

*Merry
Christmas*



DG Jim and Ellen Labrie

*Happy
New Year*

DISTRICT 779 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



Governor's Message December 1989



My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

To all District 779 Rotarians and their families — a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the entire Labrie family. May the future bring satisfaction, health, opportunity, and the continuing enjoyment of being a Rotarian.

At this mid-point of the Rotary year, it's fitting to review what's past and prepare for what's to come. Ellen and I will never forget the rare privilege of meeting with so many of you during club visits. It was, truly, a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience. Being able to hear your plans and share your enthusiasm while observing the many ways you are making a difference in your community, the district, the Dominican Republic and the world, through Rotary, was unforgettable.

I'm glad that many of you heard Ellen's touching story of children in dire need of help in the Dominican Republic and how we are making a difference through our Intercultural Nursing program. In this, and in many other areas, much has been accomplished. Congratulations are in order, but there is much that can be done in the six months left in this Rotary year.

My original District 779 goals should continue to be the guide for our efforts. Add to that my Trophy Challenge, ensuring a smooth redistricting and support for your own club's activities and I agree it's quite a challenge. But, working together, we can and we will make it happen. What a fitting way to ENJOY ROTARY!

Some specifics? There's a need for a strong finish in support of Our Rotary Foundation. \$125,000 in unrestricted giving is an amount our district has reached before and certainly can again. There is great enthusiasm for our district nursing program and the receipts show it. If you haven't given yet, please do.

The new element here is the need to build our Rotary Foundation Endowment. I've asked that we have 400 Benefactors in the district.

Certainly the Tagus Seminar showed the way — how important Our Rotary Foundation is. And, that we get a NET of \$1.11 spent — after all expenses — for every \$1.00 given! You have the details of all these programs and the ways available for giving in each.

Yes, I agree that there is much to be done. That's why I'm asking ALL Club Presidents to make that extra, continuing, dedicated effort to accomplish our remaining goals. It's the best way I can think of to make it a Happy New Year for us all! It's an honor to be able to work with you.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jim Labrie
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NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Personnel Change at RI.

Russ Barefield, our District's Service Supervisor at RI, has left. Until the vacancy is filled, Dennis Swenson has been designated to serve us.

Rotary Awareness Month. (January)

In a real way, every month could have this title. As you all know, one of DG Jim's top goals is that we increase our knowledge about all aspects of Rotary and help others to do the same. Let's accent this effort in January. There's no question that the more we know the better we can represent Rotary in our club — and the community we serve that really wants to know more about us.

The Fight For Literacy.

Many clubs are getting involved in this very challenging and rewarding area. How does it feel to be illiterate? Most of you have felt confused in a foreign contry without knowing the language. The simplest things at home became nightmares there due to lack of ability to read, write, or understand others.

Illiterates in our District suffer the same frustrations — but each day, all day. We can help. We can make a difference. Does your club have a project in this area yet?

Election Of Club Officers.

All clubs should have held their election for 1990-91 officers prior to 31 December 1989.

Reports to RI.

Input for the 1990-91 Official Directory is due on the form provided within two weeks of club officer election. Update to show any changes as to place and time of meeting.

The second semi-annual report on your club membership for 1 Jan - 30 June 1990 is due on 1 January. You should have the forms in hand.

Establishment Of Commemoration Week.

RI has established the week of 27 January — the date Paul Harris died — as a time to officially remember those members who have passed away and to note their contributions to Rotary. It will become an annual observance.

The Satisfaction In Helping Others.

(From RI) Being a Rotarian means enjoying the warm fellowship of weekly meetings. It means feeling proud when a young person from your community makes a significant contribution to society using what was learned as a Rotary scholar. It means sharing the joy of a person who sees their family for the first time in years after cataract surgery performed at a Rotary eye camp. It means fostering better understanding between people in different countries through exchange programs and goodwill activities.

Why not share the satisfaction that comes from being a Rotarian? Let's invite other service-minded men and women in our community to become club members so that they can ENJOY Rotary too!

Ending The Cold War?

There have been very preliminary talks between RI and Russian officials about the possibility of clubs there.

More On Making up In Eastern Europe.

Budapest, Hungary. District 191. Tuesday 6:30 PM. Restaurant Paradiso.

Warzawa (Warsaw) Poland. District 239. Wednesday 7PM. "PTL" Club.

