



# Governor's Monthly Letter

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 25 - Training seminar for US PolioPlus club chairmen in Brunswick, Maine
- 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 MESSAGE

You must by now realize that all the news that is fit to print does not appear in my newsletter each month. As you open your daily mail, you receive much information from Rotary International, The Rotary Foundation, PolioPlus, different Rotary newsletters, club bulletins and who knows what else!!!!

I've tried to provide you with new but important information which might be duplicated in other sources, but most likely is not.

If information in my letter is new to you, I hope you will accept the fact that I really believe it is important or I would not take the time. If information in my letter is a repeat of what you've read elsewhere, chances are that I really believe it is important enough to repeat or I would not take the time.

Many clubs in District 779 provide me with copies of their club bulletins, and I am grateful for that. Although I usually do not sit to study each and every word, I do look closely in an attempt to learn something about club service projects and extraordinary events. For the past two months, I've been saving all of the club bulletins for review by the club bulletin awards committee. See information below about this competition.

### ATTENDANCE REPORTS ARE STILL MISSING FROM

	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Baie Comeau	x	x	x	x	x		x
Ste Anne des Monts	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Waldoboro	x						x
Wells							x
Westbrook							x

### MORE POLIO PLUS

The Canadian Government through CIDA has given US\$1,250,000 to Rotary's PolioPlus campaign. More evidence that you are not expected to tap your club members for the entire \$120 million -- use your community as well as your local and other governments.

### MESSAGE DU GOUVERNEUR

Vous devez déjà vous rendre compte que toutes les nouvelles ne sont pas incluses dans ma lettre chaque mois. Vous recevez chaque jour beaucoup d'information de Rotary International, la Fondation Rotary, PolioPlus, des lettres Rotary de toutes sortes, des bulletins de club et qui sait quoi d'autre!!!

J'ai essayé de vous fournir l'information que vous n'avez pas déjà reçue.

Si l'information dans ma lettre est nouvelle, j'espère que vous accepterez le fait que je la trouve importante ou que je ne m'en occuperais pas. Si vous avez déjà lu l'information ailleurs, il est très possible que je la trouve assez importante pour la répéter ou que je ne m'en occuperais pas.

Beaucoup de clubs du District 779 m'envoient des copies de leurs bulletins de club, et pour ça je suis très reconnaissant. Bien que je n'examine pas chaque mot des bulletins, je cherche à apprendre quelque chose des projets de service et des événements extraordinaires. Je garde depuis deux mois tous les bulletins pour la révision par le comité. Voir ci-dessous l'information de cette compétition.

### FAST FORWARD

Many of our clubs, particularly in Maine, might be interested in "FAST FORWARD", a conference for young people and those who care about them. It will be held May 14, 1987 at the Augusta Civic Center. Information is enclosed for all U.S. Clubs.

### INFANT SAFETY SEATS

The Belfast Rotary Club has a long record of helping to make auto travel safer for infants and toddlers of Waldo County, Maine. The club made its first contribution of six infant car safety seats to the Waldo County General Hospital in 1982. Since then, the club donated \$500 in 1984 for additional infant seats, and in January, 1987, provided 15 toddler seats.

The hospital has an inventory of 83 infant and 95 toddler seats donated by Belfast Rotary and civic minded business organizations. Over the years many Waldo County parents and children have benefitted from the concern that Rotary has for the lives and safety of the coming generation.

## CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Iqaluit Rotary received a \$15,000 grant to host a conference for Parents of Special Needs Children. This effort will bring together parents, teachers, and support personnel from ten communities.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

A simple PR tool for every District Club is to encourage the wearing of the Rotary pin ... all the time! What better PR than the visual reminder that there are men all over town, doing many good things for the community through their jobs and personal lives, who are also Rotarians! What good does it do just to wear the pin to the weekly meetings? That's not its primary purpose. Be VISIBLE as Rotarians in your communities!

### MONTMAGNY ROTARY

Montmagny's second annual 24-hour Marathon will be held June 27th and 28th, starting at 1700 on the 27th. Montmagny Rotary supports this event because it in turn supports a children feeding project in Africa (The Regina DeVos Foundation), it is an event open to all (runners and walkers, amateurs and professionals, privileged and handicapped). The theme is participation and hope for all. Last year an unprepared team of eight Rotarians and three Rotary wives relayed during the 24 hours and gave unprecedented publicity to the club and its project for the handicapped.

This year Montmagny Rotary would like to form several teams of Rotarians from throughout District 779. A team may be 4, 6, 8, 10, 20.....any number. Clubs interested in forming their own team or Rotarians interested in joining a team are invited to send inquiries to Bertrand deCardillac, President of the Montmagny Rotary Club, 305 Marquis, Montmagny, Quebec, Canada G5V 1J5.

