



Governor's Monthly Letter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September is Youth Activities Month — plan ahead
October is Vocational Services Month — plan ahead
June 18-21, 1987-District 779 Conference — The Balsams

THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

For obvious reasons, I cannot call every one of 4,000 Rotarians every time I have information for them. For the same reasons, I cannot call 67 club presidents either. I cannot call all of the former governors of our district to ask each of you for advice on different topics, and unless something extraordinary comes up, I do not plan to hold a Governor's council meeting this year until we go to the Balsams in June. My primary means of communication is through this newsletter. If you don't read it, you'll never know. If you don't act on it, you'll rarely do. If you don't distribute the information to others, little will ever get done.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES MONTH OR WHATEVER HAPPENED TO....

...NEIL COMINS, Ph.D. of Bangor, Maine, a Rotary Scholar in 1976 when he studied at University College in Cardiff, Wales. Now an associate professor of Physics and Astronomy at University of Maine. Works part-time at NASA Ames Research Center in Calif., and has observed galaxies from Kitt Peak Observatory in Arizona and the Very Large Array (VLA) in New Mexico. Publications by he and his students have given UM an international reputation in Astronomy.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Two students from Lycée de Kerichen in Brest, France are touring in our district, and I have a request from the president of the Brest Rotary Club for assistance from all of the presidents of our clubs if they should visit in your community. They are engaged in a project of getting to know our area so they can return home and promote our district as a good place to visit. I do not know their schedule; and I'd appreciate hearing from any club that has contact with these two young men.

LE MESSAGE DU GOUVERNEUR

Pour les raisons connues, je ne peux pas téléphoner tous les 4,000 mille Rotariens chaque fois que j'ai quelque information à leur donner. Pour les mêmes raisons, je ne peux pas notifier les 67 présidents. Je ne peux pas faire le contact avec tous les anciens gouverneurs de district pour leur demander du conseil, et sans qu'il devienne nécessaire à cause d'une raison extraordinaire, je ne compte pas assembler le Conseil des Gouverneurs jusqu'à ce que nous réunissions aux Balsams en juin. Le moyen principal de me communiquer est par cette lettre circulaire. Si vous ne la lisez pas, vous n'en saurez jamais rien. Si vous n'y agissez pas, vous rendrez service rarement. Si vous ne distribuez pas l'information aux autres, très peu s'effectuera par votre club.

ACTIVITÉS DES JEUNES OU QU'EST-CE QUI EST ARRIVÉ À....

...Neil Comins, Ph.D. de Bangor, Maine, un Boursien de Rotary en 1976 quand il étudiait à l'Université Collège en Cardiff, Wales, maintenant professeur associé de la Physique et de l'Astronomie à l'Université de Maine. Il travaille parfois à NASA Centre de Recherche en Californie et a observé des galaxies de l'Observatoire Kitt Peak en Arizona et du VLA en Nouveau Mexique. Des publications par lui et ses étudiants ont donné à l'Université de Maine une réputation internationale en astronomie.

SERVICE INTERNATIONAL

Deux étudiants du Lycée de Kerichen, Brest, France font le tour de notre district. Le Président du Club Rotary à Brest demande l'assistance des présidents de club dans les communautés qu'ils visitent. Ils s'engagent de connaître notre région de sorte qu'ils puissent retourner dans leur pays et avancer les intérêts de notre district. Je ne connais pas leur emploi du temps, mais je voudrais bien des nouvelles de ces jeunes gens si votre club se met en contact avec eux.

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

By the time you receive this newsletter, you should have already mailed your semi-annual report along with a check for the Rotary International percapita dues. Two of our clubs are now on probation for not having sent in their January reports, and the clubs will lose their charter if the action is not completed by October 1st. Please insure (check it twice) that your July report has been mailed.

