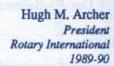




WE ENJOYED ROTARY

James A. Labrie District Governor 1989-90





DISTRICT 779 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Governor's Message June 1990

My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As the 1989-1990 Rotary year draws to an end, Ellen and I once again want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the 4,179 Rotarians of the 75 clubs in District 779 for their tremendous dedication, help, support and for the hospitality extended to us during our visits throughout the District.

With the combined efforts of this wonderful district, WE DID MAKE A DIFFERENCE! You gave \$31,115.81 to the District World Community Service Project in the Dominican Republic, which was matched by an additional \$19,400 through a Special Grant from R.I. for a total of \$50,515.81. We have received x-ray machines, dental equipment, medicines and medical supplies, nearly 2000 diapers and much, much more to help the children and poor of this island republic.

Many new fund-raisers were initiated, more money was raised and many more community projects entered into including several T.V. auctions raising \$15,000-20,000 or more, and Bingo being a very popular item raising thousands of dollars. All of this helped to continue to provide many programs such as camps and retreats for the handicapped, and helping to make a difference in

DISTRICT 779

the daily lives of children and the elderly in our 75 communities and the surrounding areas.

We continued our support of PolioPlus in the amount of \$618,126.44, and we added many new Paul Harris Fellows, all in support of OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION and helping people around the world.

We have a Dominican student learning to be a nurse at Northern Essex College, after which she will return to the Dominican Republic to teach others.

I want to thank each and everyone of my club leaders this year for their help and for working so hard to make this all happen; because without YOU none of it would have been possible. A sincere thanks to all my Zone Representatives and Past District Governors who were most helpful and influential in seeing that this came to pass. This is truly "Service above Self" and at the same time, I am sure that we all Enjoyed Rotary!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jim Labrie

WE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

District Conference

June 14-17
The BALSAMS



NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Notice Of Disaster.

RI has advised all districts that serious flooding has devastated southern Tanzania. Clubs wishing to help can send their contribution to PDG Amu Shah, P.O. Box 2358 Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanz.

Rotary Volunteers In Action.

This is a 3-year pilot program expected to help Rotarians with their volunteer activities. How? First, RI plans to build up a computer file of Rotarian volunteers who have specific skills and are willing to travel. Then, when the need for such a skill is made known to RI, the nearest available Rotarian is selected—through the "Global Support Center." Sounds good. We wish them well.

So You Think You Have Attendance Problems?

Not too long ago, RI received an apology from a Japanese DG-for dropping below 95% (Offhand, it is a good bet he doesn't have a scooter problem.) It's not unheard of for Australians to travel 150 miles for a meeting make-up. In some parts of our Rotary world, travel can be quite dangerous.

The point of this? Most of our clubs are easy to get to and there are many make-up opportunities nearby. There are few good excuses for not having full, active participation in your club. (Also, there is the matter of setting a fine example for new members.)

The Rotarian - June. (Turn to Page 39)

The White Bear Lake Club took honest issue with RI President Hugh Archer – and he agreed. The club identified policies, procedures, and attitudes that, they believe, made them a front runner. See if you agree.

The Rotarian - June. (Turn to Page 26)

The topic? It's an in-depth overview of Women in Rotary. Here, too, the coverage is balanced. There is no desire or intent to editorialize on the subject here. It does seem safe to say that District 779 is making the transition gracefully and is the stronger for it today.

It must be challenging to be the only woman Rotarian in a country – like Ireland and Chile. Well, "Long journeys start with the first step."

Thoughts On Our Potential by RI's Luis Giav.

We Rotarians have tremendous potential energy. It must be fully utilized. Each club with its history of achievement forms a foundation for the future. Each generation of club officers creates new opportunities and fresh approaches that build on past successes. Each of us must set an example. Working on today's "possible" will bring us one step closer to tomorrow's "impossible." We can change the world. ('89 Balsams)

PolioPlus - Potential Realized.

Luis Giay (See above) could well have been thinking of PolioPlus. We were thrilled when pledges doubled the initial goal. Payments are matching pledges and in District 779 are, essentially, complete. Best of all, the expected results are being exceeded to a significant degree.

