



James A. Labrie
District Governor
1989-90



**ENJOY
ROTARY!**

The Rotary International Theme for 1989-90



Hugh M. Archer
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DISTRICT 779 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Governor's Message January 1990

My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It's very fitting that February is World Understanding Month. There have been few periods in world history with the degree of positive change we have been seeing, for example, in Eastern Europe. There is hope of becoming more of a family of nations than before. What a special, rewarding time to be a Rotarian!

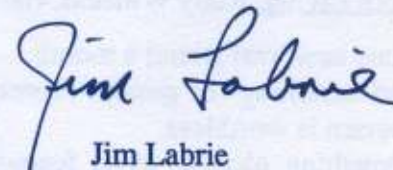
In our District, we have continued the growth of our contacts with others nations. We've had Group Study Exchanges, more and more Exchange Students, Scholarships, and many individual club projects that reach out beyond 779's boundaries.

Your very special support for Intercultural Nursing in the Dominican Republic is much appreciated. As you know, this project is very close to Ellen's heart. As the Wells club bulletin quoted her: "The bottom line for all such programs is world peace. We're not just promoting improved health care, but dignity and mutual respect around the world. These are not burdens; they are opportunities for peace — we cannot afford to ignore them." That says it all.

DG Dave Marsh from District 555 had these fitting words in his December issue: "... May the Spirit of Service reach out and bring happiness not only to your countrymen but to those in other lands that may be hungry, impoverished, tired of political struggle, of persecution and war and who rely on Rotary for a Better Tomorrow!"

Best wishes to all of you in the exciting decade we've just begun. WE WILL continue to make a difference while ENJOYING ROTARY!

Yours in Rotary Service,


Jim Labrie

District
Conference

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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

The 1989-90 Presidential Citation Program.

Yes, it's appreciated that clubs get lots of deadlines. But, this is a reminder to report club results in this program to DG Jim by 1 April '90.

DG Jim, in turn, has 15 days to go through them and certify qualifying clubs. His combined report is due to RI 1 May '90. So, there is no slack time in the sequence. HELP! Be timely.

World Understanding And Peace Day.

RI has given 23 February this title and it's also RI's 85th Anniversary. How about working both of these meanings into your club meeting closest to this date.

Rotary Leadership. (Excerpt: Ray Klingensmith)

"Buzz" Tennent, RI President in 1957-58 got to the heart of things saying: "The magic, the genius, the power of Rotary is friendly service finding expression in the lives of men." There is a certain magic about Rotary, and that magic is found in our principles, our objectives, and our programs — all of which have been created by leaders at all levels of our organization.

Our debt to them can be summarized in two simple questions? (1) Where would Rotary (Your Club) be today without the efforts of its past leaders? And, (2) Were will Rotary (Your Club) be tomorrow without your efforts? What a debt we owe! What a responsibility we share!

Rules For Living. Rudy Winston, Harvard Prof.

- Make one new, real friend a month.
- No "bad mouthing" or gossip. Protest without a program is worthless.
- Say something nice to those feared/hated and mean it. Meet fear head-on through positive confrontation.
- Have one idea for positive change a month. (Business and/or home) Be detailed — with resources, strengths and weaknesses, results intended and how to accomplish.
- THINK. Put aside specific time to consider life. Where are you going and how do you plan to get there? How do you plan to improve/change? Develop a WRITTEN life plan and keep it current.

What's Interact?

It's part of RI's Service To Youth. Specifically, INTERACT is for young people 14-18 years of age. Each club annually carries out at least one project that benefits its school or community plus an international project. It all started in Melbourne, Florida in 1962. Number-wise, there were 130,372 members in 5,926 clubs in 88 countries.

Our District has become increasingly active in this area and Dan Burgess is the Interact Chairman for two years. Want to know more? See Dan's letter being mailed with this issue.

Highlights In December's The Rotarian.

Special Memo from Pres. Hugh Archer outlining management changes at RI. p.9.
A look at Oregon's beauty. pp 24-28.
1988-89 Annual Report of Rotary. Centerfold.

New Per Capita RI Dues Rate.

As of 1 January '90 it's \$14.50/6 mo. or \$29.00 per year. (It was \$20/year.)

Is Rotary In Your Will?

A Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation Endowment for World Understanding and Peace is anyone who informs our Foundation in writing that he or she has made a provision in their will or other estate plan for the Endowment — or who makes an outright gift of \$1000 (US) or more to the Endowment.

