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District Governor
1989-90



**ENJOY
ROTARY!**

The Rotary International Theme for 1989-90



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DISTRICT 779 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Governor's Message April 1990

My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Well, here we are! By the time you receive this, there will be about two months left in our Rotary year. Let's all take a moment to review the Goals and Objectives we set for ourselves last July. How many of them have been accomplished? How many have we surpassed? Which ones do we still have to work on? Regardless of what the answers might be, let's continue giving it a full, 100% effort for the rest of this year. Let's keep our enthusiasm, our spirit and our dedication alive as we keep working toward our goals.

I am sure that all incumbents are working closely with the new officers who, in turn, are working on their own Goals and Objectives — whether new or based on previous ones. Similarly, club committees are being firmed up and making plans to ensure a smooth transition.

The District Conference at The Balsams 14-17 June concludes our Rotary year. I cannot think of a better way to end this year and start a new one than by being there to help conduct District business, share Rotary information, participate in Rotary fellowship and, overall, to ENJOY ROTARY!

The Conference is an ideal opportunity to give Roland Clotier, Incoming Governor for District 779, and Daniel Mooers, Incoming Governor for District 778, the great start they both so richly deserve. This will be the last conference for District 779 as it now exists and it will witness the birth of new District 778. The Portsmouth Rotary Club, your host, will be working hard to make this conference the "Best Yet".

All Club Presidents and Secretaries should have received their registration forms by now. Please get them to The Balsams early. I also hope that all clubs will be contributing an item for the Silent Auction.

I look forward to being at The Balsams and having the opportunity to spend some time with each of you. There is no better District or group of Rotarians anywhere.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jim Labrie
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District
Conference

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DISTRICT 779

It's Beginning To Look Like A Full House.
Registration Deadline: Friday 4 May!

June 14-17
The BALSAMS



NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

ACTION ITEM FROM THE GOVERNOR

District 779's Code of Acts and Instructions requires that the District Governor provide all proposed agenda items needing a vote at the District Conference to member clubs 30 days prior to its commencement. Therefore, DG Jim must have any resolution proposals from either Club Presidents or District Committee Chairmen in his hands prior to 7 May. If it would assist you, use DG Jim's FAX number. (FAX 603-431-6216).

Reporting Deadline

Clubs participating in the 1989-1990 Governor's Challenge must fill out and return the report form in DG Jim's letter to him no later than 1 May 1990.

Some RI Foundation Statistics. (In U.S. \$)

<u>Area</u>	<u>'88-'89</u>	<u>Total Since 1917</u>
Contributions	\$83,247,078	\$491,014,842.
Program Expend.	\$45,427,243	\$251,521,129.
Foundat. Assets	\$302,010,581	
P. Harris Fellows	44,960	268,461
Paul Harris Sustaining Members		144,209

Combating Substance Abuse.

Having viewed with alarm worldwide epidemic misuse of drugs among people of all ages, the RI Board of Directors has urged all Rotary clubs "...to investigate the extent of drug related problems within their communities and to identify resources available to them for combating such problems." Many District 779 clubs are very active in this area. Keep up the good work!

Helping Others. Emily Dickinson.

If I Can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not have lived in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting Robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

*Was this issue of value to you?
Would others feel the same way?
How about making some copies for your club?*

Some Thoughts From Four Past RI Presidents.

"I believe in the opportunities I have to serve through Rotary and to make life more useful to mankind." Bill Skelton.

"No country, no corporation, has the very special task of channeling all its strength toward the common good and peace. Rotary is writing an important part of the history of this century." Carlos Conesco.

"Where there is the despair of the isolated or the sigh of the lonely, Rotary can be there. Where there are the hollow, sunken eyes of a child and the soft sob of a weeping mother, Rotary can be there." Ed Cadmen.

"In Rotary, we have built a vehicle for humanity and we are improving it every day. For 85 years it has been tested and it passed every test. Let us use it." Hugh Archer.

Responsibility Is A Unique Concept.

"It can only reside in a single individual. You may share it with others, but your portion is not diminished.

You may delegate it, but it is still with you. You may disclaim it, but you cannot divest yourself of it.

Even if you do not recognize it or admit its presence, you cannot escape it.

— Adm. H. G. Rickover.

Enjoying Rotary.

"Be serious, but not solemn. The work of Rotary is serious, and our jobs are serious responsibilities. But we are mere human beings, and we should be prepared to laugh at ourselves. Humor is the oil of life, and we should never overlook its importance in the fellowship of Rotary. Rotary should be enjoyable, and all Rotarians should be good companions. You probably do not choose your friends from those who do not enjoy life." Ray Klingensmith, 1986 RI Assy.

The Need For Rotary Information.

