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Rotary International



District 778
Charter Year 1990-1991

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



Daniel W. Mooers
District Governor

November 15, 1990

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Not too long ago, during one of my club visits, the Rotarian delivering invocation, while asking for blessing upon the food, also reminded the club members "to be grateful not only for what we have ourselves, but also for what we are able to give to others."

This Thanksgiving, as we gather with our families and friends, let each of us, in our own way and to our own Higher Being, say that same prayer. While giving thanks for those things that we have that enrich our own lives, let us also give thanks that we are able to give so many important things to enrich the lives of others.

While the men and women who are members of Rotary contribute to their communities and to others in many individual ways, Rotary provides the means for a collective effort that far exceeds what any one of us could do by individual effort. The result of the collective effort, even in our little district, is almost beyond comprehension. As Shirley and I have traveled to the clubs in District 778, we have had the opportunity to see first hand the ways in which our Rotary community volunteerism enriches the lives of so many other people. And so, at our Thanksgiving table, our family will be giving thanks for the many things accomplished by our District 778 Rotary family in their communities.

We will be giving thanks that we are able to bring hot meals to so many elderly citizens and for the moments of joy and companionship we bring to them during the Holidays as we share even a few hours of our time. We will give thanks for the tens of thousands of dollars in local scholarships that assist young people of our communities to pursue higher education and for the effort being made throughout the district to help young people combat substance abuse. We will give thanks for the leadership in confronting environmental problems in our communities and for the many community parks and public areas that have been developed by our efforts. We will give thanks that hundreds of deprived families will receive food during this Holiday season and throughout the year because people, who they do not know, care

about their plight. We will give thanks for all of the schools and community buildings that have been benefited with new facilities by our generosity. We will give thanks that hundreds of youngsters each year go to summer camp or play ball through our assistance. We will give thanks that thousands of young people have embarked on careers with the help and guidance given by knowledgeable people skilled in their professions and vocations. We will give thanks that families have a temporary place to live near the facilities where their children are receiving extended medical treatment.

Yes, we will give thanks for all these things and for the many, many other things each year accomplished by the Rotarians and Rotary clubs in District 778 to benefit their communities. But more than anything else, we will be giving thanks that we have more than two thousand dedicated, caring individuals who call themselves Rotarians and belong to the Rotary clubs of District 778.

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the busiest time of year for community efforts by Rotarians. Christmas trees and wreaths arrive for fundraising sales. Food collections for distribution to the needy begin. Soup kitchens are manned. Christmas parties for the elderly, for the poor, for the handicapped and for young people are planned. Bell ringers begin to take up their places on cold downtown sidewalks or in the middle of busy shopping malls.

All this work - all this effort - all the many hours - no matter where it is being done or which Rotarian or Rotary club is doing it - it is all for a single purpose. It is for the purpose of making our community a better place to live for each resident, old or young, wealthy or poor, strong or disabled. All Shirley and I can say is - "THANKS and God bless you and your families during the Holidays and throughout the year."

Yours in Rotary Service,

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District **ACTIVITIES**

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

January -, 1991

(Date to be announced):

Membership Development Seminar, Kennebunk, Maine (a must for club membership, classification and membership development committee chairs, presidents-elect, directors of the avenues of service and other interested Rotarians)

February 23, 1991:

World Understanding and Peace Day, and the 86th Anniversary of the founding of Rotary

March 1-2, 1991:

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

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 13-15, 1991:

District 778 Conference (joint with District 779), Quebec City

WANTED:

50 Year Rotarians

District 778 is attempting to compile a list of Rotarians that have belonged to Rotary (not necessarily one Rotary club) for 50 years or more.

If you have any Rotarians in your club that have belonged to Rotary 50 years or more (or will celebrate their 50th Rotary Anniversary before the end of this Rotary year) would you please send their name, date of admission into Rotary, address and telephone number to the District Governor. Please examine your club roster carefully and check with anyone who you think may fall within this area.

