Elizabeth was held in February. The Cape Jaycees and Cape Lions met with us and the evening ended with a presentation of a silver bowl full of money by Mr. William Jordan.

The Second Annual Joint Service Club Meeting was held on March 18 at South Portland Memorial Jr. High School. Speaker was Governor Kenneth Curtis.

We were saddened with the passing of John P. Vose. He joined the Rotary Club of Portland in 1955 and became a member of the

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Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth in 1963.

1971-1972

President - Lloyd R. Knight	Secretary - Raymond H. Frost
Vice Pres - Harold Fralich	Treasurer - Sarando P. Giftos

Directors - Stanley Saxby, Harry Russell, Philip Clough,
Peter Rich, Arthur S. Keniston, Jr

The famous Water Follies were held Friday evening, July 2nd and Saturday afternoon and evening July 3rd. Thanks to program advertising sale which netted over \$6,000, and to Shaw's, who underwrote two performances, we netted approximately \$3,400. Don Doane and his orchestra provided the music. Attendance was practically nil and Sam Giftos didn't need those two Portland policemen to accompany him to the bank with the box office receipts.

On August 25, District Governor Ralph Margeson and his wife, Virginia made their official visit. This was held at the Purpodock Club with our wives in attendance.

On December 22, we held our annual senior citizen Christmas party with Betty Gribbin as entertainment.

Profit from the Christmas Tree Sale was \$1812.

Annual dues are now \$40 per year.

On March 1, Roger Legere, Chairman of the Bridge and Tunnel Committee of the South Portland Board of Industry related information gathered in one and one half years of study to begin the process of replacing the Portland - South Portland bridge built in 1928.

On April 13, the Thornton Heights Lions Club hosted the third annual joint service club meeting. Participating were the South Portland Lions, Jaycees, Kiwanis, the Cape Elizabeth Lions and the Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth. Bill Caldwell, noted columnist and author, spoke on "Saigon, Washington, and Augusta."

The District Conference was held at the Wentworth-by-the-Sea on May 12th and 13th.

On May 24, Edward "Duke" Blewett spoke on the new technology of "cable television."

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Our annual Guy Lombardo dance was held on Wednesday, May 29. The mid-week event cut down on our attendance and our profit totaled \$7.63.

1972-1973

President - Harold Fralich Secretary - Raymond H. Frost
V P - Sarando P. Giftos Treasurer - Arthur S. Keniston, Jr

Directors - Daniel W. Mooers, Frank Hugo, Lester Waters,
George Chandler, Lloyd R. Knight

District Governor Paul Cote from Quebec City made his official visit to our Club on Wednesday evening, August 2. This was held at Heatherstone, (Carolyn's) on Shore Road with the ladies in attendance.

Phil Dube and his bride Claudette returned from their honeymoon.

Past President Ray Frost has been selected to be an Honorary Life Member of the newly formed Rotary Club of Wells - York.

On Saturday evening, December 2, a 10th Anniversary Dinner Dance was held at the Purpoodock club. Don Doane and his orchestra furnished music for dancing for the 100 people in attendance.

On December 20, we held our annual Christmas Party for senior citizens. Lloyd Knight, Betty Gribbin and Ruth Fineberg presented a musical program.

Profit on the Christmas Tree Sale was about \$3400.

On March 7, we were hosts to the Rotary Club of Scarborough.

Our Club sponsored a management seminar from April 2 to April 6 at the Shawmut Inn, Kennebunkport. The graduation luncheon was on April 6 with Governor Ken Curtis as the speaker. Our profits from the Seminar were \$2,182.

Our annual Guy Lombardo Dance was held at the Portland Expo on Friday, May 4, with a profit of \$3200.

We were the sponsoring Club for the fourth annual multiservice club banquet held at the Memorial Junior High School in South Portland on May 16. Harold Pachios was the guest speaker.

1973-1974

President - Sarando P. Giftos Secretary - Raymond H. Frost
V P - William D. Lewis Treasurer - Arthur S. Keniston Jr

Directors - Lendall Knight, Richard B. Holden, Jr,
Nicholas Pappas, Philip A. Dube, Harold Fralich

The Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth "Experiment in International Living" Scholarship Ambassador, Dieter Reinartz, from Puebla, Mexico, arrived July 3. Members of the club hosted Dieter for two week periods.

Governor Kenneth Curtis was our speaker on August 29.

District Governor James G. Martin of Old Town visited the Club on September 12.

Five Past Presidents and four former members of the Rotary Club of Portland from our Club attended "Rohais Roberts Day" on November 9 at the Rotary Club of Portland. Rohais had been Secretary of their club for many years and had left to get married.

The Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party was held on December 19. Frank Farwell and his German Band was the entertainment for the evening.

The Christmas Tree Sales showed a profit of \$2,000.

Bill Lewis, our Vice President, was transferred to Massachusetts and Dan Mooers was appointed to fill this office for the remainder of the Rotary year.

Second Annual Management Seminar was held at the Shawmut Inn, Kennebunk, on March 24. Diplomas were awarded by Robert Masterton, President of Maine Savings Bank.

On May 1, after our meal we proceeded to the newly opened South Portland Boys' Club for a tour of the facility.

The Annual Joint Service Club meeting was held at the Stagecoach Inn in South Portland on May 22. The Oceanaires Barbershop Quartet provided entertainment.

Our Club sponsored Cub Pack #30 in Cape Elizabeth.

On Sunday, May 19, the Rotary Club of Lewiston - Auburn held a Testimonial Dinner for their Secretary - Treasurer and Past District Governor Harry Rowe. Over 200 people gathered at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston to honor his fifty years of Rotary

Service. Senator Edmund Muskie, Justice Frank Coffin and John Donovan were the main speakers.

Forty seven sons and daughters attended the meeting on May 29, and enjoyed the magic of Ralph Greenwood.

The annual Guy Lombardo dance was held of Friday, June 7, at the Portland Exposition Building. Profit was \$2,637.

Bill Lewis, our former Vice President, is now a member of the Rotary Club of Wakefield, Massachusetts.

The District Conference was held at the University of Maine at Orono and President Sam Giftos was elected Treasurer of District 779.

1974-1975

President - Daniel W. Mooers Secretary - Raymond H. Frost
VP - Richard E. Anderson Treasurer - Arthur S. Kenniston, Jr

Directors - Robert N. Carson, Jr, Donald Jenis,
James F. Doughty, Edward Theriault, Sarando P. Giftos

We are now at the 600% plateau of Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Past District Governor Lewin's project came to \$1,000 which means a building will be named after our club, along with Augusta, Waterville and Portland.

The Rotary Club of Bethel held its Charter Night on Friday, September 6.

Price of the meal at Purpoodock increased to \$3.25.

