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ROTARY!**

The Rotary International Theme for 1989-90



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DISTRICT 779 GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER



Governor's Message October 1989



My Dear Fellow Rotarians,

In some ways it's hard to believe, but my club visit to Durham/Great Bay on 1 November 1989 will be number 60 of the total 74!

While all visited clubs have been most gracious and helpful, I'd be very remiss in not offering a special, public "Thank You!" to my wife and companion Ellen for being at my side as a working partner. Yes, we continue to ENJOY ROTARY and it's clear that you do too!

November is Rotary Foundation Month. One of my major objectives is to increase our Rotary knowledge. The Foundation gets a lot of attention simply because of the great variety and importance of its programs.

On the information side, Dan Mooers is hosting a dedicated Rotary Foundation Seminar on 28 October. It's targeted for club leadership and Foundation committees. But, anyone interested is most welcome! Please support it through your own club's attendance and participation.

One program area, World Community Service, is much easier to grasp as our members witness the terrible plight of Dominican Republic children where we ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE with our District's Intercultural Nursing Program. I'm asking for \$10/member to support it. Please help make this happen. Remember, RI has promised matching funds up to \$20,000.

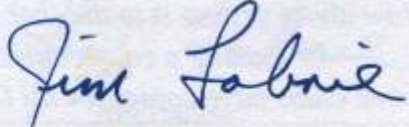
Matching funds come from unrestricted giving to the Rotary Foundation. District 779's goal this year is \$125,000. That sounds large, but it's less than the total 779 raised when we were involved in Polio Plus.

We also need to support the Rotary Foundation Endowment for World Understanding and Peace. My goal here is to have at least 400 members become "Benefactors" through giving at least \$1000 by outright gift or estate related provisions identified in detail in mailings to each club. (And covered in the Seminar.)

Finally, Polio Plus is well known. Yet it's future, continuing impact on the lives of thousands of children who would have had Polio and will not – and their children too – is probably beyond our comprehension right now. Here too, we ARE MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE.

So, let's learn all we can. With increased awareness comes increased ability to serve – and that's what we are all about. Helping others is a great way to ENJOY ROTARY!

Yours in Rotary Service,


Jim Labrie

Charter Night – Warsaw, Poland.

Best estimate is in mid-November asks that you please stay home. And want to keep the event a low profile

gets a new phone number (8)-886-3000. It's part of age.

Notes on Illiteracy – Now an RI Project Area.

1.3 billion of earth's population (one-quarter) is illiterate. Over 100 million have no schools. September 8 is now International Literacy Day with a challenging goal of abolishing this terrible blight by the year 2000. Unesco, Unicef, the World Bank and the Un's Development Program have joined in the effort.

In Maine, for example, about 110,000 adults cannot read well enough to do the simplest related tasks. The tragedy is that most of them can be helped. For clubs wanting to start, try calling 1-800-322-5455 for some basic info.

For individual clubs, it's probably useful to find a nearby, existing program and take a look. Portsmouth is working under auspices of the Rockingham County Adult Tutorial Program that has a unit in every New Hampshire county. Tutor training is extensive and one-on-one meetings with an assigned student can be twice a week with an hour for each session.

Portsmouth's club program head John Hebert is tutoring and finds it most gratifying. As clubs gain experience, they may be able to branch out into pre-school teaching while increasing their number of qualified tutors. Normally, it does take time, but not a lot of money. It's a wide-open area in which to ENJOY ROTARY!

Rotary News from Europe – From Stu Cohen.

Rotary's first Russian? Alexander Avdeev, Luxemburg's Russian Ambassador. New Paul Harris Fellows include Ms. Benzair Bhutto, Pakistan's Prime Minister and President George Vassilou of Cyprus.

The Netherlands is ready for women in Rotary but, in truth, similar changes appear to be slow elsewhere in Europe at present.

*Have you enjoyed this issue?
How about getting it to another Rotarian
or making a copy/copies?
Some clubs have copies for all Directors.*

There's Paperwork Headed Your Way.

All club secretaries will be getting a 3-part form from RI for reporting 1990-91 club officers. Please fill out and submit right after your club's annual officer election meeting.