PUBLIC *Every Club's* **RELATIONS** *Responsibility*

One of the first steps in successful public relations work for a Rotary club is to establish a "master media list" — a listing of area media contacts by name, address, and phone number. The list should be typed out with full addresses so materials can be mailed efficiently. One good way to do this, especially since none of our District clubs will have a very extensive list, is to type the addresses on a master matrix

(these can be purchased from office supply places; they are in label format normally with three labels across and about eight down). Once the master is done, it is a simple matter to then xerox the master onto a sheet of stick-on labels (purchased with the master matrix form). Then, when you have a release to mail, you only have to peel the labels off and put them on the envelopes, saving a lot of time and effort.

An Open Letter

from INTERCULTURAL NURSING, INC.

Dear Rotarians of District 778:

At the Balsams in June, when you once again overwhelmed us with your incredible generosity toward Intercultural Nursing, we tried to impart in words to you how much good has been accomplished in your name.

The quality of life for many children and adults has been improved in the Dominican Republic. People have seen the love and compassion of the North Americans clearly demonstrated.

During the June trip our nurses made the difference between life and death for four individuals:

an untreated diabetic child was provided with teaching, insulin, syringes, alcohol, and cotton balls and begun on treatment-

a 17 year old youth was carried in to our rural clinic in the final stage of tuberculosis. Within a week, he was on the road to recovery-

a newborn baby was resuscitated in the delivery room by our nurse using the newest of techniques.

Physicians learned from her—a drowning child was pulled from the pool of a local hotel-

These are spectacular examples, but in the day to day work of our health care professionals, hundreds of people are touched by your caring. Children are fed, infections are

treated, and teaching is done paying strict attention to helping the people use their limited resources to best advantage.

The nurses themselves find their lives permanently altered by the totality and magnitude of the experience for it isn't every day that one gets to "make such a difference" in the lives of such beautiful people.

We encourage you to invite any of the participants who are close to your area to visit your club and share their experience with you as Mike Clark has done in the Bath Club. If you contact us, we will provide you with the name of someone close to your area.

We have approximately 20 people who will be joining us on our November trip. Through them we will continue the work that your generosity supports. They will be working in Santo Domingo, San Pedro, Bani, and Las Matas. We will also be returning the Haiti after a two year hiatus where we will resume the work we began in 1985.

Once again, words do not begin to express the gratitude that we feel toward each of you as individuals and collectively as clubs for your support. The deep appreciation that the Dominicans express to us we now pass on to you.

With deepest appreciation,

Evelyn L. Gaudrault
Ellen M. Labrie

**Richard D. King
Director, and Chairman
Executive Committee Of The Board
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

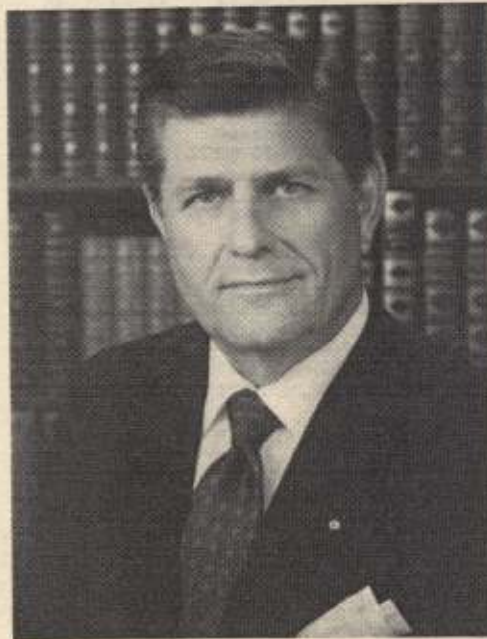
Richard D. "Rick" King is a Director of Rotary International, and past Governor of District 517 in North Central California. In 1990-91 he chairs the Executive Committee of the Board, and serves as liaison director to the Rotary International Committees: Constitution and By-Laws, Preserve Planet Earth, Rotary True Image and Vocational Service. He also serves as Parliamentarian to the Board, on the Board Membership and Extension Committee and as a member of the Joint Board and Trustees Committee. He was General Chairman of the General Secretary Search Committee.

Rick has served twice as International Assembly Group Discussion Leader, many times as Representative of the President of Rotary International, keynote speaker at hundreds of District Conferences, Rotary Foundation Seminars, District Assemblies, President's Training Seminars, Zone institutes in this country and abroad and at the R.I. International Assembly. He is a past member and Vice-Chair of the Rotary International Village Corps Committee and served as a member of the USA Polio Plus Committee.

