



# 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  
March - President Elect Training Seminars  
March 28 - Training for PolioPlus Area Coordinators  
May 2 - District Assembly in Trois Rivières  
June 18-21 - District 779 Conference-The Balsams

## THE GOVERNOR'S CORNER

As I prepare this newsletter, Betty and I have just completed our last "overnight" trip in our club visitations - an eight-day trip to Quebec. We can now count our remaining visits on one hand. To say that this has been a fantastic experience would be a gross understatement. We have enjoyed every moment of every visit and now look back and wonder what happened to the months of June through October!! There is no way we can fully express our appreciation for the wonderful friendships we've found, except to pledge to you that we will continue to serve you through Rotary in the years ahead.

Generally, I can tell you that the clubs in District 779 are healthy. Most of the leadership has a good knowledge of Rotary and a strong desire to serve others. Many of the clubs enjoy unique fund-raising or charity projects which I will report to you as space permits.

Would I do it again, knowing then what I know now? You bet I would, but I'm not volunteering for anything!! Once in a lifetime is enough! My job now is to interest others in seeking this office. You'll find more on that subject in the following pages.

## WHO IS OLDEST ROTARIAN IN THE DISTRICT?

A question I cannot answer! I'd be delighted to accept letters from Rotarians which identify our senior Rotarians. Please provide name, address, Rotary Club and length of Rotary service, and any other biographic information you might have.

In many communities, the senior citizen is the proud holder of a ceremonial cane. Is there a club in our district which would like to provide such a cane or other instrument which can be passed from senior Rotarian to senior Rotarian in future years?

## WHO IS LONGEST IN ROTARY MEMBERSHIP?

I cannot answer that one either! Which Rotarian in our district has been in Rotary longest? Please provide your nominations with the information as above.

## CLASSIFICATION LISTS

Several clubs have a problem in interpreting what is a proper classification and what is not. This problem exists throughout RI. It is a matter for club resolution within the general guidelines provided by RI. To become completely confused on the subject, you might try reading the three pages devoted to the subject in the Manual of Procedure!

In the months ahead, I intend to prepare a standard classification list for use in this district. It will not contain all possible classifications, but it will include typical classifications found in most communities. You will be able to use it as a cornerstone for your club classification list if you so desire.

Probably the most important feature of a classification list is that it is "alive." It is NEVER complete. It is a tool for membership development; it is NEVER used to keep an individual out of Rotary.

A classification is an activity or service, not a position. For instance a president of a bank is not listed as bank president, but as "banking." Your club is restricted to one "banking" but not one banker. You might also include "banking-savings", "banking-loan" "banking-commercial", "banking-mortgage", etc. etc. This same principle applies to all vocations.

Any member of your club who objects to membership by another with a similar classification is (in my humble opinion) not worthy of his own membership! He has failed to accept himself fully into Rotary by embracing only those parts of Rotary which suit himself.

## GOVERNOR NOMINEES

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

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## GOVERNOR SEMINAR

In an effort to destroy some of the "myths" about being District Governor, I will hold at least one seminar for all individuals who might some day in the future desire to be governor. This is non-committal -- if you come it will be for information only and you will not be recruited to run.

Although it is not necessary, it might be helpful for a potential candidate to invite his club president and/or club secretary to attend with him. I've set a tentative date of January 24th in Bath.

**PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES -- PLEASE HELP ME ON THIS.** Get the word to everyone in your club that this seminar is going to happen. Interested individuals are requested to drop me a note indicating their desire to participate. If a sufficient number from Canada respond, I will hold a second seminar in Quebec.

## CLUB ELECTIONS

Each December, Rotary Clubs are directed to hold elections and elect their officers in according to the club by-laws. Presidents and Secretaries are reminded to take appropriate action to insure that this election is held in a timely manner and that the results are made known to Rotary International, the District-Governor Nominee for 1987-88, and myself as soon as possible.

Forms for reporting election results will be received from RI soon, if they have not already been received. Please insure that all copies are legible.

## NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Several club secretaries have contacted me asking where are their copies of my monthly newsletter. YOUR PRESIDENT HAS THEM!!! In a vain effort to lower postage costs and thereby increase circulation to other interested Rotarians, I have been sending THREE copies of each newsletter to the club president -- fully expecting that he would then provide a copy to the secretary and one to the bulletin editor or the president-elect. Apparently, in a few clubs, that effort has been wasted.