Copy distribution? 1 to RI, 1 to DG Jim, and 1 to your respective DG Nominee – 778 or 779. The forms should include any corrections/updates as to the current President and Secretary and club meeting place, day, and time. Thanks.

The 1989 Manual of Procedure.

It's now in print and all club Secretaries should hold a copy. Primarily, it incorporates the 41 proposals that were passed at the last Council on Legislation in Singapore. It might be interesting to highlight the major changes at meetings and/or in the club bulletin.

Also, how about making a special effort to make it easy for members to order a MOP? And the new Directory too! (Perhaps a blank form they can fill out.)

Late Note – 779 Club Attendance.

As you can see on the previous page, our totals are headed the wrong way – we're down 79 from the 30 June base. Where appropriate, please take a look at your club's plans for growth and see what can be done.

Congratulations to the five clubs who exceed the 90% mark in attendance!

More on Polio Plus.

The battle against Polio is going very well in our Western Hemisphere. Confirmed cases dropped from 943 in 1986 to 661 in 1987 and down to 230 in 1988. Looking at it another way, late figures show that only 171 countries of 13,473 experienced a case of polio in 1988.

Rotary Foundation's donation of \$18.5 million to 26 countries, plus in-country club support, form a vital part of the total effort to rid our hemisphere of polio by 1990. Yes, it's clear that WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

NEWS FROM DISTRICT 779 CLUBS

What's In A Name?

It's the Waldoboro-Warren club now. Many thanks to core members and those fine neighbor club Rotarians who said "YES" when asked to help to revitalize this club. 100% attendance for 2 October was reported by new Editor Dan Burgess. The tide has turned. How about going there for your next make-up?

The Loyal Portsmouth Gang.

Setting a good example, DG Jim's home club was the first to sign up for the Trophy Challenge. There was an immediate, maybe unwise, attendance contest set up with Kittery. Past Pres. Ray Jones has been giving weekly bits about Rotary that are both fun and fact.

Keeping Fit.

The Lisbon members were attentive listeners to dietician Karen Emmi's discussion of cholesterol control. Paying attention here is a good way to ENJOY ROTARY – longer!

Part II – Russians and Rotary.

Camden members report a split in their two volleyball games with the crew of the Russian factory ship. One team had uniforms. (Not us.)

Interact Action.

Both Bath clubs are cosponsoring actions needed to establish an INTERACT chapter at the local high school. Want to do the same? Get in touch with Joe Hahn or John Morris (Sunrise).

A Road to Growth – Additional Active Members.

Rochester is making an extra effort to utilize this membership category. Since there can be two additional active members for each of your club's active classifications, it's a great way to grow while bringing in youthful up-and-comers.

Member Recognition.

Westbrook just established criteria for a new, annual "Rotarian of the Year" award. It's based on possible areas of member contribution with points assigned to each. Interested? Ask for a copy of their guidelines. They're very good.

Now That We're Organized.

Biddeford-Saco's "Tack" published a helpful organization chart of all committees and their leaders. And, a detailed 89-90 budget too!

Perfect Attendance High Rollers.

Recent club bulletins showed some members with impressive perfect attendance records. These may not include the District record, but are worthy of congratulations. Scarborough's Alex Cote (44), Dover-Durham's Jim McAdams (38) and Grant Davis (39), and Newburyport's George Cashman (36).

Happy Birthday!

It's a silvery 25 years (11/4/89) for Livermore Falls and a golden 50 (11/22/89) for Boothbay Harbor. Hearty best wishes to you both! Ellsworth – The Town – was 200 years young.

News from Rimouski.

Their bulletin was one of several in the district that presented the new "Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions." Page 43 of October's The Rotarian tells how to get copies suitable for display at your workplace.

New Club with Nice Bulletin.

The Bath Sun looks good and had a feature item on Rotary Village Corps. And, a cutout new member proposal form so all members now have one.

District 778 Family Tree.

Scarborough's Rotary Pioneer had a very interesting graphic that showed all 778 clubs in time sequence – from original sponsor to present.

Vocational Service Tool.

