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From the Gov...



Dear Rotarians,
Plans are falling into place for our District Conference coming up next month. Every Rotarian in District 7780 has

received an invitation to join in the programs and festivities.

Now, we need all those registration forms to be mailed in to us promptly, since final plans depend upon our attendance numbers.

The team prepared for your conference was recruited (volunteers) from my Governor's Planning Committee composed of members of the Host Club, Portland, and several other clubs in the District.

Consider just one committee: Music!

Our song leaders, musicians and performers will bring color and joy starting with the opening ceremonies and concluding with Sunday's Memorial services.

Members from Biddeford-Saco, Kittery, Portland, Scarborough, Windham and Rotarian Partners, too, will be converging on Verrillo's Convention Center October 25-27.

By including the 23 exchange students who will be with us Saturday morning, there will be very few clubs not offering musical talent.

The "Look Beyond Yourself" theme song will be sung by our ESSEX "gang." "Saturday Night Live" will feature "Live-ly" musical entertainment.

Musical moments make for the real Rotary spirit!

So, come - one and all!

Yours with respect and expectations!

Bob Patten

First District Conference October 25, 26, 27, 1991 Verrillo's Convention Center Portland, Maine

A major event of the Rotary year is the District Conference, and this year is no exception. The District 7780 meeting is truly significant, however, because it's the first "solo" conference of a brand new district of Rotary International.

Rotarians from the 34 clubs of the new district will meet for three days in Portland for fellowship, for inspirational messages and for wide-ranging discussions of matters relating to individual clubs as well as to the District.

Verrillo's Convention Center in Portland is the location of the conference. Verrillo's was selected because of its convenient location to Exit 8 of the Maine Turnpike and a major regional shopping center. In addition, Verrillo's is just a few minutes away from Portland's fine restaurants and the Old Port section of the city. Much planning has been done to encourage attendance.

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Welcome to Portland

As president of the Rotary Club of Portland, it is with great pleasure that I welcome all Rotarians and guests of the first "solo" District 7780 Conference. Portland Rotary is extremely proud to be the home club of District Governor Bob Patten and the host club of the conference. Please enjoy our great city and Please enjoy our great city and come back often.

- Thomas W. Saturley



Chaired by Najeeb S. Loftey, a past president of The Rotary Club of Portland, the District Governor's Conference Planning Committee has been working on details for the past year. "The committee has planning

a District Conference which will "enrich your Rotary life and afford you the opportunity to meet and make many new friends," says District Governor Bob Patten.

"The Conference is for all Rotarians, DG Bob said, "and not just club leaders. In addition, family activities are planned (and) the costs of attending are very reasonable."

Rotarians, spouses and guests will find the plenary sessions exciting as well as informative. Special activities are planned for Friday and Saturday, and a Saturday morning function will be a must for children.

The regular Friday noon meeting of the Portland Rotary Club will be a part of the District Conference. Harry D. Hester, a personal representative of RI President Raja Saboo, will be the speaker. Hester also is a member of Rotary International's Vocational Service Committee. Each Rotarian in District 7780 has received a mailing which includes information regarding registration and hotel accommodations, so you are urged to complete the necessary paper work and put in in the mail immediately.

District Conference Participants

The first "solo" District 7780 Conference schedule is jam-packed with events you won't want to miss.

- Friday -

* Following the opening ceremony and district reports and business, PDG Harry Hester (r) of Birmingham, Alabama, will participate in all aspects of the conference including the keynote address and the Saturday night banquet.



Harry, who is the personal representative of RI President Raja Saboo, is a member of the Rotary International Vocational Committee. A charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Shades Valley, Harry has extensive service in all areas of club activity. He was district governor in 1970-71 and has served in all other district offices and areas of service.

Since becoming a Rotarian in 1963, he has attended 12 international conventions and has attended every assembly, conference and leadership forum in his district. He has a 26 years perfect attendance, with a club attendance record of 99.99 percent.

Harry established a private architectural firm in 1955. He and his wife, Peggie, have four children and three granddaughters.



*The First Plenary Session will feature PP **Andy Longley, Jr., (l)** District Community Service Chairman, and highlight outstanding club projects and his "Adopt an Island" proposal.

* The Second Plenary Session will feature PDG **Ron Drouin** reporting on the Biddeford-Saco Brazilian project with **Babe Grondin** and **Hadley Hoyt**. Next, Foundation Vice Chair **Bill Skinner** will

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report on his Ecuadorian project.

