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From the Gov....



"Look Beyond Yourself" holds a special significance this 75th anniversary year of the Rotary Foundation. Our diamond jubilee is such a monumental milestone in the history of Rotary International, and the Foundation, that it is worth celebrating.

In the beginning it was Arch Klumph, elected in 1916 as Rotary International's sixth president. Today, it is Raja Saboo. Two names worlds apart in time and space, yet together today in spirit and purpose.

Arch urged his contemporaries to "... work upon immortal minds ... imbue them with the full meaning of the Spirit of Rotary and ... with love of fellowman ... brighten all eternity and make Rotary an immortal force so long as this civilization shall endure."

Today, Raja asks us in "... words and deeds to look beyond ourselves. With the release of this inner strength, infinite and dramatic, the human spirit soars to new and greater heights. It generates in us a vision and a mission."

And, he challenges: "Your heart is generous when you seek to improve the lives and livelihood of others ... you truly grow when 'others' becomes a part of your world."

This is our moment as we link the past with the future - as we embrace the successes of the past with challenges of the present in reaching for the future beyond ourselves.

With respect and warm regards, I remain yours in Rotary,

Bob Patten

Quebec Conference Report

by Bob Patten

Districts 778 and 779 held a joint district conference for the first, and perhaps the last, time in Quebec City, Canada. As an extension of the Mexico City International Convention, the theme "Preserve Planet Earth" held center stage throughout most of the proceedings.

PDG Jim Labrie gave a very inspiring and heart-warming report on the recent Group Study Exchange visit in Veracruz, Mexico. He introduced the GSE members who, in turn, gave their own versions of the experience that was described as "so rich and so fulfilling." It will be a cherished moment to savor forever. They were effusive in their praise of the Rotary program.

DG Dan Mooers shared the combined district functions with his District 779 counterpart, Roland Cloutier, and he led District 778 during the break-out sessions which included Vocational Service reports by Biddeford-Saco and Portsmouth clubs; Community Service presentations by the Rotary Clubs of Dover-Durham and Kennebunk.

Two workshop sessions involving "Preserve Planet Earth" projects and World Community Service projects were chaired by Art Richardson, past R.I. director and vice-chair of R.I.'s PPE Committee, and PDG Ron Drouin, respectively.

Governor Dan honored District 778 clubs and people:

- Best Bulletin - Kittery;
- Membership Development - Portsmouth for gross highest increase in new members and Seabrook-Hampton Falls for highest percentage increase;
- Attendance - Bethel;
- Service Above Self - District Secretary Bob Carson;
- Outstanding Achievement in the Four Avenues of Service - Portsmouth and Kittery; and,
- District Foundation Awards - PDG Ken Brooks, PDG Joe Hahn and PDG Jim Labrie.

At the Saturday night banquet, Governors Dan and Roland turned their respective duties and responsibilities over to Bob and Paul Jensen with the exchange of pins and flags.

R.I.'s Aide-to-the-President, George Arceneaux, Jr., delivered the keynote address at the Friday night banquet and made thoughtful and appropriate comments at the plenary sessions.

During the entire conference, members of the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth club performed yeoman service. The spirited charge was led by District Secretary Bob Carson, DPG Sam Giftos, President-elect Bill Kourakos and Mike McGovern, the club's new president-elect.

Gov. Bob Greets R.I. President



Gov. Bob Patten had the opportunity to personally meet Rajendra Saboo, Rotary International's president for 1991-92, earlier this year at the worldwide service club association's international assembly in Ahaheim, Calif. Raj Saboo, of Chandigarh, India, officially took office after R.I.'s Mexico City convention, the same time Bob assumed office as governor of Rotary District 7780.

Report - POLIOPLUS

We can send along to you a most inspiring report on the participation in the Polioplus Campaign by Rotary clubs in District 7780.

