



Governor's Monthly Letter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January - semi-annual Rotary International Reports due
- 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

The year is half-over and there is still so much to do. I am very pleased to see from your weekly bulletins that many clubs are holding mid-year club assemblies. This is a vital part of your rotary year -- an important opportunity to take a look back at your year so far, and determine what needs to be done in the months ahead.

I have been telling you about the seminar I am holding on January 24th for everyone interested in becoming District Governor any time in the future. I am pleased to learn that at least seven individuals are planning to attend. Two others would come except that they have a previous engagement. It is sad to say that there are many others in our district who would attend, except that they do not know anything about it!

IMPORTANT NAME CHANGE

Frobisher Bay is not Frobisher Bay anymore!!! Effective January 1, 1987, the community is officially known as Iqaluit. We of District 779 welcome the Iqaluit Rotary Club -- For mail purposes, the postal code remains XQA OHO.

THAT'S NICE DEPARTMENT

Several district clubs are making copies of this newsletter and providing further distribution -- some to the club's board of directors and some to the entire club!!!

SEMIANNUAL REPORT AND PER CAPITA DUES PAYMENTS

If your club has not mailed in the January 1st semi-annual report and per capita dues payments, YOU ARE LATE!!! If your club has not yet mailed in the July 1986 semi-annual report and per capita dues payments, YOU NO LONGER HAVE A ROTARY CHARTER!!!

Club secretaries please note that these reports and payments must be made prior to the end of January.

CLUB ELECTIONS

All clubs held elections IN DECEMBER and elected the men who will serve in the Rotary year 1987-88. Club secretaries should mail the election results ON THE PROPER FORMS 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

ATTENDANCE REPORTS

I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ATTENDANCE REPORTS FROM:

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov
Baie Comeau	x	x	x	x	x
Buifast			x		
Damariscotta/Newcastle					x
Exeter					x
Iqaluit					x
Jonquiere		x			
Matane	x	x	x		
Ste Anne des Monts	x	x	x	x	x
Waldoboro	x				



The Rotary Foundation
awards scholarships
to teachers
of the handicapped

ROTARY VILLAGE CORPS

President M.A.T. has asked me to provide information on the status of the Rotary Village Corps (RVC) in District 779. To my knowledge, there is no club involved in this program up to now. If there is, I haven't heard about it.

If your club has started an RVC, please let me know immediately (my deadline for reporting is 1/31/87). The following information is needed:

- a. Name of the RVC
- b. Name of the sponsor Rotary club
- c. Number of members
- d. Number of projects undertaken
- e. Type(s) of project(s) undertaken

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINATIONS

Clubs should immediately submit nominations for district officers in District 779 to the chairman of the District Nominating Committee to be received prior to February 15, 1987. Nominations required are as follows:

- District Governor for the year 1989-90
- District Secretary for the year 1987-88
- District Treasurer for the year 1987-88

The correct address for all nomination papers is:

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

WOMEN IN ROTARY (see other article!!)

~~You have probably heard that the Rotary International Board of Directors intends to poll Rotary clubs in the near future to learn your interest in this important issue. President "Harold the Merry" of South Berwick has already issued an excellent survey form which he is passing to all members this week. Note that this is not a vote...it is an opinion survey. If you are interested in this the format and/or the results of the poll, contact Harold directly. It is too long to include in this letter.~~

OLDEST DISTRICT 779 ROTARIAN

Another senior citizen Rotarian you will want to know about is Charles Connor. He was born December 17, 1893 and is a Senior Active member of the Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club. He's been active for a long time -- as a contractor, he built my house in Bath 71 years ago!!!!

The four oldest Rotarians in 779 as I know them are:

- Horatio C. Cowan, Rockland, Sept 7, 1892
- Harold Clifford, Boothbay, May 21, 1893
- Charles Connor, Lewiston-Auburn, Dec 17, 1893
- Ray Littlefield, Camden, 1895

WOMEN IN ROTARY

An article above indicated that RI "intends to poll Rotary clubs in the near future to learn your interest in this important issue." On January 17th, I had the pleasure of meeting with a half-dozen District Governors from throughout New England, and learned (as most of them did) that RI started polling 20% of the rotary clubs in December regarding Women in Rotary, and apparently did so WITHOUT TELLING THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS ABOUT IT!!!! I would like very much to hear from the clubs who have been contacted by RI, and receive a copy of any report they send to RI. In my opinion it is absolutely vital that District Governors be continually aware of important contacts between RI and individual clubs ---- (ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, PLEASE NOTE!!!)

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE

The Rotary International Institute, which is held concurrently with the International Assembly, is designed for all current and past International Officers as a program of fellowship at the highest level with the purpose of continuing education and planning for further improvement of Rotary. It is an excellent opportunity for P.D.G.s to get involved in Rotary once again and become more active at the district or higher level.

