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Rotary International District 7780

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From the Gov...



Dear Rotarians
one and all:

As we begin to accelerate our club activities in this new Rotary year, and with visitations well underway, I am forcefully struck by the geography of our new District 7780.

How in close proximity we are, one to the other.

How easy it is for me to reach out to all corners of the district in a matter of several hours in time, and about 80 miles in distance.

We can assemble at central locations for many reasons and for many needs. We are a close-knit family of clubs.

And, our strength is beginning to show.

Last May, our District Assembly counted over 215 active Rotarians. Earlier, 33 of our club presidents attended the President-Elect Training Seminar. Best of all districts present!

And, now we look ahead to more district events in convenient locations from all corners of the district.

Elsewhere in my NEWS/Letter you will read about the District Foundation Committee plans for the Diamond Jubilee year of our Rotary Foundation.

District 7780's first "solo" conference will be held on October 25, 26 and 27 in Portland at Verrillo's Convention Center. The location is commuting distance for many, and an economy overnight for

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Foundation Diamond Jubilee Events *Celebrating 75 Years of the Rotary Foundation*

The July 27, 1991 meeting of the Foundation Committee of District 7780 charted the course for the current Rotary year as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation.

Chaired by PP Bill Skinner, events are planned for the October 25, 26 and 27 at the District Conference in Portland. By the time that event takes place, our three Foundation Scholars will have been selected (see page 2), reports from the Zone Institute presented and discussion sessions held on Rotary Foundation's Sharing concept: Subcommittee reports and planned giving developments, too.

In a November seminar - date and place to be announced, PDG Ron Drouin, chair of the World Services Committee, and Bill Skinner of the Foundation committee, PP Dave Lowe assisting, will be organizing workshop sessions.

Special Foundation weekly meeting

Official Notice

Convening of District 7780's

**First District Conference
October 25, 26, 27, 1991
Portland, Maine**

Program Plans and Registration
Forms will be in the mail soon.

Please make your plans to attend.
It will be an exciting and affordable
conference for the entire family.

programs at each club during the month of November are to be scheduled.

Farther into the year, important dates to reserve are:

1 - February 22, 1992 - A Paul Harris Recognition Banquet will be held. The event will also give special attention to the date the Foundation was born, February 18, 1917.

2 - Ecumenical church services will be held on Sunday the 23rd throughout the district in observance of Rotary's World Peace and Understanding Day.

3 - A District 7780 Foundation Newsletter is planned to be published quarterly. More information will be available in the next issue of the District Governor's NEWS/Letter.

Participating in the planning session were PDGs Ron Drouin, Sam Giftos and Dan Mooers; vice chair Bill Skinner, John Bennett, Dave Lowe (acting secretary), Babe Grondin and DG Bob Patten.

Next Month

District Conference Program
Highlights
Intercultural Nursing
Participants
World Community Service
Project Ideas
Meet - PDG Al Courtney

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others. It will be affordable for all!

Later on we will celebrate November's Foundation Month with an appropriate seminar including a special moment or two for our World Community Service Committee.

We are closeby each other. We are a neighborhood of clubs in spirit as well as in geography. We are in close reach with hands and hearts and minds.

Hi neighbor! With respect and expectations, yours in Rotary,



Ambassadorial Scholarship Candidates Named

The District Foundation Committee, led by Stan Brewer, Rotary Foundation Chairman, has selected three candidates and two alternates for scholarships to study abroad for the 1992-93 school year.

The recipients are Seth B. Taube of Durham, N.H., Sarah B. Herlihy of Sanford, Maine and Jean D. Turner of Portsmouth, N.H. The alternates are Karen McCann of Amherst, N.H., and Jennifer R. Marquis of Bath, Maine.

School preferences range from the London School of Economics, the Universities of Paris and Auckland and Moscow Institute of International Studies. Congratulations to all.

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Friends Forever

"If you want to really know someone, take the seat next to him in a life raft."

- Bob Raiche, founder, "Friends Forever"

In April of 1988, a slender 18-year old girl from Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, stepped to the mike during a Portsmouth, N.H. Rotary luncheon to recite her latest poem. It was a poem no child of ours could write. In her "wee Irish voice," little Karyn Woods moved the capacity crowd to stunned silence, telling softly but painfully of the fears and frustrations of trying to grow up with hopes in a society where a bomb in a friend's car, or blood on the kitchen floor, might happen at any time . . . and too often does.