PR - PUBLICIZE ROTARY

What is public relations? Well, there are dozens of definitions floating around. Basically, public relations (PR) is public appreciation of proper performance. "Proper" here could be construed to mean "in the public interest." And do Rotarians work in the public interest? YOU BET WE DO! Just read our four-way test. Part of our charter is to help where needed in our communities, and around the world. Recognition for some of what we do is important, but NOT simply for the sake of recognition itself. What is important is that we let people know what we are doing, that we are ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS in our communities, that we care ... AND THAT others are welcome and encouraged to join us in our efforts. A positive PR program can help Rotary to achieve its goals.

CLASSIFICATION LIST

I've asked each club on my visit to provide me with an up-to-date classification list as I described in last month's newsletter. I'd like to have it before the end of 1985. This list is your most useful tool in membership development, and if you don't have one you are really missing out on an excellent recruiting tool.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OTHER CLUBS?

SCARBOROUGH Rotary had one of the "best-attended meetings the club has had" with 22 guests in addition to their own members. It was a joint meeting with the Scarborough Lion's Club.

DAMARISCOTTA-NEWCASTLE Rotary donated a radar speed checking device to the local police department -- and that's what's known as service above self!

GRAHAM, TEXAS Rotary club boasts the "Largest Paid Circulation Weekly Rotary Club Bulletin." Send \$8.00 (\$10.00 US for Canadian clubs) to: THE SCANDAL SHEET, P.O. Box 900, Graham, Texas 76046

ROTARY BRINGS HOPE

When service "hurts"... Upon becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, India said: "Now I am a Rotarian. If you join Rotary to say you are a Rotarian and come for fellowship and a meal, don't join. Become a Rotarian only if you are willing to serve until it hurts."

I might add, to take this one step further, you should then continue to serve until it feels Goooooooood!!!!!!

RAPPORT SEMESTRIEL

Au moment où vous recevez cette lettre circulaire, vous auriez dû déjà mettre à la poste votre rapport semestriel ainsi qu'un chèque couvrant les frais semestriels dus Rotary International. Deux de nos clubs sont maintenant en probation parce qu'ils ont négligé d'envoyer leurs rapports de janvier. Ces clubs perdront leur chartre s'ils ne se conforment pas par le premier octobre. Veuillez vous assurer que votre rapport de juillet est déjà mis à la poste.

FAIRE CONNAITRE ROTARY

Qu'est-ce que c'est que les relations publiques? On peut trouver les définitions par les douzaines. En effet, par les relations publiques, on veut dire appréciation publique de performance propre. "Propre" ici signifie "dans l'intérêt publique". Et est-ce que les Rotariens travaillent dans l'intérêt publique? Pour sur! Lisez donc le Critère des Quatre Questions. En vivant selon notre charte, nous devons donner de l'aide où il y en a besoin dans nos communautés et autour du monde. Bien que la reconnaissance de ces bienfaits soit importante, nous ne la cherchons pas pour nous-mêmes. Nous la cherchons pour faire savoir aux gens que nous sommes des participants actives dans nos communautés, ce que nous y accomplissons, et que les autres sont bienvenus et encouragés à nous joindre dans tous nos efforts. Un tel programme de relations publiques peut aider Rotary à atteindre ses buts.

LISTE DE CLASSIFICATION

Je demande à chaque club que je visite de me donner une liste de classification mise à jour comme décrite dans la lettre circulaire de juillet. Je voudrais la recevoir avant la fin de 1986. Cette liste est l'instrument le plus utile pour l'accroissement du nombre de membres. Si vous n'en avez pas, vous vous passez d'un instrument excellent pour recruter de nouveaux membres.

LES NOUVELLES DES AUTRES CLUBS

L'assistance à un meeting de Scarborough Rotary était "le meilleur que jamais" avec 22 invités en plus des membres. C'était un meeting en commun avec le Lion's Club.

Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary a fait donation d'un mécanisme pour la détection de la vitesse au département de police de la région -- ça c'est de "Servir d'Abord"!

