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District 778
Charter Year 1990-1991

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



Daniel W. Mooers
District Governor

July 15, 1991

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

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Yours in Rotary Service,

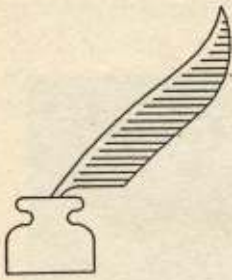
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Monthly Attendance Report

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DISTRICT 778 ATTENDANCE - JUNE 1991

CLUB	MEMBERSHIP			ATTENDANCE	
	6/30/90	06/30/91	+/-	MAY	FINAL AVG.
BATH	64	71	+ 7	79.17	84.00
BATH SUNRISE	47	42	- 5	*	75.31
BETHEL	33	37	+ 4	90.98	89.14
BIDDEFORD-SACO	106	109	3	87.60	86.91
BRUNSWICK	144	144	0	79.02	79.08
BRUNSWICK COASTAL	@	17	+17	71.00	78.90
CASCO BAY SUNRISE	27	28	+ 1	64.25	73.17
DOVER-DURHAM	97	91	- 6	71.32	73.83
DURHAM-GREAT BAY	44	44	0	78.57	75.17
EXETER	49	43	- 6	*	71.09
FREEPOR	28	24	- 4	83.20	81.55
HAMPTON	71	60	-11	74.07	73.10
KENNEBUNK	98	99	+ 1	*	83.28
KENNEBUNK PORTSIDE	#	29	+29	85.50	74.89
KITTERY	31	32	+ 1	*	76.73
NEWBURYPORT	83	80	- 3	75.62	78.11
OGUNQUIT	46	46	0	72.60	84.09
OXFORD HILLS	52	54	+ 2	87.04	85.90
PORTLAND	216	218	+ 2	79.92	76.20
PORTSMOUTH	203	212	+ 9	75.80	78.69
ROCHESTER	68	67	- 1	81.34	78.84
RUMFORD	39	39	0	*	75.83
SACO BAY	49	49	0	83.16	80.24
SANFORD-SPRINGVALE	73	69	- 4	75.40	80.05
SCARBOROUGH	32	28	- 4	83.33	73.32
SEABROOK-HAMPTON FALLS	30	32	+ 2	59.00	77.85
SOMERSWORTH	35	33	- 2	69.20	71.15
SOUTH BERWICK	32	29	- 3	83.40	86.22
SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH	50	46	- 4	75.54	82.05
WELLS	27	30	+ 3	89.14	80.90
WESTBROOK-GORHAM	56	59	+ 3	79.50	78.37
WINDHAM	54	42	-12	*	74.24
YORK	51	49	- 2	91.30	86.98
TOTALS	2035	2052	+17		

* = Report Not Received
@ = July 31 Club Membership 27
= October 31 Club Membership 38

District Average

78.37%

TOP TEN CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE (JUNE)

1. York	91.30
2. Bethel	90.98
3. Wells	89.14
4. Biddeford-Saco	87.60
5. Oxford Hills	87.04
6. Kennebunk Portside	85.50
7. South Berwick	83.40
8. Freeport	83.20
9. Saco Bay	83.16
10. Rochester	81.34

Thanks to all secretaries for your cooperation!!

Remember - Attendance reports for July must be sent to Don McGuire, District 7780 Secretary, RD #1, Box 574, New Gloucester, ME 04260

The Winners Are



As expected, Bethel continued its strong performance in June and finished the year in first place for attendance. Bethel was followed by York, whose number one position in June moved the club ahead of third place Biddeford-Saco. These clubs were pressed closely by fourth place South Berwick. Oxford Hills rounded out the top five for the year.

It was great to see newcomer Kennebunk Portside with a high percentage in June. The Portside club, along with other new clubs, Brunswick Coastal, Seabrook-Hampton Falls and Casco Bay Sunrise need to work hard on development of new members and attendance.

GOOD LUCK!!

**** GOALS ****
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The 1990-91 Rotary year is over. Many of the club and district goals were met; some will be finished during 1991-92.

It is time now to turn our attention toward the goals of R.I. President Rajendra K. Saboo and District Governor Bob Patten. Each District 7780 Rotarian must continue to honor Rotary with faith and enthusiasm as you "Look Beyond Yourself" to the new goals which lie ahead.

BEST WISHES TO ALL
NEW CLUB PRESIDENTS!



MAKE THIS A YEAR THAT YOU, AND THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CLUB, WILL NOT FORGET. MAY IT ALSO BE ONLY THE BEGINNING OF YOUR LEADERSHIP SERVICE IN ROTARY.

Culmination Of A Year of Service

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Comments by Past District Governor Dan Mooers

During a year of service as District Governor, a Rotarian is called upon to attend many meetings and to talk with many groups. I enjoyed every opportunity during the past year to meet both Rotarians and non-Rotarians and to discuss with them the purposes and programs of Rotary International, District 778 and our member clubs. The culmination of those many appearances came on Sunday, June 30th, when I was privileged to speak to the participants of the District 778 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference and their parents. My last talk as Governor of District 778.