District Governor, Arthur P. Lynch, visited the club on November 13.

The annual Senior citizen Christmas Party was held on December 18. Fifteen guests were in attendance and they were entertained by Ellen Lefebvre, Dorothy Hicks and Bob Longbottom.

The club has purchased two copies of The World of Rotary and donated them to our public libraries. This is a new book, two years in the making by authors of ten nations telling the story of Rotary.

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The Christmas Tree Sale profit was \$1,500.

On February 5, we sponsored a Theatre Party at the Portland Player's Thaxter Theatre. "Blithe Spirit" was the production and was preceded by a buffet dinner at the Yankee Trader in South Portland.

Thirty-eight sons and daughters attended our meeting on April 30, and enjoyed a special movie provided by the South Portland Public Library.

On May 9, we sponsored Sammy Kaye and his orchestra at the Portland Exposition Building. Profit was \$1,200.

A Combined Service Club meeting was held at the Yankee Squire Restaurant in South Portland on May 22. Entertainment was provided by a German-American Band.

District Conference was held at the Balsams, Dixfield Notch, New Hampshire on June 20 - 21.

1975-1976

President - Lester Waters Secretary - Raymond H. Frost
VP - Richard B. Holden Jr Treasurer - Arthur S. Keniston, Jr

Directors - William Kourakos, William A. York, Ronald Stewart,
Alfred O. Boudreau, Daniel W. Mooers

Price of our meal at Purpoodock increased to \$3.75 on July 2.

Family outing at Two Lights State Park on Friday, September 26.

District Governor, Jean Caron, visited the club on November 5.

An evening honoring Raymond "Ray" H. Frost on the occasion of his 84th birthday was held on Friday, November 14, at the Yankee Squire Restaurant in South Portland. Ray was made a Paul Harris Fellow. Two trees have been presented on behalf of our Rotary Club, one in front of Cape Elizabeth Town Hall and the other in Mill Creek Park with plaques on them commemorating Ray Frost. Ray was presented a pin for 29 years of perfect attendance. Dancing rounded out the evening.

J.B. Maxwell presented a new American Flag to the club.

We donated Thanksgiving Day Baskets to the Cape Elizabeth Community Health Services.

The Senior citizens Christmas Party was held on December 17.

The Christmas Tree Sale profit was \$4,725.

President Les Waters presented the Charter to Cub Pack #30 which we sponsor.

A joint service club Meeting on June 3, at Mahoney Junior High School in South Portland. Governor James B. Longley was the speaker.

Elizabeth Wildes, a South Portland graduate, was selected by District 779 for a one year Rotary Scholarship in England.

The District Conference was held in Quebec City from June 24 - 27.

1976-1977

President - Richard B. Holden, Jr.

Vice President - Donald S. Jenis

Secretary - Raymond H. Frost

Treasurer - Arthur S. Keniston, Jr.

Directors - Robert Nigro, Paul F. Butler, Carroll Beck,
Richard A. Pyne, Lester Waters

On October 12 and 13 we hosted five visiting Rotarian businessmen from France.

On November 17, District Governor Dom Tardif visited the club.

On December 15, we held our annual Christmas Party for the elderly. The St. Joseph College Folksingers furnished the entertainment.

Profit from the Christmas Tree Sale was \$3,350.

Visiting the club on January 26, was our district scholarship winner, Elizabeth Wildes, currently a student at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. In the Fall of 1976, Elizabeth attended Bath University, Bath, England on a Rotary Scholarship.

Ray Frost, our secretary, wore a black arm band to the meeting on February 2. Our club had sunk to the low position of 50th in District 779 attendance.

We again sponsored Cub Scout Pack 30.

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A joint service club dinner was held on April 28, at South Portland Memorial Junior High.

John D. Toft passed away at the age of 90. John was a member of the Rotary Club of Portland and joined the Rotary Club of South Portland shortly after it was organized. He had 29 years of perfect attendance. The club donated \$100 to the Rotary Foundation in his memory and sent flowers to Mrs. Toft.

The District Conference was held at The Balsams on June 16 - 17, at Dixfield Notch, New Hampshire.

1977-1978

President - Donald S. Jenis
Vice President - George Chandler
Second Vice President - Alfred O. Boudreau
Secretary - Robert N. Carson, Jr.
Treasurer - Arthur Keniston, Jr.

Directors - Charles Cyr, Steven L Dunn, Fredrick Madore,
J.B. Maxwell, Richard B. Holden, Jr.

Annual dues were increased to \$75.

One hundred people attended a Bon Voyage Party at Two Lights State Park for District Governor, Harold Fralich, prior to his visits to each club in the district. Ladies were invited and a chicken dinner was catered by Carolyn's.

Rotary International President Jack Davis from Hamilton, Bermuda, was at the Rotary Club of Portland Portland on August 19.

Pierre Bourgeois from France was hosted by families of our Rotary Club during October. He was interested in visiting local factories.

District Governor, Harold Fralich visited our Club on November 16. The meeting was held at the Merry Manor. Dick Kilroy was made a Paul Harris Fellow by the Club and Harold Fralich was made a Paul Harris Fellow by his wife, Marge. The balance of the evening was spent in dancing.

Profit on Christmas Trees was \$4,201.

We donated \$1,000 to the Campfire Girls Outreach Program.

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District Treasurer, Sarando Giftos, and his wife, Helene, both became Paul Harris Fellows.

Our club sponsored a Sunday night performance of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" at the Phyllis Schyler Thaxter Theatre on May 21.

A Hawaiian Ladies' Night was held on May 31. Members dressed Hawaiian style. Mason Philip Smith, local photographer, treated the group to a slide show of Hawaii with taped music of the Islands.

Ray Frost made the donation necessary to name his wife, Dorothy, a Paul Harris Fellow. Ray, an active Rotarian for 42 years with 27 years of perfect attendance, was the District Secretary. They have long been known as Mr. and Mrs. Rotary in the District.

The District added a new club in Frobisher Bay. This is just 100 miles from the Arctic Circle.

Our meeting on June 21 was cancelled as many of our members attended the District Conference at the Balsams, Dixfield Notch, New Hampshire on June 22-25. The organization was superb with special thanks being given to Chairman Don Jenis. It broke the record for attendance with 570 present. Les Waters won the golf tournament. Sam Giftos reported that it was the most expensive conference to date. For the first time French translators using radios provided simultaneous translation.

1978-1979

President - George Chandler Secretary - Robert N. Carson, Jr
Vice Pres - Alfred O. Boudreau Treasurer - Donald S. Jenis

Directors - Peter Drivas, William Stanton, Edward Corson,
Edson Gaw, Donald S. Jenis

The dinner price was increased to \$4.