With this issue, the president of each club will receive his personal copy of each newsletter, and the secretary will receive two copies -- one for himself and one for either the bulletin editor or president-elect. Quebec province presidents will receive one copy in English along with a French translation; Secretaries will receive one copy with two French translations.

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

In case you missed it in the headlines - District Assembly will be held in Trois Rivières on May 2, 1987 -- that is a one week change from previously scheduled. All club president-elect and secretary-elect are expected to attend this important meeting, along with other incoming club directors and committee chairmen. More information will be disseminated whenever available.

## A SPECIAL INVITATION

Normally I would not call your attention to a District Conference in another district. However here is one that is unique, and might be of interest. District 424 will hold their District Conference in San Jose, Costa Rica, from March 25 to 28, 1987. President MATT has authorized to call this conference a "Goodwill Conference" and he will be present for part of it. Why is this conference unique? District 424 includes the countries of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama!!! It is one of the most international districts in the Rotary world. If any in your club is interested, please have them drop me a note and I will provide information as I receive it.

## REDISTRICTING

Contrary to what I've read in some club bulletins, I have not withdrawn my proposal to divide the district; only delayed final action for a while. This subject will be further discussed at the District Assembly and Conference -- and my final decision will be made before I leave office and will be based on information developed between now and then.

This delay was made as a result of a conversation I had with RI President-elect Chuck Keller. Chuck's first question was, "How much trouble are you having recruiting District Governors?" That question was difficult to answer. If my ambition is to have a candidate from every club every year, we certainly fall far short. If I'm looking for one candidate every year, we normally have at least that. I'd like to see at least four or five candidates every year; and we are far short of that. Please note paragraphs above regarding District Governor nominations and the future DG candidate seminar that I'm having in January.

## GROUP STUDY EXCHANGES

My September newsletter indicated the district had been invited to take part in a regular Group Study Exchange during the year 1987-88. In response to that announcement, I received one very strong recommendation against such an exchange so soon after we had completed our exchange this year. Since that negative recommendation came from PDG Andy Longley of Newburyport, and Newburyport is normally the club with the most responsibility in any exchange, no further action will be taken concerning a 1987-88 exchange. Besides that negative vote, I received absolutely no response to my request for a volunteer interested in getting involved in this very important work.

It will be proper at our June, 1987 District Conference for one or more clubs to introduce a resolution that District 779 take part in a Rotary International Group Study Exchange in the year 1988-89. All clubs interested in getting involved are invited to submit such a resolution to me. Those clubs who submit such a resolution will be the first considered when building the G.S.E. committee.

## ATTENDANCE REPORTS

I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED attendance reports from clubs as follows:

|                    | Jul | Aug | Sep |
|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Baie Comeau        | x   | x   | x   |
| Belfast            |     |     | x   |
| Camden (West Bay)  | x   | x   |     |
| Jonquiere          |     | x   |     |
| Matane             | x   | x   | x   |
| Ste Anne des Monts | x   | x   | x   |
| Waldoboro          | x   |     |     |
| Waterville         |     |     | x   |

Send all attendance reports to:  
District Secretary Floyd M. Carter  
955 High Street  
Bath, Maine 04530 phone 207-443-4733

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE FLOAT

At its February 1986 meeting, the RI Board of Directors approved the entry of a float in the 1987 Tournament of Roses Parade, and agreed that the project would be self-supporting. A suggested donation is \$1.00 per each club member.

Seven clubs in District 779 contributed \$591 for the 1986 float: Frobisher Bay, Lewiston-Auburn, Rockland, Wells-Ogonquit, Newburyport, Dover-Durham and Portsmouth. Any club interested in this public relations effort may send contributions to:

Rotary International Float Committee  
c/o PDG John W. Chesley,  
9003 Reseda Blvd, Suite 201  
Northridge, CA 91324



## VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Throughout my club visits, I've noticed many clubs have a trouble identifying things to do in Vocational Service. One idea you might want to consider in your club is a joint effort with the Boy Scouts of America in their CAREER AWARENESS EXPLORING program. The following is taken from their program guide:

"CAREER AWARENESS EXPLORING should be designed to be an integral part of the high school curriculum. Participating schools are provided a series of seminars and tours at two week intervals throughout the school year. Seminars usually last an hour during which speakers give information on duties, requirements, advantages, and opportunities within their career. Students have an opportunity to attend several of these seminars each year.

