

THE ACORN

Governor's Newsletter
Rotary International



District 778
Charter Year 1990-1991

**"HONOR ROTARY
WITH FAITH
AND ENTHUSIASM"**



Daniel W. Mooers
District Governor

February 15, 1991

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Normally this page is devoted to the District Governor's message to the District 778 clubs. Recently however I received a letter from President Paulo and I think it is important that his compelling message be brought to each club. Shirley and I join in his thoughts and his prayer for peace. Please share his thoughts, both as expressed in his letter and in his Special Statement, with all members of your club.

War and all the unpleasant consequences it brings has struck the world, and in one way or another, it will eventually affect us all: it is inescapable and so contrary to Rotary's goals.

As President of an institution which works for peace, I am grieved and terribly worried by this situation. Although our organization is truly non-governmental and devoid of political aspirations, I think that we, as Rotarians, should make a very special individual effort so that the war ends as quickly as possible, and so that all nations can live in harmony.

I urge all Rotarians to work more intensively than ever toward the "advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service" as stated by the Object of Rotary. Please, make every possible effort and use all available means to work towards achieving peace.

What can we do today?

1. Keep Rotary alive and vital in all countries and regions, especially through international support projects which contribute to peace.
2. Protect the people participating in Rotary programs (Volunteers, Youth Exchange, Scholars, Group Study Exchange, Friendship Exchange, etc.) since they could be adversely affected by the world situation.
3. Sponsor projects and support programs for persons affected by the war.

4. Make Rotary clubs aware of the "ecological consequences" of the war so they can help to shape public opinion.

5. Emphasize the principles and objectives of the organization in making known the True Image of Rotary and our purpose of peace. In order to achieve this objective, I prepared a special STATEMENT that I am sending you signed by myself and the General Secretary. We ask that you spread the news of "Rotary's Commitment to Peace" to other agencies which need to be informed of Rotary's position during this difficult time in the history of humanity.

I am sure you will do everything possible in the hard times ahead, because our work as leaders must continue successfully, even under adverse conditions. May I remind you that "the best sailors come to the forefront during the storm."

Rita and I sincerely hope that God enlightens all world leaders during this most difficult of periods, so that each of you and your families can soon experience happier times in a era of peace.

Kindest regards and good luck,

Paulo V. C. Costa
President

..... **HONOR ROTARY WITH FAITH & ENTHUSIASM**

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"Preserve Planet Earth"



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District ACTIVITIES

Here are some District activities that should be on your club's calendar:

February 23, 1991

World Understanding and Peace Day, and the 86th Anniversary of the founding of Rotary (see the special letter from President Paulo regarding this very important day)

March 1-2, 1991

Multi-District Presidents-elect Training Seminar, Fitchburg, MA (a must for all presidents-elect)

April 26, 1991

District 778 and National Arbor Day (make your plans for this very special day)

May 4, 1991

District 778 Assembly, USM, Gorham, ME (a must for all club presidents-elect, vice presidents, secretaries, directors of the avenues of service, committee chairs and other interested Rotarians.)

June 13-16, 1991

First District 778 Conference (joint with District 779), Hilton Hotel, Quebec City. Enjoy "Quebec in June".

June 28-30 1991

First District 778 RYLA Conference, University of New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire (This outstanding Rotary youth program is being hosted this year by The Rotary Clubs of Dover-Durham and Durham-Great Bay. For further information, contact District chair Dick Clark, or the host clubs.)

MEX-I-CO

**IS THE
PLACE TO GO**

Why not join the good-sized delegation of District 778 Rotarians who will share with the other 25,000 plus Rotarians from around the world the first week of June, 1991 in Mexico City. After all, this June "Mexico is the place to go!" for the 82nd Rotary International Convention from June 2nd through 5th. Register now, become part of the excitement of a Rotary International convention, share the experience of Mexico City and learn first hand why this year, Paulo Costa says: "Mex-i-co, is the place to go!"



