



Governor's Monthly Letter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 23 - Rotary's 82nd anniversary --
World Understanding and Peace Day
- March 14 - PETS in Quebec City
- March 15 - PETS in Riviere du Loup
- March 21 - PETS in Trois Rivieres
- March 21 - Training for PolioPlus Area Coordinators in Framingham, MA
- March 28 - PETS in Portsmouth, NH
- March 29 - PETS in Biddeford, ME
- April 4 - PETS in Rockland, ME
- April 5 - PETS in Augusta, ME
- May 2 - District Assembly in Trois Rivieres
- June - R.I. International Convention in Munich, Germany
- June 18-21 - District 779 Conference - The Balsams, NH

THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Life sure has quieted down since Betty and I finished our visitations to your clubs. A few very interesting things in our Rotary lives have happened.

The seminar for men interested in becoming District Governor in the future was a great success, with six men attending as prospects and fourteen others to learn something about this position.

Durham (Great Bay) charter night was a social event to outclass all others as representatives of clubs from as far away as Grand'Mere converged on New Hampshire for the party. Chris Hascall and his club did a great job.

CLUB MEETING PLACES

Clubs keep moving, nothing is sealed in concrete:

WALDOBORO Rotary returned to Aunt Lydia's Tavern on Route 1 at the Waldoboro-Warren town line - Monday at 6:30 pm.

WINDHAM has moved to Amato's Restaurant, Route 302 in North Windham -- Thursday at noon.

DAMARISCOTTA-NEWCASTLE moved to the Homestead Inn on Route 1, 1/2 mile south of the Damariscotta/Newcastle exit ramp.

ATTENDANCE REPORTS ARE STILL MISSING FROM

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Baie Comeau	x	x	x	x	x	
Ste Anne des Monts	x	x	x	x	x	x
Waldoboro	x					
Jonguiere		x				
Iqaluit					x	

Note: Only one club missing now to complete December --

DEAD OR ALIVE

Live Rotary clubs are constantly changing; dead Rotary clubs don't have to change.....

Live Rotary club expenses always exceed their income; dead Rotary clubs take in more than they ever dreamed of spending....

Live Rotary clubs support World Community Service projects; dead Rotary clubs keep it all at home.....

Live Rotary clubs dream great dreams for Rotary; dead Rotary clubs relive the past.....

Live Rotary clubs recruit new young members; dead Rotary clubs grow older and fossilize.....

Is your club dead or alive?????

---from a club bulletin as repeated in
The Rochester Rotary Reporter

JAMES BARKER SMITH

As I prepare this newsletter, I have been made aware that JAMES BARKER SMITH, PORTSMOUTH ROTARY CLUB's great hotelier, is gravely ill in a Boston Hospital. Please include Jim and his wonderful wife Margaret in your prayers -- we all want his quick recovery

ATTENTION PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Two Zone Institutes have now been scheduled, and you are invited to make plans to attend one or both.

Zone TWO, (Canada), will meet October 2, 3 & 4 at The Delta Airport Inn Resort in Richmond, BC, Canada.

Zones SIX, EIGHT & TWELVE (northeast US) will meet October 15-18 in Columbus, Ohio. I expect to drive to Ohio and will no doubt have room for one or two -- let me know if you want to ride along -- (nothing like planning ahead!!!). See brochure enclosed in mailing to PDGs only.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP--ROTARY FOUNDATION--POLIO PLUS

ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CHANGES

Life insurance enables a person, even of modest means, the opportunity to give significantly without impairing savings. Policies purchased for family protection when the children were small, the mortgage was new and a business was just being launched may no longer be necessary. These relatively idle, low-yielding assets make excellent gifts and can sometimes generate tax savings and additional income. You could earn your Paul Harris Fellowship by:

- (1) Assigning irrevocably to the Rotary Foundation a paid-up life insurance policy;
- (2) Assigning irrevocably to the Rotary Foundation a life insurance policy on which premiums remain to be paid;
- (3) Name the Rotary Foundation as Primary Beneficiary, but retain ownership of the life insurance policy;
- (4) Designate the death proceeds of a life insurance policy to fund a life-income plan for a surviving-spouse or relative;
- (5) Use the cash value of a life insurance policy to fund a life income plan for donor and/or spouse.

Whether you can -- or when you can receive Paul Harris Fellowship recognition for any of the above depends on the actual value of what you donate. For additional information talk to your favorite insurance man and:

Lawrence E. Shawver, The Rotary Foundation
1600 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Ill 60201 (312)328-0100

SAMANTHA SMITH FOUNDATION

During my travels I said I would not be keeping score, and I'm not; but I think you ought to know that the clubs of District 779 have done a wonderful job of supporting the Samantha Smith Foundation this year. To date, 18 clubs have donated over \$6,000, with half of that amount contributed by the SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH ROTARY CLUB. I've heard that there are still clubs interested in making an effort in this cause of world peace. In case your club is interested, send donations either to me or directly to the Samantha Smith Foundation, Box 60, Manchester, ME 04351. If you are within reasonable distance from Augusta, Jane Smith would be delighted to present a program at your club fully explaining the work of the foundation.

