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NEWSLetter



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Rotary International District 7780

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From the Gov...



Dear
Rotarians one
and all:

To plan, re-
cruit and pro-
duce a Confer-
ence demands
the time, talent

and energy by close count of 88 Rotarians and partners. This includes presenters, songleaders, singers, hosts, committee chairs, District officers and many, many others serving in a multitude of functions. In short, it all spelled out s-u-c-c-e-s-s.

Elsewhere in the NewsLetter you will read several of the tributes and compliments the event evoked. To me it was a happy and informative conference which was attended by 140 Rotarians, 99 guests and 31 of 34 clubs.

Primarily a commuter conference it made a District Conference available to many Rotarians for the first time. It opened up doors and windows for a peek at a great Rotary world beyond the club and community.

A new vista. A new understanding. A new appreciation. And to me that was the most important consequence. Literally, we did, indeed, look beyond ourselves. Truly I am proud and thankful for that.

My salute to the magnificent 88!

With appreciation,
Yours in Rotary,

Robert H. Patten
DG 1991-92

RYLA CONFERENCE



RYLA Leadership Conference Committee planning the upcoming conference with chairman F. Herbert Barnes, Portland Club. L to R, VC Lynn Hendricks, Biddeford-Saco Club; Rick Ericson, Past President Durham-Great Bay Club; Herb Barnes; Phil Rinaldi, Past President and Secretary of the Dover-Durham Club, and Meredith Small, Portland Club. Absent when picture was taken are Marilyn Taft, Bath Club; Brian Hughes, Portland Club and Mike Sullivan, current President of the York Club.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference

Leadership Conference
June 26, 27, 28, 1991
Bridgton Academy, Maine

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference is a program for high school sophomores who have shown leadership in their home, school and community life. The conference attempts to introduce the students to thoughts and ideas which, if utilized would strengthen and develop their leadership skills.

RYLA is a young people's program that was adopted officially by Rotary in 1971. Conducted on the district level, RYLA also offers Rotarians an opportunity to participate personally in developing leadership qualities in young men and women who are selected by Rotary clubs to participate in a conference which features educational and recreational activities in an atmosphere promoting the de-

velopment of leadership skills.

Last year alone, RYLA programs provided experiential learning opportunities to over 9,000 students in 30 countries - opportunities which were designed to increase student leadership skills and promote their overall effectiveness.

Although RYLA has been an established program, last year's conference was the first one for District 7780. The attendance of 48 students representing 25 clubs demonstrates 85 percent participation by the clubs in the district. We hope that all clubs in the district will participate this year, and we are allocating space for two participants per club.

RYLA has very active support from DG Bob Patten, PDG Dan Mooers, DGN Mort Schmidt and DGD Dick Clark, who

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Appointment Made of New Group Study Exchange



Jack M. Schraetter
- Gail Osgood photo

Jack M. Schraetter, member of The Rotary Club of Portland and chair of the club's Youth Services-Outbound Committee, has been appointed to head up the Group Study Exchange Team of young business and professional leaders who this year will be traveling to RI District 4540 in central Brazil. Jack was appointed by PDG Jim Labrie's Group Study Exchange District Committee. Last spring, Jim was group leader for the memorable trip to Vera Cruz.

The Group Study Exchange committee has selected Dave Bowers as an alternate for Jack in the event he cannot make the trip. Dave is from the rotary Club of Bath, Maine. Larry Benedict of the Portland club is handling the club-level international selections.

DG Bob Patten conferred with his counterpart, DG (4540) Beinvindo A Dias at the RI International Assembly in Anaheim last spring.

Jack Schraetter is amply qualified to head this team, having foreign language skills in Portuguese, Italian, Hebrew and Aramaic. Born into a multi-lingual family, he spent his childhood in New York City and was educated in both the parochial and the city's public school systems. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of New York at Albany, majoring in English and philosophy.

Jack's professional career includes residential real estate and development, human resource consulting, on the national and international levels. Currently

he is president of H. Lake & Company, Inc., which he founded in 1988, specializing in employment recruiting and consulting.

He has been a member of The Rotary Club of Portland since 1985. He and his wife, Lisa, reside in Standish and Small Point Beach, Maine.

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CLUB NEWS

Our thanks to the clubs of District 7780 for sharing their newsletters with us.

The Rotary Club of Durham-Great Bay recently sent five members to Wellingford, Vermont, for a "Special Make-up," which none of them needed, to see the Paul Harris Memorial Building. The club is currently participating in a "Gift of Reading" program. Five hundred low-income children have the privilege of selecting a new book, through monetary contributions from the Durham-Great Bay club, among other local organizations.