Karyn was in Portsmouth with "Friends Forever," a program conceived in 1986 by then-Portsmouth Rotarian Bob Raiche, and which each year brings to New England carefully selected Northern Irish teens (a deliberate mix of Catholic and Protestant with leadership potential) for a two-week experience that launches them into the multi-year program.

In 1990, the Portsmouth club launched an effort outside its district to enlist other Rotary clubs seeking an international mission. With increased Rotary participation, the number of children advanced from the usual 10 and 12 to 18, and in 1991 (the first full

year of Rotary recruiting), to 30. More communities in Northern Ireland were represented, and Rotary in Northern Ireland helped in the recruiting effort, too.

Then in July 1990, the Rotary Club of Cambridge, Mass., with only one actual experience with kids, made a commitment to fund an entire two-week program for 10 or more young people (about a \$10,000 challenge), the first club other than Portsmouth to do so.

We salute "Friends Forever," which has earned the recognition of the British government and the prestigious American Ireland Fund, and has attracted the interest of President Bush who has met with several of the groups. Hailed by many as "the perfect Rotary project," the "Friends Forever" approach has proven extraordinarily effective, combining four equally important, interdependent elements in a unique manner.

If you'd like more information, contact Bill Holt, president of the Portsmouth club, at 603/436-7006, or write to P.O. Box 905, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

(Karyn's poem follows on next page.)

District Governor Bob's Visitation Schedule

July to mid-October has been set aside for visitations to all the clubs in the district. I plan to continue my business activities, and, hopefully, alternate weeks between Rotary and my business. Stella will be accompanying me during my visitations, and she would like to attend the regular club meetings. I look forward to being with you all. - Bob Patten

Club	President's Meeting		Club Assembly		Club Meeting	
Bethel	7/15	6:00 p.m.	7/15	7:30 p.m.	7/16	7:30 a.m.
Rumford	7/15	9:30 a.m.	7/15	10:30 a.m.	7/15	12:00 p.m.
Oxford Hills	7/16	6:00 p.m.	7/16	7:30 p.m.	7/17	7:30 a.m.
Bridgton	7/17	6:00 p.m.	7/17	7:30 p.m.	7/18	7:30 a.m.
Sanford-Springvale	7/19	11:00 a.m.	7/19	1:30 p.m.	7/19	12:00 p.m.
Bath	7/22	6:00 p.m.	7/22	7:30 p.m.	7/23	12:15 p.m.
Brunswick	7/29	11:00 a.m.	7/29	1:30 p.m.	7/29	12:00 p.m.
Westbrook	7/29	6:00 p.m.	7/29	7:30 p.m.	7/30	12:15 p.m.
Freeport	7/30	6:30 p.m.	7/30	7:30 p.m.	7/31	7:00 a.m.
Windham	7/31	6:00 p.m.	7/31	7:30 p.m.	8/1	12:00 p.m.
Bath (Sunrise)	8/1	6:00 p.m.	8/1	7:30 p.m.	8/2	7:00 a.m.
Exeter	8/12	11:00 a.m.	8/12	1:30 p.m.	8/12	12:15 p.m.
Somersworth	8/12	6:00 p.m.	1/1	7:30 p.m.	8/13	7:30 a.m.
Newburyport	8/13	11:00 a.m.	8/13	1:30 p.m.	8/13	12:15 p.m.
Portsmouth	8/14	6:00 p.m.	8/14	7:30 p.m.	8/15	12:15 p.m.
York	8/15	6:00 p.m.	8/15	7:30 p.m.	8/16	7:15 a.m.
S. Portland-Cape Elizabeth	8/20	5:00 p.m.	8/20	7:30 p.m.	8/20	6:15 a.m.
Kittery	8/26	6:00 p.m.	8/26	7:30 p.m.	8/27	7:30 a.m.
Rochester	8/26	11:00 a.m.	8/26	1:30 p.m.	8/26	12:15 p.m.
Biddeford-Saco	8/27	6:00 p.m.	8/27	7:30 p.m.	8/28	12:15 p.m.
Casco Bay Sunrise	8/28	6:00 p.m.	8/28	7:30 p.m.	8/29	7:30 a.m.
Wells	8/29	6:00 p.m.	8/29	7:30 p.m.	9/9	7:30 p.m.
Kennebunk Portside	9/9	6:00 p.m.	9/9	7:30 p.m.	9/10	7:15 a.m.
Scarborough	9/10	3:00 p.m.	9/10	4:00 p.m.	1/1	5:30 p.m.
Dover-Durham	9/11	11:00 a.m.	9/11	1:30 p.m.	9/11	12:00 p.m.
South Berwick	9/11	5:30 p.m.	9/11	7:30 p.m.	9/12	7:30 a.m.
Brunswick Coastal	9/19	5:30 p.m.	9/19	7:00 p.m.	9/23	6:00 p.m.
Hampton	9/24	11:00 a.m.	9/24	1:30 p.m.	9/24	12:15 p.m.
Seabrook-Hampton Falls	9/25	11:00 a.m.	9/25	1:30 p.m.	9/25	12:15 p.m.
Kennebunk	9/26	11:00 a.m.	9/26	1:30 p.m.	9/26	12:00 p.m.
Ogunquit	10/1	5:30 p.m.	10/1	7:00 p.m.	10/2	12:00 p.m.
Saco Bay	10/2	5:30 p.m.	10/2	7:00 p.m.	10/3	7:30 a.m.
Durham-Great Bay	10/8	6:00 p.m.	10/8	7:30 p.m.	10/9	7:30 a.m.
Portland	10/10	6:00 p.m.	10/10	7:30 p.m.	10/11	12:15 p.m.