NEW SUBJECT-SAME SUBJECT -- The Samantha Smith Foundation will be moving into a larger office within the month and they office furniture -- new or used (in good condition). Jane and her assistant are prepared to move personal desks from their homes, but would rather not. Desks, chairs, and a reasonably sized conference table with chairs are all needed. (NO JUNK, PLEASE!!!). File cabinets are not needed--they have already been donated.

If your club or a member of your club has anything to contribute, please contact the Samantha Smith Foundation on 207-623-1306 or call me on 207-443-2961. You may deliver it yourself, or if reasonable distance is involved, I'll use my pickup truck and deliver it for you.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

I recently received two requests for Youth Exchange, one from District 502 and one from District 508, both letters from British Columbia, Canada. Both desire a youth exchange with clubs in Quebec province. This is an excellent opportunity for French-speaking Quebec clubs to have an exchange with their countrymen in the West. For further information, contact our District 779 Youth Exchange chairman, Bill Skinner; the Youth Exchange co-chairman, Michele Bussieres or our District Governor Nominee, Marcel Girardeau. Their addresses are as follows:

Clubs are continually reminded that the deadlines announced for Rotary Scholarships are DEADLINES -- and that the earlier applications reach Rotary International, the better the chances are that the individuals will receive the school of their choice.

At their October meeting, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved several Scholarships Program changes. The most important of these changes is an amended Scholarships timetable.

- 15 July 1987: Final date for receipt of completed applications by clubs
- 15 August 1987: Final date for receipt of club-endorsed applications by district governors
- 1 October 1987: Final date for receipt of district-endorsed applications by The Rotary Foundation
- 15 December 1987: Announcement of 1988-89 scholarships

BILL GOWEN, Chairman of the District 779 Rotary Foundation Committee, has scholarships applications in hand, and he will be sending them to clubs in the near future (or recent past). IT IS VITAL that clubs get to work on them and get applications into the district as soon as possible (final date of 15 August could be earlier if the Foundation Committee determines that would be better for the students).

BOOKS FOR MONT JOLI

As the result of an almost casual reference to a need for English language books in a library in Mont Joli, Canada, clubs in southern Maine took it upon themselves to mount a monumental effort in international service. Over 4,000 books weighing over one ton were collected and delivered to Canada. Many clubs got involved, and at the risk of leaving someone out, I'll gladly mention SCARBOROUGH, YORK, SANFORD-SPRINGVALE, SOUTH BERWICK and BIDDEFORD-SACO Rotary Clubs. Individual extraordinary efforts were turned in by Rotarians HAROLD MERRY of SOUTH BERWICK, DAN PURDY of DOVER-DURHAM, WALTER ARMSTRONG of BATH, DGN RON DROUIN of BIDDEFORD-SACO and GAETAN MORISSETTE of MONT JOLI. This project was one which proves just how much Rotarians can accomplish if they are simply asked!!!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR PRESIDENT OF R.I.

Club Secretaries have all received information concerning your club's opportunity to propose a candidate for election to membership on the nominating committee for president of R.I. All nominations must be received in the office of the general secretary on or before 1 April 1987, and must be accompanied by a written indication from the Rotarian proposed that he is willing and able to serve on the nominating committee for president, if elected. There are three qualified individuals in Zone 12:

Ray E. Collett of Old Town, Maine
Marcel Corbat of Stamford, Connecticut
Artemas P. Richardson of Exeter, New Hampshire

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Look for Rotary members who are doing things....and then look for media that might be interested in the story. Every club has members with interesting jobs, interesting hobbies and leisure activities, and members who receive awards outside Rotary. The PR chairman should keep abreast of the membership and try to ensure that, when members are recognized in the media at any time for any reason, that they are identified, whenever possible, as "Rotarian John Doe."

POLIO PLUS

Throughout the past several months, we've received mountains of paper telling us about the PolioPlus program, what its aims are and just how we are going to do it. Some of the things that are going to happen in the next few months:

- a. Training of PolioPlus Area Coordinators on March 21st in Framingham, Mass.....
- b. Subsequent training of Club PolioPlus Chairmen by the Area Coordinators sometime prior to July 1st.....
- c. Clubs establishing goals for the PolioPlus campaign.
- d. June 7th kickoff of the PolioPlus campaign worldwide at the Rotary International Convention in Munich, Germany.....
- e. All clubs start raising money on July 1st for PolioPlus through special events and individual donations.....while clubs and members continue donating to the Rotary Foundation as they had done in the past.
- f. Victory celebration at the Rotary International Convention in Philadelphia, Pa in June, 1988.

Included on the last page of this letter, along with the attendance reports, you will note a club by club list of donations to PolioPlus and the Rotary Foundation during this Rotary year as of January 31st, 1987 -- this is the latest report I have available. As of that date, District 779 had donated this year \$24,270 to PolioPlus and an additional \$44,054.12 to the Rotary Foundation; a total of over \$68,774 in all.

Just to the left of those two columns, you will note a column with the heading "PP goal" -- PolioPlus goal. Some of you have already decided what your club goal for PolioPlus will be, others still have that to do.