Our meeting of August 2, was a Ladies' Night at Two Lights State Park and was a day dedicated to welcoming Harold Fralich back to the club after his year as District Governor. President George Chandler presented Harold and Marge with a beautiful painting by Art Hahn. Harold made 106 visits to clubs in the district, logged over 2,400 air miles and drove some 17,000 miles. During the year there were twenty-one new Paul Harris Fellows.

On August 9 our "Community Service Award" was presented to the

Lamy family (Hodges Furniture Store) for all their past service and assistance to the club and community. It was accepted by Mrs. Robert Lamy, Sr. and her sons, Bob and Dick.

District Governor, Phil Matte, visited our club on September 13 which was also a Ladies' Night.

We received a letter from the Rotary Foundation that we are now a 1800% club. We received a plaque from the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. We are in third in the District in respect to contributions.

The board of directors approved a grant of \$1,000 to Cape Elizabeth High School to send two people to a seminar on combating use of drugs in schools.

The Annual Christmas Party for the elderly was held on December 13. Howard Reiche at the piano and our own Captain Lloyd Knight leading the singing provided the entertainment.

The Christmas Tree Sale profit was \$7,000.

A Ladies' Night was held on May 30. Mason Smith presenting a multi media slide show (three screens and four projectors) featuring visits to two castles, one in Wales and one in England.

On June 7, the club sponsored the Portland Players production of "Man of La Mancha." Our profits amounted to \$1,100. This amount went to Rotary International Charities at the District Conference in Quebec City, June 21 - 24.

1979-1980

President - Alfred O Boudreau	Secretary - Robert N. Carson Jr
1st V. P. - Paul F. Butler	Treasurer - James F. Doughty
2nd V. P. - William A. York	

Directors - Edward Corson, Philip A. Dube, Richard Kennedy, Thomas Holden, George Chandler

On September 12 we moved our regular weekly meeting from the Purpoodock Club to The Bridgeway Restaurant.

We donated \$10,000 to the Hinckley Park Life Trail project.

District Governor, Ken Brooks, visited the club on October 3. This was a ladies' night.

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On October 24, Willard Egli, a representative of the Secretary of Rotary International, visited the club.

On December 12, we purchased a trailer to serve as an office for our Christmas Tree Sale. Our old shack was given to the Salvation Army for use at their summer camp.

December 19, was the night of our annual Senior citizen Christmas Party with 27 in attendance. Entertainment was Christmas carols by our own Dick Shaffstall.

Profit on our Christmas Tree Sale was \$7,100.

After the regular meeting on April 23 the club adjourned to the South Portland City Council meeting where President Al Boudreau made a presentation to the City of a check for \$2,000 to be used for an outdoor sign for the new City Hall.

On June 8, we sponsored the Portland Players production of "Jesus Christ, Super Star".

1980-1981

President - Paul F. Butler	Secretary - Richard Shaffstall
1st V.P. - William A. York	Treasurer - James F. Doughty
2nd V.P. - William R. Brown	

Directors - John Henchey, Linwood Beck, Thomas Holden,
Anthony P Mezoian, Alfred O Boudreau

On August 20 we donated \$10,000 to the town of Cape Elizabeth to build a shelter at Fort Williams.

On September 17, we held a "Ray Frost Night". Ray is 87 years old, an Honorary member of our club, and "Mr. Rotary" to us all. Ray has 31 years of perfect attendance during which time he has served as president of our club and secretary of our club and District 779. Ray presented various memorabilia to the club which he had accumulated.

On October 1, District Governor Bob Tonge, visited the club. This was a ladies' night.

The club voted unanimously to elect Harold Fralich, a past District Governor, a member of the Zone 12 nominating Committee.

On October 29, our speaker was First District Congressman David Emery.

On November 5, the club held its regular meeting at the Phyllis Schuyler Thaxter Theatre for supper and a behind the scenes look at the production "Oliver" which we sponsored on December 3. Profit was \$140.00.

Our annual Senior citizens Christs Party was held on December 17 with 39 guests in attendance. Lyric Theatre provided the musical entertainment.

Profit on our Christmas Tree Sale was \$8,500.

A painting by Art Hahn was presented to Sam Giftos for his many years of service to Rotary.

It was voted to name our new trailer the "Frost" Mobile.

1981-1982

President - William A. York	Secretary - Robert N. Carson Jr
1st V.P. - William R. Brown	Treasurer - James F. Doughty
2nd V.P. - John Henchey	

Directors - Ronald Palmquist, Robert Penty, Miles Potter, Robert Kilroy.

Harold Fralich was selected as Chairman for the District's Rotary Foundation Committee for the current year.

Dues were increased to \$90 per year and the cost of the meal incresed to \$4.50.

Senator George Mitchell was our speaker on July 1.

District Governor Jerry Fecteau from Quebec visited the club on July 29.

Our annual Clambake with the ladies was held at Two Lights State Park on August 19.

Rick Milliken, a teacher in the South Portland Schools, and our District Scholarship Winner departed for the University of Cork in Ireland early in September.

The Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party was held on December 16, with entertainment by the Lyric Theatre.

Profit from the Christmas Tree Sale was \$9,100.

The meeting of April 7 was cancelled due to a 16 inch snowfall. This broke a record that stood since 1906.

Sons and Daughters night was observed on April 21, with a magician for entertainment.

1982-1983

President - William R. Brown Secretary - Robert N. Carson, Jr
1st V.P. John Henchey Treasurer - Richard Goodine
2nd V.P. James F. Doughty

Directors- Edward Williams, Douglas Stewart, Anthony P. Mezoian, John Kazilionis, William A. York

Andy Longley, District Governor, from the Rotary Club of Newburyport, Massachusetts visited our club on August 4. This was a ladies' night Two Lights State Park. Warren Simpson was made a Paul Harris Fellow.

Senator George Mitchell spoke to the club on August 25.

The Reading Academy of University of Southern Maine which is working with illiterate adults in the greter Portland area lost all of its Federal Funding. Jim Ferguson, of our club, succeeded in starting the program again with a joint venture of the Rotary Clubs of Westbrook, Portland, Scarborough, and our club. We donated \$3,000 to the project.

We donated \$1,500 to provide Christmas Lights in Mill Creek Park.

Ray Frost, who helped found our club and the Rotary Club of Kennebunk - Wells died in November. He would have been 90 on November 15. He was a Rotarian for 47 years with 37 years of perfect attendance. He was club President, Secretary, District Secretary and our first Paul Harris Fellow. Known as "Mr. Rotary" he will always be remembered for his lusty leading of "I've been working on the Railroad".

The Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party was held on December 15, with entertainment by the Lyric Theater.

The Christmas Tree sale made a profit of \$7,146.