The Biddeford Rotary Club recently raised over \$3,900 for the Maine Children's Cancer Program. Twenty-seven teams participated in the three separate softball tournament events. There's much talk among other clubs about next year's revenge.

The Kittery Rotary Club was recently honored, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of the club's interest, enthusiasm and unselfish efforts which enabled a special person to learn, grow and experience the joy of sports. The award was presented to Dennis Dean, president of Kittery Special Olympics, and was accepted by Dan Thornhill, special needs chair.

NH Special Olympics also notified Thornhill that he was among those nominated for Volunteer of the Year, 1990-91. Under his leadership, Kittery Rotary Club members have volunteered at the Special Olympics Games at the University of New

Hampshire for the past two years, and previously assisted at the Maine games held at the University of Maine at Orono.

The South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club has established the first jointly sponsored "Rotary Village Corps" in Xalapa, Mexico, with the **Rotary Club of Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico**. The idea for a Village Corps in the Xalapa neighborhood originated with PDG Dan Mooers after his visit to that community in May 1991. Xalapa Rotarians took Dan and Shirley Mooers to a poverty-stricken neighborhood and showed them the "Naciones Unidas" school, built initially through the efforts of the Rotary Club of Xalapa, and expanded by the personal labor of students' parents with materials provided by the government.

Dan returned to his club determined to help a community which so wanted to help itself. He encouraged the club's International Service Committee to consider sponsoring, both emotionally and financially, with the Xalapa Club, an RVC (a community neighborhood action organization of non-Rotarians sponsored by one or more Rotary clubs), in the United Nations School neighborhood. Both clubs have moved quickly to foster the growth of this project.

The RVC will encourage the residents of Xalapa to undertake projects which will benefit their community or neighborhood. Representatives of the SP-CE club intend to travel to Xalapa, Mexico early next year.

Andrew M. Longley, Jr.

by DG Bob Patten

By his family, friends, colleagues, patients, neighbors, fellow firefighters, Rotarians, the life of Andy Longley, Jr., was celebrated at the Elijah Kellogg Church, Harpswell Center, November 25th, when the hour of two o'clock was tolled throughout the community.

Even then the fact that Andy was no longer with us was so difficult to believe, let alone comprehend.

Crowded church, moments of his busy, happy life recalled, the plaintive notes from the organ, the hymns, the prayers, the whispered conversations, the tears and later the bountiful reception at the Grange Hall all spoke eloquently of the full but tragically shortened life of Andrew M. Longley, Jr., 1948-1991.

He came to Cundy's Harbor in 1975, set up his medical practice, married "Becky" Darling, fathered two lovely children, became a community leader, joined the Brunswick Rotary, later became its president and currently was serving as District Chair of Community Service and Rotary Volunteers in Action.

From the latter was conceived "Adopt a Maine Island" project championed by Andy. He knew and loved Casco Bay and a gem of an island there, Jewell, that needed to have its true luster restored.

It shall be.

District 7780 has adopted Andy's plan. The Newburyport Rotary Club, former home club of Andy's father, has made a generous donation as a firm commitment to that goal.

Its continuation now will be a living memorial that Andy dreamed of when he formulated the concept, made the necessary contacts and enthusiastically promoted the project to the assembled Rotarians at the recent District Conference.

For all Rotarians, for Stella and me our hearts and hands are open with warmth, affection and prayers for Becky, Andy III, Meriel and both families.

At this moment, to my mind, none can more eloquently express my sentiments than Alfred Lord Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar." This lyric, at the poet's request, was always placed at the end of every edition of his poems.

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For though from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

District Conference a Huge Success!



Opening session, DG Bob Patten at the podium.



Harry Hester at the podium offering inspiration to "Look Beyond Yourself." Flags of the world decorating the head table were courtesy the Waterville Rotary Club.



DG's first lady, Stella Patten, informs the conference attendees of upcoming events.



District Governor Nominee Mort Schmidt



Art Richardson, past RI director and current vice chair of Raja Saboo's Preserve Planet Earth Committee, and his wife, Freddie.



Harry and Peggy Hester of Shades Valley, Alabama, brought greetings to the conference from RI President Raja Saboo.



Presentation at banquet by DG Bob Patten to Peggie Hester.



Conference Chairman, PP Naj Loftey, with wife, Barbara.



Nan McGuire, wife of Don McGuire, District 7780 secretary, directs a choir of 23 inbound exchange students in the singing of Raja Saboo's theme song, "Look Beyond Yourself."