### CLUB BULLETIN COMPETITION

Each year the district governor presents an award for the best club bulletin. Many of your clubs have been sending me bulletins regularly throughout the year. My description of what makes up a club bulletin appeared in my January newsletter.

Those clubs who have been sending me newsletters have nothing further to do, just keep it up. Those clubs who have not yet included me on their mailing list are asked to do so as soon as possible.

I will see that all club bulletins are forwarded to the review committee.

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP

Some say they do not want to be a Paul Harris Fellow unless it is awarded to them, because they do not believe in buying an award. Most of the time, those who make such a statement are good Rotarians who, perhaps, deserve some award for their meritorious service. But it is still less than modest for them to declare, albeit inferentially, that they deserve to be rewarded. In any case, it is unrealistic to expect that all of one's good works will be rewarded in this world. But the greatest objection to this point of view is that it will tend to kill the very Foundation it is supposed to be praising.

It was never intended that one should give money to the Foundation to get a Paul Harris pin. The foundation gives the pin to a large donor as an expression of thanks -- a recognition of the great help that will flow from the contribution. It was, of course, intended to induce contributions--not as a commodity for sale but a tangible sign of the contribution given. For we are all human, and are encouraged to do more when we see the results of our efforts. Most of the time, however, we have no way of seeing the great good that the Foundation is doing with the money we give to it. We can only visualize the great good from the increased capability we give to the Foundation with our contributions, and the Paul Harris pin is the tangible sign of our contribution. We wear it as a sign of our support for the Foundation, our oneness with its objective to advance international peace and understanding through educational and charitable programs.

### MORE POLIOPLUS

The District Assembly will feature training for incoming Club Presidents, Club Secretaries, and other club officers charged with Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service. Since PolioPlus is the biggest project in Rotary's history and the campaign will take place next year, some time will be spent telling these club officers what we know about PolioPlus. Training for club PolioPlus Chairmen will most likely take place prior to the District Assembly.

Club PolioPlus chairmen are specifically invited to attend the District Assembly; however there will be no special training session for them. It is unlikely that they will learn anything new about PolioPlus; however they will probably have an opportunity to discuss their club plans with other club chairmen.

U.S. Club PolioPlus chairmen are asked to attend a seminar in Brunswick, ME on Saturday, April 25th. At that seminar they will be provided with information they might need to conduct a successful campaign in your community. Canadian Club PolioPlus chairmen will be similarly trained sometime during April.

There are still ten clubs who have not yet named their PolioPlus Chairmen. Please do so as soon as possible and notify Area Coordinator or the District Chairman or both!!!

## MORE NOTES ON POLIO PLUS

When clubs are establishing their goals, they should consider the fact that the PolioPlus fundraising effort is intended to include our communities -- not only our Rotary clubs. To that end, Dick Clarke who is the Area Coordinator is promoting the purchase and raffle of a 1987 BMW valued at \$22,575. Second prize will be a trip to Aruba valued at \$2,000. He expects to sell 7,000 tickets at \$10 each in the communities in southern New Hampshire and Newburyport, and raise about \$50,000.

PolioPlus in District 779 has two major divisions created by Rotary International - and they are completely different organizations with different leadership and different rules:

The Canadian clubs in 779 are under the leadership of District Chairman Cyril D. (CY) Hiller, 3690 Papineau, Trois Rivieres, PQ, Canada, G8Y 1N8 -- Phone 819-375-3721.

The U.S. clubs in 779 are led by Richard E. (DICK) Clark, 15 Glenwood Ave, Dover, NH 03820 -- Phone 603-742-1263.

Canadian clubs should not be receiving or acting on mail from the U.S. PolioPlus organization and U.S. clubs should not be receiving or acting on mail from the Canadian organization.

The District 779 PolioPlus organization at the next level is headed up by area coordinators who are:

### IN CANADA

Area 1 - MARCEL CHAUSSE, 181 Bellview, Trois-Rivieres, G9B 1H5, phone 819-377-1330; Iqaluit, Trois-Rivieres, La Tuque and Grand'Mere.

Area 2 - DANIEL THIBEAULT, 4775-G Gaboury, St. Augustin, G3A 1G2, phone 418-871-2633; Quebec, Quebec Est, Beauport, Jonquiere and Montmagny.

Area 3 - DANIEL LESSARD, 11575 2nd Ave E., St. George de Beauce, G5Y 1W8, phone 418-228-3997; Beauceville, Lac Megantic, St. George de Beauce, and Thetford Mines

Area 4 - LOUIS GUILBERT, 116 St. Andre, Riviere du Loup, G5R 3J8 phone 418-862-7828; Beie Comeau, Mont Joli, Matane, Rimouski, Riviere du Loup, and Ste Anne des Monts.