PUBLIC RELATIONS

*Every Club's
Responsibility*

A simple Public Relations tool for every District 778 club is to encourage every Rotarian to wear of the Rotary pin . . . all the time! What better PR than the visual reminder that there are men and women all over town, doing many good things for the

community through their jobs and personal lives, who are Rotarians! What good does it do just to wear the pin to the weekly meetings? That certainly is not its primary purpose. Be visible as Rotarians in your communities! Wear the Rotary pin with pride.

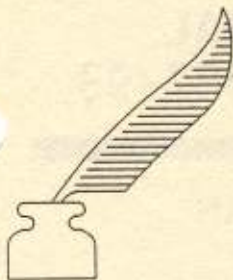
Quebec IN JUNE

Quebec in June is beautiful and June 13th through 16th this year will be the perfect time to visit this romantic, old world city of North America for our District Conference. Memories of the 1985 District 779 Conference at the Quebec Hilton still linger with those who attended that conference and Quebec will provide you with the same exciting memories this year.

The special representative of R.I. President Paulo V.C. Costa will be Past R.I. Vice-President George Arceneaux, Jr., and his lovely wife, Mary. They will bring to our conference both the full benefit of their company and their strong background in Rotary. George currently serves as the vice-chair of the Rotary International "Preserve Planet Earth" Committee. He also

served as the co-chairman of the first "Preserve Planet Earth" Seminar and was one of the Rotarians featured in the November, 1990, article "Let's Clear the Air" in The Rotarian.

The conference will be joint with District 779 and we look forward to the opportunity to share the fellowship of Rotary with our friends in District 779. Even though we no longer share the same district number, we are still the close personal friends of many Rotarians in that district and here, once again, is the perfect time to renew those friendships and acquaintances. Make your plans now to attend the conference so that together we all can enjoy "Quebec in June."



Monthly Attendance Report

from

District Secretary Bob Carson
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DISTRICT 778 ATTENDANCE - JANUARY 1991

CLUB	MEMBERSHIP			ATTENDANCE %	
	6/30/90	01/31/91	+/-	JAN	7/1/90-12/31/90 AVG
BATH	64	67	+ 3	79.34	84.98
BATH SUNRISE	47	47	0	80.00	72.85
BETHEL	33	35	+ 2	92.00	88.44
BIDDEFORD-SACO	106	102	- 4	85.50	87.60
BRUNSWICK	144	141	- 3	82.41	78.84
BRUNSWICK COASTAL	@	17	+17	77.00	INC
DOVER-DURHAM	97	96	- 1	74.53	72.48
DURHAM-GREAT BAY	44	38	- 6	74.21	75.24
EXETER	49	45	- 4	*	73.33
FREEPORT	28	23	- 5	77.40	81.42
HAMPTON	71	65	- 6	*	72.50
KENNEBUNK	98	100	+ 2	*	81.30
KENNEBUNK PORTSIDE	#	34	+34	73.00	INC
KITTERY	31	32	+ 1	74.00	78.33
NEWBURYPORT	83	79	- 4	76.58	77.19
OGUNQUIT	46	45	- 1	87.70	85.67
OXFORD HILLS	52	57	+ 5	86.67	82.75
PORTLAND	216	216	0	76.26	74.11
PORTSMOUTH	203	212	+ 9	78.88	78.93
CHESTER	68	66	- 2	79.80	80.32
RUMFORD	39	37	- 2	62.12	77.89
SACO BAY	49	44	- 5	84.10	78.43
SANFORD-SPRINGVALE	73	67	- 6	77.36	78.34
SCARBOROUGH	32	30	- 2	79.85	71.98
SEABROOK-HAMPTON FALLS	30	31	+ 1	*	73.00
SOMERSWORTH	35	35	0	66.07	70.93
SOUTH BERWICK	32	30	- 2	87.20	86.33
SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH	50	46	- 4	86.84	81.61
SOUTH PORTLAND-MAINE MALL	27	26	- 1	72.60	70.72
WELLS	27	28	+ 1	76.19	81.52
WESTBROOK	56	57	+ 1	77.00	78.88
WINDHAM	54	44	-10	82.00	75.84
YORK	51	50	- 1	84.00	88.03
TOTALS	2035	2042	+ 7		