All club presidents should hold the suggested wording for a will clause.

It's Greek To Them.

Fn 27 urdlztxi geiuxk, hmil kn tzlrb uiflgaiwf bieh rhnurrocd.

To 27 million people, both of these sentences look identical.

To many illiterates, letters are only letters. Books, papers, and labels make no more sense than does the garble of an eye chart. This area is a great one to get involved in. Are you?

December 29, 1989

TO ALL ROTARIANS, DISTRICT #779

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

What a great time to be alive ! Borders of countries that were previously closed to free travel are opening throughout the world. Strongholds of oppression are becoming open forums for free expression of speech and religion.

It is all unfolding before our very eyes like an epic Hollywood movie production. The players involved are moving in a finely choreographed set at the direction of a much higher order. What makes it most exciting is that it is REALITY !

Rotarians have a leading role in the storyline. Our actions make a positive difference in individuals' lives every day across the globe. We have a responsibility to set an example for others to follow as the Earth becomes a smaller and smaller place.

INTERACT Club members represent the next generation of leaders in our world. It is they who will play out the next scene in the storyline. They will take our place, just as we have taken the place of our parents and grandparents.

When the camera's eye fades to white, will we be able to say that we gave our strongest performance ? Will we have brought out the best in ourselves and inspired those who have worked with us ? Will we have helped the younger players to become the strong leaders of tomorrow ?

YOU write the script !

Step #1 is starting a new INTERACT Club. Call or write me for more information.

Yours in Rotary Service,



Dan Burgess, INTERACT Chairman

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NEWS FROM DISTRICT 779 CLUBS

Meeting Place Changes.

CAMDEN now meets in the Pilgrim Room of the Congregational Church on Elm St. AUGUSTA, starting 16 Jan, will be meeting at the Comfort Inn (Augusta). ROCHESTER is now at Nicholas I – 200 yards east of Cardinals

Ring Them Bells!

Many clubs helped out as volunteer bell-ringers for the Salvation Army. Just a partial list includes Bangor, Bath, Bath Sunrise, Biddeford-Saco, Brunswick, Camden, Rockland, Portsmouth, and Westbrook. Some daily collections topped \$3,000. Well done, all kettle minders!

By the way, is the head of the local Salvation Army unit a member of your club? (There is no numerical limit for clergy.)

Get To Know Your Members Better.

One very popular way is through classification talks. St. George-de-Beauce has a feature article on one member in each bulletin.

Counting Noses.

Congratulations to the many clubs involved in various attendance contests. It's lots of fun and, really, everyone wins in the end.

That's The (Christmas) Spirit!

Biddeford-Saco hosted 137 handicapped youngsters at their 20 December party. Could there be a better way to ENJOY ROTARY?

Keeping Members Aware of Club Happenings.

Do members get timely reports of the Board of Directors meetings and club finances? Some clubs do it in detail. Riviere-Du-Loup is one of these. While monthly, their bulletin, The Point, normally has about 50 interesting pages.

Going, Going, Gone.

Christmas tree and wreath sales seemed universally successful this year. All agree it's a great way to get to know fellow members better.

*Have you enjoyed this issue?
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or make some copies for others?*

Getting A Good, Early Start.

Boothbay Harbor signed up to support a Drug Awareness 12 week program at the 5th grade level. Also in their Youth Support area is a donation to assist the "Reading Is Fundamental" elementary school effort.

It's The Luck Of The Labries.

Lisbon reports that guest Ellen Labrie won their lottery. At the previous DG visit, to Augusta, DG Jim won their lottery! In the end, both "winings" were donated back to the clubs.

RI's Institute Meeting In Vancouver.

PDG Marcel Girardeau attended and reported on this event to the Grand-Mere club.

Resolutions Made Easy.

Biddeford-Saco's "TACK" included a full page for entering New Year's Resolutions —with 10 spaces for Rotary related ones.

A Nice "First."

Sanford-Springvale's Pres. Harland made his Mom, Bernice Shephard, an Honorary Member. She's been a very active supporter of the club.

Holiday Thoughts From Scarborough.

A partial quote from their Rotary Pioneer: "...Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Think of your neighbor first. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Extend your hand to a stranger and the warmth of your heart to a child."

Vocational Service At Work.

