



Governor's Monthly Letter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December - club elections
- January - semi-annual Rotary International Reports
- January 24 - "Future Governors' Seminar"
- February - World Understanding Month
- February 23 - Rotary's 82nd anniversary --
World Understanding and Peace Day
- March - President Elect Training Seminars
- March 28 - Training for PolioPlus Area Coordinators
- May 2 - District Assembly in Trois Rivieres
- June - R.I. International Convention in Munich, Germany
- June 18-21 - District 779 Conference-The Balsams

THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Betty and I wish you all a blessed holiday season full of the peace we all hope for. In these crazy times, let us all pause long enough to think about the meaning of the word PEACE.

PEACE is that state which most of us expect to find only in the next life -- where everybody will love everybody else -- where there will be no recognition of different skin colors -- where there will be no athiests, or moslems, or jews, or christians, just believers -- where no hunger will ever cause a child's belly to swell -- and no polio or other disease will ever tear apart a person's body.

We wish you all these things now, and ask you to take the time to make the effort - to make all of these things come true. You and I have the power, but we must make the effort. It will be difficult, but nothing is impossible if we really want to do it.

God bless each and every one of you.

CLUB ELECTIONS

All clubs will hold elections this month and elect the men who will serve in the Rotary year 1987-88. Club secretaries are reminded to promptly mail the election results to Rotary International with a copy to myself at the address above and a copy to:

DGN Marcel Girardeau
C. P. 172
Grand' Mere, PQ, Canada G9T 5K8

CLUB ASSEMBLIES

The Rotary year is half over, and it's time to take a good look at how we are doing. Club presidents are urged to have a mid-year club assembly to review what has gone right, what's gone wrong, and how to improve the record.

DURHAM (GREAT BAY)

On Tuesday, December 2, 1986, Rotary International accepted the newest member club in the world of Rotary when they approved the charter of the Durham (Great Bay), NH club here in District 779. It is a pleasure to congratulate Chris Hascall on his success in forming this new club and on his election as the club's charter president. I would be remiss if I failed to mention the efforts of Bill Skinner who was with Chris all the way from the beginning.

Congratulations to charter secretary Tom Crosby, and other officers and members for a job well done.

For those who remember back a few years, Chris was the charter president of the Oxford Hills Rotary Club..... Where next, Chris??? Charter night has been tentatively scheduled for January 24, 1987 - mark your calendars.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Our Group Study Exchange team will depart for India on January 8th -- and we all wish them well in this very important event in their lives. I had the pleasure of meeting them this month and we can all be very proud of them. They are:

Robert A. Burr, a Waterville Rotarian
Art Kuehn, alternate, a Lewiston Rotarian
Dennis J. Dechaine, Brunswick
Marcel LaRoche, Quebec
Edouard G. Plourde, Lewiston
Kent W. Wonnack, Brunswick
Alain Belanger, Quebec
Michael D. Miles, alternate, Lewiston

We are all looking forward to meeting the team at the Balsams in June.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Included in each Club President's letter is a brochure on the District 779 Youth Exchange Program. Since a lot of information is contained therein, I'll not take up space here. If you have more interest, please contact Bill Skinner and he'll be glad to help you.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

In each Club President's envelope, I've enclosed a copy of the new District 779 Rotary Youth Exchange Brochure. We should all be interested in promoting this type of Rotary action. If you have any questions, contact Bill Skinner, Chairman, Rotary Youth Exchange Committee, P. O. Box 838, Durham, NH 03824.

INNER WHEEL

Rotary Clubs are encouraged to sponsor INNER WHEEL Clubs within their territory. Active membership in INNER WHEEL is open to wives and widows of Rotarians, and mothers of single Rotarians. The objects of the INNER WHEEL are:

1. To promote true friendship.
2. To encourage the ideals of personal service.
3. To foster international understanding.

INNER WHEEL clubs now exist in many cities in Canada, including St. George and Quebec City, and in Waterville, Maine. INNER WHEEL is an international organization with headquarters in London, England.

INNER WHEEL clubs are free to arrange their own program and regular club meetings are held as decided by the members; generally once a month.