As I stood before the 48 high school sophomores sponsored by 28 District 778 clubs and their parents, I thought back to March, 1990, when I sat in Dallas, Texas, at the International Assembly, and talked with Merv Richens, the then incoming Governor from a district in Australia, who spoke enthusiastically about the RYLA and RYPEN programs in his district. Two weeks later, at the multi-district PETS, I talked with the incoming District 778 club presidents about RYLA and my hope for sponsoring a RYLA conference during 1990-91, and asked if a president with a nearby university or college campus would volunteer his club to host the first RYLA conference. Minutes later, Ric Erickson of Durham Great Bay and Phil Rinaldi of Dover-Durham came forward and agreed to jointly host the conference at the University of New Hampshire and shortly thereafter, Dick Clark was enlisted as Chair of the first RYLA committee.

There could not have been a better choice of host clubs and a chair for the first RYLA effort. Not only did the host club committee work tirelessly to plan the conference, but the execution was flawless, despite a day of intolerable heat and class rooms that lacked air conditioning. Chair Dick Clark, Durham Great Bay President Ric Erickson and Dover-Durham President Phil Rinaldi sent 20 hours a day during the long weekend shepherding the participants and directing the other volunteers. Marilyn Taft, Youth Activities for the Bath club, stayed at the university all weekend to help, along with Phil Rinaldi's wife, Donna. In typical Rotary fashion, these volunteers put in countless hours, attending to every detail and overseeing every minute.

Why, some might ask, did District 778 have a RYLA conference? Some of the parents

of the participants asked that very question. The answer lies in the very purpose of Rotary's RYLA program.

First, the program demonstrates Rotary's respect and concern for youth. The key work is "demonstrate." It is one thing to say we care and respect our young people; it is another thing to show it by providing them with a program like RYLA.

Second, the program encourages and assists selected youth leaders and potential leaders in methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a training experience. Just as each Rotarian leader volunteers his or her time for the betterment of their communities and the world, Rotary recognizes the responsibility of encouraging the same ideal in young people and assisting them in achieving that ideal. The conference exhibited a clear desire of young people to become involved in leadership responsibilities.

Third, encourage continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth. Even during the conference, observers could see that good leadership by the young people was respected and followed by the other participants. Without question, the high school students at the conference serve as role models within their schools and communities for young people of the same age or younger.

Fourth, the program publicly recognizes the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders. Certainly the opportunity to attend the seminar provides some recognition. But the genuine recognition needs to come from the individual sponsor Rotary clubs by the invitation to the participants to attend a Rotary meeting and the presentation by the club of the RYLA certificate. Make it a special occasion. Invite the parents, the teachers, the principle and perhaps the superintendent of schools. Issue a press release with photographs and show the young person that Rotary truly does respect young people and their leadership in our communities.

This is why Rotary sponsors RYLA. Hopefully these reasons are why District 7780 will sponsor RYLA conference many years into the future. These are the reasons why RYLA will be,

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in a few short years, recognized in this area as the youth leadership program.

The conference provided a variety of leadership development speakers, small group discussions, and planned physical activities. The reaction of the RYLA participants clearly indicates the success of the planning and execution of this first conference. *"It is a highly educational, fun time"*, wrote one participant, *"You make lots of new friends and hopefully will continue to see each other."* Another attendee said: *"I couldn't have asked for a nicer group of people to work with, the Rotarian staff and the panel. They were extremely kind, courteous and helpful. All and all I feel this has been one of the most profitable weekends I have ever spent."*

Similar comments and rating came from almost every participant. *"Overall I think it was great and I had a lot of fun. Good job!", "I also want to give you a thumbs up on a job well done. I learned some valuable things I will always remember. Thank you!", "I really enjoyed the program and the speakers were wonderful. I really appreciated this opportunity", "I had a wonderful time. It was great getting to know other people"* are a few examples of the many fine compliments given by the participating high schools sophomores to the host clubs on planning and carrying out of the conference.

My personal sentiments were expressed by one of the participants: *"My only suggestion would be to continue this program, building bigger and better each year."* I wholeheartedly agree! Like other things done this year, this first RYLA program was an "acorn", destined to grow bigger and stronger.



The Rotarians and guest speakers who worked with the 15 and 16 year olds attending the conference were impressed with their abilities, their insightfulness, and their intellect. The District 778 clubs are to be complimented on their selection because these young people were truly representative of today's youth leaders. In future years clubs may want to use some of these young people to help select future RYLA participants.

My thanks once again to Dick Clark, Ric Erickson, Phil Rinaldi, Marilyn Taft, Donna Rinaldi and all the other Rotarians and non-Rotarians that worked so very hard to make this conference that success that it was. Thank you for providing me with a phenomenal culmination of a year of service. I sincerely applaud your efforts.