* = Report Not Received

@ = July 31 Club Membership 27

= October 31 Club Membership 38

INC = One monthly report missing

District Average

78.99%

TOP TEN CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE (JANUARY)

1. Bethel	92.00
2. Ogunquit	87.70
3. South Berwick	87.20
4. South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	86.84
5. Oxford Hills	86.67
6. Biddeford-Saco	85.50
7. Saco Bay	84.10
8. York	84.00
9. Brunswick	82.41
10. Windham	82.00

Congratulations - Bethel

For the second month in a row, Bethel has led the district in attendance and for seventh consecutive months the club has been in the top five "best attendance clubs." Considering the distance that Bethel Rotarians have to travel to make-up a meeting (compared with many other clubs in the district), this record is truly one to be proud of. Keep up the good job, Bethel!

** GOALS **

As June 30, 1991 rapidly approaches, please keep in mind the District Goals for this Rotary year.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Increase each club's "Percentile of Giving" to unrestricted giving by 400% over the percentile on June 30, 1990.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Each club conduct a public relations project to raise community awareness about R.I. to show the "True Image of Rotary".

YOUTH

Each club sponsor two students to the June 28-30, 1991 RYLA Conference.

ENVIRONMENT

Each club participate in National Arbor Day on April 26, 1991, by planting at least one tree for each member of the club as of July 1, 1990.

GENERAL

Each club complete one additional challenge listed in the Governor's Cup Challenge in each of five categories:

The Rotary Foundation; Club Service; Vocational Service; Community Service; International Service.

ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS

According to Rotary International, all clubs in District 778, including those chartered before June 6, 1922, are now required under the by-laws of Rotary International to have the "Standard Club Constitution." Section 3 of the Standard Club Constitution requires that:

The officers of this club shall be a president, a president elect, one or more vice presidents and a secretary, a treasurer and a sergeant-at-arms.

Some clubs in the district apparently are not electing a President-elect in the time period required by the Standard Club Constitution. Specifically, the governing document requires that:

The president shall be elected as the by-laws of the club may provide, within the period of not more than two years but not less than eighteen months prior to the day on which he shall take office as president. He shall be a director of the board and shall serve as president-elect for the year immediately preceding the year in which he has to serve as president.

If your club's recent election did not include the election of a president-elect to take office on July 1, 1992, you should take steps now to conform to the Standard Club Constitution and elect a president-elect and a vice president. If you have any questions, contact the District Governor.

FORMER POLIOPLUS CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR APPOINTED ATTORNEY GENERAL OF BERMUDA

Walter Maddocks, the executive director of the PolioPlus Campaign who headed the massive fund-raising effort that raised US\$230 million to combat polio, has been appointed attorney general of Bermuda. The former Bermuda magistrate, a member of the Rotary Club of Hamilton, was selected for the post by Bermuda Governor Sir Desmond Langley. In 1989, Rotarian Maddocks received the "President's Volunteer Action Award" from U.S. President George Bush in recognition of his two-and-one-half years of service as a full-time volunteer for PolioPlus.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-NOMINEE, 1992-93

CLIFFORD L. DOCHTERMAN

Stockton, California, U.S.A.

Director, Rotary International, 1983-85
Vice-President, Rotary International, 1984-85

Clifford L. Dochterman retired in 1990 as vice president of the University of the Pacific. Previously he was an administrator at the University of California at Berkeley, and the Education Commission of the States, in Denver, Colorado. He holds a bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan University, a masters degree from the University of California at Berkeley, and a doctorate of law from the College of Idaho.

Dr. Dochterman is past president of the Chamber of Commerce in Stockton and the 49er Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and has been active in the United Way and YMCA. He is Chairman of the County Parks and Recreation Commission. He is a recipient of the George Washington Honor Medal of the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, and has been awarded the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope awards of the Boy Scouts of America. He has received the distinguished alumnus award of Ohio Wesleyan University.

A Rotarian since 1958, he is a member of the Rotary Club of North Stockton. He has served Rotary International as district governor, consultative group member, committee member and chairman, assistant director of instruction, director and vice-president.