* For the luncheon break, the Portland Rotary Club will present its regular Friday noon meeting at Verrillo's Convention Center.



* PDG **Al Courtney (l)** kicks off the afternoon session with his District Drug Abuse plans. This is a must!

* **Harry Hester** and **PP Bob Traill**, District Vocational Chairman, will jointly discuss district vocational projects. A pilot Functional Literacy Program in Cumberland County, Maine, also will be announced at the session.

* Youth programs will dominate the concluding Friday program, with RYLA Chairman **Herb Barnes** and **Amy Arsenault**, a Freeport High School student who participated in last year's conference.

* Interact comes into play with the Bath Sunrise and Kennebunk Clubs. Q&A!

* Wrapping up the day will be care and share discussions from the floor. Tell everyone about your project!

FREE EVENING - HOSPITALITY NIGHT

- Saturday -

* We will swing into Group Study Exchange activities and this year's Brazil program, chaired by PDG **Jim Labrie**, GSE chairman. Be sure to meet the Vera Cruz business team, an outstanding group of young men and women!

* In observance of the Rotary Foundation's Diamond Jubilee, the first morning session will be devoted to "Foundation Developments" with PDG **Dan Mooers**. "Planning and Participation in Foundation Projects" will be presented by PDG **Sam Giftos**; "Selling and Achieving Foundation Goals" by PP **Bill Skinner**, and concluding with an overview of the November Foundation Seminar by PP **Dave Lowe**.

* The Intercultural Nursing Program will feature our nurse trainee, **Leone Giovanni (r)**, from the Dominican Republic, along with two nurses from Brighton Medical Center, Portland, who served the cause on that Caribbean Island -



Terry Doire and **Jane Gagnier**. PDG **Jim Labrie** will provide an update of the program and the current financial needs.



* "Preserve Planet Earth," co-chaired by Past RI Director **Art Richardson** and District Environmental Chair **John Tewhey (l)**, will be a district clubs report with commentary by Art. Q&A to follow.

* At the luncheon we will meet **Don Dyer**, Chair of Inbound Youth Exchange, and the 23 inbound exchange students who will sing "Look Beyond Yourself."

* Past RI Director **Art Richardson** will give us his overview of Raja's "Preserve Planet Earth" program as his vice chairman of that committee.

SATURDAY EVENING

Reception - Dinner - Musical Entertainment

- Sunday -

* Our Annual memorial Service.

SPOUSES/PARTNERS PROGRAM

FRIDAY MORNING - All spouses/partners are invited and encouraged to attend the morning sessions, and the Portland Rotary luncheon.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON - Optional features include attending the Plenary Sessions or a Fashion Show and Tour of Channe 6 Studios (space limited) Signup sheets will be available at the Registration Desk for all outside activities.

FRIDAY EVENING - Free evening or fellowship gathering to meet local Rotarian couples for dutch treat dinner (optional on registration form).

SATURDAY MORNING - Breakfast and panel discussion for spouses/partners followed by "Partner Power" activity such as golf (weather permitting), tennis or walking.

- Stella Patten's Luncheon for spouses of club presidents.

- Free Time Saturday Afternoon, Portland Museum of Art (optional) and possible Portland Harbor sightseeing cruise.

Program for children on Saturday morning
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Face Painting Contest
Splash Party at Howard Johnson Pool
Snack/Luncheon

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3) Addressing Rotarians at breakfast in Bethel, the DG stands in front of a special banner which accompanied him on his visits. The banner is a gift from Portland PP Naj Lottey, and features the flags of each of the 34 clubs in District 7780.

It has been a busy summer for District 7780 Governor Bob Patten. He has visited almost all of the 34 Rotary Clubs in Maine, coastal New Hampshire and Massachusetts. In actuality, each "visit" included a "President's" meeting with club officers and committee chairpersons, a separate get-together with the club called an "Assembly" and attendance at the regular club meeting.

Bob's wife, Stella, has been with him at each of the visitations and has kept a photographic record of the people and places. Our first photo page includes snapshots taken during the first two weeks of Bob's visitation schedule, beginning with Bethel and Rumford on July 15 and 16, continuing through July 21 in Windham. - Ron Palmquist



1) Club President Joyce Palton with Bob and Stella following the July 15th noon meeting in Rumford.

2) DG Bob shared the head table with officers at 10 clubs in July. In Bethel, we see (from left) George Rice, Bob's Area 2 Rep; the DG; Dave Murphy, club president; Scott Dennis, past president; and, Bruce Powell, club secretary.



