



James A. Labrie
District Governor
1989-90



**ENJOY
ROTARY!**

The Rotary International Theme for 1989-90



Hugh M. Archer
President
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DISTRICT 779 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Governor's Message

May 1990

My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we near the end of this Rotary year, let's pause and take inventory.

Have we:

- actively participated in our local meetings — with a high rate of attendance?
- become involved in Club Service?
- sponsored a new, strong member for our club?
- become associated with Vocational Service?
- lived by the 4-Way Test in our daily life?
- worked/counseled with individual students?
- planned to start an Interact club, or actively supported an existing one?
- offered our home to assist a Youth Exchange?
- regularly volunteered to support our club's community programs?
- done anything to stem drug abuse in our community or promoted drug awareness in our schools?
- taken the time to visit or help the elderly, or otherwise make their lives easier?
- supported programs for the handicapped?
- taken action to improve the environment?

- supported OUR Rotary Foundation by becoming a Paul Harris Fellow — including a sustaining one — or becoming a Benefactor through a will, insurance policy or outright gift?
- broadened our outlook to include getting involved in a World Community Service Project?
- helped in some way to assist world peace?
- become truly involved at a time of great need and opportunity in a rapidly changing world?

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." If we've not said "yes" to the above questions, let's make a "New Year's Resolution" to become a Rotarian in the fullest sense of the word.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jim Labrie
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Conference

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DISTRICT 779

Many thanks for your response.
We look forward to seeing you.

June 14-17

The BALSAMS



NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Happy Rotary New Year!

Paulo V.C. Costa, of Santos Brazil, will be RI President for the 1990-91 year. His Theme: HONOR ROTARY with Hope and Enthusiasm. We all wish him a most successful year in a challenging time.

R.I. Presidential Nominee For 1991-92.

It will be Rajendra K. Saboo of Chandigarh, India.

Working With The Boy Scouts.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has targeted 1990-91 to focus on and work with community organizations. BSA plans to contact Rotary Club Presidents to discuss ways and means they can help in providing resources and community program opportunities while furthering the cause of scouting. RI has encouraged all clubs to assist where possible. Rotary currently sponsors over 1945 BSA units in the U.S.A.

Going To Portland Ore. For The RI Convention?

There will be a New England Breakfast at the Inn at the Coliseum Monday, June 25, 7:15 AM for \$12 per person. Ticket requests and checks are desired immediately. Mail to: Paul Bordeleau PDG 787, 48 Maple Dr., Bedford NH 03102. Need more info? Dan Mooers, DGN 778 is on the committee.

The Need For Careful Growth In Eastern Europe.

RI, while aware of the major emerging opportunities for growth in Eastern Europe and Russia, has made it plain that care and patience must be exercised in associated extension efforts.

The point was made in a 23 April mailing to DGs and DG Nominees that all but the most informal contacts must proceed under the control of RI's Board of Directors. Anyone having a "lead" for potential action should contact Paul Bernholdt, RI Service Division manager — in writing. Specific districts were designated for oversight. Example: District 191 for Yugoslavia and Hungary.

Obviously, the host country must guarantee open meetings, inter-country Rotarian contact, dues payment and contributions in convertible currency, and full participation in all avenues of RI service. After waiting 40 years, it is worth taking a little more time to do it right.

25 Years Young.

Our Foundation's Group Study Exchange Program is having its Silver Anniversary. This year, there will be about 1600 men and women and their Rotarian team leaders exchanging visits between sponsoring RI districts. District 779 has sponsored such visits with France (2), England, and India in the past. New opportunities will be discussed at the District Conference.

Bridge Building.

RI approved District 419 having their District Conference in Havana Cuba. There were over 300 attendees from 43 clubs. Also attending were 10 Rotary Youth Exchange students from 8 countries. Past RI Director Luis Giay of Argentina — our RI Rep at The Balsams last year — was a special representative at this unique meeting. His words: "The theme was Peace on Earth and we went there as peacemakers to build bridges between Cuba and the Rotary world."

Budget Balancing.

The Finance Committee reported to RI's Board of Directors that the budget and actual income and expenses are expected to be in essential agreement for the 90-91 year.

Cost Containment.

RI's Board of Directors, concurring in recommendations of its Strategic Planning Committee, is encouraging clubs and districts to encourage containment/minimizing of the expense to individual Rotarians where possible.

A New RI General Secretary.

The several month talent search was concluded with the selection/election of Spencer Robinson, Jr., from Birmingham Alabama. We wish him well.

Congratulations To PDG Marcel Giradeau!