A Paul Harris Fellow, Dr. Dochterman has received the Distinguished Service Award and Citation for Meritorious Service of The Rotary Foundation for his support of its international humanitarian and educational programs.

The Northeast Multi-District PETS was privileged to have Dr. Dochterman as its keynote speaker in March 1990. His talk, "If I could Be President Again", a skillful mix of humor and serious reflection, frequently is referred to by Rotary club presidents throughout New England.





A MESSAGE

from
Carlos Canseco
 Chairman, The Rotary Foundation Trustees

Let me first take this opportunity to thank you most sincerely for the timeless support you have already given this year to help further Rotary's international peace movement. Through our Foundation programs we have had a major impact on countless millions around the world. Conditions have been improved, lives have been changed, and many lasting friendships made.

As you know, we have the challenge of achieving a 26% increase in annual contributions this year to reach our Foundation goal of US\$38,750,000. I am pleased to report to you that at midyear our annual contributions totaled nearly US\$10,900,000, which represents a 28% increase over the same time last year. This is something we can all feel proud about, yet we must realize that nearly 70% of the goal remains to be collected over the remainder of the year.

To accomplish our goal will require a special commitment from every club and district worldwide. I truly hope that you will make a special effort over these final months so that we may accomplish our goal, and continue providing help to so many whose lives are enriched by the selflessness of Rotarians, like you and your Foundation committee. Our world desperately needs Rotary and its Foundation. I am grateful for your commitment.

Sincerely,

Carlos Canseco
 Chairman,
 The Rotary Foundation Trustees



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District 778

UNRESTRICTED GIVING
 THE ROTARY FOUNDATION
 JULY 1, 1990 - DECEMBER 31, 1990

BATH	\$1,000.00
BATH SUNRISE	00.00
BETHEL	00.00
BIDDEFORD-SACO	00.00
BRUNSWICK	2,250.00
BRUNSWICK COASTAL	00.00
DOVER-DURHAM	00.00
DURHAM-GREAT BAY	1,000.00
EXETER	00.00
FREEPOR	00.00
HAMPTON	400.00
KENNEBUNK	00.00
KENNEBUNK PORTSIDE	00.00
KITTERY	700.00
NEWBURYPORT	1,000.00
OGUNQUIT	00.00
OXFORD HILLS	250.00
PORTLAND	4,573.80
PORTSMOUTH	3,550.00
ROCHESTER	600.00
RUMFORD	00.00
SACO BAY	00.00
SANFORD-SPRINGVALE	750.00
SCARBOROUGH	00.00
SEABROOK-HAMPTON FALLS	00.00
SOMERSWORTH	1,250.00
SOUTH BERWICK	3,000.00
SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH	00.00
SOUTH PORTLAND-MAINE MALL	00.00
WELLS	1,000.00
WESTBROOK	2,300.00
WINDHAM	00.00
YORK	00.00
TOTAL	\$22,623.80

*Eradication Efforts in
Africa
to follow
Latin America's lead*

A stepped-up assault against polio in Africa will begin with the focus on ten countries in the southern part of that continent.

Strategy for targeting the disease will mirror the course of action taken in the Americas, where polio is now close to eradication.

This is the battle plan being worked out by the World Health Organization (WHO) following the first of three strategy meetings for WHO's Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) managers in Africa. The meeting took place in Blantyre, Malawi.

Ten countries being targeted for eradication are: Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Lesotho, South Africa, Malawi, Botswana and Zambia. These countries are the first in Africa where health officials believe the immunization rate could reach 85% - the rate needed for eradication, said John Stucky, of R.I.'s PolioPlus Program staff, who was among the 70 participants in the meeting. The rate of immunization elsewhere in Africa is behind that of other countries, particularly the Americas.

The new attack on polio in Africa is being carried out under the auspices of WHO, which has set the year 2000 as a target date for eradication. The near elimination of polio in the Americas is largely credited to the commitment of national governments in the region to move aggressively ahead toward eradication.