"The goal is to enable students to explore several different career areas which are of interest to them, learn of alternative occupations within the field, find out where to obtain further information, and go on to pursue the career in more depth."

For a complete copy of the CAREER AWARENESS EXPLORING GUIDE, contact a local Scoutmaster or write to the National Office, Boy Scouts of America, 1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving Texas 75062-1296.

## ROTARY VILLAGE CORPS (RVC)

The first few times I read about the RVC my mind was off in some developing country where there were mud huts and starving children. In a recent letter from President MATT, I was made aware that one cannot entirely rule out the potential for an RVC in a developed country.

ROTARY BRINGS HOPE, but in order to respond to needs, the needs must first be identified. Clubs are urged to analyze the needs of their surrounding communities, and to plant the seed for RVC by enlisting the help of local citizens in a specific project. The founding of every RVC this year should be based upon a specific initial project.

If you are able to identify such a need in your area, LET ME KNOW!!! I have additional, detailed information which would interest you in forming the organization and obtaining official Rotary International recognition.

## NEWS FROM OTHER CLUBS

OLD TOWN enjoyed their 36th Hunters Breakfast on November 1st where they served over 800 people a breakfast of bean-hole beans. 60 pounds of beans were cooked in five iron kettles. There are several features which make this event unique: Breakfast starts long before daylight at 4:00 a.m.; it is served outside or in a large tent provided by the National Guard. They only remember having rain one year, and that was covered by a "rain insurance policy."

SCARBOROUGH is seeking local Rotarians who will assist one of their members to attend Rotary meetings. This member is 91 years old and has over 25 years of perfect attendance, but cannot drive any more. That's an idea many of our clubs can use. Does your club have such a member who is sitting home?? Can another member or members be enlisted to assist him??

AUGUSTA has organized a group of club members who are accountants and attorneys who, for the next few weeks, will present a 5- minute series of indoctrinations reviewing various aspects of the new Tax Reform Act.

ABILENE, TEXAS - We recently gave ourselves a test and flunked. We took the recently revised roster of our Club membership and had our secretary set up three columns -- "well known", "known", and "strangers." We examined the sheets on each of our Rotary members and came out with the number of 88 who were well known to us, 29 that were known (but not well known), and 137 strangers. This surely did not make us feel very good; to realize that 54% of our fellow Rotarians were really just strangers, even though we did know 88 quite well. Yet, fellowship is supposed to be one of the key activities in our Rotary Club.



ROCKLAND - Charles Jordan Jr (right) became a member on June 27, 1986, the third generation of Jordans who are active in Rockland Rotary. In 1971, Charles Jordan (left) became the first member of the family in Rotary. Five years later he sponsored his father, Arthur (center), and the two helped initiate Charles Sr's son.

## FUND RAISERS

A member of a club in Rhode Island recently volunteered to go on a weight loss program with proceeds to go to Polio-Plus. He volunteered to lost 100 pounds within one year. Members are donating as much as \$10 per pound lost. Other clubs in his district have offered to support him by pledging \$1 per pound. Who in 779 will volunteer for such a project???

## ON TO MUNICH

Whether you are planning to go to Munich next June or not, it would be good if you had some club conversations on one or more of the following subjects. They will all be discussion topics at the 1987 Rotary International Convention; members who are going should certainly be prepared to get involved:

|   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| Rotary Brings Hope                        | Ethics and Rotary        |
| Future of Rotary                          | Rotary Village Corps     |
| Rotary Overseas Student Exchange          |                          |
| Concern for the Aging                     | Improving Peoples' Lives |
| Participation of Rotary Wives in          | the Objects of Rotary    |
| Drug Abuse Prevention                     | Peace Through Education  |
| Worldwide Unemployment Program            | Youth Activities         |
| Rotary Friendship Exchange                | Rotary Youth Exchange    |
| Inter-country Committee and contacts      |                          |
| Community Service (Disabled and aging)    |                          |
| Community Service (Water/Sanitation)      |                          |
| Vocational Service/Business Ethics        |                          |
| The Rotary Foundation                     | Club Leadership          |
| Health, Hunger & Humanity/Polio Plus      |                          |
| Building Rotary Membership/Club Extension |                          |
| Paul Harris Fellow meeting                | World Community Service  |

## ROTAPACT

To form a new Rotaract Club has some similarities with forming a new Rotary Club: practically all the forms are the same, give and take a few titles and paragraphs.