Polio Eradication Update In Our Hemisphere.

A late World Health Organization report shows 11 larger nations and 19 small Caribbean nations are now essentially polio free! At the end of July there were only 66 cases reported in the hemisphere versus 192 last year.

Rotary's \$27,364,960 in Polio Plus grants to 27 countries has made a big difference we can all feel good about.

Opportunities For Membership Growth.

Growth has never been easier. It's fun to be a Rotarian. There never was a broader range of challenging programs to identify and work with. You can get members from the surrounding area. There can be a second member with the same classification — as additional active. As members become senior active, classifications open up. And, men and women are elligible.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 779 CLUBS

Thinking Young at Rochester.

"When thinking membership, take advantage of the Additional Active category and bring in younger persons. Think young when considering prospects. We need more young people in our club. Young people are the planners and doers of today and of our immediate tomorrows."

Bright Beginnings at Saco Bay.

PDG Ron Drouin was a recent speaker and gave insight to some of the aspects of this demanding task. One of their first \$-raisers? Providing the casino night dealers for a Portland convention!

High School Student Guests at Club Meetings.

Members get to visit with fine young folks and the students get to see that we're fine folks too — having fun while serving the community. If you haven't done this, why not give it a try?

Growth At Waldoboro-Warren.

Due to much work by many, this club is now very much alive and thriving. Any day now folks will be asking them to help surrounding clubs.

Meals-On-Wheels.

Another great way to Enjoy Rotary. The Wells and Ogunquit Clubs do. How about you? The looks on faces seeking a friendly visitor with a cheery word, as well as a warm meal, will make a whole day seem more worthwhile.

A Family Affair.

Among Brunswick's newest members are Larry and Joyce Ruth. Member Jim Connolly had a special interest — yes, Joyce is his daughter.

Bean Hole Bean Festival?

It's an annual Oxford Hills event and named for the unique method of baking beans for 24 hours in a hole in the ground. (There's a cow chip casino too — but ask them about it.)

Now It's 75! Welcome Saco Bay!

Reserve Saturday, 20 January 1990, for Saco Bay's Charter Night. It will be held at the Sheraton Tara in South Portland. The club will be mailing out invitations.

Forwarned Is Forarmed.

From Biddeford-Saco's Tack: "Welcome to our club meeting. Relax and Enjoy Rotary! And, please, don't judge us by our frolicking, nor especially by our singing." It's not that bad.

Recognizing Our Rotary Foundation.

Mont-Joli and Riviere-Du-Loup, dedicated much of their bulletins to comprehensive coverage of this worthy topic. Thanks to the many clubs that are making that extra effort to promote Rotary Information in interesting ways.

Earning A Lot Of Clams.(And Happy Birthday!)

Damariscotta-Newcastle reports netting over \$6000 from their Oyster Festival! They celebrate their 65th year Dec 8th! All attendees will bring a gift for a needy child.

Another Birthday — For St.Georges-de-Beauce.

It's 45 years young for the home club of PDG Marcel Morrisette — current Chairman of the District Foundation Committee and "father" of our well project in the Dominican Republic.

Catchy Clipper Captions.(Newburyport)

"Essex County Drugbuster Gives Arresting Talk." "Football Rivals Break Bread, Not Bones." Now there's a challenge, fellow editors!

Not A Record But Very Close.

Westbrook reports Arthur Andrew with 55 and John Hay with 56 years of perfect attendance. Congratulations on good health and joining early!

Letting The Community Know About Us.

The Trois-Rivieres got good press coverage and pictures at least five times in November reflecting their community service efforts. Bien fait! Knowledge about us equals greater support and attracts potential members.

Word From A Sister In Russia's Far North.

The Bangor club heard a facinating report from John Bragg on visiting their sister city of Archangel. This was the first tourist visit since 1917! John reported things are difficult in many ways but human freedom was expanding.