Edward H. Theriault, a member of our club since 1970 who had 12 years of perfect attendance died in May.

A special scholarship to a Cape Elizabeth graduate was be given in the name of Joan Benoit. Joan had put Cape Elizabeth and Maine on the map with her long distance running. The scholarship will be \$1,000.

\$2,500 was approved to expand the Christmas Tree Lights in Mill Creek Park.

The District Conference was held at The Balsams and Sam Giftos was nominated to serve as District Governor during 1985 - 1986.

1983-1984

President - John Henchey Secretary - Robert N. Carson, Jr.
Vice President - James F Doughty Treasurer - Richard Goodine

Directors - Robert N. Carson Jr, Philip A. Dube,
William A. York, David L. Bagdasarian, William Brown

Dues were increased to \$100 per year.

We started a new fund raiser by having a fried dough booth at Family Fun Days at Fort Williams on July 23. We realized a profit of \$274. Surplus food totaling \$125 was given to needy families.

District Governor, Orville "Tex" Ranger, from the Rotary Club of Brunswick, Maine, visited our club on September 7.

Edwin L. Inness, a former member of our club and one of the charter members, passed away.

On September 30, we held a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Scarborough at the Black Point Inn. The program was a slide show on Greece and a demonstration of Greek dancing.

Our club sponsored "Annie" at the Phyllis Schyler Thaxter Theatre on October 27. The profit was \$800.

The Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party was held on December 14.

The Christmas Tree sale made a profit of \$10,000.

Senator George Mitchell spoke to the club on December 21 and

Congressman John McKernan spoke to the club on January 4.

President John Henchey announced that a secret ballot would be taken in accordance with the notice mailed to each club member concerning the action of the Board of Directors in changing the meeting place of the club from the Bridgeway to the Purpoodock Club, effective with the meeting of July 11. He stated that the club constitution requires a 2/3 vote of members present in order to overturn an action of the board after an appeal has been made. Ballots were distributed and after counting the votes it was announced that the vote was a tie, therefore the Board's action stood.

On June 13, Margaret Kane, a graduate of South Portland High School, who was nominated by our club and chosen for the international scholarship from District 779, was our program for the evening. A student at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts and the scholarship allowed her to spend a year the London School of Economics.

1984-1985

President - James F. Doughty	Secretary - William A. York
1st V.P. Robert N. Carson, Jr.	Treasurer - Richard Goodine
2nd V.P. - Richard Pyne	

Directors - Lawrence D. Carey, Alan Baldwin, Ralph Miller,
Richard L. Rawlings, John Henchey

Our booth at the Spring Point Festival had a net profit of \$59.

On July 18, District Governor Marcel Morrisette visited our club.

On August 1, our program consisted of six men from England who stayed in the area for the month of August on a Rotary Exchange program. They stayed in members homes.

Our booth at the Cape Family Fun Day where we sold fried dough had a net profit of \$558.

On August 15, Dan Gacetta was fined a dollar for appearing on international television with Joan Benoit at the Olympics. Joan won the first women's marthon.

August 22 was a Ladies' Night at Fort Williams with a Kentucky Fried Chicken meal.

On October 3 we held our meeting at the Maine Youth Center. There was a tour of the facility followed by a pot roast dinner.

On October 10 the club sponsored "Godspell" at the Phyllis Schyler Thaxter Theatre. Our net profit was \$1,321.

On December 12 we held our annual Senior Citizen's Christmas Party. 43 guests were present. The program was a singing group from the Lyric Theatre.

Profit from our Christmas Tree Sale amounted to \$11,470.

On February 27 we received a letter from Rotary International in Zurich acknowledging the \$2,000 we sent towards the purchase of a truck for use in Ethiopia to distribute famine relief.

Our club has contributed \$3,000 to the Drinking and Driving programs in the South Portland and Cape Elizabeth High Schools.

A District Assembly was held on May 4 at the Sheraton Inn, South Portland, from 8 am to 4 pm. Our club was the host club since Sam Giftos was the incoming District Governor. In the evening there was a dance to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Portland.

The club contributed \$1,500 toward the purchase of a lighted fountain in Millcreek Park.

1985-1986

President - Robert N. Carson, Jr.,

1st V.P. - Richard A. Pyne

Secretary - Daniel W. Moors

2nd V.P. - Lawrence D. Carey

Treasurer - William Kourakos

Directors - James S. Rowe, John E. Roberts, Jr, Ralph Miller, Alec Livingston, James F. Doughty

The initiation fee for a new members was increased from \$27.50 to \$35.

We made a net profit of \$800 from our sale of fried dough at Cape Family Fun Day.

District Governor Marcel Morrisette presented each U.S. club with a Canadian Flag. Bob Doe donated a pole.

Sam Giftos was the new District 779 Governor and we began

displaying the Host Club banner at our meetings. He visited the club on November 13 which was a ladies night. Helene Giftos was honored by the club by making her a Paul Harris fellow. President Bob Carosn was also honored by his wife Penny by being made a Paul Harris fellow.

District 779 had grown to 65 clubs in two countries with 3,700 members.

We are now a 2,400% Rotary foundation Club.

On December 18 about 50 senior citizens attended the annual Christmas party. The Lyric Theatre provided the musical entertainment.

Christmas Tree profit was \$16,500.

A Ladies' Night was held on January 29 with Mason Philip Smith giving an excerpt from his soon to be published book, "Confederates Downeast".

Andy Mezoian also wrote a book about the Armenians in the Portland area.

Dick Holden and Dan Mooers joined the ranks of Paul Harris fellows.

We contributed two sets of Encyclopedia Britannica to the South Portland Public Library at a cost of \$1,898.

Our newly formed softball team defeated the Rotary Club of Westbrook 17 - 5 on June 8.

Our club sponsored the musical, The Wiz, at the Phyllis Schyler Thaxter Theatre on June 11 and made a profit of \$1,770.

Seventeen members and their spouses made the trip to the Balsams for District 779's annual conference on June 19 - 22. This was the end of Governor Sam Giftos' term in office. Our club was the host club and Bill Kourakos was chairman of the event. Also at the District conference Allen Rowe and Jim Rowe became Paul Harris Fellows. Penny Carson was made a Paul Harris Fellow by her parents, Lucy and Chris Pachios. Paul Butler and Jan Butler received Paul Harris Fellows from each other.

The fried dough booth was a big hit again this year at Cape Family Fun Days on June 21 making a profit of \$745.

1986-1987

President - Richard A. Pyne
1st V.P. - Lawrence D. Carey
2nd V.P. James S Rowe

Secretary - Daniel W. Mooers
Treasurer - William Kourakos

Directors - John E. Roberts, Jr, Joseph P. Conroy,
Alec Livingston, Alan Leathers, Robert N. Carson, Jr

Weekly meals at the Purpoodock Club were now \$8.