Rick is much in demand as an acclaimed motivational speaker, both in Rotary and to business and civic conferences. A prominent

Alameda County (California) Trial Lawyer, Rick is a partner in the San Leandro Law Firm of King, King & King. He is a graduate of U.C. Berkeley with three degrees from that institution, having graduated from the U.C. School of Law, Boalt Hall. He is admitted to practice in both California and Utah, and before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Rick is also a well known entertainer, having performed many engagements in Las Vegas, on the Musical Comedy Stage and in major hotels and nightclubs throughout the U.S.



Rick is the recipient of the Legion of Honor from the Order of DeMolay, the Spirit of Life Award from the City of Hope, the Distinguished Citizen Award from the United Portuguese of California, and both the Rotary Citation for Meritorious Service and the Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award. He and his wife, Cherie, are 5 Sapphire Paul Harris Fellows. He has long been active in Bar Association

activities, the California Trial Lawyers Association, American Association of Trial Lawyers, as a member of the Board of Directors of Woodminster Summer Musicals, as a board member for the Eden Hospital Foundation, and as a High Priest and High Councilman of the Mormon Church. He is a Trustee of the City of Hope. He belongs to the Commonwealth Club, Order of Chevalier and is a member of Actor's Equity.

Rick and his lovely wife, Cherie, reside in the Mission San Jose area of Fremont, California.



Monthly Attendance Report

from

District Secretary Bob Carson
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Some Thoughts



There comes a time when everyone should share their thoughts and observations. Here are some - send in yours.

Too many clubs have a problem with scooters. We see them every week -

those inconsiderate and frequently tactless individuals who week after week embarrass the club president and members by abruptly walking out of the meeting just as the guest speaker, who was considerate enough to accept the club's invitation, is about to step to the rostrum to make a short 15 or 20 minute presentation that probably took the unpaid guest speaker hours to prepare.

Why do individuals who would never dream of being impolite in their business and professional dealings with other people act with such insensitivity at the meetings of an organization made up of business and professional persons? Why do individuals who would never intentionally embarrass their friends repeatedly embarrass them by simply walking out in front of guests? Can it be that they do not stop to think how their actions appear to the guest speaker? *Maybe they should be told now, and every time they leave early without at least first apologizing to speaker.*

There are times, of course, when unexpected emergencies or pressing matters call individuals away. When that happens the member can certainly take a moment and quietly explain the situation to the president and the speaker and offer an apology. But not the same individuals every week!

When the same individuals get up and leave almost every week, have you ever wanted to jump up and shout "What's the matter, don't you have an hour and 15 minutes to share with friends?", or "Why did you bother to come in the first place?"

Some clubs treat the scooter "problem" as if it's a joke. But it is not a joke - it is an embarrassment and it's inconsiderate and the club and Rotary suffers from this continuing discourtesy shown our guest speakers. Let's do something about it!

[Maybe someone will want to read these thoughts to the club at a meeting. Be sure to do it early in the meeting; otherwise the individuals to whom it is directed will have already left!]