Club	--- Membership ---			-- Attendance % --	
	06/30/91	10/31/91	+/-	October	7/91-YTD
Bath	71	61.00	-10.00	86.33%	82.82%
Bath (Sunrise)	42	40.00	-2.00	78.30%	72.30%
Bethel	37	37.00	0.00	91.61%	92.06%
Biddeford-Saco	109	111.00	2.00	84.90%	83.85%
• Bridgton (Prov.)	0	0.00	N/A	0.00%	0.00%
Brunswick	144	142.00	-2.00	79.33%	76.52%
Brunswick-Coastal	17	15.00	-2.00	84.00%	74.50%
Casco Bay Sunrise	28	25.00	-3.00	73.00%	69.25%
Dover-Durham	91	94.00	3.00	73.52%	72.52%
Durham-Great Bay	44	40.00	-4.00	74.00%	74.00%
Exeter	43	40.00	-3.00	81.80%	79.08%
Freeport	24	27.00	3.00	79.32%	83.81%
* Hampton	60	0.00	N/A	0.00%	53.54%
Kennebunk	99	97.00	-2.00	82.12%	81.93%
Kennebunk Portside	29	32.00	3.00	82.50%	82.45%
Kittery	32	31.00	-1.00	83.00%	76.75%
Newburyport	80	81.00	1.00	77.35%	77.66%
Ogunquit	46	48.00	2.00	85.40%	80.25%
Oxford Hills	54	55.00	1.00	81.60%	82.86%
Portland	218	220.00	2.00	75.94%	74.53%
Portsmouth	212	218.00	6.00	80.20%	78.35%
Rochester	67	64.00	-3.00	77.08%	73.32%
* Rumford	39	0.00	N/A	0.00%	17.50%
Saco Bay	49	51.00	2.00	92.16%	88.56%
Sanford-Springvale	69	69.00	0.00	78.82%	79.26%
Scarborough	28	30.00	2.00	84.68%	83.17%
Seabrook-Hampton Falls	32	27.00	-5.00	77.00%	76.25%
Somersworth	33	30.00	-3.00	58.69%	60.16%
South Berwick	29	27.00	-2.00	95.06%	91.19%
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	46	51.00	5.00	82.76%	80.27%
Wells	30	30.00	0.00	81.11%	85.37%
Westbrook-Gorham	59	56.00	-3.00	70.20%	73.05%
Windham	42	40.00	-2.00	90.00%	87.50%
York	49	51.00	2.00	85.57%	86.70%
TOTALS	2,052	1,940	(13)		

District Attendance Average

76.14% 74.80%

TOP TEN CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE

--- Membership ---			-- Attendance % --	
06/30/91	10/31/91	+/-	October	7/91-YTD

****South Berwick	29	27.00	-2.00	95.06%	91.19%
****Saco Bay	49	51.00	2.00	92.16%	88.56%
****Bethel	37	37.00	0.00	91.61%	92.06%
****Windham	42	40.00	-2.00	90.00%	87.50%
****Bath	71	61.00	-10.00	86.33%	82.82%
****York	49	51.00	2.00	85.57%	86.70%
****Ogunquit	46	48.00	2.00	85.40%	80.25%
****Biddeford-Saco	109	111.00	2.00	84.90%	83.85%
****Scarborough	28	30.00	2.00	84.68%	83.17%
****Brunswick-Coastal	17	15.00	-2.00	84.00%	74.50%

Welcome New Rotarians

BIDDEFORD-SACO

Hal S. Cohen

BRUNSWICK

James M. Melkle,

Edwin A. Thompson

DOVER-DURHAM

Wayne F. Clapper, Edward Hoginski,

Edward B. Mullen,

James A. Richards, Carol Salava

NEWBURYPORT

Michael E. O'Neil, Terry Stubby, Donna H.

Wadsworth

OXFORD HILLS

Fred Collins, Jr.

PORTLAND

Russell I. Burleigh, Alexander Lazaroff,

Richard P. Winkler (returning as former

member), David E. Wood (transfer from

Biddeford-Saco)

SACO BAY

James F. David, James Nelson

SOUTH PORTLAND-

CAPE ELIZABETH

Karen W. Dunfey, Nancy A. Hawes, Jeff

Lutz, Robert R. Peck

YORK

Jill Appleby, Kathleen F. Donovan, Douglas

J. Gray,

David A. Kerr, Ann E. MacAuley

Membership Changes:

BRUNSWICK

Charles "Chick" Chafee,

old mailing address: 37 Mill St., Brunswick;

new mailing address, 35 River Road,

Brunswick

Robert A. Thompson, old mailing address: 47

River Road, Brunswick; new mailing address,

Box 367, Harpswell

* = Report not received

INC = One monthly report
missing

• = Provisional Club

RYLA Conference continued from front page

was last year's RYLA chair. There is now a District 7780 committee which F. Herbert Barnes of the Portland club is chairing; Lynn Hendricks of the Biddeford club is vice-chair. The committee is hard at work planning the 1992 RYLA Conference.