District Governor Joe Hahn visited the club on July 30 the meeting was held at the Sheraton Inn, South Portland. Joe is a member of the Rotary Club of Brunswick, Maine.

The club honored Bill Kourakos by making him a Paul Harris Fellow.

The club made a \$2,500 donation to the Cerebral Palsy Center.

Rotary International President M.A.T. Caparas was honored at a well attended lobster and clam bake at the Shawmut Inn in Kennebunkport on August 4.

Our softball team defeated the Rotary Club of Scarborough 15-8.

We have donated \$1,250 to the Samantha Smith Foundtion and have challenged other Rotary Clubs in the District to match our donation.

The Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco handed our softball team its first defeat 15-5.

A father-son-daughter night was held at the Bridgeway Restaurant. Magician Ralph Greenwood was the entertainment on October 1.

The city of South Portland gave the club an award for assisting with the development of the Knightville Project.

Governor Joseph E. Brennan spoke to the club on October 8.

Ladies' Night was held on October 29 with excerpts from the Portland Players production "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas."

Dan Davidson has written several letters to The Rotarian magazine on the subject of "Women in Rotary."

A new Rotary sign was erected on Waterman Drive.

In one year we have gone from 2,200% to our current plateau of

4,200% which is the highest level for the Rotary Foundation in District 779. We are the leading club with giving at \$215.62 per capita.

On Saturday, November 22, Tony Wagner and Sally Campbell were married.

The tree lighting ceremony in Mill Creek Park was held on December 5 and our club distributed coffee and hot chocolate.

Larry Carey resigned from the club for a few months. He was replaced on the board of directors by Doug Stewart.

Forty-two senior citizens attended the annual Christmas Party on December 10 with musical entertainment from the Lyric Theatre. 175 Rotarians from across Maine gathered at the Sheraton Inn, South Portland to award a Paul Harris Fellow posthumously to Samantha Smith. It was accepted on her behalf by her mother, Jane Smith.

A new marquee was donated to the Portland Players at the Phyllis Schyler Thaxter Theatre.

Profit from our Christmas Tree Sale was \$17,000.

The Cape Middle School gym has been secured for basketball for our members on Thursday nights.

Dan Mooers became a multi-donor Paul Harris Fellow.

Doug Stewart became a Paul Harris Fellow by a donation from his wife, Pamela.

Club members have constructed a grandstand at Family Field in Cape Elizabeth.

On Saturday, May 8, Doug Stewart organized a Mother's Day breakfast for Rotary families which was held at the Cape Elizabeth Methodist Church.

By a unanimous vote, the Board of Directors has voted to remain at the Purpoodock Club. Four other restaurants were considered.

Seventy-six members and wives attended the 25th Anniversary Celebration of our club at the Sheraton Inn, South Portland. The charter members who were not Paul Harris Fellows became Paul Harris Fellows that night. Dick Yerxa, Bill Kilroy, Dick Jordan, and Dan Gacetta joined the growing list of Paul Harris Fellows.

Rotary International President M.A.T. Caparas asked Sam Giftos to participate in a panel discussion on club leadership at the Rotary International convention in Munich, Germany.

Our club contributed \$300 to the Samantha Smith Foundation and clubs in District 779 have also contributed \$3,000. Dan Mooers was appointed to the Board of directors of the Samantha Smith Foundation.

Dave Bagdasarian replaced Alan Leathers on the board who resigned.

Our Cape Family Fun Day fried dough booth raised \$1,500.

Our club's donation to the silent auction at the District 779 Conference at the Balsams was a large autographed photo of Joan Benoit. This earned \$300 for the Rotary Foundation. It was the highest priced item.

1987-1988

President - James S. Rowe

President Elect - Douglas Stewart

Vice President - John E. Roberts, Jr.

Secretary - Daniel W. Mooers

Treasurer - William Kourakos

Directors - David L. Bagdasarian, Joseph P. Conroy, Jeffrey R. Hobbs, Thomas J Hennessy III, Richard A Pyne

Our softball team lost to Rotary Club of Portland 21 - 17.

Family Fun Day fried dough booth profit was \$1,464.

Joan Benoit winner of the Women's Olympic Marathon, was the speaker on July 22.

On Sunday, July 26, President-Elect Doug Stewart drove a 1973 Ford Torino at the Oxford Plains Motor Speedway. Doug's car only lasted ten laps but he raised \$1,900.00 for Rotary PolioPlus in pledges and got his photograph in the ROTARIAN magazine.

District Governor J. Marcel Girardeau from the Rotary Club of Shawinigan, Quebec visited our club on August 12. This was a ladies' night.

Our second annual lobster cookout was held at Fort Williams on

August 26th. This was a ladies' night.

Jeffrey R. Hobbs and Susan Lacasse were married.

Craig Romanowski took second place in the annual Peaks Island to Portland Swim Meet.

On September 9 the Board of Directors recommended for approval the creation of the Rotary Club of South Portland - Maine Mall. This was planned to be a breakfast club.

We donated \$100 to the new Rotary Club of Kittery.

On October 15 we sponsored "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Phyllis Schyler Thaxter Theatre and made a profit of \$2,500.

Pam Stewart, wife of Doug Stewart, and Shirley Mooers, wife of Dan Mooers, became Paul Harris Fellows.

Our club provided a \$300 donation to the Kidney Foundation of Maine. It will be used to purchase computer equipment for use in matching organ donors and recipients.

On November 15, Mr. Ted Ross, Vice President of Personnel at Betz Laboratories, Inc. presented the Polio Plus Committee Chairman, Dave Smith, with a \$10,000 contribution to the Polio Plus Campaign. This is the largest single source donation ever to be channeled through the Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth. In appreciation, the club has named Mr. Ross, Mr. Jack McCaughn and Mr. Dale Von Cannon (Betz's Corporate Donations Committee) Paul Harris Fellows. This donation was secured by Tony Wagner.

Tony Wagner's wife, Sally, became a Paul Harris Fellow.

Senator George Mitchell spoke to the club on December 2.

On December 9 Harold Fralich introduced our newest member, Ann Van Lonkhuyzen. Ann, an attorney, was our first female member joining the club a few months after women were permitted to become Rotarians.

Forty-six senior citizens were guests at our Christmas Party on December 16. The Lyric Theatre provided the musical entertainment.

Our Christmas Tree sale showed a profit of \$33,600 surpassing previous profits by a wide margin.

The club donated \$1,000 to Hospice of Maine, \$3,500 to the Fort Williams Commission for a new flagpole, and \$1,500 to the Cape

Elizabeth Music Department for a tuba.