RI has appointed Marcel as Chairman of the Membership Development Committee for Zone 2. He was the RI Representative at the District 737 (PA) Conference.

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

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 779 CLUBS

100%.

Ogunquit's "Ocean Breeze" shows ALL listed members as being either full or sustaining Paul Harris Fellows! Anyone else in this category?

Some Of Our Fine Finers

Camden's "The Sea Breeze" noted the "wonderful job" that Sargent at Arms Stan Catell has been doing. The job is an important and busy one in our clubs. Making folks happy while taking their money is an uncommon talent.

Dover-Durham's SAA, Tom Dunnington, wasn't even at the meeting, but managed to have fines levied for those without their Rotary pins.

Portsmouth's SAA is Police Chief Bill Burke. He doesn't seem to get a lot of arguments.

News From The Far North.

Iqaluit recently sponsored a very successful Conference for Parents of the Disabled. They also had an "Elders Supper" that included entertainment by local youth. Sounds like two good ideas for other clubs to consider.

Sponsoring An Honors Banquet.

Ellsworth will have their annual program of recognition for local high school students with a scholastic average of 85% or better. Each awardee will have a club member counterpart.

Where There's H.O.P.E.

(Healing of Persons Exceptional.)

A recent Bangor speaker, Norwegian surgeon Ken Hamilton, stressed that hope is an essential element in a patient's healing process. There are now 14 groups in Maine that promote/embrace the H.O.P.E. philosophies during regular meetings.

Closing The Skiing Season.

The intrepid Hampton Ski Racers were among the 100-plus Rotarians from 3 Districts at Loon Mountain early March. They came in 10th among 42 teams and in one piece. That's a decent showing and it was a great way to ENJOY ROTARY!

"Friends Forever" — It's Making A Difference.

The age-long "troubles" in Northern Ireland have continued despite much effort by thoughtful people. In April, the Portsmouth Club hosted the 5th group of boys and girls from the Carrickfergus region. The 18 youths were split between male/female and Catholic/Protestant — spending about a week that includes area travel and home meals while being together each evening.

"Graduates" of the program have found much to admire and respect in each other and are forming a powerful nucleus supporting peaceful co-existence in their Northern Ireland region.

Want to know more? The "Friends Forever" project will be on the program at The Balsams. Yes, there are ways for others to get involved. You can write to Bill Holt via Mort Schmidt.

News From Finland.

Portland members received a detailed review of Finland's current status and challenges from their Ambassador to the U.S., Jukka Valtasaari. It's interesting that Helsinki, Finland is sponsor to Moscow's Provisional Rotary club.

Round Pegs In Round Holes.

Augusta, Portland, Portsmouth, and Rockland — among others — had Committee Preference Sheets for their members to fill out to aid club assignments in the 90-91 year.

Drug And Alcohol Awareness.

Newburyport sponsored a seminar on this critical topic 29 March. Chairman Farris Ajalat felt that reaching just one child would make the effort a successful one. Very true!

Rotary Western Experience For Canadian Youth.

Quebec-East is participating in this youth program where a group of 16-18 year old Canadian students meet for a week in Calgary, to learn more about the Province of Alberta. Sponsored by the Calgary South Rotary Club, the program will include contact with a group of RI Exchange Students currently being hosted there