Support shown at the Malawi meeting by African governments is an indication that Africa is now prepared to make a similar commitment, Stucky said. Representatives from 16 English-speaking African countries including several Rotarians attended the Malawi meeting. Similar meetings were held in Lome, Togo and Bujumbura, Burundi for leaders in French-speaking countries.

REPORT AVAILABLE

Rotarians can receive, upon request, a detailed report on PolioPlus operations in the 94 countries that were in the program during the 1989-90 year. Send your request to: PolioPlus Program Section, The Rotary Foundation, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201

ERADICATION IN THE AMERICAS CLOSE LAST CASES OF POLIO EXPECTED BEFORE MID-1991

Eradication of polio in the Western Hemisphere by the end of 1990.

That was the goal set in 1985 by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), national governments and donor organizations, including Rotary.

But with seven new cases caused by a wild virus confirmed in Latin America between January and September, do health officials still believe eradication in the Americas will take place?

Yes, say members of Rotary's PolioPlus Program staff - though it may take a little longer than projected. "Our best guess is that the last wild polio cases in the Americas will occur before mid-1991," says Michael McQuestion, supervisor of the PolioPlus Program's surveillance and evaluation unit.

McQuestion points out that the seven new cases were not unexpected. All occurred in known high risk areas where vaccine coverage was low, and aggressive control measures were instituted as soon as each case was discovered.

Health officials are encouraged by the low number of new cases reported. The seven new cases is a remarkable drop from the 128 cases discovered in 1989 and the 930 cases as recently as 1986.

They say that the discovery of

the new cases is, in fact, an indication that surveillance - which is necessary for controlling polio - is successfully being carried out. Today there are 4,000 centers which send stool samples from probable polio cases to a network of laboratories where the presence or absence of the virus is confirmed through tests.

This strengthened means of surveillance means that containment operations - immediate vaccination of children living near a probable polio case - can quickly block the virus before it reaches other children.

Both PAHO and Rotary International concede that the most difficult challenge to eradicating polio from Latin America still lies ahead. Immunization levels must be maintained. Vigilance in watching for every possible case must be increased. If a suspected case occurs, containment immunization must be conducted within 48 hours.

The biggest danger, say health officials, will occur if a general public - anxious for the day when every country in Latin America can be certified as poliofree - becomes complacent about maintaining and increasing its levels of immunization coverage, surveillance, containment and verification.

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Countries with approved grants.....	96
Total amount of grants awarded.....	U.S. \$150,797,118
Total number of children to be immunized.....	544,087,000
Estimated number of children already immunized.....	232,000,000
Cash received through Rotary fundraising committees.....	U.S. \$221,898,996
Funds received from government grants.....	U.S. \$5,972,891

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL



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PAULO V. C. COSTA
President, 1990-91

Dear Rotary Club President:

As I write this, conflicts within and between nations are consuming priceless lives and valuable resources desperately needed for the betterment of humanity. These conflicts are directly counter to the purposes of Rotary -- a non-political, independent organization with a firm commitment to providing humanitarian service to all people and to furthering international understanding and peace.

The first Rotary club meeting was held 86 years ago on 23 February 1905. All over the world, Rotarians will have special observances or events marking that anniversary.

As president of Rotary International at this moment in history, I call upon all Rotarians to incorporate "One Moment for Peace" into anniversary events. That moment may be a silent meditation, a ceremony of candles or flowers, a song. It also could be a poem or prayer for peace, an embrace or handshake. The symbolism of your club's Moment for Peace might combine our concerns for peace and for the environment by freeing flocks of doves from cages. Everything is valid to celebrate peace.

I am asking for symbolic expressions of peace in more than 25,000 communities in 172 countries and regions -- everywhere Rotary exists. If possible, these events should happen on or about 23 February -- Rotary's World Understanding and Peace Day. In these Moments for Peace, the spirit of service which unites all 1.1 million Rotarians around the world must be focused on peace -- an end to conflicts.

I would like the world's Rotarians to do one more thing -- to wear a small piece of white ribbon under our Rotary pins. This will be our symbol of Rotary's global unity for peace.