Although Rotaract Clubs may not at any time be considered as Junior Rotary Clubs, it is nevertheless evident that at least for their masculine membership, they can eventually bring prime prospects to your club, just the same as the scholarship programme. This is particularly true of those Rotaract Clubs composed of young adults, as against students. Do not all our clubs complain that it is difficult to recruit younger members?

Why young women in Rotaract? Some are even District Representatives (the equivalent to our District Governors). Simply because Rotary International, at the time of starting this youth movement, has thought in its wisdom that time had come to consider the other half of the human race, and in any case, the classification principle does not apply in the same way to Rotaracters.

At the first meeting of a provisional Rotaract Club, therefore, prospective members will have to decide whether to go Uni-sex or not.



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 779

Attendance report for October 1986

| Club Name                  | %     | 7/1/86 | 10/30/86 | +/- | Rank(over 80%) |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|----------|-----|----------------|
| Augusta                    | 81.35 | 71     | 74       | 3   | 30             |
| Bate-Comeau                |       | 23     | 23       | 0   |                |
| Bangor                     | 78.93 | 169    | 164      | -5  |                |
| Bas Harbor                 | 69.83 | 51     | 54       | 3   |                |
| Bath                       | 86.66 | 67     | 64       | -3  | 12             |
| Beauceville                | 75.71 | 38     | 38       | 0   |                |
| Beausport                  | 72    | 28     | 30       | 2   |                |
| Belfast                    | 75.7  | 55     | 54       | -1  |                |
| Bethel                     | 85.42 | 25     | 25       | 0   | 17             |
| Biddeford-Saco             | 94.33 | 107    | 103      | -4  | 1              |
| Boothbay Harbor            | 88.38 | 61     | 63       | 2   | 9              |
| Brunswick                  | 81.9  | 136    | 138      | 2   | 29             |
| Camden                     | 89    | 78     | 78       | 0   | 6              |
| Damariscotta-Newcastle     | 87    | 45     | 54       | 9   | 10             |
| Dover-Durham               | 77.63 | 101    | 105      | 4   |                |
| Ellsworth                  | 74.9  | 66     | 63       | -3  |                |
| Exeter                     | 72    | 44     | 42       | -4  |                |
| Farmington                 | 89.7  | 32     | 32       | 0   | 5              |
| Freeport                   |       | 24     | 27       | 1   |                |
| Frothingham Bay            | 83.1  | 26     | 24       | -2  | 23             |
| Gardiner                   | 74    | 40     | 40       | 0   |                |
| Grand Mere                 | 83.6  | 36     | 39       | 3   | 22             |
| Hampton                    | 82.5  | 65     | 62       | -3  | 26             |
| Jonquiere                  |       | 31     | 26       | -5  |                |
| Kennebunk                  | 76.11 | 89     | 85       | -4  |                |
| La Toque                   | 72.05 | 22     | 23       | 1   |                |
| Lac Megantic               | 76    | 21     | 21       | 0   |                |
| Lewiston-Auburn            | 85.95 | 206    | 206      | 0   | 14             |
| Lincoln                    | 62.6  | 20     | 14       | -6  |                |
| Lisbon                     |       | 18     | 21       | 3   |                |
| Livermore Falls            | 80.32 | 15     | 14       | -1  | 32             |
| Matane                     | 66.7  | 19     | 19       | 0   |                |
| Mont Joli                  | 82.31 | 31     | 26       | -5  | 27             |
| Montmagny                  | 74.25 | 23     | 23       | 1   |                |
| Newburyport                | 85.1  | 94     | 94       | 0   | 19             |
| Ogunquit                   | 78.65 | 49     | 47       | -2  |                |
| Old Town                   | 88.96 | 57     | 61       | 4   | 7              |
| Oxford Hills               | 85.8  | 32     | 31       | -1  | 15             |
| Portland                   | 86.75 | 203    | 205      | 2   | 11             |
| Portsmouth                 | 79.36 | 198    | 206      | 8   |                |
| Quebec                     | 73.3  | 73     | 72       | -1  |                |
| Quebec Est                 | 78.38 | 42     | 41       | -1  |                |
| Rangely                    | 82.29 | 36     | 32       | -4  | 28             |
| Rimouski                   | 91.3  | 32     | 34       | 2   | 4              |
| Riviere du Loup            | 75.22 | 33     | 33       | 0   |                |
| Rochester                  | 85.17 | 54     | 54       | 0   | 18             |
| Rockland                   | 91.36 | 105    | 109      | 4   | 3              |
| Rumford                    | 74.66 | 37     | 34       | -3  |                |
| Sie Anne des Monts         |       | 21     | 21       | 0   |                |
| St George des Resuce       | 83.85 | 51     | 52       | 1   | 21             |
| Sanford-Springvale         | 82.76 | 71     | 70       | -1  | 25             |
| Scarborough                |       | 37     | 35       | -2  |                |
| Shawinigan                 |       | 16     | 0        | -16 |                |
| Skowhegan                  | 79.75 | 45     | 45       | 0   |                |
| Somersworth                | 80.92 | 45     | 46       | 1   | 31             |
| South Berwick              | 77.58 | 28     | 29       | 1   |                |
| So Portland-Cape Elizabeth | 82.8  | 51     | 50       | -1  | 24             |
| Thetford Mines             | 88.51 | 45     | 44       | -1  | 8              |
| Trois Rivières             | 78.5  | 56     | 50       | -6  |                |
| Waldoboro                  | 74    | 11     | 14       | 3   |                |
| Waterville                 | 75    | 124    | 123      | -1  |                |
| Wells                      | 85.5  | 38     | 35       | -3  | 16             |
| West Bay (Camden)          | 86.34 | 32     | 43       | 11  | 13             |
| Westbrook                  | 79    | 61     | 55       | -6  |                |
| Windham                    | 84.38 | 30     | 32       | 2   | 20             |
| Winthrop                   | 78.75 | 47     | 45       | -2  |                |
| York                       | 93.45 | 58     | 58       | 0   | 2              |
|                            |       | 3798   | 3774     | -24 |                |



