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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 February 1990

My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We continue to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Your exceptional support of our Community Service Project with Intercultural Nursing is very moving to both Ellen and myself. To date, contributions have exceeded \$27,000! So, we are assured the full \$20,000 in RI matching funds. Beyond cash, are your large, continuing donations of medical supplies and material support which are promptly shipped to the Dominican Republic.

If your club has not participated yet, or wishes to continue its support, please do so. The condition of many children there remains desperate.

In another area, sincere thanks to the 33 clubs who have accepted my Governor's Trophy Challenge. Best wishes to all of you in attaining these goals — and for a strong finishing sprint during these final months. And, for all other clubs, you're certainly invited to participate to whatever degree possible. Because, really, it's a matter of helping others, finding ways to assist our growth as Rotarians and have fun while doing it.

Similar best wishes to those clubs involved in RI's Presidential Citation Program. In this case, club reports are due in to me 1 April 1990 to allow time for processing up the chain in time for awards at the RI Convention 24-27 June.

Buffeted by wintry winds, it may seem that June and the District Conference are very far away. Yet, for those planning this event within my home club in Portsmouth, it seems very near. All Club Presidents should now have the first information mailing from our Co-Chairmen. It contained an enclosure to mail back that gives your best estimate of club attendance numbers. A quick return will be much appreciated and help us to make this very special, historic occasion one to long remember as we ENJOY ROTARY together!

Yours in Rotary Service,


Jim Labrie

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DISTRICT 779

DG Jim and the Portsmouth Host Club Invite You to
ENJOY ROTARY at the 1990 District Conference

June 14-17

The BALSAMS



NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

PolioPlus Update.

With the recent addition of Ethiopia, Central Africa Republic, Gabon, Jordan, Laos, Oman, Yemen, and Tunisia, the list of countries receiving grants has grown to 90. In many of these nations, normally tough problems of national politics were solved. The pressing need to help their children today and in the future by stamping out Polio has proven to be a unique, unifying cause.

For example, Ethiopia's \$2 million will provide polio vaccine, other inoculations, and health training for 5.7 million children over a five year period.

RI's The PolioPlus Reporter contains well-written, current information your clubs will want to hear about. Are you getting it? Also, there's a special 66-page report on the program for 1988-89. It's available through the PolioPlus Program at RI HQ. (Sorry, only in English at this time.)

Our Rotary Foundation.

Unrestricted giving to Our Foundation is starting to recover — reaching \$22.6 million for the 88-89 year ending last June. With most PolioPlus pledges paid up and increasing support for unrestricted giving, it is hoped that the 89-90 year will continue the upward trend needed to fully support future, basic Foundation programs.

As you know, DG Jim has set a very attainable goal of \$125,000 in unrestricted giving, plus 10% participation in the new Benefactor Program as 779's part in this very worthy effort. Reports coming in from individual clubs are very positive. Here too, we can make it happen!

Coming In April: Magazine Month.

Simply put, the idea is to assist the continuing growth of Rotary knowledge among our members through full use of available printed material. Club coverage of items in The Rotarian in their bulletins and programs is accented. (Oh yes, feel very free to use any/all of the items in this pub. Am happy to say that many do.)

From The Classics. (I wonder how Cy Hiller will translate this.)

*Watch out w'en you er gettin' all you want.
Fattenin' hogs ain't in luck. J.C. Harris*

A New Climate For Broader Involvement.

Opportunity for reaching outside one's home District continues to grow rapidly. There's a great, growing thirst for contact with Rotarians in lands that are emerging from oppressive controls. Just a simple thing like a book is precious where its possession would have been illegal not long before.

Today, these words by James Russell Lowell have a fresh impact:

*New occasions teach new duties
Time makes ancient good uncouth
They must upward, still, and onward
Who would keep abreast of truth.*

He must have been thinking of Rotarians. Certainly 779's reach has expanded of late and it will surely continue to do so. There's fun we haven't found yet.