Raw statistics are admittedly cold, but they are impressive. Almost 100 nations have received grants of over \$170 million—counting the planned 90-91 budget. It is expected that one-half a BIL-LION children will be immunized—200 million have been already. Polio cases have been decimated in our hemisphere and special teams attack spots where cases are reported. And, as you know, these teams also perform other treatments and onsite education.

Perhaps the real story in found in the future generations of healthy children and adults that PolioPlus made possible. We are, indeed, making a difference in a time of magnificent opportunities.

Thoughts On Rotary Knowledge. (DG Jim)

Rotary is service in action.

Service is increased through knowledge.

Knowledge creates enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is contagious.

Successful people are well informed.

If they don't know, they can find out.

Let's all increase our knowledge of Rotary!

Enjoying Rotary. (RI's Ray Klinginsmith)

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.

DISTRICT 779 ATTENDANCE REPORT - JUNE 1990

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"8" indicates those clubs going to District 778 as of 1 July 1990











DISTRICT 779 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

AWARDS MADE AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE -- THE BALSAMS 1990.

ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS:

R.E. CLARK (Dover), RUSSELL COX (Brunswick), CY HILLER (Trois Rivieres), PAUL G. JENSON (Waterville), DANIEL W. MOORES (S. Port./Cape Eliz.), MARCEL MORISSETTE (St. George-de-Beauce), M. GERARD VALLEE (Quebec City).

GOVERNOR'S CITATION -- SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARDS:

MEDHAT ATALLAH (Rimouski), CY HILLER (Trois Rivieres), JIM THOMPSON (Rockland), BUD WATT (Portsmouth).

BEST CLUB BULLETIN -- SMALL CLUBS (LESS THAN 50 MEMBERS).

MONT-JOLI (1ST), KITTERY (2ND), BATH SUNRISE (3RD). HONORABLE MENTION: QUEBEC-EST, RIMOUSKI, SCARBOROUGH, WALDOBORO-WARREN.

BEST CLUB BULLETIN -- LARGE CLUBS. (MORE THAN 50 MEMBERS).

MEMBURYPORT (1ST), KENNEBUNK (2ND), BIDDEFORD-SACO (3RD). HONORABLE MENTION: BRUNSWICK, DOVER/DURHAM, PORTLAND, ROCKLAND.

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION AWARDS: (ALPHABETICAL)

BIDDEFORD/SACO, BETHEL, BRUNSWICK, HAMPTON, KITTERY, NEWBURYPORT, OGUNQUIT, PORTLAND, PORTSMOUTH, ROCKLAND, S. PORT/CAPE E., WATERVILLE, WESTBROOK, WINDHAM.

GOVERNOR'S TROPHY AWARDS: (ALPHABETICAL)

BELFAST, BIDDEFORD-SACO, BRUNSWICK, CAMDEN/WEST-BAY, KENNEBUNK, KITTERY, OGUNQUIT, OXFORD HILLS, PORTSMOUTH, WESTBROOK, S. PORT/CAPE E, WINDHAM.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH: BEAUPORT

PERCENTAGE ATTENDANCE: OGUNQUIT

WE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

District Conference DISTRICT 779

June 14-17 The BALSAMS



AN OFFER 778 AND 779 ROTARIANS SHOULDN'T REFUSE!

THE OPPORTUNITY?

The 14-17 June District Conference at The Balsams is now history. It was also historic -- as the last held under the single "779" District banner. Also to the point, it was considered memorable by attendees who were very enthusiastic about the great time had by all.

If you were there and want to relive these times, or if you couldn't make it and want to see what was missed, or if you would like to have one to show excerpts to your club or to prospective members as part of their Rotary Information -- then getting a set of tapes provides the best opportunity to do so.

Dick Fisher, a professional video-photographer, was nice enough to spend the whole conference period with us and has edited 6 hours -- in 3, 2-hour tapes -- that cover this happy event in significant detail. This set of 3 tapes is now available for the essentially AT-COST price of \$25.00 -- and this included postage and handling!!!

CONVINCED? (OH YES, PLEASE GIVE YOUR CLUB MEMBERS A CHANCE TOO.)

We hope so. This offer is expected to expire for general ordering purposes on 30 September 1990. Please do not procrastinate if you are interested. You pay when the tapes are received. It's another great way to ENJOY ROTARY! I've got my set and it is EXCELLENT! (And, that's the truth.)

