



From the Gov...



Dear
Rotarians, One
and All,

It's story
telling time!

In our New Eng-
land country
fairs, harness

racing holds an important place in the
summer season.

Half-mile dirt ovals channel the
course for the trotters and pacers. An
inspiring, exciting sight as the trotters
churn around the track in all appear-
ances about ready to break their stride
and explode into a full gallop. And the
rocking "side winder" motion of the
pacers.

Race fans. The blaring loud speaker,
"Gentlemen, begin your starting gate
parade!" All such colorful tradition.

Well, one warm summer day at a
"blueberry" circuit track the second
race of the daily double was pounding
out of the starting gate. A tidal wave of
brown, grey and black horse flesh, col-
orful drivers, the crack of whips, spin-
ning wheels, the roar of the crowd and
one race track tout firmly clutching his
daily double ticket.

With "Maiden's Prayer" winning
the first race he was half way to win-
ning the double. Now it was up to
number 4, "Foxy Grapes", to win the
second! "Foxy Grapes" was the name
of a real horse. I know. I used to call the

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PAUL HARRIS BANQUET HONORS EMINENT JURIST



At Paul Harris Dinner (L to R) President Bill Kourakos, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Club; Paul Harris Recipient, Judge Frank Coffin; DG Bob Patten and Judge George Arcaneaux. (Photo - Gail Osgood)

The Paul Harris Recogni-
tion Dinner Banquet was
held at Verrillo's Conven-
tion Center for 200 Rotarians, spouses
and guests.

Senior Circuit Judge Frank M.
Coffin, United States Court of Ap-
peals for the First Circuit, was hon-
ored by area Rotary Clubs at the Ban-
quet when he was made a Paul Har-
ris Fellow, the highest award that can
be bestowed by Rotary International.

The award was presented by Cir-
cuit Judge George Arcaneaux, a past
vice-president of Rotary Interna-
tional, of Houma, Louisiana. Judge
Arcaneaux made the trip to Portland
especially to honor his colleague and
friend, Judge Coffin.

Paul Harris Fellows recognized
at the banquet included Ester Bernier,
wife of Newburyport President Rich;
Peter Giftos, Son of PDG Sam; Sophie
Kourakos, wife of South Portland-

Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club President
Bill; Douglas Cook, President of the "old-
est new club" in the District; Russ Giasson,
President of the "youngest new club" in
7780; Dolores and Wallace McGrew, who
is a member of the Portland Rotary Club.

The Paul Harris Banquet was orga-
nized by PDG Dan Mooers, who also
served as Moderator for the evening's
events. Special video greetings were
given by R.I. President Raja Saboo, and
Past R.I. President M.A.T. Caparas, Chair
of our Rotary Foundation.

As of March 31, 1992, clubs and
Rotarians in the District also awarded
Paul Harris Fellows to twenty-four other
individuals. Their names will be pub-
lished in a subsequent NEWSletter. ■

District 7780 Supervisor, Ray
Bredberg, became a Rotarian on 27
March 1992. He is a member of the
Rotary Club of Mount Prospect A.M.,
Illinois.

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...races when that hay-burner was steaming around New England tracks. One day that grey gelding managed to tangle his incisors into the starting gate with unbelievable consequences, but that's another story.

Anyhow, using Number Four's name to make this tale believable, he was off to a terribly slow start for the first of two loops around the oval. Into the first turn traffic jam he was bunched up to the rear of the field. Five lengths behind in the back stretch and losing ground with every stride, the dismayed railbird saw his hopes of winning the double evaporating as rain in the summer sun. With mounting fury as the sulkies streamed past the grandstand he belatedly out to "Foxy's" driver...expletives deleted...

"Amos, can't you go faster than that?!"
Disappearing into a swirl of dust and thundering hoofs came the reply...

"Yeah, dammit, but I gotta stay with the horse!"

What goes around comes around.
Win. Place. Or Show.



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HONDURAN CHILD IS COMING TO PORTLAND IN JUNE FOR HEART SURGERY

Final details are pretty much in place for the arrival of seven year old Jorge Rodriquez from Yoro, Honduras.

As reported in the February/March NEWSLetter, he will undergo surgery at Maine Medical Center to correct a ventricular septal heart condition.

Maine Medical Center's staff member Dr. Domenick Paolini will be contributing his surgical skills. American Airlines will be providing the round-trip service for him and his parents as part of their "Miles for Kids" program.