As of March 31, 1991, a total of \$338,917.40 has been paid by 523 donors with only \$6,879 the balance of all overdue accounts. (A total of 523 donors pledged \$349,366.40.) A total of 21 of the district's 33 clubs has paid 100 percent of their pledges, and 97 percent of the total amount pledged has been collected. An interesting statistic: the average District 7780 pledge to Polioplus was a remarkable \$667.99.

The 100 percent, paid-in-full clubs are Kittery, Durham-Great Bay, Wells, Freeport, Oxford Hills, Somersworth, Rochester, Portsmouth, Hampton, Exeter, Dover-Durham, York, Windham, Westbrook-Gorham, Ogunquit, South Berwick, Rumford, Kennebunk, Brunswick, Bethel and Newburyport.

The performance of the Portland club is truly outstanding, with \$85,160 collected - that represents 99 percent of the amount pledged. Ninety-eight percent of goal is reported by South Portland-Cape Elizabeth which collected a total of \$29,881.73. Other 90+ clubs are Bath, Scarborough and Sanford-Springvale.

Worldwide, Rotary has raised \$231 million dollars in the effort to immunize the world against this dread disease.

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1991 RYLA Conference a Success

The first-ever Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference sponsored by the Rotary clubs of District 778 was held at the University of New Hampshire in Durham in June. The participants were 10th grade students who spent three days together in an intensive leadership training program.

"We had 48 sophomore student participants...from 25 of our 33 district clubs," reported Dick Clark of the Rotary Club of Dover-Durham, N.H., the conference chairman. "I don't think that's too bad for the first event. The majority (of the students) felt it was a most rewarding experience for them, they learned a lot and that it should definitely be done again (annually)."

Enrollees and the club sponsors were: Kristen Alcorn, Newburyport; Elizabeth Anderson, So. Portland-Cape Elizabeth; Shany Arnold, Portsmouth; Amy Arsenaault, Freeport; Nicole Bellabona, Durham-Great Bay; Danielle Bernier, Bethel; Rebecca Blood, Westbrook-Gorham; Sarah Boddy, Exeter; Christy and Angela Boisvert, Bath; Kathleen Bowley, Kennebunk; Amy Corriveau and Sarah Dolan, So. Berwick; Coreen Dorr, Rumford; Stephanie Edmonds, Sanford-Springvale; Heather Felker and Molly Flanagan, Biddeford-Saco; Jason Georgitis, Kennebunk Portside; Christopher Gorneau, So. Portland-Cape Elizabeth; Kevin Griffin, Portsmouth; Lisa Gyurko, Kittery; Christa Lark, Rochester; Andrew Lay, Newburyport; and, Dale Lepine, Somersworth.

Additional participants were: Jennifer Lindsay, Dover-Dorham; Kenneth Locke, Scarborough; Lisa Logan, So. Portland-Cape

The Rotary Club of Portland joined other Rotary clubs throughout the nation in celebrating Arbor Day 1991. Portland Rotary donated sufficient funds to the Forestry Bureau of the City of Portland Parks and Recreation Department to plant two mature trees on Baxter Blvd. The area is adjacent to a 3.6 mile walking and running path which encircles the city's scenic Back Cove. A metal and wood park bench completes the Rotary project. Photographed at the site following the tree planting were (r-l) Bob Traill, 1990-91 club president; John Houghton, the club's community service committee chairman; and, Steve Ryder, a committee member.





Elizabeth; Audrey Lovering, Windham; Mallison Mildram, Rochester; Stephanie Minott, Westbrook-Gorham; Laurie Moore, Portsmouth; Tiffany Murphy, Kennebunk Portside; Tanya Nagle, Kittery; Kelly Noonan, Scarborough; Joseph Pace, Exeter; Christina Paul, Saco Bay; Erin Pettengill, Durham-Great Bay; Margaret Pribish, Saco Bay; Meghan Quinn, Portland; Suzann Richardson, Bethel; Desiree Roberts, Kittery; Luis Manuel Rodriguez, Rumford; Jennie Tucker, Exeter; Marla Velky, Dover; Eric Wallace, Sanford-Springvale; Teresa Weeks, Windham; Danika Whitehouse, Kennebunk; and, Stephen Xanthopoulos, Biddeford-Saco.