DISTRICT 7780 ATTENDANCE

Club	--- Membership ---			-- Attendance % --	
	06/30/91	07/31/91	+/-	July	7/91-YTD
Bath	71	68	-3	81.91%	81.91%
Bath (Sunrise)	42	45	3	67.30%	67.30%
Bethel	37	34	-3	93.55%	93.55%
Biddeford-Saco	109	111	2	82.70%	82.70%
@ Bridgton (Prov.)	0	0	N/A	0.00%	0.00%
Brunswick	144	143	-1	76.17%	76.17%
Brunswick-Coastal	17	17	0	64.00%	64.00%
Casco Bay Sunrise	28	28	0	72.00%	72.00%
Dover-Durham	91	89	-2	76.40%	76.40%
Durham-Great Bay	44	40	-4	75.74%	75.74%
Exeter	43	41	-2	74.00%	74.00%
Freeport	24	24	0	81.00%	81.00%
Hampton	60	65	5	74.91%	74.91%
Kennebunk	99	97	-2	84.47%	84.47%
Kennebunk Portside	29	30	1	76.60%	76.60%
Kittery	32	30	-2	76.00%	76.00%
Newburyport	80	80	0	75.07%	75.07%
Ogunquit	46	47	1	77.10%	77.10%
Oxford Hills	54	54	0	82.60%	82.60%
Portland	218	218	0	70.56%	70.56%
Portsmouth	212	209	-3	75.12%	75.12%
Rochester	67	67	0	70.44%	70.44%
Rumford	39	41	2	70.00%	70.00%
Saco Bay	49	50	1	84.82%	84.82%
Sanford-Springvale	69	69	0	80.09%	80.09%
Scarborough	28	29	1	85.84%	85.84%
Seabrook-Hampton Falls	32	32	0	76.00%	76.00%
Somersworth	33	33	0	69.03%	69.03%
South Berwick	29	29	0	81.13%	81.13%
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	46	46	0	79.33%	79.33%
Wells	30	29	-1	87.79%	87.79%
Westbrook-Gorham	59	60	1	75.00%	75.00%
Windham	42	39	-3	65.00%	65.00%
York	49	49	0	87.89%	87.89%
TOTALS	2,052	2,043	(9)		

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

District Attendance Average 76.86% 76.86%

TOP TEN CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE	--- Membership ---			-- Attendance % --	
	06/30/91	07/31/91	+/-	July	7/91-YTD
1 Bethel	37	34	-3	93.55%	93.55%
2 York	49	49	0	87.89%	87.89%
3 Wells	30	29	-1	87.79%	87.79%
4 Scarborough	28	29	1	85.84%	85.84%
5 Saco Bay	49	50	1	84.82%	84.82%
6 Kennebunk	99	97	-2	84.47%	84.47%
7 Biddeford-Saco	109	111	2	82.70%	82.70%
8 Oxford Hills	54	54	0	82.60%	82.60%
9 Bath	71	68	-3	81.91%	81.91%
10 South Berwick	29	29	0	81.13%	81.13%

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

Rotary Dollars Buys Healthmobile for Brazil



Sister Theresa Couture receives a check for the Brazilian Healthmobile from Hadley Hoyt (l) and Babe Grondin (r) of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club.