Past President Bill Skinner, member of the District Foundation Committee, returned last month from Honduras. He and Rotarian Tom McShera went to initiate planning efforts for the Mobile Dental Health Clinic. While there they also met with Jorge and his parents, when the above picture was taken.

According to Dr. Paolini's office, the lad will spend two or three days in the hospital prior to the operation, followed by a seven day recuperation in the hospital. He will then



Jorge Rodriquez pictured with his mother, Evangelina and Alejandro, his father.

spend two more additional weeks in the Portland area for observation prior to his return home.

Since his parents will be accompanying him to Portland, housing will be required for his mother and father as well while he is on outpatient status. Subject to family needs, the Portland Rotary House Hospital Fund will be able to provide housing for the Rodriquez family.

ROTARY LITERACY COMMITTEE GEARING UP FOR AREA PROJECTS

Beginning with this issue, the District Governor's NEWSLetter will now include a column concerning what our clubs in the district are doing to increase the literacy of the citizens in their communities.

DG Bob Patten has formed a Literacy Committee represented by clubs in Cumberland County. Chair is Bob Traill (Portland), with Co-Chair being Dave Kane (So. Portland-Cape Elizabeth). Members are Bill Imes (Brunswick), Robin Merkl (So. Portland-Cape Elizabeth), Claire Julian (Bridgton), Elizabeth Hoermann (Casco Bay Sunrise), Paul Best (Freeport), John Kennett

(Scarborough), Bill Leach (Westbrook-Gorham) and Pat Sparks (Windham). The following action plan has been developed:

1. Each club devotes a meeting to awareness of the problem.
2. Each club develops a project to increase literacy in its community.
3. The Literacy Committee forms a sub-committee, chaired by Pat Sparks and assisted by Bill Imes and Claire Julian, to develop ideas for a single District Fund Raiser. Each club is asked to submit its own idea for a fund raise to sub-committee.
4. It is hoped to accomplish this by May 31 and discuss results at next meeting of the committee on Tuesday, June 2, 1992.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM FROM BRAZIL ARRIVING IN PORTLAND



Dr. Guaracy Lourenco Da Costa
G.S.E. Team Leader

The Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil will be arriving in Portland on Sunday, May 17th, and will be departing on Saturday June 13th at the end of their visit to our District 7780. This announcement was made by Larry G. Benedict, District Coordinator, Incoming Group Study Exchange Project.

The Brazilian leader will be Dr. Guaracy Lourenco Da Costa, a 56 year old plastic surgeon, who also practices public health for the Brazilian government. He visited the U.S. in 1976 where he received additional training in plastic surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital, University of Miami, Florida.

Dr. Da Costa has been a member of the Rotary Club of Araraquara since 1974. He was director of protocol, secretary, and he has organized international programs. He participated in the International Rotary Convention in Munich, Germany, in 1987. He's taught the Portuguese language to foreign students who have come from the U.S. and Europe through the Rotarian Exchange Program.

The Group Study Exchange selection process of District 454 has been completed. The group is made up of five members and two alternates as follows:



Jose Luis Bizelli
Architect, University
Professor



Carlos Zamboni Neto
Electrical Engineer



Osní Franzini
Mechanical Engineer



Valeria Moreno Godol
English Teacher



Edmara De Freitas Soriani
Physiotherapist



Gisele Simoes Craesmayr
English Teacher
(Alternate)



Celso Agnaldo Martins
English Teacher
(Alternate)

DG Bob Patten arranged the GSE Program while he was training at the International Assembly in Anaheim last year. He met with his counterpart, Bemvindo Diaz, to discuss details of the exchange, particularly the most appropriate time of the year to effect the exchanges. Governor Bemvindo and Bob have been exchanging newsletters since they assumed office last July.

ART RICHARDSON TO LEAD PPE WORLDWIDE EFFORT



Art Richardson, a member of the Exeter, NH Rotary Club and Vice Chairman of Rotary International's Preserve Planet Earth Committee has been appointed by President Elect Cliff Dochterman to chair the committee during Cliff's term as President, 1992-93.

As noted in the March NEWSLetter, there is yet another accolade for dedicated, talented Rotarians in District 7780. In a recent letter to DG Bob, Art Richardson has outlined the PPE action of the recent Council of Legislation which is reported as follows:

WHEREAS, one of the greatest problems of mankind is the continuing destruction of our environment in the form of acidification of air and water, decreasing content of ozone in the atmosphere, and the extermination of animals and plants and WHEREAS we are more and more aware of the fact that if the

earth is to be able to provide good conditions for mankind in the future, action must be taken today.