Conference Co-Chairman

ORDER FORM -- VIDEOTAPE SET OF DISTRICT 779 CONFERENCE 14-17 JUNE '90.

YES, I AGREE. PLEASE SEND ME A SET (WANT MORE THAN ONE? SHOW HERE THE QUANTITY DESIRED IF MORE THAN ONE). THE COST OF THE SET OF 3 TAPES OF 2 HOURS EACH IS \$25 (US). PAYMENT IS DUE ON RECEIPT OF TAPE SET WITH BILL. ALLOW THREE WEEKS PLEASE.

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DISTRICT 779 NEWS

The District 779 Assembly.

The Arnold Motel in St.-George-De-Buce was the scene of a very successful meeting of upcoming officers, guests, and club members of what is to become the newly configured District 779. It was clear that incoming DG Roland Cloutier and his committee had done a superior job of preparing for the day.

A fine turnout prepared for a year of "Honoring Rotary" with an opening welcome by DG Jim. Incoming DG Roland identified incoming RI President Costa's challenges as well as his own for the 90-91 year. Cy Hiller performed with his usual skill in making symultaneous translation.

The District 778 Assembly.

A lovingly planned and nicely executed event, it was enjoyed by record attendance representing all clubs in what will soon be RI's newest district. The sequence of an opening plenary session followed by a wide variety of workshops, lunch, and a concluding plenary session with workshop summaries made a fast moving, interesting package for attendees. Dan Mooers' specific challenges for 778 membership in 90-91 were identified.

As is always true, a lot of Rotarians worked long hours to make it look so easy. A "Well Done" to 778's incoming DG Dan Mooers. It bodes well for their coming Rotary year.

Effective Leadership In Rotary. (Excerpts: Mort Schmidt's 778 Assembly Address.)

(To incoming Presidents) You are ready or you wouldn't be here. You are a leader in your community or you wouldn't be a Rotarian. A major task is to motivate — not only to stimulate the club as a whole, but to consider individual member needs. Learn all you can about your members. Be responsive to their aims. Make them feel important, don't criticise.

A year from now if you have honored your members, they will honor you by their deeds. When you hear "Boy, our club accomplished a lot this year!" you can be proud — you were a good leader.

Our District Treasurer Greg Payne.

Taking a break from his money bin, Greg asked that club officers be thanked for their prompt payment of financial obligations for the past Rotary year — at least most of the time.

We appreciate the very prompt way that Greg always takes care of his District bills while being one of the nicest folks that it's been our pleasure to work with. District 778 will be fortunate indeed to have him as the 90-91 District Treasurer.

Our District Secretary Mort Schmidt,

Mort, too, has a message of thanks to Club Secretaries for their monthly input over the past year. Yes, and on time — well, much of the time.

End-of-June membership count and attendance % will not appear in this issue. It will be mailed as a separate enclosure in July 1990. Remember, mail your JULY reports to your respective District Secretaries by 10 August.

Mort reports a busy, fast-passing, year working with fine folks. He wishes all incoming Club abd District Secretaries the very best. Certainly, we thank him for his long hours, friendly disposition, hearty laugh, and sense of humor about veterinarian jokes.

Editor Bud's Last Soapbox.

It's been a great job at a great time. Rotarians everywhere — and especially in District 779 — are accomplishing such remarkable things. The challenge was not the need for good topics — they were at hand in abundance — but to try and provide the most meaningful to you in the accurate, interesting, and maybe humorous way you deserve.

Many thanks are due to many people. There is a special warm spot for all club editors fighting weekly deadlines. Cy Hiller was magnificent all year in getting my stuff and making fine French of it in a process that took many hours each month. Mort Schmidt provided all the mailing labels for both editions and the attendance figures — on time. Working with James A. Labrie was a pure joy and honor. The support from DG Jim's secretary, Sandy Gove, was truly exceptional. It has been a great year for me to ENJOY ROTARY! Best wishes to all 1990-91 editors about to Honor Rotary with their work.

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 779 CLUBS

Note: Am sorry that we couldn't mention every club in every issue this year. You have all done so much, so often, that it was hard to chose.

Rotary Honor's Banquet.

The Ellsworth club hosted 50 local high school honor students — each with a Rotary sponsor — for the 13th year. Nights like this one accent the high quality of most of our youth. Bates College President Don Howard made three major points: (1) Avoid the selfish ethic; (2) develop an attitude of critical assessment; and (3) continue to acquire knowledge with a moral component. Rotarians can say "Amen!" to that.