Al DiMatteo, former member of our club, died.

On March 9, our club hosted a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Scarborough.

On March 30, we held our first "Spouse's Night".

On May 4, Robert R. Masterton was made a Paul Harris Fellow for his community work. He was the president of Maine Savings Bank.

At the Rotary International Convention in Philadelphia it was announced that \$219 million had been raised world-wide for the Polio Plus Campaign. Our club raised over \$29,000.

Allen Rowe, Doug Stewart and Alec Livingston refurbished our Christmas Tree trailer with additional counter and shelf space.

The club erected a new score board at Family Field.

On Saturday, June 18, our club provided a pancake breakfast for the Cape Elizabeth High School graduating class.

1988-1989

President - Douglas Stewart
President Elect - John E. Roberts, Jr.
Vice President - Joseph P. Conroy
Secretary - Robert N. Carson, Jr.
Treasurer - William Kourakos

Directors - Thomas J. Hennessy, III, Jeffrey R. Hobbs, Harry Russell, Michael K. McGovern, James S. Rowe

Cape Family Fun Day fried dough booth profit was over \$900.

The club had raised over \$29,000 for Polio Plus. This was \$4,000 over our club goal and nearly \$15,000 over the amount allotted by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

District Governor Ronald Drouin from the Rotary Club of Biddeford - Saco visited on July 27.

Doug Stewart became a multi donor Paul Harris Fellow.

Bill York became a Paul Harris Fellow which was presented by his

wife Diane.

On August 24, we held our annual lobster and steamed clam cook out at Fort Williams. Over 40 members and guests were present. Gale force winds of 40 knots failed to dampen our spirit.

1st District Congressman, Joseph Brennan, spoke to the club on August 31.

Members installed a scoreboard at Family Field.

On September 10, the Rotary Club of South Portland - Maine Mall held its Charter Night at the Merry Manor in South Portland. Three former members of our club, Dennis King the new President, Dave Chadwick is the new Treasurer, and Larry Carey, became charter members of the new club.

The City of South Portland received a commitment of \$13,000 for the restoration of Bug Light.

Our club sponsored a theatre party for "Mame" at the Phyllis Schyler Thaxter Theatre. Our profit was over \$3,000.

The Maine Public Relations Council named Dan L. Davidson the 1988 recipient of the Edward L. Bernays Golden Arrow Award for outstanding contributions to the public relations profession.

Judy, wife of Jim Rowe and May, wife of Allen Rowe were made Paul Harris Fellows.

Our club passed the 11,000% plateau of giving to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Fifty senior citizens were our guests at the annual Christmas Party held on December 14. The Lyric Theatre provided the musical entertainment.

On Friday, December 2, our club provided hot chocolate at the Mill Creek tree lighting.

Christmas Tree Sale profit was \$17,500

Our speaker on December 28 was Vincent McKusick, Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Court, who spoke on his recent trip to Russia and its legal system.

Sons and Daughters night was enjoyed on January 25 with Ray Logan a magician for entertainment.

Carroll Beck, a member of our club for 15 years, passed away on February 3.

District Governor Ron Drouin has challenged each club to have 10% of its members visit two clubs 100 miles away. We met the challenge by visiting the Rotary Club of Wellesley and the Rotary Club of Weston both in Massachusetts.

Spouses Night was observed on February 15, and after the dinner the group adjourned to Mahoney Middle School for a performance by the South Portland High School Drama Club. This was a special performance in appreciation of the \$2,000 of theater lights that we purchased. The play, a comedy, was entitled "The Worst High School Play Ever Written." President Doug got his photograph in the ROTARIAN magazine presenting the theatre lights.

\$1,000 was donated to the South Portland Drug Awareness Education program.

\$2,000 was donated to the Cape Elizabeth Drama Department for video equipment.

A joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Scarborough was held at the Dunstan School Restaurant on Tuesday, April 25. This was the culmination of an attendance contest with the two clubs competing for a \$100 prize to the winners favorite charity. The Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth was the winner, in fact we led the District during February with a 94.33% attendance record.

On May 3 the club moved from Purpoodock Club to the Snow Squall Restaurant. The major reason for the change was the noise during our meeting. The cost of the meal was \$12.

District 779 was to become two districts in June 1990. The district was adding many new clubs and was going to be over 70 very soon.

Dan Mooers was nominated to become the Charter District Governor of the new District 778 in when the new district came in to being on July 1, 1990.

Past District Governor Sam Giftos was invited to be a moderator of a group discussion at the Rotary Inter- national Conference in Seoul, Korea.

The club served coffee and doughnuts at the Cape Fort Williams Park Clean-up Day on May 20. Profit was \$12.

The Cape Family Fun Day fried dough booth again made a net profit of approximately \$1,000

\$1,000 scholarships were awarded to Clifford Gallant and Andrew Gilmore of South Portland and Jessica Gorham and Lisa Liberty of Cape Elizabeth.

Again we held a pancake breakfast for graduating Cape Elizabeth High School seniors on June 17.

Bill Lewis a former member and vice president of our club was made a Paul Harris Fellow by the club.

Our total contributions for the year were over \$26,000.

The history of the club from inception was researched and written from the old TWO LIGHTS bulletins by Warren Simpson covering the period 1961 to 1989.

1989-1990

President - John E. Roberts, Jr.
President Elect - Joseph P. Conroy
Vice President - William Kourakos
Secretary - Robert N. Carson, Jr.
Treasurer - David Smith

Directors - Harry Russell, Michael K. McGovern, Frank E. Gemme,
Dan L. Davidson, Douglas Stewart

Dues were increased to \$120

District 779 was redistricted. The Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth with 29 other clubs in the Southern portion were scheduled to become District 778 on July 1, 1990. The clubs from Lewiston northward remained in District 779.

On August 9, 1989, District 779 Governor James Labrie of the Rotary Club of Portsmouth, N.H. visited the club with his wife Ellen.

On August 26th the annual lobster bake was held at Fort Williams with about 100 Rotarians and guests present. Many Rotarians were present from the Rotary Club of Wellesley, MA.

The Cape Elizabeth Town Manager presented a plaque that will go in Fort Williams recognizing our donation of the flagpole.

Profit from our fried dough booth at Deering Oaks Festival amounted to \$806.

The Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth softball team came home with the Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco Tournament Trophy. Our record was three wins and no losses.

On September 28th we held our annual Theatre Night at the Portland Players with the production, "Little Shop of Horrors." Profit was \$1,299.

On October 4th we returned to the Purpoodock Club for our weekly meetings. Cost of the dinner was \$10.

District Governor James Labrie asked each Rotary Club in District 779 to send \$2 per member to help the Rotary Club of St. Anne - des - Monts settle a law suit brought by a guest at a fund raising function who slipped and broke her wrist.