"We need to proclaim to every Rotarian: What Rotary Is...What Rotary Means...What Rotary Does. Without his or her active involvement, it is nothing! A Rotarian makes Rotary live by example, by bringing specific skills to the club, and by positive response to community and international challenges." Louis Giay — Balsams '89.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 779 CLUBS

It Pays To Advertise. Looking for an Editor?

"IMMEDIATE OPENING" - No Experience Necessary, will train. Looking for volunteer willing to assist in production of Rotary bulletin. Job share opportunity. Apply in person, by phone, by any means — but PLEASE APPLY!" It worked. Kittery got a good one.

The Final Sprint For Membership in 89-90.

It's time for a final effort to meet DG Jim's Governor's Trophy Challenge items.. Among them is membership growth and many clubs, including Livermore Falls, report working hard to grow. Portland, is aiming for a 225 count by 30 June to possibly be #1 in the District. Watch out, Portsmouth! Rochester is getting close to President Mark's goal of 71 members.

To help out, clubs Bulletins for Trois Rivieres, and Bath Sunrise have included excerpts from RI pubs on membership plus the forms and procedures needed to propose a new member.

You've Heard Of Giving

The Shirt Off Your Back.

Brunswick's Mexican Exchange Student, Alfredo Loza, made an exceptional presentation. At the end, Alfredo presented his sombrero to be raffled by the club. Members continue to learn a lot from this very effective, very active ambassador. Alfredo's family is hosting a Vermont student.

Winning Isn't Everything.

(Sorry Coach Lombardi.)

An admirable quality of Rochester is the way they inspire opponents in attendance contests. Sanford-Springvale, a recent opponent, came up with 97.35% and won. Of course, it's Rotary that wins in all these contests.

Fireside Meetings Are Big Winners Too!

We see a resurgence of this type of meeting used to assist growth of new members while ENJOYING ROTARY. Rockland's Cap deRochemont was the well-received speaker at theirs. Kittery had one and invited Saco Bay. Sanford-Springvale's was hosted by Dave and Eileen Heald for 16 members.

Career Awareness Through Rotary Help.

Bethel made a maxi effort in providing speakers, helping registration, and making contacts with local high school students on their March 14 Career Awareness Day. Lewiston-Auburn was equally busy in their March 22 Career Day that included high school students spending a morning with a Rotarian in a field of their interest plus being a lunch guest at the club meeting.

Somebody Won A Car.

St-Georges-de-Beauce's lottery sold 336 tickets for \$100 each. Top prize was a Dodge Colt. They expect to clear about \$15,000.

How About A Club Forum?

("Assembly" is different.)

South Portland/Cape Elizabeth had one recently. It included an in-depth review of club fund raising, speakers, and overall strategy and philosophy. Dan Mooers, as the 90-91 DG for 778, spoke of his plans for the coming year and the club's task as Host Club.

Signs Of The Times

Bath had a recent program on the world's frightening population explosion and their 2nd Cholesterol Screening Clinic which included low/no-fat goodies. They will be using the local Casco Cable Channel 13 to get the Rotary message out.

Incoming RI Pres. Paulo Costa will be encouraging clubs to organize Environment Committees to work toward a cleaner world. Newburyport is in the process of doing so.

Grand Mere had a program on drug abuse that stressed the importance of early education.

John Whitney, Maine Farmer Of The Year - 1989.

John was a recent speaker at the Lincoln club. It good to hear that the Maine poitato is staging a comeback through use of new technology.

A Nice Way To Say "Thank You!"

Waldoboro-Warren is planning a community appreciation banquet for the area emergency/rescue teams in the area for 14 May, 6PM.