### IN THE UNITED STATES

Area 5 - RICHARD E. CLARK, 15 Glenwood Ave, Dover, NH 03820 phone 603-742-1263; Newburyport, Hampton, Rochester, Dover-Durham, Exeter, Portsmouth, Somersworth and Durham (Great Bay).

Area 6 - ELIAS THOMAS, III, c/o Thomas Associates, P.O.Box 101, Shapleigh, ME 04076, phone 207-636-2224; Kenneunk, York, Wells, Sanford-Springvale, South Berwick, Wells-Ogunquit

Area 7 - RICHARD PETERSEN, Rocky Hill Road, Saco, ME 04072, phone 207-282-2976; Windham, Biddeford-Saco, Scarborough, Portland, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth and Westbrook.

Area 8 - DAVID N. TAFT, High Head, South Harpswell, ME 04079, phone 207-725-5716; Freeport, Bath, Damariscotta-Newcastle, Rockland, Belfast, Lewiston-Auburn, Brunswick, Boothbay Harbor, Waldoboro, Camden, Lisbon and West Bay (Camden).

Area 9 - GARY A. POTTER, P. O. Box 1142, Waterville, ME 04901, phone 207-453-9777; Gardiner, Waterville, Farmington, Livermore Falls, Rumford, Winthrop, Augusta, Skowhegan, Rangeley, Oxford Hills and Bethel.

Area 10-Bangor, Lincoln, Ellsworth, Old Town and Bar Harbor.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 779

Attendance report for February 1987

Club Name	%	7/1/86	2/28/87	+/-	Rank(over 80%)	PP Goal	PP 2/28/87	RF 2/28/87
Augusta	85.8	71	71	0	16			
Baie-Comeau	60	23	22	-1				
Bangor	66	169	168	-1				\$3000.00
Bar Harbor	73.53	51	51	0				
Bath	73.95	67	66	-1				\$1000.00
Beauceville	83.2	38	38	0	21			
Beaufort	69.4	28	26	-2				
Belfast	78.03	55	53	-2				\$4000.00
Bethel	87.96	25	28	3	5			\$1000.00
Biddeford-Saco	86.45	107	101	-6	9	\$2000.00		\$1100.00
Boothbay Harbor	87.47	61	59	-2	6			\$2000.00
Brunswick	71.5	136	135	-1				\$5475.00
Camden	83.99	78	75	-3	17			\$3000.00
Damariscotta-Newcastle	87	45	55	10	7			\$1759.66
Dover-Durham	79.48	101	101	0				
Durham (Great Bay)	83.75	0	23	23	18			
Ellsworth	69.16	66	66	0				\$1200.00
Exeter		46	42	-4				
Farmington	86.29	32	33	1	11	\$200.00		
Freeport	91.67	26	27	1	2			
Gardiner	81	40	36	-4	30	\$1000.00		
Grand Mere	86	36	38	2	13			\$1000.11
Hampton	82	65	67	2	27			\$13.00
Iqaluit	86	26	26	0	14			
Jonquiere	57	31	25	-6				
Kennebunk	83.34	89	87	-2	19			
La Tuque	76.8	22	25	3				
Lac Megantic	67	21	22	1				
Lewiston-Auburn	82.24	206	207	1	26			\$3250.00
Lincoln	65.6	20	18	-2				
Lisbon	61.9	18	21	3				
Livermore Falls	81.6	15	14	-1	29			
Matane	86	19	19	0	15			
Mont Joli	82.8	31	32	1	24			
Montmagny	80.44	22	23	1	32	\$100.00		
Newburyport	78.9	94	95	1				\$3000.00
Old Town	90.83	57	60	3	4	\$1000.00		\$1000.00
Oxford Hills	86.3	32	33	1	10	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	\$1000.00
Portland	83.04	203	203	0	22	\$7275.00	\$1400.00	\$1400.00
Portsmouth	86.54	198	205	7	8	\$3220.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Quebec	66.5	73	57	-16				\$1000.00
Quebec Est	79.17	42	40	-2				\$1000.00
Rangeley	82.26	36	31	-5	**			\$1000.00
Rimouski	82.6	32	32	0	25			\$1016.01
Riviere du Loup	80.5	33	34	1	31			
Rochester	83.33	54	53	-1	20	\$1000.00	\$1900.00	\$1900.00
Rockland	94.24	105	108	3	1			
Rumford	78.26	37	32	-5				
Ste Anne des Monts		21	21	0				
St George des Beauce	70.5	51	52	1				
Sanford-Springvale	79.92	71	74	3				
Scarborough	77.1	37	41	4				
Shawinigan	0	16	0	-16				
Skowhegan	69.66	45	50	5		\$5000.00		\$1000.00
Somersworth	73.33	45	45	0				
South Berwick	79.7	28	27	-1				\$1000.00
So Portland-Cape Elizabeth	79.2	51	53	2		\$2000.00		
Thetford Mines	75.48	45	45	0				\$1000.00
Trois Rivieres	75.4	56	51	-5				
Waldoboro		11	11	0				
Waterville	72	124	120	-4			\$4872.54	\$2810.00
Wells	70.3	38	34	-4				
Wells-Ogunquit	68.91	49	50	1				\$1600.00
West Bay (Camden)	82.95	32	44	12	23			
Westbrook	82	61	54	-7	28			
Windham	86.02	30	34	4	12	\$3100.00		
Winthrop	73.48	47	43	-4				\$100.00
York	91.1	58	59	1	3			\$900.00