Some Paul Harris' Thoughts On Prejudice.

"When an individual, a sect, a clique or a nation hates and despises another individual, sect, clique or nation, they simply do not know the objects of their hatred. Ignorance is at the bottom of it. Ignorance is a menace to peace. Individuals and nations owe it to themselves and to the world to become informed." (RI)

Couldn't Agree More.

Rotary is not a secret organization. We need to let the world know what we do and why our Rotary club membership means so much to us. Share with your family and friends the enjoyment you get from being a member of the club. (R.I.)

How's Your Rotary I.O.?

In January's The Rotarian, center pages 28-29, contains 50 questions about Rotary. It illustrates just how much there is to know. (And, unfortunately, how much I don't. In fairness, some of the questions are very finite.)

We all can learn more about Rotary. It can be rewarding to just browse through the RI Catalogue (CD3-019-EN) to see what's available. New members might be given such pubs as "Getting Acquainted With Rotary," and "Getting Started In Rotary." Many clubs have found RI video tapes helpful in meetings with prospective members.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 779 CLUBS

Making That 100-Mile Trip To Another Club.

Kennebunk emissaries head south for the Boston Rotary Club 7 March, thus checking off another one of DG Jim's challenges. Has your club done this yet? It's always a ball.

100 Years Young.

DG Jim recently sent a congratulatory letter of President Adrian Boucher of the Riviere-Du-Loup club on their town's 100th birthday. Best wishes for the next 100! They're involved in a telethon to aid terminal cancer patients.

Some News From The Far North.

Iqaluit's new club bulletin title is: North of 63' 44". Yes, they're the northernmost club in all Rotary. They noted an average member age of 44.5 years and suggest this might be the lowest in our district. Are they right? Let me know.

Student Exchange Program.

Brunswick plans to export three students — one to Germany. District involvement in this area is doubling! Well done to all that are getting involved. Lasting, happy memories are made through this fast-expanding program.

That's The Spirit!

Undaunted, Rochester, after a loss to Somerset, is now in a another attendance contest. This time with Sanford-Springvale. Well, we can hope for a tie.

TV Auctions By Rotary Clubs.

While a lot of work for many, this fund raising option is growing in the district. Portsmouth will have it's 3rd on 4 March. Riviere-Du-Loup has been involved, and Biddeford-Saco and Saco Bay will co-sponsor their first in April. (Late News: Add Bath and Bath Sunrise to the list.)

Rockland's Fund Raising For Our Foundation.

They report \$8600. raised in unrestricted giving. (That's 8+ Paul Harris Fellows.) Generous local matching funds helped a lot. How is your club doing?

Some New Looks In Club Bulletins.

Livermore Falls and Hampton have fresh, new formats. Bethel's type is now crystal clear. The Bath Sun has very imaginative graphics and a lot of info. Biddeford-Saco has the highest font variety and unrestrained humor. Waldoboro-Warren continues to evolve what is now "The Compass."

That's just mentioning a few from among the many good club bulletins that bless our District. The test is simple: Good looks and good content.

A Great Winter Program.

Augusta's speaker for Feb 13, Dr. Grace Leonard, will discuss "How to combat Cabin Fever." (Enjoying Rotary is one way.)

Bread On The Waters.

It's always a good feeling to see the positive results of prior club actions. Camden had three Rotary scholarship college students return to talk about their progress. All are doing very well and are Rotary backers for life.

Rockland heard from Rotary Foundation Scholar Nancy Kennison who attended the Univ. of Tasmania — in Special Education. Nancy felt it was "The biggest year in her life" and spoke at local Rotary clubs. They were friendly too!

They Have Gone On The Road.

The "Portland Rotary Club Players" got rave notices on their appearance before the Bath club's tough audience. Mixing fun and Rotary fact they depicted the first meetings of Rotary in 1905. And so, for a magic moment, the names Harris, Loehr, Schiele, and Shorey became flesh and blood again. Yes, "The play's the thing."