Graham Texas Rotary Club se vante de "La plus Grande Circulation Payée du Bulletin Rotary Hebdomadaire." Envoyez \$8.00 (\$10.00 US pour les clubs canadiens) à THE SCANDAL SHEET P. O. Box 900, Graham, Texas, USA 76046

ROTARY APPORTE L'ESPOIR

Quand le service "vous fait mal"... Lorsque la Mère Teresa de Calcutta est devenue Paul Harris Fellow, elle a dit, "Maintenant je suis Rotarienne. Si vous vous associez à Rotary seulement pour avoir le droit de dire que vous êtes Rotarien, et si vous n'y assistez que pour la camaraderie et la repas, ne vous joignez pas. Devenez Rotarien seulement si vous êtes disposé à servir jusqu'à ce qu'il vous fasse mal."

Pour avancer cette idée au delà, je dis que vous devriez alors continuer à servir jusqu'à ce que cela vous fasse du bien!

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION PROGRAM

Our club can win the President's Citation from the President of Rotary International this year by completing any four of the following:

1. Achieve a 3% net gain of members in the club.
2. Sponsor a new Rotary, Rotaract or Interact Club.
3. Initiate at least one new service project in vocational service, community service, or international service during the year.
4. Participation by Club President and Secretary (1987-88) at the District Assembly.
5. Increase club representation at district conference by 10% over last year.
6. Increase contributions to The Rotary Foundation by 10% over last year's contributions.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

You don't buy a newspaper--you buy news. You don't buy insurance--you buy security for others. You don't buy glasses--but you buy vision. You don't buy awnings--you buy shade. You don't buy membership in Rotary--you pay dues which enables the organization to function in such a manner that it offers the opportunity to leaders in the community to band together to further the "Object of Rotary" in our town and throughout the free world. ---Pittsburgh LIVE STEAM, via Fair Park, Dallas ROTANEWS, via Graham, Texas, SCANDAL SHEET

FROM OTHER DISTRICTS

District 730 in Pittsburgh, Pa, has a Patients Assistance Program available to provide non-financial assistance to any family, Rotarian or non-Rotarian, which relocates to the Pittsburgh area to await organ transplant surgery, who is sponsored by a club in our district. If you know of any family facing this problem, write to: RI District 730 Patients Assistance Program Westin William Penn Hotel, 2nd Floor Sixth & Grant Streets Pittsburgh, PA 15219

CLUB EXTENSION - Several clubs are preparing to follow the lead of the Camden and West Bay clubs in forming another Rotary club within their community. This action will strengthen the parent club in several ways, and allows for the growth of Rotary in each community. Others might enjoy following the lead of Portsmouth, NH, Dover-Durham, NH, and Bangor, ME. You can expect me to say more about this on my club visits.

A PERSONAL NOTE TO ALL PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

At the Balsams, I asked all Paul Harris Fellows to pledge at least \$100 per year to the Rotary Foundation. Since we have shown our support for the work of the foundation in the past, it's up to us to lead the support in the future. I've turned over my \$100 check to my club for their foundation work -- where's yours???

PROGRAMME DE CITATION DU PRESIDENT

Notre club peut gagner la Citation de President accordée par le Président de Rotary International cette année en exécutant n'importe quel quatre de la suite:

1. Augmenter de 3% net l'effectif du club.
2. Parrainer un nouveau club.
3. Mettre en oeuvre au minimum un nouveau projet relevant de l'un de ces trois domaines d'action: professionnelle - internationale - intérêt public, au cours de la prochaine année rotarienne.
4. Réunir la présence du président et du secrétaire du club à l'assemblée du district.
5. Renforcer de 10% par rapport à l'année précédente le taux de participation des membres du club à la conférence du district.
6. Accroître de 10% par rapport à l'exercice précédent le montant des contributions du club à la Fondation Rotary.

L'ACCROISSEMENT DU NOMBRE DE MEMBRES

On n'achète pas de journal - on achète des nouvelles. On n'achète pas d'assurance - on achète de la sécurité pour les autres. On n'achète pas de banne, on achète de l'ombrage. On n'achète pas le titre "Rotarien", on paye les dus qui permettent à Rotary de fonctionner à la manière d'offrir aux hommes de direction dans la communauté l'occasion de se réunir pour avancer "l'Objet de Rotary" dans deux villes et dans le monde entier.