An Offer You Shouldn't Refuse.

We've mentioned the RI News Basket, available to PC computer owners with MODEMS. Incoming S. Berwick Pres. Paul Klebaur has gone that extra step in writing a computer program to assist you called "RNB." Want to try it? Let him know. It provides all you need. Use it and like? A donation to Paul's club would be appreciated and fair to all concerned.

Have You Tried Classification Talks?

This program option remains one of the most popular and effective in the district. It seems, however, that about 40% of our clubs haven't done so recently. How about starting again?

More Examples Of Club Fines.

Perhaps due to presence of N.H. Governor Gregg, <u>Dover-Durham's</u> Tom Dunnington fined anyone who was Democrat, Republican, Independent, or Non-registered voter one dollar.

Exeter's SAA, Roberta Jordan needed Past RI Director Art Richardson to convince members that her Rotary pin doesn't have to be worn on the lapel — possibly avoiding a fine.

Battling Cholesterol.

Bath is among our clubs with programs relating to the need to keep this substance under control. They included a screening clinic and a cholesterol-free bake sale.

Biddeford-Saco's TV Auction.

A success in fellowship and community relations, it also cleared a nice \$15,000! Will miss Editor Al Deschaies' regular notes.

Paul Harris Would Be Proud. (We are too!)

DG Jim will assist the <u>Lewiston-Auburn</u> club when they present 13 P.H. Fellow awards 7 June. The next day he will be at <u>Rockland</u> where 8 of their selectees become P.H. Fellows, too! That may be a two-day record for our District. It's also \$21,000 for Our Rotary Foundation. Well Done!

Plan Ahead For A 75th Birthday.

Mark Saturday, September 22 on your social calendars. <u>Portland</u> is planning a very special birthday anniversary celebration at Holiday Inn On-The-Bay. Details later.

Thank You, Frank Hodgdon! (Scarborough Editor)

In the 25 May issue, Frank observed that the Assembly Workshop Editor Bud assisted in was "inspirational." Well, it was lots of fun with a great bunch that included many editors. You can see why I read all your Bulletins — hoping to find items like this one.

Row Hearty, Lads!

West Bay was getting a crew together for their local "Harbor Row for HEART." They are also planning a 23 June "Great Rotary Duck Race" under the guidance of an "Aquaduck" committee. Honest!

It Pays To Travel.

Cy Hiller received a gift clock at the Seabrook-Hampton Falls charter night as the Rotarian traveling the longest distance. On return to <u>Trois-Rivieres</u>, he made a report of the evening to fellow members.

Good Words About fellowship. (Kittery)

Rotary fellowship is OUR responsibility. New and not-so-new members alike must feel their participation is valued by fellow Rotarians. A friendly atmosphere at meetings is no accident.

Happy 30th Birthday Rochester!

Thirty years of service and fun was observed with a very special program that included nine Past Presidents and a club history. Charter member Fred Hall proposed the toast.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW WITH DG JIM AND ELLEN LABRIE

Note from Editor Bud.

Time flies when you are having fun. It is hard to believe that the 89-90 Rotary year with DG Jim is about to conclude. Taking a "Trip Down Memory Lane," here are some bits and pieces from previous Newsletters.

<u>July — In The Beginning: Anticipation.</u>
I'm ready! As Ellen and I stand poised to begin visiting our 73 clubs, there is great enthusiasm for working and sharing this year of opportunity with

August — Long Journeys Start With First Steps.

We have thorougly enjoyed the hospitality given so warmly during recent visits. Along the way, a great deal is being learned from each and every club. We are definitely ENJOYING RO-TARY!

(We also saw this now familiar theme.)

Yesterday is a cancelled check. Tomorrow is a promissory note. Today is ready cash; spend it. (Anon)

September — The Very, Very Far North.

Another milestone! Ellen and I have now crossed and recrossed the Arctic Circle on our visit to Igaluit. There was certainly nothing remote about the very warm reception given us.

October — Like Magic, It's Club Visit #60.

Somehow, the visit to Durham/Great Bay will be #60! I'd be very remiss in not offering a special "Thank You!" to my wife and companion Ellen for being by my side as a working partner.

November — Our Rotary Foundation Seminar.