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



DISTRICT 779 ATTENDANCE REPORT – APRIL 1990

	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>6/30/89</u>	<u>APR.</u>	<u>GAIN/ (LOSS)</u>	<u>%</u>
	Augusta	80	74	-6	77.00%
	Baie Comeau	21	19	-2	79.00%
	Bangor	187	184	-3	68.00%
	Bangor Breakfast	51	55	4	*
	Bar Harbor	53	58	5	74.12%
8	Bath	69	64	-5	95.62%
8	Bath Sunrise	40	47	7	77.75%
	Beauceville	46	47	1	88.97%
	Beauport	25	22	-3	75.50%
	Belfast	67	64	-3	85.60%
8	Bethel	32	30	-2	85.00%
8	Biddeford-Saco	111	107	-4	85.20%
	Boothbay Harbor	59	59	0	81.00%
8	Brunswick	151	144	-7	74.66%
	Camden	74	69	-5	79.68%
	Damariscotta / Newcastle	51	51	0	86.75%
8	Dover / Durham	105	102	-3	70.72%
8	Durham / Great Bay	42	45	3	77.46%
	Ellsworth	66	72	6	64.40%
8	Exeter	49	44	-5	76.00%
	Farmington	51	52	1	82.81%
8	Freeport	27	28	1	77.08%
	Gardiner	42	38	-4	72.33%
	Grand Mere	40	42	2	91.10%
8	Hampton	84	72	-12	76.75%
	Iquluit	29	38	9	48.03%
	Jonquiere	25	21	-4	*
8	Kennebunk	101	99	-2	*
8	Kittery	31	28	-3	80.00%
	La Tuque	22	28	6	83.10%
	Lac Megantic	18	24	6	*
	Lewiston-Auburn	212	185	-27	77.87%
	Lincoln	19	19	0	*
	Lisbon	19	21	2	89.28%
	Livermore Falls	16	20	4	85.00%
	Matane	13	15	2	75.00%
	Mont-Joli	37	30	-7	*
	Montmagny	18	17	-1	83.82%
8	Newburyport	89	84	-5	78.25%
8	Ogunquit	43	46	3	99.20%
	Old Town	64	68	4	84.13%
8	Oxford Hills	48	53	5	92.35%
8	Portland	201	212	11	76.46%
8	Portsmouth	220	205	-15	82.95%
	Quebec	49	51	2	69.20%
	Quebec-Est	46	53	7	72.83%
	Rangeley	35	34	-1	*
	Rimouski	39	38	-1	90.80%
	Riviere-du-Loup	35	42	7	73.00%
8	Rochester	68	68	0	81.00%
	Rockland	113	110	-3	90.06%
8	Rumford	35	44	9	79.31%
8	Saco Bay	0	49	49	*
	Sainte-Foy	24	21	-3	71.00%
8	Sanford / Springvale	73	72	-1	80.37%
8	Scarborough	32	33	1	64.43%
8	Seabrook / Hampton Falls	-	-	-	*
	Sept-Iles	0	22	22	*
	Skowhegan	57	57	0	*
8	Somersworth	33	34	1	85.51%
8	South Berwick	28	28	0	92.00%
8	South Portland / Cape Elizabeth	51	52	1	80.00%
8	South Portland / Maine Mall	30	28	-2	78.50%
	St-Georges-de-Beauce	51	52	1	*
	Ste-Anne-des-Monts	11	11	0	80.00%
	Thetford Mines	46	47	1	92.51%
	Trois Rivieres	54	51	-3	84.00%
	Waldoboro / Warren	9	14	5	89.00%
	Waterville	134	120	-14	70.19%
8	Wells	38	27	-11	*
	West Bay-Camden	49	50	1	89.53%
8	Westbrook	51	54	3	85.00%
8	Windam	50	53	3	83.90%
	Winthrop	34	38	4	85.60%
8	York	56	49	-7	84.54%
	SUB-TOTALS U.S.	3,530	3,513	-17	81.14%
	SUB-TOTAL CANADA	649	691	42	78.62%
	TOTALS DISTRICT	4,179	4,204	25	80.09%

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

* = Report Not Received.

DISTRICT 779 NEWS

Silent Auction Contributions.

HELP! We really need input from all clubs — whether coming to The Balsams or not. Please return the form we sent out indicating what the item is and whether you're mailing it or bringing it with you. Change that worried look on committeeman Al Bergeron's face to a happy smile. Many thanks.

District 779 Nominating Committee Results.

Hearty congratulations to the following:

M. Jacques Chateauvert, DGN Dist. 779, 1992-93.
Jean-Denys Rancourt, Dist. 779 Secretary, 1990-91.
Gerard Vallee, Dist. 779 Treasurer, 1990-91.
Robert Carson, Jr., Dist. 778 Secretary, 1990-91.
Greg Payne, Dist. 778 Treasurer, 1990-91.

District 778 Nominations

For District Governor 1992-92

Club President nomination resolutions must be filed with DG Jim — in his hands, that is — on or before 30 June 1990. (For associated details, see proposed District 778 By-Laws Section 303 — Nominating Committee.)

District 778 RI Foundation Scholarship Deadlines.

July 15, 1990
— Applications from candidates in Club Hands.
August 1, 1990
— Application in hands of DG Dan.
Sept. 1, 1990
— District recommendations to RI.

An Offer You Shouldn't Refuse.

Our District Conference will be videotaped by a professional, Dick Fisher. The product? A set of three 2-hour tapes that will cover all phases of this historic meeting. The cost? \$25 for the set including postage and handling! Order forms will be available at The Balsams and in the June Newsletter.

A Pleasant Task.

DG Jim revisited the S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth Club recently to present the District's first 10,000% Rotary Foundation Award. Well done!

Spring Cleaning.

How about taking a look at your club's roadside signs to see how they made it through the winter? The idea, of course, is to make a very positive impression on those passing by.