# The District Governor

## His Status, Qualifications, and Duties

It is the recorded opinion of the Board of Directors of R.I. with reference to the district governor system:

- (a) The district governor system has proved by experience to be desirable and practicable and if improvements are necessary they should be made in the method of applying this system;
- (b) In order to assure the best possible candidates for the office of governor, the governors should be advised annually to request the clubs in their districts to make a survey of available material and propose suitable candidates for governor;
- (c) The governors should transmit to all clubs of their districts such proposals and the records and qualifications of those proposed for the office, in advance of the district conference;
- (d) Annually a statement of the status, qualifications and duties of a governor should be prepared and distributed to all clubs in order that those proposed for nomination as governors or those proposing to make such nominations, may be informed as to the obligations of the office.

In accordance with the foregoing, the following statement has been prepared:

### Status

The district governor

is an officer of R.I.

is *nominated* by the clubs of his district and *elected* by the Convention of R.I.

shall begin his term of office on 1 July and continue for one year or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

### Qualifications

The district governor

must be a member, other than honorary, in good standing of a club in the district by which he is nominated;

must be fully qualified for such membership in the strict application of the provisions therefor; and the integrity of his classification must be without question;

must be a member of a functioning club in good standing which has no outstanding indebtedness to R.I. as of the close of the fiscal year preceding that in which he is proposed as a candidate for nomination for district governor;

must have served as president of a club for a full term;

must be willing and able, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of district governor as herein provided;

unless specifically excused by the board, a district governor at the time of taking office, must have attended for its full duration the international assembly, must have been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for a total of seven or more years and must continue at that

time and thereafter to possess all the other qualifications of a district governor-nominee;

should possess the esteem and confidence of his own club;

should be a man of high business or professional standing, with executive ability, demonstrated in the conduct of his own business or profession;

should have a knowledge of Rotary, its purposes, Object, and laws, and be a Rotarian of recognized loyalty to Rotary International;

should be able to discuss any phase of Rotary in a convincing manner, and to express his thoughts publicly, as well as privately, in simple, direct, and earnest language. He need not be an orator.