S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth is making a "vocational resource list" for local high schools. It will list vocations and members in them willing to spend time with interested students. And, each member is expected to locate ten non-Rotarian friends who are willing to do the same! Now that's a new approach! Any questions? Contact club members Dan Davidson or Don Day.



DISTRICT 779 ATTENDANCE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 1989

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>6/30/89</u>	<u>SEPT.</u>	<u>GAIN/ (LOSS)</u>	<u>%</u>
Augusta	80	76	-4	72.00%
Baie Comeau	21	16	-5	65.00%
Bangor	187	183	-4	80.60%
Bangor Breakfast	51	49	-2	*
Bar Harbor	53	55	2	77.55%
Bath	69	72	3	87.92%
Bath Sunrise	40	42	2	85.60%
Beauceville	46	46	0	86.89%
Beauport	25	24	-1	*
Belfast	67	69	2	83.50%
Bethel	32	30	-2	88.00%
Biddeford-Saco	111	110	-1	88.96%
Boothbay Harbor	59	58	-1	88.62%
Brunswick	151	142	-9	80.88%
Camden	74	71	-3	80.82%
Damariscotta / Newcastle	51	49	-2	90.69%
Dover / Durham	105	105	0	76.17%
Durham / Great Bay	42	44	2	81.00%
Ellsworth	66	72	6	68.95%
Exeter	49	43	-6	68.30%
Farmington	51	51	0	80.85%
Freeport	27	28	1	87.50%
Gardiner	42	42	0	77.50%
Grand Mere	40	39	-1	98.80%
Hampton	84	78	-6	84.70%
Iquluit	29	33	4	69.70%
Jonquiere	25	20	-5	70.00%
Kennebunk	101	100	-1	84.74%
Kittery	31	31	0	74.20%
La Tuque	22	20	-2	78.20%
Lac Megantic	18	17	-1	*
Lewiston-Auburn	212	195	-17	75.13%
Lincoln	19	19	0	*
Lisbon	19	21	2	85.35%
Livermore Falls	16	17	1	70.37%
Matane	13	13	0	*
Mont-Joli	37	33	-4	89.50%
Montmagny	18	18	0	68.06%
Newburyport	89	81	-8	79.00%
Old Town	64	66	2	97.00%
Ogunquit	43	46	3	88.77%
Oxford Hills	48	48	0	*
Portland	201	198	-3	76.40%
Portsmouth	220	217	-3	81.09%
Quebec	49	51	2	71.90%
Quebec-Est	46	51	5	77.66%
Rangely	35	33	-2	71.43%
Rimouski	39	39	0	88.00%
Riviere-du-Loup	35	36	1	84.00%
Rochester	68	65	-3	73.85%
Rockland	113	112	-1	92.27%
Rumford	35	39	4	80.95%
Sainte-Foy	24	16	-8	*
Sanford / Springvale	73	75	2	78.97%
Scarborough	32	31	-1	77.66%
Sept-Îles	28	28	0	*
Skowhegan	57	57	0	*
Somersworth	33	34	1	81.66%
South Berwick	28	28	0	85.00%
South Portland / Cape Elizabeth	51	50	-1	87.30%
South Portland / Maine Mall	30	28	-2	*
St-Georges-de-Beauce	51	51	0	76.90%
Ste-Anne-des-Monts	11	11	0	*
Thetford Mines	46	48	2	96.30%
Trois Rivières	54	50	-4	79.50%
Waldoboro	9	10	1	83.00%
Waterville	134	129	-5	*
Wells	38	34	-4	*
West Bay-Camden	49	47	-2	85.24%
Westbrook	51	51	0	83.74%
Windam	50	50	0	*
Winthrop	34	36	2	83.59%
York	56	51	-5	80.69%
SUB-TOTALS U.S.	3,530	3,468	-62	81.53%
SUB-TOTAL CANADA	677	660	-17	80.03%
TOTALS DISTRICT	4,207	4,128	-79	81.15%

* = Report Not Received.

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

DISTRICT 779 NEWS

The Governor's Trophy Challenge.

