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**ENJOY
ROTARY!**

The Rotary International Theme for 1989-90



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DISTRICT 779 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



Governor's Message November 1989



My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

These are exciting times! In Eastern Europe we see striking changes that could mean more freedom for many. I wonder how many Rotary clubs these countries will have by the year 2000? What a force for positive change they will be!

It's exciting in District 779 too. RI picked us to hold one of their Pilot Rotary Foundation Seminars. On a gorgeous 28 October Saturday, 85 Rotarians from 29 USA clubs went to Tagus, Maine for a full day of learning together. As the day progressed, it was clear that we had a winner.

Why did it "work?" First, the seminar concept was sound – attendees were active participants. Second, a lot of Rotarians worked long and hard to make it happen. Third, was the enthusiasm of those on hand. We had all three in abundance.

So, how are we better off now? Well, the truth is that too many Rotarians know very little about OUR Rotary Foundation. A lot was learned by 85 at Tagus in a very dedicated day. And, they developed specific, working plans for their own club's involvement in OUR Rotary Foundation. On return home, each can pass on the new things they learned to fellow members. Finally, the clear success at Tagus should result in approval to hold more such seminars in the future.

I said "OUR" Rotary Foundation on purpose. Try to do it too when addressing the topic. For, as Polio Plus made clear, great things can be done when we work together. Rotarians around the world could easily identify to OUR Rotary Foundation's plan to better OUR world's health.

In a parallel way, I see the Tagus seminar as a historic beginning for us – one that marks a new grasp of what OUR Rotary Foundation is all about and how we all fit in. My heart felt thanks to DGN Dan Mooers as prime mover, Louis Piconi as RI's Regional Seminar Leader, and DGE Paul Jensen. They, and many others, made it happen.

A new topic. Thanks to Dan Burgess for accepting the job of District Interact Chairman for two years. It's becoming a busy area.

Yes, it's an exciting time to be a Rotarian. Perhaps there never was a time when being one could make such a difference in our world. Ellen and I continue to ENJOY ROTARY and find much to be thankful for. Best wishes to you all.

Yours in Rotary Service,


Jim Labrie

NEWS FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

OOPS!

The new RI Secretariat phone number as of 11 November is (708) 866-3000. (NOT 886.) Sorry!

The 1989 Manual of Procedure.

Now that you all have a copy, it might be interesting to advise club members of the major changes. Some clubs might want to include one each week in their Rotary Information mini-talk. Or, maybe as part of your next assembly.

Did you notice the new Constitution of Rotary International Article XIV (p.162) and Club Constitution Article XVI? (p.225) RI probably felt this was the best current way to address a required change for world-wide members.

Coming Up Soon – Rotary Awareness Month.

It's observed in January. As DG Jim has accented from the beginning, Rotary Information is the lifeblood of full membership. To the degree it flows strongly and continually – fully connected to all its members – that District and that Club remain a vital part of the total unit.

DG Jim's gift of the Rotary Basic Library to each club was meant to assist in this process. Is it being circulated, quoted from, or otherwise in active use? Have you tried the Rotary News Network? How about the Rotary News Basket? (See the next paragraph.)

Like most of Rotary's special months, they really are applicable the whole year – it's just a good way to highlight them.

The Rotary News Basket.

(Computer Bulletin Board)

Here's another way to learn more about Rotary! Any club member with a Modem can connect up with RI Headquarters and pick-up: "A toll-free service offering information on activities, events, programs, and people of RI." Content is changed each Wednesday by 6 PM our time.

Telephone number used: 1-800-255-9952.

It's an easy way to get current info about RI for your club bulletin.

R.I. Directory Out of Print.

Sorry, the new Directory is sold out.

Multiple Paul Harris Guidelines.

This way to contribute to our Rotary Foundation is fairly new – so it's easy to see why there is some confusion about it. With the intent of making things clearer, here we go.

Eligibility? The recipient must already be a Paul Harris Fellow. (PHF)

Is there a special pin? Sort of. Example: For each US \$1000 donation by an existing PHF, the basic pin is received plus one sapphire for each \$1000 – up to a total of 5.