On November 15th Ellen Labrie, District Governor Jim's wife, spoke to the club on Intercultural Nursing. Her slides were on hospital conditions in the Dominican Republic. A check for \$500 was presented to Ellen in support of this project.

On December 13th we held our annual Senior Citizen Christmas Party with musical entertainment by the Lyric Theatre.

Profit from our Christmas Tree Sale amounted to \$18,000.

Charter Night for the Rotary Club of Saco Bay was held on January 20th at the Sheraton Hotel in South Portland.

Doug Stewart's son, Matt, was chosen as a Rotary exchange student. He spent the 1990 - 1991 school year in Belgium.

The Rotary Club of Portland celebrated its Diamond Jubilee with a luncheon on January 26th. The meeting covered the 75 year history of their club.

Twelve couples from the Rotary Club of Portland and three couples from our club planned to attend the International Rotary Conference in Portland, Oregon.

On January 24th, 1990, Tony Wagner and his wife Sally, both Paul Harris Fellows, made Tony's parents Paul Harris Fellows.

The Board of Directors approved \$1,000 for the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

We donated \$13,000 for the restoration of the Bug Light on the South Portland waterfront.

On April 10th, nine members of our Club visited the Rotary Club of Wellesley, Massachusetts.

On April 11th, District Governor Jim Labrie presented the club with an award from Rotary International. The 10,000% Rotary Foundation Award was presented as recognition of our club's support of the Rotary Foundation. We are the first club in District 779 to receive this award.

Bob Carson has been nominated to the post of Secretary for the new District 778 for 1990 - 1991.

A new club, the Rotary Club of Seabrook-Hampton Falls, N.H. announced plans for their Charter Night.

On April 26th several members of our club visited the Rotary Club of Old Town as part of the governor's challenge to accomplish several activities.

On June 2nd the club sponsored a Schooner Fare Concert at Mahoney Middle School. Profit was approximately \$2,000.

On June 3rd the club played in the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children softball tournament and also made \$500 contribution to the society.

On May 19th, District Governor Nominee, Dan Mooers, presided at a District Assembly held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay. Over 300 Rotarians were present. Bill Kourakos was the chairman and it was the most successful Assembly ever held in this District.

District Governor Nominee, Dan Mooers, received The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service from Edward F. Cadman, Chairman of the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, Rotary International. This award can only be given to one person in a given district each year and only 25 to 50 are given worldwide.

Profit from our Fried Dough Booth at Family Fun Day amounted to \$1,500.

Sam Giftos was a member of the Credentials Committee at the Rotary International Convention in Portland, Oregon. He was accompanied by his wife Helene, Dan and Shirley Mooers and Doug and Pam Stewart.

The District Conference was held at The Balsams at which time Dan Mooers became the Charter District Governor of the new District 778.

1990-1991

President - Joseph P. Conroy
President Elect - William Kourakos
Vice President - Michael K. McGovern
Secretary - Jacqueline M. Critchley
Treasurer - Douglas Stewart

Directors - Frank E. Gemme, Dan L. Davidson, David E. Smith,
Anton G. Wagner, John E. Roberts, Jr.

Dues for this year were increased from \$120 to \$130.

On July 18, 1990, Michael McGovern was presented a pin and certificate designating him a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. This was the 37th Paul Harris Fellow associated with our Club.

Since Dan Mooers is now the new District Governor of District 778 we have a new large banner to display at our meetings for this year. The banner proclaims us the Host Club of the District Governor.

On August 8th the Club presented the first annual "Service Above Self" Awards to outstanding South Portland - Cape Elizabeth citizens. Mrs. Fredrica Wagnis founded and has been extremely active in "Project Feed", a food pantry located at Woodfords Church. Mr. William Jordan has been a selectman, councilor, fire chief, Civic Center trustee and served on countless Cape Elizabeth town committees. Mr. Joseph Greeley has been a volunteer teacher aide at the Dora Small School in South Portland. He travels to school on a motorized wheelchair three days a week.

Harry Russell introduced our newest member, Joanne LeClair. Joanne is Assistant Human Resource Manager at Portland Pipeline Corporation.

Joan Benoit Samuelson was made an Honorary Member of our club for 1990 - 1991.

On August 8th, Bob Carson introduced our newest member, William Smith. Bill is the branch manager of Legg, Mason, Wood and Walker, a securities brokerage firm in Portland.

The profit from the Fried Dough Booth at Deering Oaks Festival for two days amounted to \$1,675 which we split with another organization that helped man the booth.

On August 15 William Kilroy resigned from the club. Bill was a charter member and our first Vice - President in 1962. He was

voted an honorary membership.

Lore Israel of Brussels, Belgium was our Rotary Exchange Student for school year. She initially stayed with the Doug Stewarts and later with the Jack Roberts. Matt Stewart, Doug's son, left the same week for Belgium as a Rotary Exchange Student.

A plaque has been placed in the Portland Players Lobby in memory of Joe Thomas. William York delivered the eulogy at his funeral. Joe was the Players' Director for many years.

A District 778 Fellowship Conference was held on September 29 and 30. Doug Stewart was the chairman and it consisted of various meetings and athletic events.

A District 778 Rotary Foundation Seminar was held at the University of New Hampshire on Saturday, November 3rd under the direction of District Governor Dan Mooers.

On October 10th we welcomed Governor Dan on his official visit to the club. He was accompanied by his wife, Shirley.

Tom Hennessy became a Paul Harris Fellow.

On November 14th Carl Pearson joined our club and on November 21st Agnes Winship was inducted.

Tony Wagner presented the Club with a \$5,000 check from his company to be used for Rotary International and our club's environmental projects.

A "PolioPlus" Award was presented to Tom Hennessy for his outstanding contribution to this program.

On November 28th Tom Skypeck was introduced as a new member.

The annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party was held on December 12th with 46 guests present. A cake was presented to Fred Hall in celebration of his 100th birthday. Entertainment was furnished by the Lyric Theatre.

On December 19th we presented Mickey Boutilier, State director of Maine's Special Olympics, with a donation of \$2,135.

On January 20, 1991, District Governor Dan Mooers gave the keynote speech at the charter night welcoming the Rotary Club of Kennebunk - Portside into District 778.

The net profit from our Christmas Tree Sale was \$9,600. We also initiated a Salvation Army drop-off box for canned goods during the tree sale.

Governor Dan Mooers was nominated to serve on Rotary's Council of Legislation.

The Rotary Club of South Portland - Maine Mall area, which we sponsored, changed its name to the Rotary Club of Casco Bay - Sunrise (South Portland Area). They moved their meeting to the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland.