D'AUTRES DISTRICTS

District 730 en Pittsburgh, PA, a un Programme d'Assistance aux Patients qui offre de l'assistance non-financière à n'importe quelle famille, Rotarian ou non, qui entre en résidence à la région de Pittsburgh pour attendre une transplantation d'organe, et qui est sous la parrainage d'un club de notre district. Si vous avez des renseignements d'une telle famille, écrivez à:

RI District 730 Patients Assistance Program -- Westin William Penn Hotel, Floor-- Sixth & Grant St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

EXTENSION DE CLUB - Plusieurs clubs s'approprient à suivre la direction des clubs de Camden et West Bay à propos de former un Rotary Club additionnel dans leurs communautés. Cette action raffermira le club original de plusieurs manières, et permettra à Rotary de s'améliorer dans chaque communauté. Il se peut que d'autres clubs trouvent bon de suivre la direction de Portsmouth, NH, Dover-Durham, NH, et Bangor, ME. Je compte d'en parler plus quand je fais mes visites aux clubs.

UN MOT AUX PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Aux Balsams, j'ai demandé aux Paul Harris Fellows d'engager \$100 par année à la Rotary Foundation. Puisque nous avons autrefois entretenu l'oeuvre de la fondation, c'est à nous maintenant de mener l'action de le soutenir au futur. Moi, j'ai livré mon chèque de \$100 à mon club pour qu'ils s'en servent dans l'oeuvre de fondation. Ou se trouve le votre???

SOME LAST MINUTE THOUGHTS I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a very important letter concerning re-districting of District 779. If you do not act on that letter, never complain about what you got. It is very important that you write to me prior to October 1st with your approval or disapproval.

And if you disapprove, give me your idea of how it can be better done!!

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth recommends "tithing" to the Rotary Foundation and/or the Polio Plus program. What's that?? That means that at least \$10 out of every dollar you raise for charity purposes should go to the Foundation as either a general contribution or specifically for the Polio Plus program. I think that's a great idea.

Montmagny Rotary Club is a 100% PAUL HARRIS FELLOW CLUB. What's that???? Every member of the Montmagny club is either a Paul Harris Fellow or a Paul Harris Sustaining Member!! My hearty congratulations and thanks go to their President, Bertrand DeCardaillac, for coming all the way to Bath to present me (and President MATT) with the check for \$2,000 and the list of sustaining members.

Dover/Durham has an unique fund raising idea - and a great community service project at the same time. They raffle off 50 appointments with a team of doctors who perform a medical checkup on the winners -- a medical checkup some have valued at \$800. The winners receive the checkup after providing a check for \$50 to the Rotary Club for their charities. You figure it out -- 50 x \$50 is \$2500 for one day's work. Write to them for complete details but it looks great to me now that they have done it twice and ironed out the bugs.

Thirteen (13) clubs failed in July to report their attendance - and a couple who did report failed to provide their current membership total. I don't know what else to do. I've tried English and French and some still cannot send out this report!! Will someone offer my a workable solution?

BAIE-COMEAU, FREEPORT, HAMPTON, LAC MEGANTIC, MATANE, NEWBURYPORT, OGONQUIT, RANGELEY, RIVIERE DU LOUP, STE ANNE DES MONTS, SOUTH BERWICK, WALDOBORO, and WEST BAY
You still owe me a report, even if it is late. Please get in the mail IMMEDIATELY.

IRS is looking for volunteers to help prepare tax returns for the elderly, handicapped and others. Call a local IRS office for details.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Service Above Self - He Profits Most Who Serves Best / Servir d'abord - Celui qui sert le mieux profite le plus

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August 17, 1986

TO: All Rotary Club Presidents, District 779

SUBJECT: Redistricting of District 779

During his recent visit, President M.A.T. Caparas urged us to reconsider redistricting. This subject has been studied and restudied in recent years and a decision was made in June to allow the district to remain as it is, the largest in the world in land-mass and one of the largest in numbers of clubs and membership.