The "Harold Harnck Players" of Newburyport put on a similar skit in August. Don't know for sure, but maybe one of these thespian units might be coaxed to trod the boards at your club.

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

— Anonymous

DISTRICT 779 ATTENDANCE REPORT – JANUARY 1990

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>6/30/89</u>	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>GAIN/ (LOSS)</u>	<u>%</u>
Augusta	80	68	-12	76.00%
Baie Comeau	21	19	-2	*
Bangor	187	184	-3	78.20%
Bangor Breakfast	51	55	4	*
Bar Harbor	53	58	5	82.20%
Bath	69	65	-4	83.75%
Bath Sunrise	40	46	6	77.00%
Beauceville	46	45	-1	87.79%
Beauport	25	25	0	63.00%
Belfast	67	64	-3	87.40%
Bethel	32	28	-4	90.00%
Biddeford-Saco	111	103	-8	76.50%
Boothbay Harbor	59	58	-1	94.49%
Brunswick	151	143	-8	75.07%
Camden	74	67	-7	83.45%
Damariscotta / Newcastle	51	52	1	*
Dover / Durham	105	106	1	72.21%
Durham / Great Bay	42	45	3	86.33%
Ellsworth	66	72	6	74.20%
Exeter	49	43	-6	74.00%
Farmington	51	52	1	77.61%
Freeport	27	26	-1	85.38%
Gardiner	42	40	-2	76.22%
Grand Mere	40	42	2	89.50%
Hampton	84	80	-4	83.65%
Iquluit	29	36	7	70.56%
Jonquiere	25	21	-4	*
Kennebunk	101	100	-1	91.10%
Kittery	31	31	0	84.70%
La Tuque	22	28	6	83.60%
Lac Megantic	18	21	3	*
Lewiston-Auburn	212	183	-29	78.74%
Lincoln	19	19	0	*
Lisbon	19	20	1	83.75%
Livermore Falls	16	17	1	89.68%
Matane	13	13	0	*
Mont-Joli	37	33	-4	87.67%
Montmagny	18	18	0	63.91%
Newburyport	89	82	-7	86.00%
Ogunquit	43	47	4	98.20%
Old Town	64	66	2	86.81%
Oxford Hills	48	47	-1	100.00%
Portland	201	203	2	80.90%
Portsmouth	220	214	-6	79.22%
Quebec	49	53	4	*
Quebec-Est	46	51	5	76.29%
Rangeley	35	33	-2	78.21%
Rimouski	39	37	-2	83.70%
Riviere-du-Loup	35	38	3	70.00%
Rochester	68	62	-6	87.10%
Rockland	113	114	1	96.20%
Rumford	35	43	8	73.16%
Saco Bay	0	43	43	*
Sainte-Foy	24	20	-4	*
Sanford / Springvale	73	74	1	80.60%
Scarborough	32	32	0	70.63%
Sept-Illes	0	21	21	*
Skowhegan	57	57	0	*
Somersworth	33	33	0	71.97%
South Berwick	28	26	-2	86.00%
South Portland / Cape Elizabeth	51	51	0	87.39%
South Portland / Maine Mall	30	30	0	75.00%
St-Georges-de-Beauce	51	52	1	82.20%
Ste-Anne-des-Monts	11	11	0	*
Thetford Mines	46	47	1	89.93%
Trois Rivieres	54	50	-4	83.50%
Waldoboro / Warren	9	14	5	90.67%
Waterville	134	122	-12	75.00%
Wells	38	30	-8	80.05%
West Bay-Camden	49	49	0	91.85%
Westbrook	51	53	2	87.25%
Windam	50	52	2	87.02%
Winthrop	34	37	3	91.08%
York	56	50	-6	81.00%
SUB-TOTALS U.S.	3,530	3,489	-41	82.99%
SUB-TOTAL CANADA	649	681	32	79.36%
TOTALS DISTRICT	4,179	4,170	-9	82.22%

* = Report Not Received.