DISTRICT 779 ATTENDANCE REPORT – MARCH 1990

	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>6/30/89</u>	<u>MAR.</u>	<u>GAIN/ (LOSS)</u>	<u>%</u>
	Augusta	80	71	-9	78.00%
	Baie Comeau	21	19	-2	*
	Bangor	187	183	-4	78.00%
	Bangor Breakfast	51	55	4	*
	Bar Harbor	53	58	5	75.75%
8	Bath	69	64	-5	82.60%
8	Bath Sunrise	40	47	7	85.00%
	Beauceville	46	45	-1	91.10%
	Beauport	25	22	-3	69.30%
	Beifast	67	60	-7	81.60%
8	Bethel	32	30	-2	89.00%
8	Biddeford-Saco	111	106	-5	87.07%
	Boothbay Harbor	59	59	0	90.67%
8	Brunswick	151	141	-10	81.05%
	Camden	74	67	-7	*
	Damariscotta / Newcastle	51	51	0	78.00%
8	Dover / Durham	105	100	-5	72.30%
8	Durham / Great Bay	42	45	3	85.23%
	Ellsworth	66	72	6	*
8	Exeter	49	43	-6	75.00%
	Farmington	51	52	1	85.83%
8	Freeport	27	26	-1	80.77%
	Gardiner	42	40	-2	*
	Grand Mere	40	42	2	91.10%
8	Hampton	84	78	-6	*
	Iquluit	29	37	8	61.49%
	Jonquiere	25	21	-4	*
8	Kennebunk	101	99	-2	81.29%
8	Kittery	31	27	-4	80.00%
	La Tuque	22	28	6	78.60%
	Lac Megantic	18	24	6	*
	Lewiston-Auburn	212	185	-27	79.33%
	Lincoln	19	19	0	*
	Lisbon	19	21	2	89.28%
	Livermore Falls	16	17	1	82.32%
	Matane	13	13	0	*
	Mont-Joli	37	32	-5	*
	Montmagny	18	18	0	73.53%
8	Newburyport	89	84	-5	84.00%
8	Ogunquit	43	45	2	98.00%
	Old Town	64	68	4	87.40%
8	Oxford Hills	48	47	-1	*
8	Portland	201	208	7	82.81%
8	Portsmouth	220	207	-13	78.93%
	Quebec	49	53	4	62.50%
	Quebec-Est	46	51	5	76.17%
	Rangeley	35	34	-1	71.77%
	Rimouski	39	38	-1	87.50%
	Riviere-du-Loup	35	42	7	85.00%
8	Rochester	68	66	-2	82.08%
	Rockland	113	111	-2	93.35%
8	Rumford	35	45	10	81.26%
8	Saco Bay	0	50	50	*
	Sainte-Foy	24	21	-3	*
8	Sanford / Springvale	73	73	0	80.86%
8	Scarborough	32	32	0	79.24%
	Sept-Îles	0	21	21	*
	Skowhegan	57	57	0	*
8	Somersworth	33	34	1	80.15%
8	South Berwick	28	25	-3	94.00%
8	South Portland / Cape Elizabeth	51	52	1	83.25%
8	South Portland / Maine Mall	30	28	-2	71.40%
	St-Georges-de-Beauce	51	52	1	72.85%
	Ste-Anne-des-Monts	11	11	0	*
	Thetford Mines	46	46	0	92.93%
	Trois Rivieres	54	50	-4	79.00%
	Waldoboro / Warren	9	14	5	*
	Waterville	134	125	-9	59.60%
8	Wells	38	27	-11	*
	West Bay-Camden	49	49	0	*
8	Westbrook	51	53	2	*
8	Windam	50	52	2	*
	Winthrop	34	38	4	84.94%
8	York	56	48	-8	77.90%
	SUB-TOTALS U.S.	3,530	3,488	-42	81.77%
	SUB-TOTAL CANADA	649	686	37	78.54%
	TOTALS DISTRICT	4,179	4,174	-5	80.96%

* = Report Not Received.

Remember, District Secretary Mort Schmidt needs club attendance reports in his hands by the 10th!

DISTRICT 779 NEWS

From World Fellowship Chairman Doug Stewart.

If you haven't already done so, please see that the Member Interest Surveys you received are filled out and sent back to him. These will form a critical input for planning the first District Fellowship Conference planned for the last weekend in September '90.

From District Treasurer Grey Payne.

It's time for all clubs to send Greg \$5 as Interim District Dues for each new member in your club since 1 September 1990.

From District Secretary Mort Schmidt.

Mort needs the names of any of your club members who passed away during the 89-90 Rotary year. These are needed for use in the Balsams Memorial Service on Sunday morning. Please send them in with your April attendance report.

From Editor Bud Watt.

Thanks for keeping your Club Bulletins headed my way. It's been very enjoyable to be able to receive correspondence and calls from District Editors. Keep up the good work. As the District 555 Newsletter remarked: "The Club Bulletin is an excellent communication vehicle. A quality bulletin is worth a great deal to a club's membership. How do you rate your Bulletin?"

District Conference — The Balsams, 14-17 June.

A Silent Auction gift from each club will be much appreciated — especially one that reflects any unique aspect of your club's area.

Do you have a community support project or fund raiser that should be shared with other District clubs? There should be lots of them in our innovative District. Please make up a display for the Balsams and let Al Bergeron of the Portsmouth Club know it's coming. (Al's address: 6 Park Av., Kittery, ME 03904 Tel: 207-439-2112). If possible, keep any posters within 30" X 42" size.

Our Growth Continues!

Brunswick is sponsoring the Provisional, Brunswick Coastal Club. It meets Monday evenings 6PM at Bob's Hideaway. How about dropping in for your next makeup.

Kennebunk is in the process of sponsoring a provisional Rotary Club of Kennebunk — Seaside. (Preliminary Name). They are holding the first of three planning meetings 6PM Tuesday 8 May, at The Port Gardens Inn. (A breakfast club is planned — meeting Tuesdays at 7:15AM.)

A Pair of P.E.T.s.