After discussing the issue with President MATT and some others, I am of the opinion that our June decision is not in the best interests of Rotary International or the clubs in our district for the following reasons:

1. Although it might be possible to effectively manage 67 clubs, it will not be possible to manage 80 clubs -- and that's what I predict for the near future.

2. "Effectively managing" 67 clubs is a dream that will not come totally true. Any professional manager knows that there is a limit to his span of control and it is far below 67. Two of our clubs are now on probation and several others could use the immediate personal touch of an on-sight district governor; but this is impossible prior to the end of 1986 when I will complete my visitations and have time to return--and that may be too late. Distances to some clubs preclude my return, no matter how dire the circumstances.

3. The use of Governor's Representatives is somewhat helpful, but there is really no substitute for a District Governor.

4. Generally speaking, District Governor's visits in our district should not start prior to mid-August. Those in the north country are on holiday and those in the southern clubs are busy entertaining them! Rotarians are either not home, or they are in the busy season of their business.

5. A lot of mail received from Rotary International and other governors from around the world goes unanswered -- simply because I am not available to answer it during my visitation months.

6. It is virtually impossible to attract young men to the job of District Governor. Because of the size of our district, and the commitment necessary, a man must have either a steady income even if he doesn't work, or be wealthy enough to do without a salary for six to nine months or more. These conditions virtually dictate an older man for the position -- and this brings up a subject discussed by President MATT.

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7. If our governors are older men, they will never have an opportunity to go on to be a Rotary International Director -- and that is a prerequisite to being Rotary International President. I think there are many men in our district who are highly qualified to someday be both Director and President who could not take the time now to manage district 779.

In my opinion, the optimum size of a district is 40 clubs - Rotary International starts talking about redistricting when one reaches 60 clubs - and district 779 is now fast approaching 80 clubs. There have been several proposals provided by redistricting committees in recent years; submitted as follows for your consideration.

1. Split at the Canadian border. This proposal has NO supporters to my knowledge. Clubs on both sides of the border are very much opposed to it.

2. Split North to South creating two international districts. Although the concept of two international districts is appealing, the distances involved in both would mean that we really haven't solved one of the major problems - distance.

3. Sharing some of our clubs with surrounding districts or making 3 districts out of 2 or 4 out of 3, etc. This would be a temporary measure at best. Three of the four neighboring districts have over 40 clubs and the fourth is not far from it. The clubs in the lower St. Lawrence, those which are geographically the most logical to join in another district, do not want that option. Their culture and language are totally different from the rest of District 781 and to join them there would be a great disservice.

4. Split the district along county lines in Maine with the coastal counties of York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox and Hancock joining with our current New Hampshire and Massachusetts clubs in one district -- and the inland Maine counties of Franklin, Somerset, Penobscot (except the town of Paten and surrounding areas), Waldo, Oxford, Kennebec and Androscoggin joining with the Canadian clubs in another district.

This fourth alternative is more attractive than others for several reasons:

1. The southern district would be about 250 miles long, contain 31 clubs with 2213 Rotarians. There is an immediate potential for extension clubs in York, Dover/Durham and Biddeford/Saco and near-future clubs in several other areas.

2. The northern district would be about 600 miles long plus Frobisher Bay in the Northwest Territories. The internationality of that district would be preserved. There would be 36 clubs with 1603 Rotarians and immediate potential for extension in Bangor, Quebec and Jonquiere and future prospective clubs in several other areas.

3. The mix of clubs in the northern district would provide a Canadian governor at least every other year (20 of the 36 clubs would be Canadian) and maybe more often (It's up to them).

I have informally polled many members of the redistricting committee. Most agree that the fourth alternative is the most viable. Up to this point I have not heard any strong disagreement that redistricting is inevitable. Redistricting will result in two stronger districts both with the probability of growing to 40 clubs in the near future and growing in strength of service with the more local governor.