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED by Rotary International that Rotary International encourages its member clubs, which are in unique position to bring these facts to the attention of government leaders, communities and industries, to help create better and necessary living conditions, make it possible for our earth to survive as a good place for mankind and give emphasis to the protection and improvement of the environment in their community and World Service projects.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED by Rotary International that it is the responsibility of every Rotarian to support action directed at improving the environment and protecting animals and plants from extinction.

In effect, passage of this resolution emphasizes the importance of participation in Rotary's PRESERVE PLANET EARTH program. It establishes a policy, furthermore, which extends beyond the 3-year PPE pilot program of Rotary's commitment to environmental stewardship. The opportunities for environmental service by clubs and individual Rotarians are limitless. Many suggestions are

offered in the new Preserve Planet Earth Handbook (PA2-378-EN). Rotary clubs throughout the world have demonstrated imagination in the variety of projects they have undertaken.

ESSEX STUDENT, LORENA ALVAREZ, WINS CAREER AWARD

Somersworth Marketing student, Lorena Alvarez, an inbound ESSEX student is staying with the Somersworth Rotary Club. She was one of seven who attended the 1992-DECA Career Development Conference in North Conway, N.H. Recently students won various certificates, medals and trophies. First and second place trophy winners are eligible to compete in the 1992 DECA National Career Development Conference in Anaheim, California, April 27 through May 2. Lorena Alvarez won 3 certificates, 2 medals, and 1st place trophy in Apparel and Accessories.

Robert C. "Bud" Watt, Selected by DGN Mort Schmidt Chaired the District 7780 Assembly Held on Saturday, April 25, 1992



"Bud" Watt, Chair of the April 25th District assembly in an atypical pose.

Raised in Springfield, MA he attended Northwestern Engineering, George Washington University, Master of Science Naval War College, and Harvard Business School, Post-Masters degree.

Bud and wife Eunice have five children and nine grandchildren. His Navy career included duty in Antarctica, Morocco, Japan, Iran, and the Portsmouth Shipyard. After retirement in Kittery Point, non-Rotary pursuits have included teaching, consulting and golf.

Member for 15 years, Bud is Past President and Director Emeritus of the Portsmouth Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He has had a number of district assignments which include being DG Representative for Marcel Morissette, Sam Giftos and Joe Hahn; Vice-Chair for Group Study Exchange and Membership Development; and District Editor and Conference Co-Chairman for PDG Jim Labrie. He feels that "Enjoy Rotary!" and "Make a Difference" are eternal themes for all Rotarians and that nothing beats working with exceptional people while helping others.

Club	--- Membership ---			--- Attendance % ---	
	06/30/91	03/31/92	+/-	March	7/91-YTD
Bath	71	69.00	-2.00	78.98%	82.89%
Bath (Sunrise)	42	37.00	-5.00	79.60%	74.12%
Bethel	37	34.00	-3.00	93.08%	93.11%
Biddeford-Saco	109	107.00	-2.00	83.20%	83.28%
Bridgton-Lake Region	0	27.00	27.00	83.33%	38.98%
Brunswick	144	144.00	0.00	81.85%	77.69%
Brunswick-Coastal	17	13.00	-4.00	75.00%	69.22%
Casco Bay Sunrise	28	18.00	-10.00	83.50%	70.53%
Dover-Durham	91	95.00	4.00	75.29%	73.36%
Durham-Great Bay	44	38.00	-6.00	74.84%	74.31%
Exeter	43	41.00	-2.00	73.20%	75.68%
Freeport	24	27.00	3.00	87.04%	80.91%
Hampton	60	54.00	-6.00	74.00%	70.47%
Kennebunk	99	95.00	-4.00	84.07%	81.28%
Kennebunk Portside	29	33.00	4.00	78.20%	82.99%
Kittery	32	33.00	1.00	84.00%	80.33%
* Newburyport	80	0.00	N/A	0.00%	69.48%
Ogunquit	46	47.00	1.00	78.60%	77.37%
Oxford Hills	54	56.00	2.00	90.20%	84.23%
Portland	218	216.00	-2.00	74.11%	75.08%
Portsmouth	212	222.00	10.00	75.26%	78.71%
Rochester	67	62.00	-5.00	81.61%	73.94%
Rumford	39	46.00	7.00	66.52%	43.89%
Saco Bay	49	50.00	1.00	85.62%	87.99%
* Sanford-Springvale	69	69.00	0.00	87.50%	76.66%
* Scarborough	28	0.00	N/A	0.00%	69.10%
Seabrook-Hampton Falls	32	28.00	-4.00	66.00%	71.93%
Somersworth	33	29.00	-4.00	60.70%	58.80%
South Berwick	29	28.00	-1.00	92.16%	92.07%
* South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	46	0.00	N/A	0.00%	69.61%
Wells	30	0.00	N/A	0.00%	75.97%
Westbrook-Gorham	59	57.00	-2.00	75.40%	72.62%
* Windham	42	36.00	-6.00	82.00%	87.89%
* York	49	0.00	N/A	0.00%	75.28%
TOTALS	2,052	1,811	(8)		