DISTRICT 778 ATTENDANCE - OCTOBER 1990

CLUB	MEMBERSHIP			ATTENDANCE %	
	6/30/90	10/31/90	+/-	OCT	89/90 AVG
BATH	64	67	+ 3	87.21	86.30
BATH SUNRISE	47	47	0	72.75	82.32
BETHEL	33	34	+ 1	87.33	87.58
BIDDEFORD-SACO	106	105	- 1	85.20	86.28
BRUNSWICK	144	142	- 2	78.36	78.72
BRUNSWICK COASTAL	@	20	+20	*	-
DOVER-DURHAM	97	97	0	73.01	75.12
DURHAM-GREAT BAY	44	42	- 2	75.13	82.69
EXETER	49	45	- 4	*	77.39
FREEPORT	28	23	- 5	73.76	79.72
HAMPTON	71	65	- 6	79.24	78.44
KENNEBUNK	98	98	0	83.15	85.59
KENNEBUNK PORTSIDE	#	38	+38	61.80	-
KITTERY	31	32	+ 1	78.00	82.02
NEWBURYPORT	83	82	- 1	77.52	80.09
OGUNQUIT	46	42	- 4	86.90	96.81
OXFORD HILLS	52	53	+ 1	82.11	88.62
PORTLAND	216	215	- 1	73.85	78.77
PORTSMOUTH	203	209	+ 6	77.31	79.12
ROCHESTER	68	67	- 1	83.20	80.87
RUMFORD	39	36	- 3	75.00	79.89
SACO BAY	49	45	- 4	82.77	76.72
SANFORD-SPRINGVALE	73	68	- 5	82.02	79.25
SCARBOROUGH	32	31	- 1	76.29	72.64
SEABROOK-HAMPTON FALLS	30	28	- 2	73.00	-
SOMERSWORTH	35	35	0	61.15	77.15
SOUTH BERWICK	32	26	- 6	90.00	88.00
SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH	50	44	- 6	78.84	84.01
SOUTH PORTLAND-MAINE MALL	27	28	+ 1	74.10	75.01
WELLS	27	27	0	77.87	73.24
WESTBROOK	56	57	+ 1	73.30	81.26
WINDHAM	54	46	- 8	83.75	81.45
YORK	51	50	- 1	91.91	79.76
TOTALS	2035	2044	+ 9		

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

District Average

78.58%

TOP TEN CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE (OCTOBER)

1. York	91.91
2. South Berwick	90.00
3. Bethel	87.33
4. Bath	87.21
5. Ogunquit	86.90
6. Biddeford-Saco	85.20
7. Windham	83.75
8. Rochester	83.20
9. Kennebunk	83.15
10. Saco Bay	82.77

The Council On Legislation

Last month's "Acorn" announced the 1992 Council on Legislation. That issue mistakenly said that club nominations must be received by the District Governor no later than April 1, 1990. Everyone except the Governor knows it was suppose to read April 1, 1991. Here is more information about the Council on Legislation.

1. The Council on Legislation

The constitutional documents of Rotary International are reviewed every three years by its council on legislation. Representatives elected for that purpose by the clubs in each district constitute the council. After the council acts, there is an opportunity for the clubs to vote to disapprove its action in adopting a proposal.

Legislation may be submitted to the council in the form of enactments or resolutions. Items of legislation whose purpose is to amend the constitution or bylaws of Rotary International or the standard Rotary club constitution are enactments. Resolutions are items which simply express an opinion or which establish or revoke policy or procedures of Rotary International without amending the constitutional documents.

2. How to Propose Legislation

Legislation may be proposed by a club, by a district conference, by the general council or the conference of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland, by the council on legislation itself, and by the Board of Directors of RI. Proposed enactments must be delivered to the general secretary by the first day of May, 1991. Proposed resolutions must be received by the general secretary no less than thirty days before the opening of the council meeting.

When a Rotary club proposes legislation the matter must have been submitted by the club's board of directors to the membership for formal adoption. It should then be forwarded to the general secretary with a letter signed by the president and secretary of the club certifying that it has been adopted. Such a letter should include a carefully prepared statement fully setting forth the facts and reasons which make up the background against which the proposal is offered. (Please see section 4 below.)

3. Format

Proposed enactments should be submitted by reproducing the entire affected portion or portions of the documents, including the material to be deleted, marked as deleted; new text should appear with a clear indication of where it is to be added.

Legislation can be prepared for presentation most efficiently if it is received by a the general secretary in the following form:

Proposed Enactment

To (state in concise form purpose of proposal)

Proposed by
.IT IS ENACTED by RI that (document), article . . . section . . . etc. BE AND HEREBY IS AMENDED to read as follows: (insert affected portion of the document clearly showing additions and deletions to the text.)

Proposed Resolution

To (state in concise form purpose of proposal)

Proposed by
.IT IS RESOLVED BY RI that (and then give the resolution).

4. Purpose Statements and Supporting Information

Often the purpose and effects of proposed legislation are not very clear from the technical language of the proposal itself. A statement which follows each item when it is published explains the reason for the proposal, and can indicate what change it will bring about and other effects it will have.