If any of you or your wives are interested in this excellent avenue of service, please contact either:

Debbie Duplisea, Secretary Waterville Inner Wheel RFD #2, Box 2500 Waterville, ME 04901	or	Cyprienne Morissette 11135 Ieme Avenue St. Georges, Bce, PQ, Canada G5Y 1V9
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R.I. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

NOW IS THE TIME to register for the 1987 R.I. International Convention to be held in Munich from June to June. Registration prior to January 1st will not only save you \$40 per couple, it will put you on the mailing list for future informational materials including opportunities to attend special features with limited space. Prompt registration will also provide a wider choice of hotels.

OLDEST DISTRICT 779 ROTARIAN

Thanks to those who submitted nominees for this distinction. Among those received were:

ROCKLAND: Horatio C. Cowan Born: September 7, 1892 Class: Ice Cream Distribution Joined Rotary: Oct 8, 1937 President: 1946-47	CAMDEN: Ray L. Littlefield Born: 1895 Class: Joined Rotary: 1960
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BOOTHBAY
Harold Clifford
Born: May 21, 1893
Class:
Joined Rotary: Dec 12, 1939
President: 1945

LE ROTARIEN LE PLUS AGE DU DISTRICT

Mes remerciements à ceux qui ont soumis les noms des candidats pour cette distinction. Parmi les noms reçus -

UNIONS MANQUEES

Une réunion de Rotary Club se commence trois fois par minute, vingt-quatre heures par jour, cinq jours par semaine, quelque part dans le monde . . . et quelques gens ne peuvent pas en trouver une pour se rattraper les réunions manquées.

INNER WHEEL

Les Rotary Clubs sont encouragés à promouvoir les INNER WHEEL Clubs. Les femmes et veuves des Rotariens, aussi bien que les mères des Rotariens célibataires peuvent être membres actifs. Les objets de INNER WHEEL sont de:

1. Promouvoir la vraie amitié.
2. Encourager les idéals du service personnel.
3. Avancer l'entente entre les nations.

Des Clubs INNER WHEEL existent dans beaucoup de villes au Canada, y compris St. George et Québec, et à Waterville, Maine. INNER WHEEL est une organisation internationale avec bureau principal à Londres Angleterre.

Les Clubs INNER WHEEL sont libres à arranger leurs programmes et à établir l'horaire des réunions, qui se tiennent en general une fois par mois.

Si vous ou vos femmes s'intéressent à cette avenue excellente de service, mettez-vous en contact avec:

Debbie Duplisea, Secretary Waterville Inner Wheel RFD #2, Box 2500 Waterville, Maine 04901	ou	Cyprienne Morissette 11135ième Avenue St. Georges, Bce, PQ, Canada G5Y 1V9
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ATTENDANCE REPORTS

I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ATTENDANCE REPORTS FROM CLUBS AS FOLLOWS:

	July	August	Sept	Oct
Baie Comeau	x	x	x	x
Belfast			x	
Camden (West Bay)	x	x		
Jonguiere		x		
Lisbon				x
Matane	x	x	x	
Scarborough				x
Ste Anne des Monts	x	x	x	x
Waldoboro	x			
Waterville			x	

ALL ATTENDANCE REPORTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SENT TO:

District Secretary Floyd M. Carter
955 High Street
Bath, Maine 04530

OR CALL HIM on 207-443-4733

I hope someday to have all of these missing reports!!! Please get them in as soon as possible.

CLASSIFICATION LISTS

I've heard some good comments about last month's article on classification lists. I also heard about one club that had a minister and a bishop in the same religion — their classifications were "Religion, Episcopal, Retail" and "Religion, Episcopal, Wholesale."

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

While you are making plans to attend our District 779 Assembly on May 2nd in Trois Rivières, please include your club's President-elect, Secretary-elect and POLIO PLUS CHAIRMAN. All club directors and members are invited to attend; the more we have, the better the programs.

During my visitations, I had several inquiries about PROBUS. PROBUS is a Rotary-sponsored association of retired professional and business men, former executives and others. The basic purpose of a PROBUS club is to provide regular gatherings of men who in retirement, appreciate and value opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances and of a similar level of interest.