Chairman Clark reports the conference was a financial success, too. "It will be close, but we will be returning the \$500 seed money to the district treasurer...and request that (excess funds) be used for future RYLA programs," Clark said. Clubs provided a \$200 fee for each student enrolled in the program.

Assisting Dick Clark in this premier effort were PP Phil Rinaldi of the Dover-Durham Club and PP Ric Erickson of the Dover-Great Bay club.



District Environmental Chair Appointed

John Tewhey has agreed to chair the Environmental Subcommittee of the district's Community Service Committee.

A member of The Rotary Club of Portland, John is aptly qualified for this environmental post. His business provides technical consultation and services in the fields of geochemistry, hydrology and geology as applied to hazardous waste sites, low-level radioactive waste sites and landfills. He is a certified Geologist in Maine and California.

John has received degrees from Colby College (B.A. in Chemistry and Geology), the University of South Carolina (M.S. in Geology) and Brown University (Ph.D. in Geochemistry). He is a part-time instructor at the University of Southern Maine, and previously he worked for E.C. Jordan Co., Portland and the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in Calif. He's a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

John lives in Gorham with his wife, Gloria, who is president-elect of the 3,000-member Maine Federation of Women's Clubs.

Rotary Plants Trees Around the World

On 26 April - Arbor Day in the U.S.A. - Rotarians in many countries took part in "Trees Around the World" - tree-planting ceremonies in which U.S. President George Bush and R.I. President Paulo Costa also participated.

The scope of this effort gave a great boost to Pres. Bush's national tree-planting program, "America the Beautiful." As a result, Rotary International received the first "America the Beautiful" award at the Mexico City Convention from the U.S. Forest Service.

Pres. Bush welcomed the Rotary initiative and planted a tree on the south lawn of the White House. The same day, R.I. Pres.

Costa conducted a tree-planting ceremony at the annual conference of Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland in Bournemouth, England. Other plantings on this special day took place in Chicago and Evanston, Ill., U.S.A.; Sydney, Australia; Toronto and Quebec, Canada; Seoul, Korea; and, Mexico City.

They all grew from the plans of the Rotary Club of Wilmette, Ill., U.S.A., which designed an environmental curriculum for elementary schools. (It was the Rotary Club of Wilmette which distributed 20,000 seedlings throughout the Chicago public schools.)

- The Green Wave, R.I.



Ron Palmquist photo

District Directory Update

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Somewhere between my office and the printer, PDG Ron's committee did not make the District Directory. My apologies. Please clip and add to your copy of the Directory. And, on directory page 20, PDG Dan Mooers work telephone number should be (207) 774-7444.

- Bob Patten

Club News

More than 20 bags of trash were collected along Route 302, a major Maine-New Hampshire thoroughfare, by members of the new **Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club** in the provisional club's first ever civic project.

On a recent Saturday, club members equipped with a large trash bags picked up litter, including an old tire, hubcaps and a campaign sign from the last election, between the high school and Meadow Road on the busy U.S. highway, then picked up trash along the Meadow Road to the town dump. "Most of what we found was plastic, especially styrofoam cups and containers from fast food shops," member Dick Enright told a local newspaper reporter. "It was a good project. We felt we really helped."

As of June 1, Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club listed 19 members. The territory of the club, which meets Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at the Black Horse Tavern, Bridgton, includes the towns of Bridgton, Denmark, Harrison, Naples and Sweden. Russ Giasson is president and John Wiesendanger is the club's secretary. District Governor Bob visited the club - the newest in District 7780 - on July 17 and 18.