Are there other ways to get it – rather than through the recipient's own donation? Sure. The club, or anyone else, can honor an existing PHF with an additional \$1K donation.

Can it get complicated? Sometimes. Example: A non-PHF contributes \$5K. That donor could get a PHF (\$1K), name 4 other PHFs, and end up with a pin with 4 sapphires. One more?

A PHF donates \$1K and can get a pin with 1 sapphire. OR, there is an option to name another current PHF to get a sapphire pin.

Well, you should get a drift of it by now. You still have questions? Check with Secty Mort. (That's how to get rid of the tough ones.)

Getting RI Mean and Lean-er.

First, the term "Mean and Lean." usually is used to identify a going, trim, organization. RI has been looking at itself recently to see where it might get trimmer. Effective 31 October, 4 Associate Secretaries and 1 Division manager positions were eliminated.

All good organizations keep working toward improvement. RI is a good organization getting better. We wish them the very best.

From November's The Rotarian.

Our Rotary Foundation got nice coverage beginning on p.25 ("A Sturdy Foundation.") and ending on p.36 with a short, clear message from RI President Hugh Archer. It's worth a look.

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

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 779 CLUBS

What You See Is What You Get.

Many thanks for the continuing flow of fine club bulletins. They make this page possible.

Helping Others – What We Do So Well.

Windham, Portsmouth and many other clubs have made contributions to assist the St. Annes-Monts club misfortune.

Similarly, many have jumped in to give thoughtful help with problems caused by hurricane Hugo and the recent San Francisco Bay area earthquake. Bath Sunrise, for one, sent chain saws to aid some of the small islands squashed flat by Hugo.

Diamond's Are A Girl's Best Friend, But...

They also stand for a 75th anniversary and Portland is beginning serious plans for a memorable 1990 event.

Our Canadian Bulletins.

As a matter of "equal time" to our Quebec Clubs, it's the plain truth that they have some very impressive Bulletins. Beauceville, Grand-Mere, Mont-Joli, Quebec East, Rimouski, Thetford Mines, and Three Rivers, can be proud of their efforts. (Very sorry for any that were missed!)

Stolen Sayings from Here and There.

Education is what you get from reading the fine print. Experience is what you get by not reading it. (Westbrook)

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. By Emerson. (Rochester)

The kindest word is an unkind word unsaid. (Windham)

Where there's a will, there's an heir.

The amount of sleep needed by the average human is five minutes more. (Lincoln)

Attendance Contests.

There are many in process or planned – both with other clubs and internally. S. Port/Mall Sunrise has an in-house one. Portland and Bidd-Saco have, I guess, an out-house one. Oh yes, Portland has an in-house one too! Clear?

Oh Tannenbaum!

Among the most common and big ticket fund raisers are the annual Christmas tree sales. Club bulletins are filled with news of plans for this year. It's a great way to involve lots of members.

Real Cooperation.

When asked, Oxford Hills quickly agreed to cede the town of Harison in it's territory to assist the hoped formation of a new Bridgeton club sponsored by Windham.

Two Interesting Ideas.

Winthrop has a Rotary family Breakfast 4 November. And, they helped startup of the local Food Bank. It's issued enough food for 14,000 meals.

Giant Fleas?

On re-reading it turns out that Rockland staffs one of the sales tables at the local Giant Flea Market on Saturdays.

Singing In The Bathtub?

Bangor was helping to find places to stay for 80 Russian singers. No, not in one home.

Wheelchair Ramps.

West Bay members were assisting others in building ramps at wheelchair-user homes.

A Record in 779? (If not, let me know.)

Old Town proudly reports that member K.C. Lovejoy has fifty-eight (58) years of 100% attendance. Congratulations, KC!

He Will Be Missed.

Condolences to the Camden club and to the family and many friends of John Smith who died in an accident recently.

Branching Out.

On the likely premise that it's hard to have too much of a good thing, we have a Greater Portland Women of Rotary group whose membership is made up of Rotary wives, mothers, and unmarried sisters or adult daughters.