Further, the Board of Directors of RI urges proposers of legislation to submit information, limited to one page, in support of each item proposed. This information will be circulated by the general secretary to members of the council. Rotary clubs who wish to provide comment to members of the council in opposition to or support of items of proposed legislation may submit such comment to the general secretary for transmittal to members of the council provided, again, that it not exceed one page and that it is received by the general secretary not later than two months before the council is to convene.

RYLA

District 778 clubs should begin to recruit young men and women (ages 14-16) as applicants for club sponsorship to next June's District 778 RYLA Conference at the University of New Hampshire at Durham. The host clubs of Dover-Durham and Durham are working hard to organize and carryout our district's first RYLA effort. Applications and more detailed information will be coming to clubs shortly. Please do not wait for the material to arrive, however, before beginning your club's effort.

Take another look at the August 15th and September 15th "Acorn" for information about RYLA. Have your Youth Activities chair contact your local high school, if that has not been done already. Inform your members about RYLA and ask them to think of outstanding young people that your club might sponsor.

If you have questions, contact:

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District 778 A "Model District"

At the successful District 778 Rotary Foundation Seminar, held at the University of New Hampshire on Saturday, November 3, 1990, it was announced that District 778 has been designated as a Rotary Foundation "Model District" for developing and carrying out an information program for a new funding opportunity for our Rotary Foundation, known as "Rotary Life Endowment." The Foundation Trustees have given their go ahead to a new program that will permit the average Rotary to make a substantial and permanent gift to our Foundation through life insurance.

Scheduled to be announced to U.S. Rotary clubs on July 1, 1991, District 778 has been asked to join a select few districts in further developing the program before it is introduced to the other U.S. districts. At the Foundation seminar, PDG Jim Labrie who chairs District 778's Planned Giving Subcommittee pointed out that "District 778 has a unique opportunity." Each club attending the seminar received a "leadership manual" and club presidents not attending will be receiving their copy very shortly. If anyone has questions they should contact PDG Jim Labrie.

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S P E A K E R S B U R E A U

The University of Maine Speakers Bureau has been organized as a means of extending the university's educational services to the people of Maine. Through the Speakers Bureau the University makes available to clubs and organizations speakers on various subjects. Requests for speakers should be made at least three weeks in advance of the date of the talk and should be addressed to:

Speakers Bureau
Department of Public Affairs
University of Maine
Orono, Maine 04469
Telephone (207) 581-3743

Speakers are offered on a variety of subjects. The

following is a partial list: Agriculture; Alcohol and Drug Abuse; The Arts; Athletics and Recreation; Biology; Business and Management; Child Development; Communications and the Media; Computers; Economics; Education; Energy; Engineering and Science; Environment; Food and Nutrition; Forestry and Wildlife; Health Care and Fitness; History and Foreign Nations; Labor Management and Relations; Law; Literature; Marine Science and Maritime History; Mathematics; Military; Public Service; Political Science; Psychology and Life Skills; Religion; Social Issues and Society; Travel; Women; Zoology.

The speakers Bureau offers an excellent opportunity for Rotary clubs in our district. You should provide this information to your program chairman and avail

"If You Want To Really Know Someone, Take The Seat Next To Him In A Life Raft."

Bob Raiche, founder of "Friends Forever"

An innovative and uniquely effective American effort to breach the barriers of blind prejudice in Northern Ireland through its youth.

Hailed by many as "the perfect project for Rotary", the Friends Forever program was launched in 1986 by then-Portsmouth, NH, Rotarian Bob Raiche, working through his Seacoast Family YMCA in Portsmouth and the Carrickfergus YMCA, ten miles outside of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Drawing on his nearly 30 years' experience in group work, Bob took the not-so-new

idea of bringing together Protestant and Catholic teens and added some powerful refinements, producing a unique program with dramatically more enduring and far-reaching effects. Since January 1990, the Portsmouth club has recruited from both districts #778 and #793 additional clubs with the desire to participate in a recognized and rewarding international service project. Portsmouth Rotary President-Elect and Friends Forever Chairman Bill Holt, who made a presentation to the District 779 Conference in June 1990, can be reached at 603-436-7006 as a regular program speaker for clubs with interest in joining in this landmark Rotarian effort to move Northern Ireland towards peace.