On February 6th two new members were inducted, Laurenz Schmidt and Mark Ayers.

More than 100 Rotarians and their "other half" turned out Saturday, February 23, 1991 to celebrate the 86th Anniversary of Rotary International and to observe a moment of silent reflection for World Understanding and Peace. Rotarians were requested to wear a piece of white ribbon behind their Rotary pin symbolizing peace and neutrality.

On March 27th we sponsored "Broadway Bound" by the Portland Players. Profit amounted to \$2,500.

On Friday, April 26th, we sponsored Arbor Day. Trees were planted at the Skillings School in South Portland and at the Pond Cove School in Cape Elizabeth. Over 150 seedlings were given to first graders to take home and plant.

On June 1st and 2nd we painted the cedar clapboards at Portland Head Light the traditional white with green trim. Fifteen members participated.

On June 15th we again manned the Fried Dough Booth at Cape Elizabeth Family Fun Day at Fort Williams Park. Profit amounted to \$1,100.

The District Conference was held at the Quebec Hilton with six members from our club in attendance.

On June 15th we served a pancake breakfast for the Cape Elizabeth High School graduates.

On June 16th, at Payson Park in Portland, our softball team participated in the annual tournament of the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children.

Robin Merkle and Mickey Green became the newest members of the club.

On June 26th, the club made Bill Stanton a Paul Harris Fellow.

1991-1992

President - William Kourakos
President Elect - Michael K McGovern
Vice President - Nicholas Pappas
Secretary - Jacqueline M Critchley
Treasurer - David M Kane

Directors - Michael C Mahar, Robert Flynn, J Fred Janson, Robert C Levasseur, Joseph P Conroy

Traditional activities continued during the year 1991-1992 :

The annual lobster bake was held at Fort Williams with a dozen members and spouses from the Rotary Club of Wellsley MA in attendance.

Two spouses nights were held.

At Christmas time we held the senior citizens party.

An exchange visit was made with the Rotary Club of Wellesley by 10 of our members.

We sponsored a graduation reception.

Selected and awarded citizenship awards to three non-Rotarians.

Awarded four scholarships to high school students.

Carolina De Souza Campos Gazal from Santos, Brasil was our Rotary exchange student. She stayed with Dave and Fran Bagdasarian, Dan and Shirley Mooers and Doug and Pam Stewart. Bill and Diane York's daughter, Joanna, spent her junior year in high school in Indonesia.

Fund raising projects, which raised approximately \$25,000, were our Christmas tree sale, two theatre nights and fried dough sales at Deering Oaks and Fort Williams.

We marked the upcoming 75th anniversary of the Foundation of Rotary International by offering a \$500 matching amount from accumulated credits to anyone becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. Seven new Paul Harris Fellows and two Rotarians committed to the Foundation of Rotary International Endowment for World Understanding and Peace.

Dick Jordan, a charter member of our club and a current member of the Rotary Club of Windham died in a tragic fire accident in early 1992

In March, Joanne LeClair and Agnes Winship received a Discovery Grant from Rotary International to travel to Mexico and visit Jalapa, the sight of a Rotary Village Corps project. This project sponsored in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Goonellabah, Australia.

On the weekend of May 14 our club sponsored a group of students from Quebec to visit Maine. We in turn sent a group of local Maine students to Quebec later in the year.

Special activities that the club involved itself with were:-

Participation in the District 7780 "Project Link" which was instrumental in promotion of literacy in the District.

Contribution to the Fort Williams Museum of a four foot model of the Fort Williams Park during the World War II era at a cost of \$8,000.

Our club received ten District 7780 awards. Some of those were "Best Club" in the District. Highest per capita giving to the Foundation of Rotary International. And TWO LIGHTS received best club bulletin for clubs of our size.

1992-1993

President - Michael K McGovern
President-elect - Jacqueline M Critchley
Vice president - Robert C Levasseur
Secretary - Robin L Merkle
Treasurer - Mark W Ayers

Directors - James A Russell Jr, David M Kane, William P Smith
Timothy Thompson, William Kourakos

The club once again hosted the Rotary Club of Wellesley, MA at the Fort Williams picnic shelter with lobster. Club members were guests at the opening of the Museum at Portland Head Light. Later, members from our club paid a return visit to the Rotary Club of Wellesley MA.

In November Jaqueline M Critchley resigned from the club and Bob Levasseur was appointed President-elect and Frank E Gemme was appointed Vice president.

PDG Dan Mooers was nominated by the club to be a Director of Rotary International and he was subsequently elected.

Fried dough sales at Deering Oaks earned \$1,179. Theater night, featuring "Lend me a Tenor" earned \$2,100 and the Christmas Tree sale made \$18,192.

In March Dan Mooers served as General Chairman of a Salute to Rotary World Fellowships attended by RI President Cliff Dochterman in Cambridge MA. Most of the World Fellowships were represented including the Railroad Fellowship chaired by Doug Stewart.

A spouses' night with radio talk show host Al Diamon attracted a large crowd.

The club helped to develop a pedestrian trail at Great Pond in Cape Elizabeth and contributed to a South Portland playground.

Barbara Gill and Senator George Mitchell were name Paul Harris Fellows.

Club membership rose to 54.

Contributions included \$4,000 in scholarships, \$2,500 to the Rotary Foundation, \$2,000 to Project Literacy, \$1,000 to DARE programs, \$700 for the Senior Citizens Party at Christmas and \$2,275 to sponsor the student exchange program with the Rotary Club of Beauceville, Quebec.

We also sent \$1,000 to the Rotary Club of South Miami for relief from Hurricane Andrew and \$500 for relief in Bosnia as a result of an appeal from Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman. In addition approximately \$6,000 in other donations were made.

The club honored area citizens for service in the area of elderly, education and literacy. Recieving the Service Above Self Awards were Linda Johnson and Jim Soule of South Portland and Bill Wadman of Cape Elizabeth and the Cape Elizabeth Rescue Unit.

Our club recieved a presidential citation for completion of goals set forth from Rotary International. It was believed that our District 7780 was the only district in the Rotary world where every club recieved the citation. This was on large part due to the efforts of District Governor Mort Schmidt who visited the club in September.

Club members Sam Giftos, Bill Kourakos and Dan Mooers attended the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia.

President Mike McGovern constantly emphasized that this is "our" Rotary year and not the president's. The Rotary theme was real

Rotary year and not the president's. The Rotary theme was real Happiness is Helping Others. Mike hosted a celebratory cook out at his home on June 9th to round out the year.

1993-1994

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Vice president - Alec Livingston
Secretary - Robert N Carson
Treasurer - Mark W Ayers

Directors - James A Russell Jr, William P Smith, Timothy Thompson, Michael K McGovern