We cannot be sure our ceremonies and symbols will directly alter tragic world events. We hope that they do. We know that they can affect every Rotarian. Our combined energies should inspire us to redouble our efforts for peace -- and for preserving earth, our only home. Current events have already had a devastating impact on the environment. They also hinder the progress of Rotary's new ecological program and add a whole new dimension to its name -- Preserve Planet Earth.

Whatever we can do, we must do. Our one Moment for Peace must result in actions that will preserve this all too fragile planet for all children and for their children in generations to come.

Sincerely,

Paulo V.C. Costa
President

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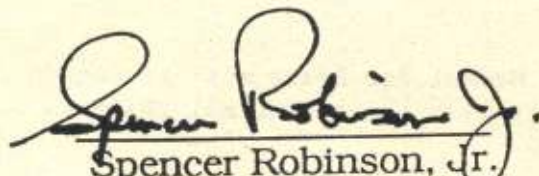
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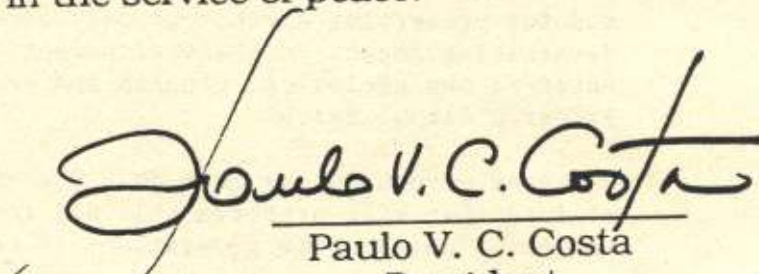
Friday, January 18, 1991

ROTARY'S COMMITMENT TO PEACE

As an association with members from societies and cultures throughout the world, Rotary International expresses deep sorrow that the current conflicts within and between several nations have tragically cost priceless lives and consumed valuable resources desperately needed for the betterment of humanity.

Rotary International is a non-political organization with a commitment to providing humanitarian service to all people. Throughout its 85-year history of people-to-people programs and world fellowship, this oldest and most international service association has given both its voice and its actions in support of peace before, during, and following times of conflict. Rotary reaffirms its dedication to the objective of goodwill and understanding between all nations, and renews the commitment of more than one million Rotarians in 172 countries and geographical regions to act in the service of peace.


Spencer Robinson, Jr.
General Secretary


Paulo V. C. Costa
President

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR 1993-94

Clubs are reminded once again that club nominations for District Governor to serve for the Rotary year 1993-94 must be received by the current District Governor on or before June 30, 1991. The qualifications of a District Governor Nominee are as follows:

Qualifications of a District Governor Nominee. Unless specifically excused by the board, no person may be selected as nominee for district governor unless he has the following qualifications at the time of his selection:

- (i) Membership other than honorary, in good standing of a club in the district by which he is nominated;
- (ii) Full qualifications for such membership in the strict application of the provisions therefore, and the integrity of his classification be without question;
- (iii) Membership in a functioning club in good standing which has no outstanding indebtedness to Rotary International as of the close of the fiscal year preceding that in which he is proposed as a candidate for nom-

ination for district governor;

(iv) Service as president of a club for a full term;

(v) Willingness and ability, physically and otherwise to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of district governor as herein provided;

(vi) Ability and commitment to meet all the additional qualifications in subsection (c) of this section.

In addition, there is another important qualification to serve as District Governor:

Unless specifically excused by the board, a district governor at the time of taking office must have attended for its full duration the international assembly, must have been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for a total of seven or more years and must continue at that time and thereafter or possess all the other qualifications in (b) above.

Clubs are encouraged to seek out and nominate any qualified persons. If you have any questions, please contact the District Governor.

BEWARE - - - FRAUDS

Rotary International reminds us that there are qualifications for membership other than having an available classification. An executive position with discretionary authority and good character are also required in order for a person to be admitted to membership. The club membership committee is charged with looking into both requirements. From things that have come to light it appears there are clubs throughout our region that take too lightly the process by which a person becomes a Rotarian.