Will you please sit down as soon as possible -- President, President-elect and Club PolioPlus chairman -- and look at your membership list - look at your club's record of giving to the Rotary Foundation - look at your dreams for special events for PolioPlus and what you expect to raise -- and

ESTABLISH A CLUB GOAL FOR POLIOPLUS.

At your earliest convenience, please notify me by letter, phone or carrier pigeon what your club goal will be. I've been advised by Rotary International what your club's "share" of the \$120 million is, but I'm not supposed to release that information prior to mid-March. Some of the club "shares" are not realistic - some too high, some too low. I'd really like to hear from you WHAT YOUR CLUB INTENDS TO DO FOR POLIOPLUS --

If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer them to the best of my ability. I really have great faith in the men of District 779 that they are going to prove my point that we are among the most generous men in the world, that asked to do a job we'll do it, we'll do it right, and we'll do it fast!!!!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 779

Attendance report for January 1987

Club Name	%	7/1/86	1/31/87	+/-	Rank(over 80%)	PP Goal	PP 1/31/87	RP 1/31/87
Augusta	74.51	71	68	-3				
Baie-Comeau		23	24	1				
Banger	70.32	169	172	3				\$3000.00
Bar Harbor	75.61	51	51	0				
Bath	80.478	67	66	-1	33			\$1000.00
Beauceville	85.2	38	33	-5	17			
Beaumont	72.2	28	26	-2				
Belfast	76.39	55	55	0				\$4000.00
Bethel		25	28	3				\$1000.00
Biddeford-Saco	90.13	107	102	-5	8		\$2000.00	\$1100.00
Boothbay Harbor	91.38	61	60	-1	5			\$2000.00
Brunswick	83.7	136	137	1	23			\$5375.00
Camden	89.91	78	75	-3	10			\$3000.00
Damariscotta-Newcastle	90	45	57	12	9			\$7000.00
Dover-Durham	83.82	101	101	0	22			
Durham (Great Bay)	93.25	0	23	23	2			
Ellsworth	81.62	66	66	0	28			\$1100.00
Exeter	79.76	46	42	-4				
Farmington	91.13	32	33	1	6	\$200.00		
Freeport	81.27	26	27	1	30			
Gardiner	87	40	36	-4	**	\$1000.00		
Grand Mere	89.9	36	38	2	11			\$1000.11
Hampton	79	65	65	0				\$13.00
Iqaluit	83	26	26	0	**			
Jonquiere	63	31	25	-6				
Kennebunk	78	89	87	-2				
La Tuque	93.2	22	25	3	3			
Lac Megantic	64.7	21	22	1				
Lewiston-Auburn	81.32	206	205	-1	29			\$1300.00
Lincoln	91.05	20	14	-6	7			
Lisbon	78.5	18	21	3	**			
Livermore Falls	71.4	15	14	-1				
Matane	85	19	17	-2	18			
Mont Joli		31	26	-5				
Montmagny	84.78	22	23	1	19	\$100.00		
Newburyport		94	94	0				\$3000.00
Old Town	88.29	57	61	4	15			\$1000.00
Oxford Hills	89.4	32	32	0	13			
Portland	80.72	203	204	1	32	\$7250.00		\$1400.00
Portsmouth	81.63	198	201	3	27	\$3220.00		\$900.00
Quebec	70.9	73	57	-16	31			\$1000.00
Quebec Est	81.08	42	41	-1	12			\$1000.00
Rangely	89.59	36	34	-2	4			
Rimouski	91.8	32	33	1				
Riviere du Loup	78.54	33	34	1				\$1016.01
Rochester	89.18	54	53	-1	14	\$1000.00		\$1900.00
Rockland	96.8	105	110	5	1			
Rumford	84.06	37	32	-5	21			
Ste Anne des Monts		21	21	0				
St George des Beauce	88.1	51	51	0	16			
Sanford-Springvale	76.7	71	71	0				
Scarborough		37	39	2				
Shawinigan		16	0	-16				
Skowhegan	76.19	45	49	4				\$1000.00
Somersworth	72.34	45	47	2				
South Berwick	75	28	27	-1				\$1000.00
So Portland-Cape Elizabeth	83.5	51	53	2	24	\$2000.00		
Thetford Mines	76.52	45	45	0				\$1000.00
Trois Rivieres	83	56	53	-3	25			
Waldoboro		11	11	0				
Waterville	72	124	121	-3		\$4850.00		\$2750.00
Wells		38	36	-2				
Wells-Ogunquit	75.33	49	48	-1				\$1600.00
West Bay (Camden)	84.66	32	44	12	20			
Westbrook		61	55	-6				
Windham	91.18	30	34	4	**	\$3100.00		
Winthrop	82.9	47	43	-4	26			
York		58	58	0				\$900.00

Average attendance 83.4665% 3798 3782 -16 \$0.00 \$24720.00 \$44054.12
 ** When calculating year-end membership, add 22 from Durham (Great Bay) \$399,960 = District Share
 ## Report received after RI report mailed.