Average attendance 80.02% 3798 3791 -7 \$6000.00 \$25767.54 \$49423.78  
 \*\* When calculating year-end membership, add 22 from Durham (Great Bay) \$399,960 = District Share

\*\* Report received after RI report mailed.

THE ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY COALITION PRESENTS...

"FAST FORWARD"

A Conference for Young People ...  
and Those Who Care About Them

MAY 14, 1987

AUGUSTA CIVIC CENTER, NORTH WING

9AM-2:30PM

EVENING SESSION 6:30PM-9:30PM

Kids are growing up too fast. Higher rates of pregnancy, suicide and chemical dependency are signals from kids that they need help growing up and going...so fast...forward. We need to talk together now...kids with parents, students with teachers, kids with kids, and all together at times...to give kids the life skills they need before they become teenagers, before they face big decisions, before they make big mistakes.

"FAST FORWARD" Is a forum for kids in grades 5-8 and parents, teachers, and other adults who care. It will provide a caring atmosphere for all of us to ask questions, get some answers and discuss ideas that will help everyone deal better with the issues facing kids today.

Speakers include Carol Cassell, an educator and author who has spent her life working with children, teens, parents and professionals addressing issues of sexuality. Tim Sample will both entertain and share his own story of the struggle to be himself. Workshops will be dynamic and fun for everyone...there will be opportunities to debunk some myths about sexuality, learn more about friendship, and how to say "no" without hurting someone's feelings. Teens in Theatre, an improvisational theatre group, and children who have grown up in war torn countries where their childhood was lost will give us all an opportunity to learn more about our ability to solve some very difficult problems in growing up. There is even a workshop that promises to be "Just Play".

There will be workshops for teachers, parents and professionals who work with kids...Critical viewing skills, what communities can do to help kids, and a chance for teachers to get a boost for the great work they do!

A ROCK CONCERT WITH RICK PINETTE! That's part of what is in store for those who come to the evening session...AN ITALIAN DINNER! The evening will provide a chance for families to come, eat together and learn together...then for the kids...A ROCK CONCERT...Rick Pinette provides a dynamic concert and a real understanding of kids...he has worked in Maine schools addressing kids on substance use and abuse, has worked with the Special Olympics and other groups who love kids. Parents and community members will be equally entertained by Carol Cassell, a noted author and educator who will through her own sense of humor and experiences help us to understand how to better reach our kids.

For registration information, contact your school principal or guidance counselor or call the Adolescent Pregnancy Coalition office at 622-5188

# "FAST FORWARD"

*A Conference for Young People...and Those Who Care About Them*

May 14, 1987

Augusta Civic Center, North Wing  
9A.M.-2:30P.M.

Evening Session 6:30P.M.-9:30P.M.

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*On May 14, there will be an opportunity for everyone to come together to learn more about what we can all do to better understand the issues facing young people today. In addition to a daytime conference for students, teachers, parents and professionals who work with kids, there will be a time for families and communities to come together to have dinner, fun, and an opportunity to open communication about some very important issues facing all our children and teens.*

*The evening includes a delicious Italian dinner, a Rock Concert for the kids with Rick Pinnette, and time for parents and other adults to hear Dr. Carol Cassell. Dr. Cassell is a nationally known educator and author who has spent her professional life working with parents, young people, teachers and other professionals around communication and sexuality. Her humorous style promises an evening of fun learning. It is a family affair... WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US.*

*For more information ...call The Adolescent Pregnancy Coalition 622-5188*

## REGISTRATION FORM FOR EVENING SESSION

NAME OF ADULT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (work) \_\_\_\_\_ (home) \_\_\_\_\_

I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ young people, ages \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: \$7.50 for adults (includes dinner and workshop with Carol Cassell)

\$5.00 for young people (includes dinner and concert)

Please send registration forms and make checks payable to:

Adolescent Pregnancy Coalition  
8 Crosby Street  
Augusta, ME 04330

\*Registration deadline May 10