### Duties

The district governor is the officer of Rotary International in the district, functioning under the general control and supervision of the Board of Directors. In the exercise of his responsibility for direct supervision of the clubs of his district, the district governor is charged with the particular duty of furthering the Object of Rotary International, and shall personally be responsible for:

- (1) organizing new clubs in his district;
- (2) strengthening the existing clubs in his district;
- (3) promoting cordial relations between the clubs in his district and between the clubs and Rotary International;
- (4) planning for and presiding at the district conference of his district and assisting the incoming district governor in the planning and preparation for the president-elect training seminar and the district assembly of his district;

(5) personally visiting every club in his district as early in the year as possible, but preferably during the first six months;

(6) issuing a monthly letter to each club president and secretary in his district;

(7) reporting promptly to Rotary International as may be required by the President or the Board;

(8) supplying to his successor, prior to the date of the international assembly, full information as to condition of clubs in the district with recommended action for strengthening clubs;

(9) transferring continuing district files to his successor;

(10) performing such other duties as are inherent in his responsibility as the officer of Rotary International in the district.

In Great Britain and Ireland, however, the duties of the district governor shall be performed in keeping with traditional practices in that area under the direction of the general council and consistent with the Constitution and By-laws of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He shall also report promptly to Rotary International as may be required by the President or the Board and he shall perform such other duties as are inherent in his responsibility as the officer of Rotary International in the district.

### Qualifying for Nomination

To qualify as a nominee for district governor, a candidate nominated for that office, having informed himself concerning the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of a district governor as prescribed in the By-laws, shall submit to Rotary International, through its General Secretary, a signed statement that he understands clearly the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of the office of district governor as listed therein, and that he is qualified for the office of district governor and willing and able to assume the duties and responsibilities of that office and to perform them faithfully.

The nomination of any nominee for district governor who does not meet the qualifications and requirements hereinbefore prescribed shall be rejected and shall not be presented by the General Secretary to the Convention for election.

If, notwithstanding receipt of a signed statement from a nominee for the office of district governor as hereinbefore provided, the Board has cause to believe that the nominee would be unable to fulfill satisfactorily the duties and responsibilities of the office as provided in the By-laws, the Board may suspend such nomination. In the event of such suspension, the district governor and the nominee shall be informed and the nominee shall be given an opportunity to submit to the Board, through the district governor and the General Secretary, additional information with reference to his being able to assume the duties and responsibilities of the office of district governor and to perform them faithfully. Upon consideration of all pertinent circumstances, including such in-



formation as may be submitted by the nominee, the Board shall either reject the nomination of the nominee by a two-thirds vote or withdraw the suspension.

In the event of the rejection of the nomination of a nominee for district governor under any of the foregoing provisions, the General Secretary shall advise the district governor of the district concerned of the rejection and the reasons therefor, and the district governor shall so advise the said nominee. Time permitting, the district shall then act in a ballot-by-mail to be conducted by the district governor in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws, to select another nominee for district governor. In the event a district fails to select an acceptable and qualified nominee for district governor, such nominee shall be selected in accordance with the provisions of Article XII, Section 6, subsection (c) of the By-laws of R.I.

## Attendance of District Governor-nominee at International Assembly

Based on long experience and in harmony with established policy and procedure, the Board considers that attendance of the district governor nominee at the International Assembly is essential to efficient administration of Rotary International at the district level.

Further, every district governor must have the basic experience and training resulting from participation in the International Assembly if he is to function effectively as the representative of Rotary International in his district, and if he is to provide the leadership, guidance, and counsel to the clubs of his district that is expected of a district governor as an officer of Rotary International.

Each district governor should emphasize to all candidates for district governor, and to all clubs of his district the requisite that the governor-nominee attend the International Assembly as necessary preparation for his year as district governor and the nomination can not be accepted unless the candidate can and will attend the International Assembly for its full duration.

If, for whatever reason, a district governor nominee finds he is unable to attend the International Assembly, in fairness to himself, to the clubs of his district, and in the best interests of Rotary International world-wide, he will be expected to resign his nomination immediately in order to permit the selection of a nominee who can and will attend the International Assembly for its full duration.

A district governor-nominee who has been nominated for a second term for the same office, may, as such district governor-nominee, participate in a second International Assembly but the expense of his attendance at more than one assembly will be paid by R.I. only in exceptional circumstances and only with specific approval of the Board of Directors in advance of the International Assembly concerned.