The emphasis is on the clubs being:

- * Simple in structure.
- * Free from the constraints and obligations of service clubs.
- * Involve members at minimum cost.
- * Be directed, primarily, to providing fellowship and the opportunity for development of acquaintance.
- * Seeking members who are compatible with one another.

Their activities, normally, fall into two parts:

- * A meeting on a set day each month from 10 a.m. to noon comprising about 30 minutes of business, 30 minutes coffee break and 60 minutes to hear a guest speaker and for discussion.
- * Visits (between meetings) to places and organizations of particular interest to members and occasional social and sports activities.

Rotary clubs seeking an avenue of community service would do well to look into further details of forming a local chapter of PROBUS. A PROBUS leaflet and the "Manual of Organization" may be ordered from PROBUS CENTRE - CANADA, 1342 Hixon Road, Oakville, Ontario, Canada L6L 1R7

ROTARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARS

Congratulations to those clubs who submitted applicants for the District's four Rotary Foundation Scholarships. 24 Applicants were submitted by: Augusta Beauport, Biddeford-Saco, Brunswick (3) Damariscotta-Newcastle, Exeter, Freeport, Jonquiere, Kennebunk, Lewiston-Auburn Newburyport, Quebec (4) Quebec Est, Rimouski (2), Sanford-Springvale (3), Waterville,

The committee completed its work on Saturday, November 22nd by selecting these four scholars:

Jean Raby, McGill University (Quebec-Est)
Nancy A. Drapeau, Georgetown Univ. (Biddeford-Saco)
Franque Grimard, York Univ. (Jonquiere)
Rebecca E. Bradshaw, Harvard Univ. (Newburyport)

and these four alternates, in the order listed:

Robert C. Brooks, Harvard Univ (Waterville)
Susannah W. Hill, Brown Univ (Exeter)
Lisa M. Bourassa, Bowdoin College (Augusta)
Marie-Claire Belleau, Laval Univ. (Quebec)

As in years past, the selections were very difficult. Clubs are reminded that finding Rotary Scholars is not a task you can complete in September each year with an October 1 deadline. This job is an all-year effort which should be continued as soon as possible.

POLIO PLUS

Because of the nature of the PolioPlus campaign in Canada, it will be separated from the effort within the United States. Cy Hiller, President of the Trois Rivieres club, has accepted chairmanship of the effort in District 779 Canadian clubs. Canadian club PolioPlus chairmen should make themselves known to Cy as soon as possible with a note to him.

MISSED MEETINGS

A Rotary Club meeting is started three times every minute, 24 hours of each day, five days a week, somewhere in the world.....and some people can't find a place to makeup!!

Last month I told you I am planning a seminar of everybody and anybody who thinks that one day he might want to serve Rotary as a District Governor. That seminar will be held at The New Meadows Inn at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 24th, 1987. I expect we will spend about 2 hours on the subject followed by a luncheon with the choice of the menu at your expense. Following luncheon, we will continue until all of the presentation and your questions have been answered.

I've heard rumors that many are interested in attending -- but I am sure there are many more. There is no obligation to serve if you attend this; the only purpose is to eliminate some of the myths surrounding this office. PDGs are all welcome to attend and their presence could provide a lot of additional information.

We can have a successful seminar if everybody interested in serving within the next 20 years attends. It can be more successful if the married ones bring along their wives. It will be a total success if each brings along an influential member of his home club (e.g. president, past president, future president or secretary)

I would like to make proper plans for your seating and documentation materials for you to take home; please write or call me as soon as possible and make reservations. My address and phone number are on page one.