35 Lewiston-Auburn members signed up to host local students for career information. And, they donated \$250. to the American University Women (AUW) "Doorways to the Future" which helps with transportation costs of junior high students visiting businesses.

Oxford Hills members had a large part and an enjoyable time during the recent Career Day at the Junior High School.

DISTRICT 779 ATTENDANCE REPORT - DECEMBER 1989

CLUB	6/30/89	DEC.	GAIN/ (LOSS)	%
Augusta	80	75	-5	*
Basle Comeau	21	19	-2	*
Bangor	187	185	-2	71.70%
Bangor Breakfast	51	55	4	*
Bar Harbor	53	59	6	77.02%
Bath	69	66	-3	82.81%
Bath Sunrise	40	46	6	88.70%
Beauceville	46	46	0	84.24%
Beaupoit	25	25	0	*
Belfast	67	68	1	85.10%
Bethel	32	28	-4	86.00%
Biddeford-Saco	111	102	-9	89.60%
Boothbay Harbor	59	58	-1	84.03%
Brunswick	151	142	-9	80.89%
Camden	74	68	-6	82.18%
Damariscotta / Newcastle	51	52	1	85.50%
Dover / Durham	105	109	4	*
Durham / Great Bay	42	43	1	82.96%
Elisworth	66	73	7	55.30%
Exeter	49	44	-5	78.90%
Farmington	51	54	3	*
Freeport	27	26	-1	78.21%
Gardiner	42	39	-3	*
Grand Mere	40	42	2	92.10%
Hampton	84	78	-6	76.79%
Iquluit	29	36	7	59.48%
Jonquiere	25	21	-4	68.00%
Kennebunk	101	101	0	95.17% - 3
Kittery	31	32	1	90.10%
La Tuque	22	28	6	72.40%
Lac Megantic	18	21	3	*
Lowiston-Auburn	212	184	-28	75.85%
Lincoln	19	19	0	*
Lisbon	19	20	1	79.10%
Livermore Falls	16	17	1	76.88%
Matane	13	13	0	*
Mont-Joli	37	33	-4	81.10%
Montmagny	18	18	0	85.22%
Newburyport	89	81	-8	80.40%
Ogunquit	43	47	4	95.50% - 2
Old Town	64	67	3	82.06%
Oxford Hills	48	46	-2	95.10% - 4
Portland	201	207	6	79.66%
Portsmouth	220	218	-2	73.28%
Quebec	49	53	4	73.30%
Quebec-Est	46	50	4	*
Rangeley	35	33	-2	78.50%
Rimouski	39	37	-2	90.00%
Riviere-du-Loup	35	38	3	76.00%
Rochester	68	64	-4	83.33%
Rockland	113	113	0	92.67%
Rumford	35	38	3	76.17%
Saco Bay	0	43	43	*
Sainte-Foy	24	20	-4	*
Sanford / Springvale	73	75	2	72.62%
Scarborough	32	33	1	81.92%
Sept-Illes	0	21	21	*
Skowhegan	57	57	0	*
Somersworth	33	33	0	68.94%
South Berwick	28	29	1	*
South Portland / Cape Elizabeth	51	49	-2	82.61%
South Portland / Maine Mall	30	30	0	75.80%
St-Georges-de-Beauce	51	53	2	91.10%
Ste-Anne-des-Monts	11	11	0	*
Theftord Mines	46	47	1	95.65% - 1
Trois Rivieres	54	50	-4	87.10%
Waldoboro / Warren	9	13	4	80.00%
Waterville	134	129	-5	74.39%
Wells	38	33	-5	*
West Bay-Camden	49	49	1	91.33%
Westbrook	51	52	1	74.00%
Windam	50	52	2	79.40%
Winthrop	34	37	3	85.21%
York	56	49	-7	74.40%
SUB-TOTALS U.S.	3,530	3,520	-9	80.93%
SUB-TOTAL CANADA	649	682	33	81.21%
TOTALS DISTRICT	4,179	4,202	24	81.00%

* = Report Not Received.

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

DISTRICT 779 NEWS

From Secretary Mort.

On To Portland — Oregon, that is! The RI Convention is 24-27 June and the last in the USA for a bit. Lock in cheaper hotel rates and transportation through early reservations.