The Manual of Procedure requires a majority of clubs to disapprove before this proposal will be defeated; it is imperative that you respond to me prior to October 1st if your club objects to this action. If you do not approve of this action, I hope you have a better idea and will submit it.

If you approve, or do not object, I'd be delighted to receive your vote of confidence prior to October 1st. Either way your club decides, I'd like to hear just so I know you received this letter.

I've been led to believe that if approved, this split will occur as early as July 1, 1988. If that is true, we'll be looking to select two governors for the northern district this year (1988-89 and 1989-90) and one for the southern district (1989-90)—Ron Drouin has already been elected for 1988-89 in the southern district.

Thank you for your continuing support in a very difficult job.
WITHOUT YOUR HELP, I CANNOT DO ANYTHING.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Hahn

Copies to:

Rotary International (Bill Egli)

All Past District Governors, District 779

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 779

Attendance report for July 1986

Club Name	%	7/1/86	7/31/86	+/-	Rank(over 80%)
Augusta	78.24	73	71	-2	
Bale-Comeau		23	23	0	
Bangor	73.89	169	167	-2	
Bar Harbor	84.88	52	54	2	14
Bath	85.25	67	67	0	13
Beauceville	70.13	35	38	3	
Beaumont	78.5	30	28	-2	
Belfast	77.69	56	55	-1	
Bethel	87.2	25	25	0	9
Biddeford-Saco	86.37	105	106	1	11
Boothbay Harbor	93.71	61	60	-1	2
Brunswick	74.7	137	138	1	
Camden	90	78	79	1	6
Damariscotta-Newcastle	95	45	53	8	1
Dover-Durham	76.87	101	102	1	
Ellsworth	73.81	65	63	-2	
Exeter	76	46	45	-1	
Farmington	87.59	27	32	5	8
Freeport		27	27	0	
Freebisher Bay	60	27	26	-1	
Gardiner	74	40	43	3	
Grand Mere	71.7	36	36	0	
Hampton		65	63	-2	
Jonquiere	58	31	31	0	
Kennebunk	76.3	87	87	0	
La Tuque	92.7	22	23	1	5
Lac Megantic		23	23	0	
Lewiston-Auburn	81.82	221	206	-15	17
Lincoln	62.5	20	16	-4	
Lisbon	69.99	18	20	2	
Livermore Falls	83.57	16	15	-1	15
Matane		19	19	0	
Mont Joli	77	31	31	0	
Montmagny	54.55	22	22	0	
Newburyport		96	96	0	
Ogunquit		47	47	0	
Old Town	78.05	57	59	2	
Oxford Hills	93.13	32	32	0	4
Portland	73.99	198	204	6	
Portsmouth	76.14	202	201	-1	
Quebec	57	74	73	-1	
Quebec Est	77.14	42	39	-3	
Rangeley		35	35	0	
Rimouski	66.2	32	33	1	
Riviere du Loup		33	33	0	
Rochester	73.66	54	56	2	
Rockland	93.45	105	106	1	3
Runford	68.7	41	37	-4	
Ste Anne des Monts		21	21	0	
St George des Beauce	79.7	52	51	-1	
Sanford-Springvale	85.3	71	71	0	12
Scarborough	83.33	37	36	-1	16
Shawinigan	45.4	16	15	-1	
Skowhegan	71.4	45	45	0	
Somersworth	77.14	46	45	-1	
South Berwick		28	28	0	
So Portland-Cape Elizabeth	76.47	51	51	0	
Thetford Mines	74.52	46	44	-2	
Trois Rivières	65	55	56	1	
Waldoboro		9	9	0	
Waterville	71	124	123	-1	
Wells	80.9	38	38	0	18
West Bay (Camden)		32	32	0	
Westbrook	87	61	56	-5	10
Windham	71.2	30	33	3	
Winthrop	79.54	47	45	-2	
York	87.72	59	57	-2	7
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