DISTRICT 779 ATTENDANCE REPORT – OCTOBER 1989

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>6/30/89</u>	<u>OCT.</u>	<u>GAIN/ (LOSS)</u>	<u>%</u>
Augusta	80	75	-5	78.00%
Baie Comeau	21	19	-2	73.00%
Bangor	187	184	-3	79.80%
Bangor Breakfast	51	54	3	*
Bar Harbor	53	55	2	*
Bath	69	70	1	89.28%
Bath Sunrise	40	43	3	87.30%
Beauceville	46	46	0	85.38%
Beauport	25	26	1	*
Belfast	67	68	1	85.90%
Bethel	32	30	-2	85.00%
Biddeford-Saco	111	110	-1	*
Boothbay Harbor	59	59	0	88.07%
Brunswick	151	146	-5	76.62%
Camden	74	71	-3	*
Damariscotta / Newcastle	51	49	-2	*
Dover / Durham	105	105	0	*
Durham / Great Bay	42	43	1	82.74%
Ellsworth	66	75	9	63.40%
Exeter	49	43	-6	79.00%
Farmington	51	54	3	75.29%
Freeport	27	28	1	79.47%
Gardiner	42	42	0	73.81%
Grand Mere	40	39	-1	95.20%
Hampton	84	78	-6	*
Iquluit	29	33	4	60.61%
Jonquiere	25	21	-4	76.00%
Kennebunk	101	99	-2	80.48%
Kittery	31	31	0	85.80%
La Tuque	22	27	5	80.65%
Lac Megantic	18	20	2	*
Lewiston-Auburn	212	192	-20	75.50%
Lincoln	19	16	-3	*
Lisbon	19	21	2	79.04%
Livermore Falls	16	18	2	58.73%
Matane	13	13	0	*
Mont-Joli	37	33	-4	83.50%
Montmagny	18	18	0	68.91%
Newburyport	89	80	-9	81.40%
Ogunquit	43	45	2	96.00%
Old Town	64	66	2	87.62%
Oxford Hills	48	47	-1	81.90%
Portland	201	202	1	84.85%
Portsmouth	220	214	-6	73.09%
Quebec	49	51	2	67.00%
Quebec-Est	46	52	6	71.70%
Rangeley	35	33	-2	*
Rimouski	39	38	-1	80.40%
Riviere-du-Loup	35	35	0	90.00%
Rochester	68	64	-4	86.02%
Rockland	113	114	1	92.12%
Rumford	35	39	4	82.20%
Sainte-Foy	24	18	-6	*
Sanford / Springvale	73	76	3	76.89%
Scarborough	32	31	-1	79.44%
Sept-Illes	0	21	0	*
Skowhegan	57	57	0	*
Somersworth	33	33	0	78.43%
South Berwick	28	29	1	91.00%
South Portland / Cape Elizabeth	51	51	0	78.76%
South Portland / Maine Mall	30	30	0	90.00%
St-Georges-de-Beauce	51	51	0	*
Ste-Anne-des-Monts	11	11	0	*
Thetford Mines	46	48	2	90.67%
Trois Rivieres	54	49	-5	83.67%
Waldoboro / Warren	9	12	3	88.00%
Waterville	134	127	-7	70.54%
Wells	38	24	-14	*
West Bay-Camden	49	49	0	91.98%
Westbrook	51	51	0	75.00%
Windam	50	52	2	82.20%
Winthrop	34	37	3	85.61%
York	56	49	-7	78.23%
SUB-TOTALS U.S.	3,530	3,471	-59	81.35%
SUB-TOTAL CANADA	649	669	-1	79.05%
TOTALS DISTRICT	4,179	4,140	-60	80.76%

* = Report Not Received.

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

DISTRICT 779 NEWS

Governor Jim's Trophy Challenge.