The Quebec P.E.T.S for 779 was held at L'Auberge du Gouverneurs in St. Foy, March 30 and 31. It was conducted by DGN Roland Cloutier, PDDGs Marcel Girardeau and Marcel Morrissette and tailored for our French-speaking clubs. There was a full, challenging and rewarding program with 18 clubs participating. DG Jim was there and reported an excellent job of Rotary information, goal setting and fellowship was had by all.

The second P.E.T.S was a "first" in that we were part of a six-district meeting — 778, 779, 785, 787, 791, and 793. 203 clubs participated! Held in Nashua 23-24 March, there was a demanding, yet fun-filled schedule with a big "plus" of getting to meet a whole new spectrum of fellow Rotarians. Attendees learned the Rotary song "Honor Rotary" that is based on the 90-91 R.I. theme: "Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm." DG John Lyford (787) was host. DG Jim, and DGN's Roland Cloutier and Dan Mooers led a fine group from our district.

Our Growing Youth Exchange Program.

In the rare case you haven't noticed, our District has become one of the most active in this fine area through the energetic continuing work of Don Dyer (Inbound) and Jack Schraeter (Outbound) and their committee and club support.

Upcoming, firm outbound list: Spain (Brunswick), Peru (Brunswick), England (Camden W.B.), Sweden (Camden W.B.), France (Ogunquit), Brazil (Kennebunk), Turkey (Windham), Indonesia (Westbrook), France (Biddeford/Saco), Chile (B/S), Belgium (Quebec City & S. Port/CE), Bolivia (Durham Gt. Bay) Argentina (Port.), & USSR (Port.)

Help Needed! Just 3 of the inbound counterparts for the above list are presently unassigned: France, Belgium and Turkey. Please have your club contact Don or Jack soon.

COMING EVENTS

April 1990. RI's Magazine Month.

May 5, 1990. New District 779 Assembly at the Arnold Motel in St. George-De-Beauce, Quebec, Canada. (Simultaneous translation available.)

May 11, 1990 — Charter Night for the Seabrook-Hampton Falls Club. Invitations have been mailed. \$25 per person. Social Hour before 8PM dinner at Lukas Greenhouse Restaurant. Let's have a big turnout for our newest club!

May 19, 1990 (Sat.) — District 778 Assembly. Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, Maine.

June 14-17, 1990. District 779 Conference. The Balsams. Home club Portsmouth and DG Jim promise the last will be the best yet. And, there's time to rest up before heading to Portland, Oregon.

June 24-27, 1990. RI Convention. Portland, Oregon. See the Oct. Rotarian for specifics and reservation forms. Save \$\$\$ by submitting early!

Our Growing Youth Exchange Program. (Cont.)

How about next year's effort? Applications for the planned August 1991 departures can be sent in as early as 1 May, but close 1 October. The prospective candidate must be 15-18-1/2 at the time of departure.

Any questions on this or the program? Check with your club committee, Don Dyer, Jack Schraeter, or Ruth Fletcher 207-773-7157.

Intercultural Nursing Update.

Jerry Gordon, Chairman of our International Service Committee provided the following from an address to the Portland club.

Rick Bisson, Bath President, obtained about \$120K of X-Ray equipment from the Maine Medical Center. It will constitute the only X-Ray capability at Santo Domingo's TB hospital. Maine hospitals are also donating surplus supplies. Portland has recruited two nurses with osteopathic experience. They will spend their vacation working in the program. That's really service before self!

EVEN MORE CLUB NEWS

The Push For Club Attendance Improvement.

Rimouski is among those clubs working hard to reach 100% (100% c'est possible!)

A New Raffle Wrinkle.

Bethel's Spanish Youth Exchange Group is raffling off one ounce of GOLD.

The Camden to Camden Project.

Our own and the N.J. Camden Rotary Clubs are working together to provide 20 9-11 year old New Jersey inner-city children with a summer vacation in the Camden/Rockport area.

A Family Affair.

Lewiston-Auburn now has TWO father and son teams with the recent addition of father Roland Bilodeau whose son, Bruce was a previous member.

From Thetford Mines' Le Bestos.

"The extraordinary is usually achieved through a series of ordinary, individual accomplishments."

Cancellation—August U.S.S.R. Youth Exchange.

Very regretfully, the previously planned 3-week holiday exchange with the USSR this summer has been cancelled.

Understanding As The Key To World Peace.

Rabbi Arthur Nemitof, a recent Newburyport club speaker, raised the question of what we, as individuals can do to foster a sense of understanding and good will. He felt one of the keys was to become tolerant of other people's beliefs — doing our "homework" to find out more about them before making quick judgements.

Boothbay Harbor's recent programs have also emphasized broadening their horizons and included closer looks at Alaska, Mexico, and Northern Ireland.



*Yesterday is a cancelled check.
Tomorrow is a promissory note.
Today is ready cash; spend it.*

— Anonymous