This Institute will be held February 27-March 6, 1987 at Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tenn. If you haven't received registration forms, I have one and will be delighted to send you a copy.

OUR DISTRICT ROTARIANS

The District Public Relations Committee this year is made up of one Dan Davidson, a member of the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club. Dan was recently elected president for 1987 of the Maine Public Relations Council, which is a statewide organization for the promotion of public relations and the professional development of its members.

Dan has been a PR professional for 24 years, and a volunteer for many of those years. His professionalism in everything he does is highly evident. Dan is totally responsible for the PR (Promote Rotary) articles in my newsletter. My congratulations, Dan, on this new honor.

ROTARY FOUNDATION SUPPORT

President Peter Bernard of the Portland Rotary Club wrote a personal letter to Rotarians in his club, telling about the merits of the Rotary Foundation and inviting each of them to become a Paul Harris Fellow or, at least, a sustaining member. The letter is very well done and I expect many of the members will accept his invitation.

Other club presidents interested in this type of leadership effort can easily write such a letter, or if you are so inclined, copy Pete's. If you want a copy, just ask.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Try to send something to the media each week (at least the primary print medium). Most newspapers have sections where they run community events and local happenings. (If yours doesn't suggest to them that it would be a great community service for them to do) All our clubs have a program every week; that program notice should be in the paper. Why, you ask, since all our members hear about it not only at meetings but also through our club newsletter? The answer is that the community should also come to know that your club is active. By listing your program each week, you show your area that you participate and you may even encourage growth in membership by publicizing your interesting programs.

INTERACT

My congratulations to JIM RIOUX and CHARLES ADAMS and the members of the Augusta Rotary Club. I hear that a new Interact Club has been formed at Cony High School; now waiting approval from Rotary International

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY DETAILS

The District Assembly will be held at the Auberge de Gouverneurs in Trois Rivieres, Quebec, on May 2nd. We expect to see every Club President-elect, Club Secretary-elect and Club Polio Plus Chairman there, along with members of your club's Board of Directors and the club bulletin editors.

I remember about ten years ago when I was re-elected as club secretary and I failed to attend the assembly because I already "knew it all." I also remember DC Dom Tardif's challenge, "If you don't come to learn, come to teach!"

Club presidents-elect will receive their workbooks and an opportunity to meet with and share ideas with other club presidents. This will preclude each of you trying to "reinvent the wheel" in your club administration.

The Secretary's performance of his job reflects on the club president and the rest of the club. If he's good, every-thing is great....if he's not, no amount of good work on the part of the club will be appreciated.

The Secretary is normally the man with all the Rotary answers. These answers change from year to year--the questions change from year to year. This assembly will bring him up-to-date on Rotary information.

Your club's receipt of the Presidential Citation is at least partially contingent on the president-elect AND secretary-elect attending the district assembly.

Polio-plus chairmen will be briefed on this very important Rotary fund-raising program that will be in full operation from July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988.

Other club directors and bulletin editors will have opportunities to share ideas with men in similar positions.

I've been known to have out-dated information -- and I need the experienced secretaries present to keep me straight!

MUSINGS OF A DISTRICT GOVERNOR!

How does a Rotarian like Chris Hascall find the time and energy to be the charter president of two Rotary clubs in 3 years?????

How do clubs continue to spell the governor's name wrong and use a 7-year-old address, six months after he takes office?

Why do I continue to receive a dozen or more attendance reports after six newsletters have repeatedly provided the name and address of the District Secretary for this report? Why do they continue to arrive as late as the 15th of the next month when for years we've been teaching they should be mailed prior to the end of each month?

How many candidates for District Governor can we expect to have this year? How many is good? How few is bad? What do the clubs expect of their governors?

By January 17th, I have received the election results from 40 Rotary Clubs!?!?!?

CLUB BULLETINS

Sometime in the near future, I will set up the mechanism that will evaluate your club's weekly bulletin in district-wide competition. Note that only WEEKLY bulletins will be considered for an award. It is important that you are all judged by the same criteria, so here are mine....

- 1. Appearance.....
2. Coverage of R.I. and District News.....
3. Support of District activities.....
4. Coverage of speeches made to your club.....
5. Utilization of available space.....
6. Listing of results of club's fund-raising.....
7. Mention of contributions made by your club.....
8. Information on the Rotary Foundation.....
9. Information on the Polio Plus Program.....
10. Induction of Paul Harris Fellows.....
11. Attendance and club efforts to improve it.....
12. Humor.....
13. Current masthead, including name of R.I. President, District Governor and club officers (all spelled correctly).....
14. Report of letters of commendation or recognition received by your club or its members.....
15. Reports of Board of Directors meetings.....
16. Typographical appearance of the bulletin.....
17. Publicity given to such events as the following: President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) District Assembly District Conference Rotary International News Rotary International Convention.....
18. Reprinting of important excerpts from the Governor's monthly letter, the RI News and RI Clip Sheet....
19. Introduction of new club members.....
20. Credits to club committees and members who have produced results.....