RI picked 779 to hold this event. On a gorgeous Saturday, 28 October, 85 Rotarians from 29 USA clubs went to Tagus, Maine for a full day of learning together. We did just that. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the Seminar the great success it was.

December — A Pause At Mid-Term.

At this point, it is fitting to review what's past and prepare for what is to come. It's been a "oncein-a-lifetime" experience - hearing about your plans and sharing your enthusiasm. Much has been accomplished. Much remains to be done. Together, we can do it!

January — New Beginnings.

It is 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!

February — Our Community Service Project.

We continue to MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Your exceptional support of Intercultural Nursing is very moving. We are now assured the almost \$20,000 of matching funds available from RI. Large quantities of medical supplies are similarly appreciated by very needy people.

March — Thoughts About Being A DG.

If only you could all be DG for a year! It is certain that you, like me, would find the experience a once-in-a-lifetime thrill. It provides a rare overview from which to observe dedicated membership making a difference in many ways. It is clear that a major reason for our continuing progress and warm fellowship is that you actually live by the ideals of Rotary.

April — Finishing The Year With A Flourish.

Well, here we are! There are 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, or surpassed? Which ones still need work? Let's continue giving it a full 100% effort for the rest of the year. Let's keep our enthusiasm, our spirit and our dedication alive.

May — Taking A Year-End Inventory.

(There was a listing of 17 areas of Rotary effort that constitute the rich menu available to all Rotarians. Here is the concluding paragraph.)

We are not a breakfast, luncheon or dinner club. We are a Service club. Unless each and every one of us is a full contributor - not just an attendee we will not fulfill the true meaning of "Service Above Self." Let's make a "New Year's Resolution" to become a Rotarian in the fullest sense of the word.

June - The Balsams

We Earned It, Let's Enjoy Rotary!

MEMORABLE EVENTS AT THE BALSAMS

(NOTE: If you're reading this while at the Balsams, this is intended to alert you to some of the rich menu of events available.

If you're reading this elsewhere, sorry that you couldn't make it. Start planning now for the combined 778/779 Conference next year.)

Need an early start? Try 6AM coffee in the sunroom with other early birds.

0845 Sing-A-Longs—The Best Yet. That morning coffee should have you in fine voice.

The 1st Plenary Session – Fri 9AM. Highly recommended to ALL attendees. Don't miss the heart tugging story of needy children in the Dominican Republic. AND, don't miss presentation of the funds you all helped raise. Be there for this happy conclusion.

Haven't said "Hello" to DG Jim yet? He would like to see you all while here.

Make that last-minute bid at Silent Auction before the secret alarm clock goes off.

How will a friend, or you, act under hypnosis? You could find out Friday night.

Help celebrate affection for our Canadian friends with the French Menu Friday night.

Have you wanted to run a marathon? Well, we have a somewhat shorter one for you.

Like to gamble but hate losing money? Be there at our Vegas Night Thursday.

Wondering if your club will win an award? Stay awake after Friday's evening meal.

Got some questions for incoming DG's Dan Mooers and Roland Cloutier? See them at "Office Hours" Saturday 2-3PM.

Honor our beloved fellow Rotarians who passed away this past year by attending Sunday morning's Memorial Service.

That's just a sample. Check out the Conference program and you'll find a lot more things to do. It's time to ENJOY ROTARY!

We hope you enjoyed this issue.
Others might do so too.
How about making some copies for them?

AND IN CLOSING...

Our Conference Committee from Portsmouth.

Here's most of the gang who worked hard for quite a while. If you have a great time at the Balsams they'll be happy too!



Selections From Past Newsletters:

DG Jim at the '89 Balsams:

We all know what we should do.
Most of us know how to do it.
It's a matter of self-discipline to do it.
We can't just think or talk about it.
We must get up and do it!
Together, we can make a difference.

Dickens.

No one is useless in the world who enlightens the burden of it to anyone else.

Emerson.

Every noble activity makes room for itself.

Harris

Watch out when you er gettin' all you want. Fattenin' hogs ain't in luck.

Johnson.

No man but a blockhead ever wrote except for money. (Gracious, Sam, NOW you tell me!)

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.

ONE FINAL "THANK YOU."

To PAUL P. HARRIS for getting this extraordinary, wonderful thing Called "ROTARY" started.