## Expenses

R.I. reimburses each governor-nominee

for his necessary and reasonable expenses in attending the International Assembly.

At the beginning of his term of office, each governor is furnished with a budget approved by the Board of R.I., which covers the governor's expenses in carrying on his work; as for example, his traveling expenses incident to club visits, P.E.T.S., district assembly, district conference, and district institute; any reasonable expenses connected with getting out his monthly letter, clerical service, stationery, postage, telegrams, and telephone tolls. The estimates for office expenses are based upon the number of clubs in the district.

The estimates for traveling expenses are based upon the number of clubs in the district, the distances to be traveled and the traveling costs in the district. R.I. pays only the personal expenses of the governor for traveling within his district. It does not pay any expenses for travel by the governor outside his district, except his expenses as governor-nominee to the International Assembly.

R.I. reimburses the governor for such expenses only to the extent of this allocation. In Great Britain and Ireland the expenses incurred by district governors in the performance of their duties are paid by the territorial unit, R.I.B.I., from funds allocated to and retained by R.I.B.I. from per capita dues paid to R.I. by its member clubs in Great Britain and Ireland.

The budget appropriation for governors is based on a schedule of rates providing for an equitable and adequate service to all clubs. Appropriations and allocations of funds are based on the relationship of various activities with no radical departure from the basis of such allocations within each district from year to year.

A governor's expenses reimbursable by R.I. must not exceed the total amount of the governor's budget appropriation. If because of unusual circumstances it appears to the district governor that additional funds may be needed, he must submit a request for an increased appropriation for approval by the Board in advance of his incurring any such expenses.

## Activities in Support of Candidate for District Governor

The selection by the clubs in a district of a district governor nominee should be conducted in a dignified, responsible manner in harmony with the principles of Rotary. Activities in support of a candidate for district governor should be consistent with the importance and serious function of the district governor. The content of literature supporting a candidate for district governor should be limited to a photograph and a statement of his Rotary, civic and business or professional activity, and no other steps should be taken to further his candidacy.

## Campaigning, Canvassing and Electioneering

Article IX, Section 12 of the By-laws of

Rotary International provides:

No Rotarian shall campaign, canvass or electioneer for elective position in Rotary International nor allow any such activity on his behalf; nor shall any brochures, literature, letters or other materials be distributed or circulated by a Rotarian or on his behalf to any clubs or members of clubs except as may be expressly authorized by the Board. Should a candidate become aware of any prohibited activities having been undertaken on his behalf, he shall immediately express his disapproval to those so engaged and shall instruct them to terminate such activity.

No complaint of alleged violation of this section shall be considered unless made in writing by a Rotary club or a current officer of Rotary International. All complaints with supporting documentation shall be filed with the General Secretary not later than 30 days after the results of the balloting are announced and shall be referred by him to a committee for review. The committee shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board, and shall not include any current members of the Board. It shall be of a size and with terms of service as the President and Board shall determine to be appropriate, notwithstanding any provision of Article XIV of the By-laws.

The committee, or a panel thereof, shall examine the evidence and afford all parties concerned the opportunity to offer evidence in support of the alleged violation or in denial, explanation or mitigation of the allegation. Personal appearance before the committee (or panel thereof) will be at the discretion of the committee (or panel thereof) provided that there shall be no disqualification of any candidate for office without an opportunity for the candidate to be personally heard. Upon completion, the committee shall report its finding, conclusions and recommendations to the Board.

The Board, after receipt of the committee's report and after any further committee review which the Board may direct, shall dismiss the complaint or disqualify the candidate or take such other action as the Board shall deem fair and just. A two-thirds vote shall be required to disqualify a candidate. The Board's decision shall be immediately transmitted to all parties concerned and the Board's action shall be subject to appeal by any club to the next succeeding convention. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article IV, Section 2 of the By-laws, any such appeal shall be duly filed with the General Secretary at least five days prior to the opening of the convention unless the Board shall permit a late filing date.

When there is a prescribed form for use in suggesting candidates for elective office, such form shall include a declaration to be signed by the candidate certifying that he has read, understands, accepts and agrees to be bound by the provisions of this section.

This provision applies to the office of district governor.