Thirteen Rotary clubs from District 7780 and two clubs from District 7790

have participated in a fund-raising project which has implimented a Mobile Health Outreach Program for Rio Grande Do Norte, Brazil.

Organized by the Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco, \$30,000 has been raised to purchase and equip a "Healthmobile," a four-wheel drive vehicle which will be used by The Mission Sisters of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to supply medical help in remote areas of Brazil where such help is unavailable. Cooperating in the project are Rotarians from Brazil.

Sister Priscilla Roy, a Biddeford native who has been working in an extremely poor section of Brazil for over 20 years, will supervise the use of the vehicle by professional nurses, nutritionists and health care givers.

The local Rotary clubs raised \$15,000 for the project, which was matched by \$15,000 from the Rotary Foundation. Contributors were clubs in Waterville, Old Town, Westbrook-Gorham, South Portland-Maine Mall, Bethel, Kittery, Wells, Scarborough, Saco Bay, Bath, Biddeford-Saco, Sanford-Springvale and Kennebunk in Maine, and Portsmouth and Seabrook in New Hampshire.

"Thank you for the great effort made by so many clubs," said Sister Theresa Couture, Provincial Superior of the of the S. C. I. M. in Saco, Maine. "Before we even start, we already know of 539 infants and children up to three years of age who need our care. There are at least 160 more expectant mothers in need of pre-natal care, and education. . ."

Area 2 Rep



Say hello to William L. "Bill" Cormier of Durham, N.H., Governor Bob's Area 2 Representative.

For the past 19 years, Bill has been president of Kendall Real Estate, Inc. of Rochester, N.H. He tells us his work experience includes three years as a casualty insurance underwriter, six years as a stockbroker and the presidency of UNIGLOBE Kendall Travel of Rochester.

A Rochester native, Bill is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He received a B.S. degree in finance from Boston College. His professional activities include vice president of the board of trustees, Berwick Academy, South Berwick, Maine; past president of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce; past president of the Theater By The Sea, Portsmouth, N.H., and past president of the Strafford County Board of Realtors.

Bill, a PP of the Rochester Rotary Club, and his wife, Calley, have two children, Billy (21) and Monique (23). He'll be liaison between District Governor Bob and clubs in Somersworth, Rochester, Dover-Durham, Durham-Great Bay and Portsmouth, N.H.

No Hope For Tomorrow

by Karen Woods, age 14
Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland

I am afraid.
Afraid of the land that I live in,
That I was born in.
The ground I tread each day
Resounds with shots,
With screams;
It is saturated with tears,
Tears that have never ceased flowing.
I have never known peace.
Life has been full of murders;
Then those condemnations.
The people with power who condemn
Don't do anything -
Just condemn.
And us with no power,
Who want to fix it,
Cannot.
What good is condemnation?
Tell me, what good will it do?
How many innocent lives will it save?
How many terrorists will it catch?

Is there any hope?
Prejudice is ruling here.
Can we not all be one,
Protestant and Catholic alike?
All human.
To solve it, we will have talks,
About talks.
About talks.

I need a future.

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News from Evanston

District Governors and Rotary Clubs in our part of the world say goodby to an old friend, and hello to a new one.

Dorothy Young, who has been serving as the Rotary International Supervisor for Rotary clubs and district governors in the northeastern section of the U.S. and Canada, has been promoted to a new Rotary assignment. She's now Logistics Services Supervisor in the Purchasing and Office Support Services Department.

The new service supervisor is Raymond Bradberg, who joined the R.I. staff in 1988 as a supervisor for donor

services. Previously, he worked as an information systems support manager for Bekins Van Line and at the Goodwill Rehabilitation Center, where he designed and coordinated a micrographics training program for the handicapped. Born in Chicago, Bradberg received degrees in social group work and in film-making from Illinois colleges.

Dorothy's service will long be cherished. Her support was warm, friendly and prompt. She is held in high esteem as District 7780 members congratulate her and wish her well in her new Rotary challenge.

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