From District Treasurer Greg Payne.

There are about 14 clubs who haven't paid their \$5 Interim Dues for each new club member since 1 Sept. 1989. The check's in the mail?

From District Secretary Mort Schmidt.

As mentioned in April, he needs to receive the names of all members who passed away during the 89-90 Rotary year. So, please let him know if you haven't yet.

From Editor Bud.

Thanks are in order to the gang at American Speedy Printing Center in Portsmouth N.H. Larry & Cecelia Shaughnessy, and Steve and Cary Chaisson have repeatedly gone that "extra mile" to get our issues out on time while providing much technical assistance to me. Steve, in particular, has done most of the setup and oversight.

Cy Hiller continues to rate low and repeated bows for his extraordinary translating talents that make our French-language edition possible. He has spent long hours with never a complaint while making my input readable to our Canadian members. Cy has certainly helped me Enjoy Rotary!

And, lastly, sincere thanks to all those Club Bulletin Editors who fight a weekly deadline to keep their members informed and entertained. It's been fun to read most of your output and a great convenience to be able to borrow quite a lot.

Club Displays At The Balsams.

We know that 779 clubs are deeply involved with all sorts of interesting, beneficial projects — or other interesting areas. You're proud of the and we're proud of you, so please share them with all Conference attendees. The Portsmouth home club would like to see a lot of them. Let Editor Bud or Portsmouth's Al Bergeron know it's coming with a phone call this month please. We want to be sure there will be enough room. Please keep display within 5' X 3' size.

COMING EVENTS

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!

New By-Law Discussions At Balsams.

All Club Presidents should hold copies of the proposed By-Laws — and will have had internal club discussion and involvement during your Assemblies. However, if you have any more questions, or don't have a copy, please contact your respective DGN to be fully prepared.

Thoughts On Difficulty.

The occasion is piled high with difficulty, so we must rise high with the occasion. A. Lincoln

Look for a tough wedge for a tough log. Syrus

The difficulty in life is the choice. Moore.

NOTICE...NOTICE...NOTICE!!!

It is almost time to start sending your Club Bulletins to new addresses. As of **8 June 1990**, all District 778 clubs — to incoming DG Dan Mooers; all 779 clubs to Andre Rancourt, 670 5th Ave., Beauceville, Quebec, Canada, GOS 1AO. Tel: 1-418-774-5365.

Club Attendance Reports for June 1990 go to mort Schmidt. Your July Reports go to your respective District Secretaries — due in their hands by 10 August 1990.

From DG Jim Riggs OF District 709.

The Welland Canada club held a very successful, comprehensive Vocational Service project held on three consecutive Wednesday evenings. The theme was "The Nature of Work in the 1990's" with focus on future job opportunities and how to handle mid-life career change.



EVEN MORE CLUB NEWS

Happy Birthday, Seabrook/Hampton Falls.

It's official. District 779's club #75 was duly Chartered Friday, 11 May. About 150 Rotarians and guests had a great time. Best wishes to President Sal Cilluffo, our newest members, and the newest club bulletin: Rotary Banner. Also, many thanks to those who worked hard over many weeks to make this evening a reality.

Another New Club Bulletin.

Editor Bud received the first five issues of Sept-Iles' new bulletin. The cover features a striking drawing of (A guess) early explorer Henry Hudson's ship, the Golden Hind, at anchor.

Club Roots.

We tend to get rusty as to club history. Yet, most are very rich in accomplishment and colorful. Rimouski recently featured a condensed club history in their bulletin. How about your club?

Talk About Colorful!

S. Portland/Maine Mall's bulletin, The Sunrise, sported a new, easy-to-read format and was resplendent with bright orange sunset color paper. Most clubs should now have the capability to use the wide-open capabilities of many desk-top publishing software programs for their bulletins.

In Rotary, Bigger Is Usually Better.

Beauport's President, Denys Turmel, had a lead challenge in their bulletin to consider growing to the 40-50 member range from their past level of 25. Best wishes in making it happen!

Some Thoughts On Writing.

No man but a blockhead ever wrote except for money. Johnson. (Gracious, Sam, you could not have meant Rotarian editors — and that's the truth!)

I have the conviction that excessive literary production is a social offense. George Eliot.

Many contemporary writers drink more than they write. Gorki. (Oops, Rotarians excepted again.)

Who casts to write a living line, must sweat. (Anon) Don't know if any of this year's Newsletter "lines" are still living, but while there was some sweat, it was mostly fun to bring them to you. (Editor Bud)