As of mid-November, 29 clubs have signed up to participate. They are – in order of their signing up date – Biddeford/Saco, Freeport, Windham, Rumford, Oxford Hills, Kennebunk, Sanford/Springdale, Somersworth, Portsmouth, Trois-Rivieres, South Berwick, Old Town, Ogunquit, Kittery, Rochester, Westbrook, Belfast, Jonquiere, Newburyport, Farmington, Sainte-Foy, Beauceville, Brunswick, Rimouski, Augusta, Beauport, Bethel, Rockland, and Thetford Mines.

If you're not on this list, but believe you should be, let DG Jim know. It's late, but not too late to join in the fun. How about it?

From Secretary Mort.

"On to Portland!" We're talking about the RI Convention 23-27 June '90. Mort's chief 779 cheerleader for this one. You'll be getting registration forms from RI and Mort will be contacting each club too. A group of our Rotarian plan to double their fun and travel as a group. Sounds good!

From District Treasurer Greg.

Keep those club dues payments headed this way. At this point, they're tardy. Greg might just list those arrears next month. Maybe not.

From District Editor Bud.

Goof. goof. goof. Somehow, a printing error misaligned the last issue's attendance figures for some clubs. Those that came up higher were happy, those that were shown too low called. They didn't say this would be easy.

Sept-Iles Club Joins 779.

Charter night attendee DG Jim reported having a very special time assisting in this happy affair. Secretary Mort and 28 other Rotarians from 11 clubs concurred heartily.

From Governor Jim: "I know that Sept-Iles is off to a super start and that it will become a moving force in its community. Congratulations!"

*Quick Thought...
Are you a stumbling block
or a stepping stone?*

District Transition Comment.

1 July will sneak up on all of us much faster than seems possible right now. It's a good time for future 778 clubs to look at things they hold or use that have "779" on them and figure how best to update.

For example, it's a time to live hand-to-mouth on stationary and other consumeable supplies that show "779." How about your club flags and banners? Club Bulletin outer page mass preprints? Pop it into the agenda of your next Director's meeting and you'll probably come up with additional things to consider. If they're significant enough, let Dan Mooers know about it.

Donations for District 779 World Community Project – Intercultural Nursing.

According to DG Jim's list, here are the 23 clubs who have contributed to this project to date: Bath Sunrise, Bethel, Biddeford/Saco, Camden, Grand Mere, Kennebunk, La Tuque, Lisbon, Livermore Falls, Mont-Joli, Ogunquit, Portland, Portsmouth, Quebec, Rimouski, Riviere-du-Loup, Somersworth, South Berwick, S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth, Thetford Mines, Trois-Rivieres, Westbrook, Waterville, York.

Did you give and we missed you on the list? Please let DG Jim know. We certainly hope that ALL of our clubs will be contributing to this most worthy cause and that we will get all \$20,000 of the matching funds our Rotary Foundation has put aside. So, if you haven't contributed yet, please do so soon. Merci!

A New Club – Saco Bay, Maine.

Saco Bay became an official member of RI on 14 November, 1989. It looks like there will be a charter night in early 1990. More later.

Another Way to ENJOY ROTARY – And Get Paid Too.

Like the Chicago area? Have superior skills in administration, supervision, financial management, organizational ability, and personal administration?

RI is searching for candidates to fill the office of General Secretary. Resumes are due prior to 1 January '90. I have the details. Please call me if you are interested in applying.

COMING EVENTS

January 1990 – Rotary Awareness Month

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!

Have You Ever Wondered?

Where will Budapest or Warsaw club members make-up? Will they have problems with Scooters?

Some Words To Spur Us On.

(From Ray Klingensmith at the RI Assembly in Nashville 26 Jan '86.)

There's nothing wrong with "hard work." There are lots of pleasant alternate words such as persistence, determination, and perseverance, but the price of success is still work. From Winston Churchill: "The price of greatness is responsibility." Or Will Rogers: "Even if you are on the right track, you can still get run over if you are standing still."

We're over a million strong and have the assurance of Greek poet Homer that "Light is the task where many share the toil." It's not automatic. Work toward Involving Rotarians in active service. While the price of success is work, our's is most enjoyable. Maybe thinking of us, Noel Coward said "Work is more fun than fun."

How fitting that our theme is ENJOY ROTARY!

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

– Anonymous