In January, we learned of a club that admitted a man to membership after he was in the community a very short time. The club membership committee did not bother to look into his background. His "business" turned out to a fraudulent investment scheme and he quickly vanished taking with him many of his "Rotary friends." The FBI and Securities and Exchange Commission are now looking for him because of this situation and evidently previous ones. This incident is reminiscent of another one a few years back, when Rotary International received a call from the Mounties looking for a con artist who made it part of his operation to always join the local Rotary club when he moved into another "victim" community.

Luckily, such instances are rare. However, it does not hurt to remind ourselves that we have an obligation to the association and ourselves to see that we do not admit unqualified people into membership. With the prestige that Rotary has worldwide, we will always be an organization that the unscrupulous love to join for illegal profit.

R. I. Library

The R. I. Board of Directors has decided to establish an R.I. Library at the Central Office and President Paulo would be most grateful for the donation of books about the history and service of Rotary in every part of the world. Do you or your club have such books to donate? If so, all donated books should be carefully wrapped and sent to the Executive Services Division at the Central Office.

ROTARY AND SCOUTING

Rotary's involvement with Scouting, which serves younger children as well as teenagers and older youths, is widespread. In the U.S.A., for example, Rotary clubs sponsor more than 1,500 troops, posts and cub packs. Scouting began in England in 1907, just two years after Paul Harris began meeting with his friends in Rotary. Like Rotary, the scouting movement quickly spread worldwide and now exists in more than 150 countries and territories.

The Pine Tree Council of Boy Scouts of America is in "dire need to find volunteers throughout Maine to help run different committees, help recruit speakers to support the In-School programs and to help develop a good public relations effort "for the Exploring Program."

Exploring is a co-ed program for youth 14-21. The methods of Exploring are based on programs planned to provide career, outdoor, fitness, citizenship, service and social experiences.

If you want more information or if your club wants to help, contact: Edward Greenblatt, Exploring Executive, Pine Tree Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, 125 Auburn Street, Portland, Maine 04103; (207) 797-5252.

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SUCCESS

Success is best measured by long term results, but if the immediate response of the participants is meaningful, the Membership Development Seminar held in January was successful.

Ninety-nine of the participants took the time to complete evaluation forms and the comments and constructive criticisms will be very helpful in planning future district membership development meetings. The majority of the participants felt that the group workshops were the most helpful part of the seminar. Some of the responses to the question "what parts were most helpful" include: "Group workshops as thoughts developed through interaction"; "the discussions in group sessions gave me time to rethink many of the goals our club currently has"; "interplay of ideas with other Rotarians during work groups - great ideas to bring home to club"; "workshops are very effective - there was a good mix of individuals, as well - good job!"; "group workshops - got different ideas from other clubs and members"; "sharing of information by other members, what has worked and what hasn't."

Many participants suggested that, at future seminars, more time be allowed for the workshops and group discussions. Several responses suggested that the seminar be expanded to an all-day session, although a couple of evaluations pointed out that their authors thought that just the right length of time was allowed for the seminar.

Overall the seminar speakers were given good marks.

One attendee thought "a talk on the different types of membership - what they are and how they are achieved" should be added. Several participants think that future seminars should add a talk on membership retention. There seemed to be general agreement however that the topics and the ideas gained from the speakers provided good points to be used in the workshops and to be carried back to the clubs.

Without question, because of the overwhelming response to the seminar and a registration much higher than anticipated, the facilities were very inadequate. Many responses pointed out that it was distracting to have two workshops going on in the same room and that during reports on the workshops, it was difficult to hear the presenters. Several noted that a PA system would have helped and others thought that other visual aids should have been part of the program. It was a consistent comment that some mid-morning snacks, without expense to the district, should have been available at the coffee break.

Naturally, the real success of the seminar will be measured by the effort now undertaken by the individual clubs to increase and diversify their membership. But at least the short term success can be summed up by a couple of comments. One participant noted on the evaluation: "Just one new idea makes the seminar worthwhile - I received two!" Another participant was overheard commenting to a friend when leaving the seminar: "I thought when I came this morning would be a waste of time - it wasn't!"

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