DG Jim is very happy with early response to his challenge. It's one more way to have fun in Rotary. So, many thanks to those clubs who want to get in the swim. For those clubs still on the bank, jump in, the water's fine.

From Secretary Mort

HELP!! All membership information as to new members, terminations, and the monthly attendance reports should GO DIRECTLY TO District Secretary Morton T. Schmidt, PO Box 252, Stratham, NH, USA, 03885.

Some of these reports are still showing up in DG Jim's office and that wastes time since Mort keeps all the associated records.

From District Treasurer Greg

As of 10 October, 25 clubs had not yet paid their district dues. Yes, you have until 1 November, but please don't cut it too close.

From District Editor Bud

(sic). (sic). (sic). Proofreaders use the (sic) symbol to show there's an error in material they're using that comes from other sources. Our sharp-eyed editors are finding errors in this Newsletter and using their "(sic)'s."

Sometimes it seems that these typographical errors have a life of their own – that they spring up after the printing. For example, it's not Kennibunk, translation radios will go the the new 779 not 778 and time is not the best way to spell time. Also, errant letters are known to magically trade places so we can find invlovement in the September issue. It's a temptation to say that errors are put in to see if you're reading the Newsletter carefully. But, that flunks the 4-Way Test.

For all that, the whole idea of this pub is to get info out for club use. The fact that excerpts are getting into many club bulletins is much appreciated – (sic)'s and all.

Keep Them Coming! More and more club bulletins are showing up in my mailbox and their being read – using outside help with the French. Save money, send only ONE district copy and send that one copy to Editor Bud.

From the District Rotary Foundation Committee.

Dan Mooers' recent mailing was very interesting. It's a good one to get out to club membership. Total 1988-89 Foundation giving for 779 was \$251,804 – all but \$81,428 was for Polio Plus. In fact total Polio Plus giving from 779 through 6/30/89 was \$573,109! A striking world map highlights the 82 countries approved for immunization grants of \$109 million.

Members can be justifiably proud of the unique response to Polio Plus. However, as DG Jim mentioned on the front page, Rotarians in 779 now have new, urgent challenges for financial support of the Rotary Foundation. Unrestricted giving, in it's many forms, is what is needed now.

A good example? Camden's goal for Foundation giving this year is \$3000. How about your club? We can do it. Help make it happen!

District 779 Transition Highlights.

Nitty-Gritty Time. The saying goes that "The Devil is in the details." The various transition committees are now in the process of hammering out the many details that need addressing to insure a professional changeover.

Of course some event milestones take place well before 1 July. For example, PETS planning is quite firm now and Assembly planning isn't far behind.

Among the key tasks are fleshing out full staffing for each district while ensuring smooth turnover from existing committees. As the many action events pass without fuss we can thank a lot of Rotarians for doing a lot of work now.

More About Intercultural Nursing.

Talk about quick action! Giovanny Leon, a young woman from the Dominican Republic, was awarded a District 779 scholarship to study nursing at Northern Essex Community College plus English classes in Lawrence (Mass.)

Giovanny is living with a Dominican family in Methuen Massachusetts. To show Rotary cares too, the Newburyport club will be acting as a big brother/sister while she's here. We're making a difference – and it's fun!



COMING EVENTS

November – Rotary Foundation Month.

November 4 – Sept-Illes Charter Night.

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!

DG Jim Quote in the Portland Windjammer.

"It is not what we eat, but what we digest that makes us strong; not what we gain, but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read, but what we remember that makes us learned; and not what we profess, but what we practice that makes us Rotarians."

Meeting Place Change – Three Rivers.

They now meet at Hotel Montclair on 7331 Notre-Dame Street in West Three Rivers.

Group Study Exchange In New Locations.

RI wants to expand this area to non-Rotarian countries where possible. The first, to Poland, is complete. Two with the Soviet Union are felt to be successful. So 4 more have been approved for 1990-91. (Two to China, One to E. Germany, and one to the Soviet Union.)

Depending on how these work out, more will probably be considered for the 1991-92 year.

Miscellaneous.

RI is now the 7th largest U.S. Non-Profit organization. Average 779 dues: \$100. Average charitable funds raised per member: \$400.

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

– Anonymous