To repeat for the Canadian clubs -- if enough interest is shown from Canadian Rotarians, I will repeat this seminar in Canada. Please contact Marcel Girardeau if you would be interested in attending.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

It is requested that clubs submit nominations for governor of District 779 for the Rotary year 1989-90. Since so many clubs voted against redistricting in recent weeks, can I dare to assume that each of them has a candidate for governor ready to be submitted? Here's your opportunity to prove to me that the district is not too large. Submit nominations not later than February 15, 1987 to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee:

PDG Robert M. Tonge
P. O. Box 357
Waterville, ME 04901

PUBLIC RELATIONS

One of the first steps in successful public relations work for a Rotary club is to establish a "master media list" -- a listing of area media contacts by name, address, and phone number. The list should be typed out with full addresses so materials can be mailed efficiently. One good way to do this, especially since none of our District clubs will have a very extensive list, is to type the addresses on a master matrix (these can be purchased from office supply places; they are in label format normally with three labels across and about eight down). Once the master is done, it is a simple matter to then xerox the master onto a sheet of stick-on labels (purchased with the master matrix form). Then, when you have a release to mail, you only have to peel the labels off and put them on the envelopes, saving a lot of time and effort.

Nearly every club in our District has an event or two that is done every year such as an auction, a bake sale, a Christmas tree sale, etc. We all do things to raise funds, and normally many of those are recurring events. These events lend themselves to public relations (or, in fact, ARE public relations) and clubs should ensure that local media are informed of them. Not only should you inform them, you should also invite the media to attend, as appropriate. The best story is the one the media write; second best is if they'll use the release you wrote.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 779

Attendance report for November 1986

Club Name	%	7/1/86	11/30/86	+/-	Rank (over 80%)
Augusta	80.53	71	72	1	30
Baie-Comeau		23	23	0	
Dangor	77.23	169	162	-7	
Bar Harbor	73.6	51	54	3	
Guth	81.42	67	66	-1	28
Beauceville	82.14	38	38	0	22
Deauport		28	30	2	
Belfast	79.74	55	53	-2	
Dethel	83.33	25	25	0	19
Biddeford-Saco	87.11	107	102	-5	13
Cothbay Harbor	92.47	61	62	1	2
Brunswick	82.05	136	137	1	23
Camden	90.48	78	78	0	6
Damariscotta-Newcastle		45	54	9	
Dover-Durham	80.06	101	104	3	31
Ellsworth	74.75	66	64	-2	
Cxeter		46	42	-4	
Farlington	92.22	32	32	0	3
Freeport	70.19	26	26	0	
Frobisher Bay		26	24	-2	
Gardiner	80	40	34	-6	32
Grand Mere	87.9	36	39	3	11
Hampton	82	65	62	-3	24
Jonquiere	55.5	31	26	-5	
Kennebunk	81.67	89	85	-4	27
La Tuque	88.5	22	24	2	10
Lac Megantic	64.5	21	21	0	
Lewiston-Auburn	81.25	206	207	1	29
Lincoln	78.5	20	14	-6	
Lisbon	90.45	18	21	3	7
Livermore Falls	85.68	15	14	-1	16
Matane	72.4	19	19	0	
Mont Joli	81.7	31	25	-6	26
Montmagny	64.13	22	23	1	
Newburyport	75	94	94	0	
Ogunquit	72.3	49	47	-2	
Old Town	87.5	57	60	3	12
Oxford Hills	89	32	32	0	8
Portland	78.74	203	201	-2	
Portsmouth	78.44	198	205	7	
Quebec	65.7	73	70	-3	
Quebec Est		42	41	-1	
Rangely	76.04	36	32	-4	
Rimouski	82.8	32	34	2	20
Riviere du Loup	85.6	33	34	1	17
Rochester	83.81	54	54	0	18
Rockland	90.91	105	109	4	5
Rumford	77.33	37	33	-4	
Ste Anne des Monts		21	21	0	
St George des Beauce	82	51	52	1	25
Sanford-Springvale	77.25	71	70	-1	
Scarborough		37	35	-2	
Shawinigan	0	16	0	-16	
Skowhegan	75.13	45	45	0	
Somersworth	78.8	45	46	1	
South Berwick		28	29	1	
So Portland-Cape Elizabeth	82.5	51	50	-1	21
Thetford Mines	91.49	45	44	-1	4
Trois Rivieres	74	56	50	-6	
Waldoboro	59	11	15	4	
Waterville	73	124	121	-3	
Wells	75	38	35	-3	
West Bay (Camden)	86.36	32	44	12	15
Westbrook	87	61	55	-6	14
Windham	94.85	30	34	4	1
Winthrop	70.62	47	45	-2	
York	88.79	50	58	8	9