The **Bath Sunrise Rotary Club** is deeply involved in a project which is designed to illustrate to school students the effects of our lifestyles on the environment. The club is working with the Chewonki Foundation, an internationally recognized nonprofit educational group in Wiscasset, to create outreach programs that can be taken into the classroom, and to provide demonstration working models/pictorial displays at Chewonki itself where students and others could view alternatives.

Bath Sunrise has donated funds to begin the project, and commitments have been received from additional sources for some 80 percent of the anticipated cost of seed money - \$7,500. It's hoped that Chewonki will be able to hire staff to spend the '91-'92 school year researching curricula and drafting an appropriate curriculum for K-12, with classroom startup the following year. Bath Sunrise also will assist in locating other funding sources for the remainder of the \$50,000 total project cost.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

As Governor of District 7780 I am requesting from Rotary International a computer listing of mailing addresses of all District Rotarians to be used for future mailings promoting District activities and events.

It is necessary to receive approval of club presidents for me to obtain the mailing lists

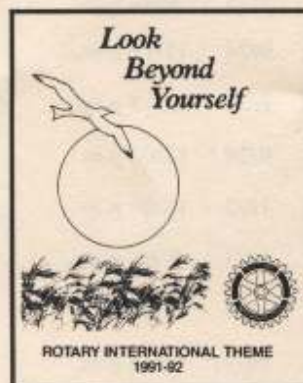
If I receive no objections by August 16th I will seek to obtain the mailing lists.

Look Beyond Yourself Rotary

International Theme 1991-92

"We learn so much from nature, the worlds around us," noted President Saboo in explaining the symbolism of the 1991-92 theme logo (to the R.I. convention in Mexico City). "Golden fields of wheat signify the nourishment for the human body and mind. In fact, they represent the wide horizons of basic human needs. The blue skies represent the infinite scope of our reach. The sun is the eternal source of energy and light. But the picture becomes complete only when the most

important factor . . . the soaring heights on the human spirit, and what can better reflect it than a bird in flight. The combination of these symbols gives you the three words, 'Look Beyond Yourself' and see the world . . . as if peace was dependent upon your voice, as if hunger and disease could be conquered by your hand, as if the entire world could be enlightened by your vision. Let us then begin our work."



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.

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Mooers Elected to R.I. Council

PDG Dan Mooers of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth has been elected to represent District 7780 at R.I.'s Council on Legislation which is scheduled to meet in Anaheim, Calif., on January 21-24, 1992.

The Council is the legislative body of Rotary International, and meets every three years for consideration of enactments and resolutions put forward by clubs or districts. PDG "Tex" Ranger of the Rotary Club of Brunswick is the District's alternative representative.

Additional dues of one dollar per member are assessed as of July 1, 1991, to help meet the expenses of our District's representative to the Council.

Meet George Rice, Area 7 Rep

George W. Rice, a charter member and past-president of the Oxford Hills Rotary Club in Maine, has been selected by Gov. Bob to be District 7780 Area Seven Representative.

George was raised in the Oxford Hills area, graduating from Oxford Hills High School and Central Maine Vocational-Technical Institute in Auburn. He worked for a large Massachusetts construction company before starting the G.W. Rice Construction Co. in 1977.

George tells us he married his high school sweetheart, Ginny. They have two grown children: Michael, a Burlington, Vt., police officer, and Georgia, health director at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway, Maine. They also have one grandson.



Active in his community, George is a 30-year member of the Norway Grange and currently serves as a director of the Oxford Hills Area Development Corp. and a corporator of the Western Maine Health Care Corp. He's a member of the Associated General Contractors of Maine and serves as a national representative of AGC on the American Lumber Standards Committee. George is a past director of the local chamber of commerce and served on the Norway Planning Board.

George is a Paul Harris Fellow. As Area 7 Representative, George is to be a liaison between the District Governor and the Rotary clubs in Bridgton, Windham, Bethel, Oxford Hills and Rumford.

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