District Inventory. HELP! Part of the redistricting process is to identify/inventory those clearly district-owned items held by clubs. For example, it's obvious that the translation radios and the current home club DG flags are in this category and will go to the new 779.

How about permanent district attendance cups, Paul Harris Letters, and other historic items? Mort would appreciate a club-directed effort and some attic rummaging. Please let him know of your results.

From District Treasurer Greg.

I was thinking of saying no one could find him, but that's not the truth. Greg reports that you're doing fine and thanks you.

From Editor Bud.

Don't expect me to be too objective about this, but here's a plea to give recognition to your club editors. Some aren't named in the club bulletins — although this may be their doing. To avoid the fuss of an editor's absence, how about guest editors and/or writers of a special column each week that are appointed ahead of time?

If you're short of space, why not omit some of the "boilerplate" such as list of members, officers and make-up locations from time to time.

More and more clubs are using some of the many software programs used with desktop publishing — or just to spruce up existing word processing capability.

We'll have a new Rotary Theme (Motto) beginning 1 July and a new District number (778), so think of this before printing envelopes, etc.

Keeping District Officers Up To Speed.

This Newsletter has club news that reflects your many efforts in many areas. If involved in an area where there is a District officer, how about briefing that person through a call or mail? It will be much appreciated and improves the chance of passing on this info to others.

Pen Pal Wanted.

We received a note from a Rotarian in District 445 in Peru who wants to exchange letters, in Spanish, with someone in 779. Interested? Call or write Editor Bud for the details.

Proposing New Members.

How many of your members have ever proposed a new member? Do they really know how? Several clubs recently printed the procedure sequence in their bulletins — some included the form to be used. Is your submission system as simple as possible and well known to your members.

Recognition For Rotarians At Riviere-Du-Loup.

Their Chamber Of Commerce, as part of the town's 100th Anniversary, honored their Rotary Club for its long involvement in community service. Specifically named were President Adrien Boucher, Sonia Normand, Albert Savard, and Yvon Rousseau. Congratulations from us too!

Redistricting Actions.

We're on the home stretch now. Meetings are continuing as planners get deeper and deeper into the necessary details. For example, District By-Laws have to be firmed up while reflecting comment received from clubs.

In addition, present 779 District committees will have to make detailed plans for a smooth transition to two new ones. There's an obvious need for the transfer and probable duplication of records, funds transfer, and passing forward of actions in process such as old business.

It's going to be a challenging time. If asked to help in the effort, please give your normal "Happy to!" and thus ensure that Dan Mooers and Roland Cloutier get an optimum start for their new districts.

It's 74!

The very best wishes for a long and vigorous life to our newest club, Saco Bay!

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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!

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY

(This contains the most meaningful 110 words in all the RI Manual of Procedure. DG Jim asks all clubs to emphasize it during his year.)

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the Ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

First. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for Service.

Second. High ethical standards in business and professions; The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; And the dignifying by each Rotarian of their occupation as an opportunity to Service society.

Third. The application of the Ideal of Service by every Rotarian to their personal, business, and community life.

Fourth. The advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional people united in the Ideal of Service.

...AND IN CONCLUSION

DG Jim's Change Of Address.

If you didn't catch it last month, the last line of DG Jim's new address is: Portsmouth, N.H. 03802 - 4280. Everything else is the same.

More Club News. (By Popular Demand)

Support For Our Intercultural Nursing Project.

Beyond your exceptional response in cash and medical supplies and white mounds of greatly needed diapers, is the extra time spent by many to make it happen. For example President Andy and wife Becky Longley from Brunswick, and Tom Mixon of Bath are giving two weeks of their time to work on site in the Dominical Republic in Jan.

Do you have needed skills to offer? Get in touch with Ellen Labrie.

Home Health Care Training.

8 West Bay members are being trained in physical therapy to assist a local stroke victim.

Writing The Date Right Yet?

Dover-Durham and Portsmouth had a \$1 fine for all members who had "1989" on their attendance cards for the first January meeting.

Here's One For Bulletin Editors.

From Kittery's "Gateway". "If you find a mistake in this publication, please consider that it was put there for a purpose. We try to please everyone and some people are always looking for mistakes." (Anon)

Children's Christmas Party At Trois-Rivieres.

This was managed by Bernard LaFontaine and Cy Hiller. And, this presents the chance to thank Cy for his considerable effort to convert this English version to literate French each month.

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

– Anonymous