Use the underlined spaces to record your evaluation:
"5" or Excellent
"4" or Good, could be better
"3" or Fair
"2" Poor, needs improvement
"1" Non-existent

GENERATION AT RISK, THE CHEMICAL PEOPLE II

A sequel to the 1983 PBS program on drug abuse, "The Chemical People", is scheduled for airing on 28 January 1987. It is entitled "Generation at Risk, The Chemical People II" and will cover more than just drug abuse as a threat to the younger generations.

As a resource, the program will list a variety of organizations, including Rotary clubs. Your club may be contacted by a local PBS station or by the public. If your club is not involved in any anti-drug abuse project, you should be prepared to tell those inquiring that each Rotary club determines its own projects and that your club has not yet decided to undertake such a project.

Then, you might consider getting involved. Four areas of concern are, drug abuse, teen suicide, teen pregnancy and dropouts. Any one of these could provide a worthy project for any Rotary club.

ATTENDANCE

Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" once featured a Rotarian, a Doctor Huston of Oklahoma, who left his home at seven thirty in the morning, performed 35 tonsilectomies, one appendectomy, set a broken arm, delivered two babies, and attended a Rotary luncheon all before one o'clock in the afternoon. This makes excuses of some of us a little bit weak.

Club Name	%	7/1/06	12/31/06	+/-	Rank (over 80%)
Augusta	85.99	71	70	-1	15
Baie-Comeau	72	23	24	1	
Bangor	72.8	169	142	-27	
Bas Harbor	59.34	51	52	1	
Bath	80.04	67	65	-2	27
Beauceville	83.25	33	34	-4	20
Beauport	45	28	26	-2	
Belfast	83.04	55	55	0	**
Bethel	83.46	25	28	3	19
Biddeford-Saco	79.6	107	100	-7	
Boothbay Harbor	86.01	61	61	0	12
Brunswick	77.4	136	137	1	
Camden	89.04	78	75	-3	8
Damariscotta-Newcastle	99	45	57	12	1
Dover-Durham	79.95	101	100	-1	**
Durham (Great Bay)	90.8	0	22	22	5
Ellsworth	72.53	66	64	-2	
Exeter	76	48	40	-6	
Farvington	90.32	32	33	1	6
Freeport	84.61	26	26	0	16
Gardiner	86	40	36	-4	13
Grand Mare	78.8	36	39	3	
Hampton	80	65	62	-3	**
Iqaluit	86.4	26	25	-1	**
Jonquiere	69.33	31	26	-5	
Kennabunk	87.11	89	85	-4	10
La Tuque	91.1	22	24	2	**
Lac Megantic	68	21	21	0	
Lewiston-Auburn	82.04	206	207	1	23
Lincoln	80.4	20	14	-6	26
Lisbon	72.4	18	21	3	
Livermore Falls	78.54	15	14	-1	
Matane	71.32	19	17	-2	
Mont Joli	92.38	31	26	-5	3
Montagny	70.65	22	23	1	
Newburyport	76.7	94	94	0	**
Ogunquit	71.34	49	47	-2	
Old Town		57	60	3	
Oxford Hills	83.7	32	32	0	17
Portland	87.11	203	205	2	11
Portsmouth	76.45	198	204	6	
Quebec	63.4	73	71	-2	
Quebec Est	75	42	41	-1	
Rangeley	73.53	36	34	-2	
Rimouski	83.5	32	33	1	18
Riviere du Loup	70.58	33	34	1	
Rochester	82.75	54	53	-1	22
Rockland	88.78	105	106	1	9
Rumford	76	37	33	-4	
Ste Anne-des Monts		21	21	0	
St George des Beauce		51	52	1	
Sanford-Springvale	74.83	71	71	0	
Scarborough	75.39	37	39	2	
Shawinigan	0	16	0	-16	
Skowhegan	70.28	45	45	0	
Somersworth	73.56	45	47	2	
South Berwick	76	28	27	-1	
St Portland-Cape Elizabeth	91.5	51	53	2	4
Thetford Mines	89.61	45	45	0	7
Trois Rivières	77.3	56	50	-6	
Waldoboro		11	15	4	
Waterville	77	124	122	-2	
Hells	72.2	38	36	-2	**
West Bay (Camden)	81.4	32	43	11	25
Hestbrook	82	61	55	-6	24
Windham	82.86	30	35	5	21
Winthrop	73.5	47	45	-2	
York	92.53	58	58	0	2

Please note that this report must be in the mail to Rotary International to reach them by the 17th of the month. I have instructed all of you to have them in the mail before saying goodnight on the day of the last meeting of the month. Six clubs did not meet the deadline, three more didn't report at all!!!

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** When calculating year-end membership, add 22 from Durham (Great Bay)
 * Received TOO LATE for Rotary International attendance contest.