* = Report not received
INC = One monthly report missing
@ = Provisional Club

District Attendance Average

69.96% 67.9

TOP TEN CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE

	--- Membership ---			--- Attendance % ---	
	06/30/91	03/31/92	+/-	March	7/91-YTD
****Bethel	37	34.00	-3.00	93.08%	93.18%
****South Berwick	29	28.00	-1.00	92.16%	92.07%
****Oxford Hills	54	56.00	2.00	90.20%	84.23%
****Sanford-Springvale	69	69.00	0.00	87.50%	76.66%
****Freeport	24	27.00	3.00	87.04%	80.91%
****Saco Bay	49	50.00	1.00	85.62%	87.99%
****Kennebunk	99	95.00	-4.00	84.07%	81.28%
****Kittery	32	33.00	1.00	84.00%	80.33%
****Casco Bay Sunrise	28	18.00	-10.00	83.50%	70.53%
****Bridgton-Lake Region	0	27.00	27.00	83.33%	38.98%

Thanks to all secretaries for your cooperation!
Please remember - Attendance reports must be sent to Don McGuire

**FELLOWSHIP & RECOGNITION BANQUET
SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 20TH**

DG Bob has arranged for the final District wide event of his term in order to recognize and reward individual clubs that have met or exceeded his "Governor's Cup Challenge."

DGN Mort Schmidt will be "inaugurated" at the Banquet in the "changing of the guard" ceremony.

Chairing the event is Bob Lee, member of the Rotary Club of Portland, Maine, and incoming Club President in 1993-1994. It will be held at the Holiday Inn By the Bay.

AMBASSADOR ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE:

LETTER EXCERPTS FROM
AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR, AMY FLEIG
Writing from Lisbon, Portugal to DC Bob Patten

...I have spent my first two months in Lisbon attending tutoring sessions, adapting to Portuguese culture, beginning a year-long course at the University of Lisbon, and becoming acquainted with the Alges Rotary Club. During this time I have had many invaluable experiences. It will be difficult to write a summary knowing that it is impossible to include everything of interest.

Mr. Botelho, my host counselor, and his family have included me in many of their family activities, including visiting historical sites. We traveled on the weekend of All Saints Day to their family home town of Lisbon near Fiquera da Foz. We stayed in the home of Mrs. Botelho's parents, and as is customary, we visited the cemetery where the family rests.

Mr. and Mrs. Botelho placed flowers and lit candles at the family grave in remembrance. The cemetery smelled of flowers and when we drove into town after dark, each cemetery was well marked by the hundreds of candles still burning.

This January, I was unable to meet you before I left in October. I am looking forward to meeting you to tell you what a privilege it is to be the recipient of a Rotary Foundation Fellowship and to be able to represent my home, Maine and the United States, in such a challenging way.

*Sincerely,
Amy E. Fleig*

1991-1992 Rotary Foundation Scholar



Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Botelho, host counselors, and I in front of their family's church.



Beginning of meeting with host club - Rotary Club Alges District 196.

ROTARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholars receive round-trip transportation and funding of up to US \$18,000 or its equivalent for tuition and fees, room, board, necessary educational supplies, and limited educational travel and contingency expenses.

During their studies abroad, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars act as "ambassadors of goodwill". Through appearances before Rotary Clubs and districts, schools, civic organizations,

and other forums, the scholars represent their homelands through international "Service Above Self".

Interested persons should contact District 7780 Rotary Clubs for application materials. No clubs may accept completed applications after June 15, 1992.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships program is the world's largest, privately-sponsored

international scholarship program. Some US \$200 million dollars has been spent on over 22,000 international scholarships since the program began in 1947.



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