DISTRICT 779 ATTENDANCE REPORT – NOVEMBER 1989

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>6/30/89</u>	<u>NOV.</u>	<u>GAIN/ (LOSS)</u>	<u>%</u>
Augusta	80	75	-5	69.00%
Baie Comeau	21	19	-2	79.00%
Bangor	187	185	-2	75.80%*
Bangor Breakfast	51	55	4	*
Bar Harbor	53	55	2	*
Bath	69	68	-1	83.41%
Bath Sunrise	40	45	5	87.75%
Beauceville	46	46	0	84.97%*
Beauport	25	27	2	*
Belfast	67	68	1	81.30%
Bethel	32	29	-3	83.00%
Biddeford-Saco	111	104	-7	95.60%
Boothbay Harbor	59	59	0	89.15%
Brunswick	151	143	-8	72.78%*
Camden	74	69	-5	82.20%
Damariscotta / Newcastle	51	52	1	89.00%
Dover / Durham	105	109	4	80.28%
Durham / Great Bay	42	43	1	86.14%*
Elisworth	66	75	9	*
Exeter	49	42	-7	79.00%
Farmington	51	54	3	*
Freeport	27	28	1	82.25%
Gardiner	42	39	-3	79.49%
Grand Mere	40	40	0	100.00%
Hampton	84	78	-6	81.51%
Iquluit	29	35	6	65.93%
Jonquiere	25	21	-4	67.00%*
Kennebunk	101	99	-2	*
Kittery	31	31	0	80.10%
La Tuque	22	28	6	81.40%
Lac Megantic	18	21	3	76.00%
Lewiston-Auburn	212	190	-22	78.56%*
Lincoln	19	19	0	*
Lisbon	19	21	2	85.67%
Livemore Falls	16	19	3	60.49%
Matane	13	13	0	*
Mont-Joli	37	33	-4	*
Montmagny	18	18	0	65.28%
Newburyport	89	81	-8	76.97%
Ogunquit	43	47	4	98.00%
Old Town	64	67	3	86.55%
Oxford Hills	48	47	-1	78.30%
Portland	201	202	1	76.41%
Portsmouth	220	214	-6	83.20%*
Quebec	49	53	4	*
Quebec-Est	46	50	4	71.19%*
Rangely	35	33	-2	*
Rimouski	39	38	-1	*
Riviere-du-Loup	35	38	3	84.00%
Rochester	68	65	-3	82.30%
Rockland	113	103	-10	93.41%
Rumford	35	39	4	74.29%*
Sainte-Foy	24	18	-6	*
Sanford / Springvale	73	75	2	70.66%
Scarborough	32	31	-1	74.21%
Sept-Illes	0	21	21	*
Skowhegan	57	57	0	39.00%
Somersworth	33	33	0	86.36%
South Berwick	28	29	1	87.00%
South Portland / Cape Elizabeth	51	49	-2	86.97%
South Portland / Maine Mall	30	30	0	*
St-Georges-de-Beauce	51	54	3	78.80%*
Ste-Anne-des-Monts	11	11	0	*
Thetford Mines	46	47	1	94.07%
Trois Rivières	54	49	-5	79.50%
Waldoboro / Warren	9	11	2	77.00%*
Waterville	134	127	-7	*
Wells	38	33	-5	69.60%
West Bay-Camden	49	48	-1	87.05%
Westbrook	51	51	0	78.50%
Windam	50	53	3	86.30%
Winthrop	34	37	3	80.62%
York	56	49	-7	83.33%
SUB-TOTALS U.S.	3,530	3,465	-65	80.66%
SUB-TOTAL CANADA	649	680	31	79.01%
TOTALS DISTRICT	4,179	4,145	-34	80.28%

* = Report Not Received.

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

DISTRICT 779 NEWS

From all District 779 officers.

Happy Holidays and the very best to all in 1990! It's an honor to serve you.

From Secretary Mort.

The RI Convention in Portland Oregon is approaching faster than you might think. All clubs should now hold the registration forms. Note that early submission saves money — as will early travel reservations in many cases. Our Portland Club is combining this event with their upcoming 75th birthday and will have a big group going.

It looks like lots of fun in a beautiful area that's even better using local home visits with Rotarians. On To Portland! (24-27 June.)

From District Treasurer Greg.

One money counter named Scrooge said "Bah Humbug." Our fine treasure Greg says nothing of the kind and thanks you all for previous, prompt payment of bills.

From Editor Bud.

Best wishes to all club editors. The quality and content of your bulletins gets better and better. And, you perform under a weekly deadline where I have a month. Thanks for sending them to me faithfully. They're read, enjoyed, and used. Every club DG Jim visited got an envelope filled with bulletins from other clubs. And, that's where the "News From District Clubs" comes from.

Remember, six awards — for the best three club bulletins in large and small clubs — will be made at the Balsams. You have the details, but the primary requirement is meaningful content in an attractive, readable setting on a weekly basis.