Herb Barnes brings a lot of experience to this committee. He has been a member of The Rotary Club of Portland since 1983. His club activities include Youth Services Committee (he was committee chairman) and International Service committee, as well as membership on the club's board of directors. He was one of the founding fathers of the Youth Exchange Program in District 7780 and in District 7890 in Connecticut, where he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Litchfield. He first joined Rotary in 1967 in Pennsylvania, and served District 7430 as a member of its Youth Exchange Program and as chair of a special District 7430 summer program, LeGrand Exchange. Professionally, Herb is very active in the social service arena, being a licensed clinical social worker in the state of Maine.

Last year's students urged the RYLA committee to make this year's program longer, and taking their considerations into account, it will be a little longer. The theme of the RYLA '92 Conference is LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF-YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Then it will move into a challenge course right after lunch, brought to the students by the same University of New Hampshire staff which conducted last year's program. A presentation on Interact will be made to the students during the conference. The closing session will provide an opportunity to present the Youth Exchange Program to the students and their parents.

How do you get involved? The first step is designating a chairperson for this year's club RYLA program, and a co-chair who will be in charge of coordinating RYLA for your club the following year. Send the names to Herb Barnes, District RYLA '92 Chair, P.O. Box 4022, Portland, ME 04101, or call (207) 772-4539. The deadline for applications is December 2, 1991.

Quotes from last year: Kevin Griffin, "Thank you for a fun and educational weekend. I sometimes feel that I learned more about people, ethics, leadership and

goals in that one weekend than I have throughout my two years in high school." Amy Arsenault, "I was very impressed with the organization and everything that was obviously put into the conference. I am very glad that I went to the conference this year, and if you have some of us come back to help next year, I would like to be one of those people."

District Conference Quotes.....

DG Robert Bossie, District 7870, Manchester, N.H.: "Just a short note to congratulate you on a successful district conference. You have some really terrific Rotarians in 7780."

PP Rev. Ed Nelson, Portland Rotary Club: "You carried the whole district conference with distinction - congratulations. Also, praise to Stella for all her help! How else could men succeed without a good wife."

PDG Art Richardson: "Congratulations on an excellent conference. We are certainly proud to be a part of D-7780. Your perspective selection and use of club presidents and past presidents contributed to the success of the conference."

Peggie Hester (wife of Harry Hester, personal representative of Raja Saboo to the conference): "I can't find words adequate to express appreciation for the warm reception and royal hospitality extended to us while we were guests at your conference."

Wayne D. Brockney, vice pres.-elect of Rochester, N.H. club: "Donna and I enjoyed the recent conference in Portland. It

was well organized, very informational and a lot of fun! There is certainly a lot to Rotary outside of my local club. I told you when I left that the first thing I was going to do when I got home was to sign up for the Rotary International Convention in Orlando, Florida. We have done that and can't wait to go."

Donald G. Lowry, Portland club: "This was an outstanding conference and was, without doubt, one of the highlights of my Rotary experience. The programs which were presented at this conference were uniformly informative and of outstanding quality. The spirit of enthusiasm and good will which pervaded all the proceedings made this an event which will be remembered warmly."

To John Tewhey, from PDG Art Richardson, Preserve Planet Earth vice-chair: "Your Preserve Planet Earth presentation yesterday at the District Conference was GREAT! I couldn't have been more pleased with the way you pulled the material together, listed specific club projects and showed attainable goals."

District 7780 News

District 7780's Community Service Committee and the Maine Island Trail Association are jointly planning a district community project in the spring or early summer of 1992. The project will involve improvements to Jewell Island in Casco Bay, which is owned by the State of Maine and is a popular yachting and camping site.

The District 7780 Community Service Committee is hoping to be able to make

some improvements that will enhance the island's environment, and is hoping to provide an enjoyable project for the clubs and Rotarians of the District. The project will need the financial assistance to purchase building materials and prefabricated items. It is projected to be a weekend family project with spouses and children welcome volunteers. Transportation to and from Jewell Island needs Rotary assistance, too.

Further information will be publishing in the DG's Newsletter as events unfold.

NOTICE:

Rotary Club of Scarborough now meeting on **Thursday Nights** at same location. Club will return to **Tuesday Night** on March 3rd.

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Merry Christmas
and



A Happy Holiday Season

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