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

DISTRICT 779 NEWS

From Secretary Mort.

As District promoter for our District Convention, Mort asks all district clubs to get into the detailed planning for attending a fine convention in a superior location — Portland Oregon, 24-27 June 1990.

Please note cut-off dates for getting lower rates there. Also, many airfares have price linked with the time reservations are made. Join the many district clubs that plan going "On to Portland!"

From Editor Bud.

From time to time, calls or letters come in requesting that an item be included in the Newsletter. That's no problem in that we usually can find a spot for it. Generally, the shorter, the better. And, allow enough leadtime.

It remains a great personal pleasure to be able to work with so many club bulletin editors. At present, bulletins are received from about 55 clubs on a regular basis. It would be nice to get the rest so that all clubs could be better represented in our news.

District Conference: The Balsams 14-17 June.

We will be having an increasing amount of information for you on this topic in the following issues. We added a reminder box at the bottom of January's front page and will continue doing this in the coming months.

It's a simple 4-Way-Test-truth that as participation increases, opportunities to ENJOY ROTARY do too! Where is there a better place to recharge your Rotary batteries? Where else can you be among so many people who feel the same way you do about community support, the ideal of service, and high ethical standards?

There's no better time to renew old Rotary friendships and make new ones. And, there is a great opportunity to see what other clubs are involved in and how they're solving problems of interest to you.

In short, please make early plans to be with us at the Balsams and bring fellow members too!

The "Average" Club in 779.

From DG Jim club visits data: The "average" club has 57 members, pays \$91 annual dues, has a \$33 initiation fee and raises \$15,166 annually. That's not all. Average fundraising per member is about \$266 with a low-high range of \$55 to \$1500.

A New RI Scholarship Award For 779.

Eric Noel is this year's recipient. Sponsored by the Quebec Club, Eric will attend the Free University of Brussels. DG Jim wants to thank all those involved in the candidate submission, interview, and selection process.

Saco Bay Charter Night.

The evening was well attended and nicely run. So, Saco Bay is now officially our 74th club. Best wishes for a long and lusty life!

The program included presentation of an RI Zone 2 Citation to PDG Ron Drouin for the "birth" of four new clubs during his year. (Ste. Foy, Sept Iles, Bath Sunrise, and Bangor A.M.)

Ron, in turn, gave recognition to the many members that made it happen. This included Marty Ulan, Jacques Chateauvert, PDG Joe Hahn, Ed Mace and the sponsoring clubs. Well done to all!

Here Comes Club # 75!

Seabrook - Hampton Falls (N.H.) is our newest addition. Sponsored by the Hampton Club, they're making fine progress. Meeting place: Lukas Greenhouse Restaurant 12 Lafayette Rd (Rt. 1A) in Hampton Falls. Day & Time: Wednesday 12:15. How about making up there when you can? They would be happy to see you.

Getting Ready For P.E.T.S.

All President-elects should be firming up plans for required attendance at their respective meetings. (March 23-24 for U.S. Clubs at the Joint District meeting in Nashua and March 30-31 for Canadian Clubs in Quebec.) Please forward the required forms and information as soon as you can to assist the planners for these events.

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

COMING EVENTS

- February 1990 – World Understanding Month
- February 23, 1990. World Understanding and Peace Day AND RI's 85th Birthday!
- 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.
- 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 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!

In 779 It's Almost A Necessity!



If you look closely, that's our intrepid aviator DG Jim and his pride of the skies — a Cessna Skylane 182. It became clear to Jim when planning for the year ahead that travel in 779 is a challenge to say the least. So he learned to fly, got Ellen to agree to get in, and made it to such stops as Waterville, Bar Harbor, Lincoln, Grand Mere, Jonquiere, Baie Comeau, Rimouski, Mont Joli, and Matane. If pressed, DG Jim admits to being

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lost once — but for the briefest time and with lots of gas in the tanks.

Somehow, the plane never picked up a nickname. Got one? Send it in.