Planning Ahead.

Now that club elections are over, it's really not too early to start planning a smooth club officer turnover for the 90-91 year. Decide when new Board members should start sitting in meetings and when new major club chairpersons should touch base with incumbents. It's also critical to consider the secretary and treasurer slots too. The whole idea is to have continuity.

From Mark Hovey

— Vocational Service Chairman.

Mark asks for your continuing help. RI wants us to share our vocational service plans and projects with them. Please take the time to let Mark know what your club is doing — or plans to do — in this important area. Sure, it can be in pencil. His address? PO Box 565, Damariscotta ME 04543. Thanks.

Club Attendance and Membership.

Club reports thusfar this year indicate that — both in number and %-age — many clubs are not where they might like to be. DG Jim presented all clubs with a copy of RI's Membership Development & Retention Manual. It's well written and might give you some good ideas in both areas.

Not all clubs may appreciate a new rule that eases classification requirements. Before Singapore, the classification had to describe the major activity of the employer. Now, it can reflect the actual area of work done. Example? An chief accountant at a paper mill can come under paper manufacturing OR accounting. It can help!

Don't Let Them Fade Away.

How does your club utilize Past Presidents? Yes, most keep continuity by having the immediate Past-President on the Board of Directors. The challenge here is to find interesting ways to utilize this resource. Let me know so your ideas can be gotten out for possible use by others.

Help For St. Kitts — In the Aftermath of "Hugo."

The Bath Sunrise club wants to thank all those who gave, or are giving through them in support of this worthy cause.

Redistricting Note.

Many continue to work hard toward a very successful turnover. If asked to help by incoming DG's Dan Mooers (778) or Roland Cloutier (779) please give it your best shot. You always do.

*Have you enjoyed this issue?
Why not pass it on
or make some copies for others?*

COMING EVENTS

January 1990 – Rotary Awareness Month

January 20, 1990 – Charter Night for Saco Bay Club. At Sheraton Tara in S. Portland.

February 1990 – World Understanding Month

March 23-24, 1990 – Joint District P.E.T.S. at Nashua, NH. For 778 and the US clubs in new 779 plus clubs from nearby districts.

March 30-31, 1990 – P.E.T.S. for 779 Canadian Clubs. At Auberge des Gouverneurs, Quebec.

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

(Details next month.) District 779 Assembly.

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!

A Definition

Exhilaration is that feeling you get just after a good idea hits you, and before you realize what's wrong with it. *Bernou*.

Grey Panther Power.

For the first time in USA history, there are more Americans over 65 than there are teenagers. Helping the lonely and needy among the elderly is another, challenging way to enjoy Rotary.

RI's Youth Exchange Program.

It began with Copenhagen's Rotary Club in 1929. Now, RI supports about 9000 young people in the 15-19 age bracket each year – to learn about life and customs in another land. Receiving Rotary clubs and host families provide these youngsters with a home and friends away from home and a lot of warm human experiences to share and remember for life. District 779 experience has been, and will certainly remain, a very positive one to all concerned.

...AND IN CONCLUSION

DG Jims Change of Address.

Effective immediately, the last line of Jim's address is: Portsmouth, N.H. 03802-4280. Everything else is the same.

Couth Corner. (Inspiration Time)

(Having stolen quotes from club bulletins with abandon for five months, here's a few from other sources for your use. Merry Christmas!)

Tell the truth, and so puzzle and confound your adversaries. *Sir Henry Wotton*.

Veracity does not consist in saying, but in the intention of communicating truth. *Coleridge*.

Dost thou love life? Then waste not time; for time is the stuff that life is made of. *Franklin*.

Genius has limitations; stupidity is boundless.

We hardly find people of good sense save those who agree with us. *La Rochefoucauld*.

No one is useless in the world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else. *Dickens*.

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult to each other? *George Eliot*.

Between the great things that we cannot do and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we will do nothing. *Adolph Monod*.

He has half the deed done, who has made a beginning. *Horace*.

As man is now constituted, to be brief is almost a condition of being inspired. *Santayana*

Every noble activity makes room for itself. *Emerson*.

Definition: Bore, n. A person who talks when you wish him to listen. *Ambrose Bierce*.

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities; an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties. *Mansell*.

If I shoot at the sun I may hit a star. *P.T. Barnum*

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

– Anonymous