4) Oxford Hills provided a white stretch limo for DG Bob and Stella's use during their visit to the Norway-So. Paris area of Maine in mid-July. The luxurious vehicle was in the background, however, for this photo of Stan Bumpus, the limo owner and driver; the DG; and, Club President Frank Shortey and his wife, Connie.

6) A mid-summer, going-away cookout for Portland club foreign exchange students Lesya Stasiv (USSR) and Fifi Sanitu (Indonesia) was a welcome extracurricular activity for the Pattens.



7) Luncheon conversation the last day of July in Windham, where DG Bob and Area 2 Rep George Rice (left) chat across the table with club members at a local restaurant.



5) It was shirtsleeves weather on July 19th when DG Bob was the the guest of the Sanford-Springvale club. He's pictured with Club President Rene Fournier and his wife, Norma.



Club News

Our thanks to the clubs of District 7780 for sharing their newsletters with us. We hope you find the material interesting and informative.



Susanne & The Guys With Ties

On Saturday night, District Conference attendees will be entertained by a lively musical group - an a cappella double quartet which sings a repertoire of music from rock 'n roll and quiet ballads to reggae and blue grass. The group consists of eight Portland-area business people - a dentist, a stock broker, a computer specialist, a decorator, a mortgage loan officer, two lawyers and a Realtor who is a Rotarian. Susanne & The Guys With Ties will be appearing fresh from their "Victory Tour" - The Maine Festival, Horsefeathers Restaurant, The Maine Oil Dealers and Bass Shoe conventions, South Portland Concerts in the Park, and Portland Rotary. So, make plans now for a gala Saturday Night at Verrillo's with Susanne & The Guys With Ties - their performance for District Rotarians promises to be harmonious fun for all.

"Partner Power" Project

Stella Patten, at each Rotary Club visited by her DG husband, has invited Rotarians and partner-spouses to participate in a fellowship fund-raiser called "Partner Power" Project. The idea is to use money raised through a \$250 fundraiser by the partners of each participating club and the small donations through on-going fellowship playing golf or volleyball or tennis or whatever. The clubs will participate with the nomination of Paul Harris Fellows candidates.



Says Stella: "The purpose of this project is to complement any Rotary project presently underway." At each of the clubs, Stella received "fantastic" response. As many Paul Harris Fellows will be selected as there is money for, and announced at the district fellowship event on June 20 next year.

All clubs have received project plans, so Stella asks for a telephone call (207/774-7553) for ideas or questions or comments.

DG Bob was pleased to be able to participate in the August 28th presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow medallion and certificate to Don Parsons during a visit to the Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco. We understand the occasion also marked Don's return from an extended "sick leave." Welcome back, Don, and congratulations!

Two Lights, the newsletter of the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club, reports their Lighthouse Project soon will be complete. Rotarians have been involved in the

New Area 1 Rep



Russell E. Johnson of Newburyport, Mass., is the new Area 1 Rep for District Governor Bob Patten.

A PP of his home town Rotary Club, Russ currently serves as club newsletter editor. He also is past veep, secretary and treasurer.

Following his retirement from a 20-year career in the U.S. Coast Guard, Russ and his wife, Sheila, started a printing business - Zip Type Service - which also employs two of their four children. Russ and Sheila also enjoy their five grandchildren. In their "free" time, Russ and Sheila enjoy motor-cycling as members of the Massachusetts Retreads.

Russ' area includes Seabrook/Hampton Falls, Exeter and Hampton Falls, N.H., and Newburyport clubs.

refurbishing of the beautiful house at picturesque Portland Head Light which soon will become lighthouse museum. The Head Light is one of the most photographed locations on the Atlantic Coast, and we commend SP-CE Rotarians for their involvement in this effort.

Interclub summertime "Fun-draising" activities included a softball tournament involving Rotarians from clubs in Biddeford-Saco, Kennebunk, Saco Bay and Sanford. Benefiting from this activity is the Maine Children's Cancer Program, and the liniment concession at local pharmacies in the southern Maine communities.

Speaking of Fundraising: here's an item from *Bing*, the newsletter of the Dover/Durham Rotary Club. "George O'Donnell gave us the good word that the Bingo numbers are growing. Our gamble is paying off - 391 players resulted in a net of \$3,000 on Thursday. The average stands at \$1,300/week after all bills are paid." More on this unique activity in a future NEWS/Letter.

The Casco Bay - Sunrise Club newsletter suggests that all Rotarians wear their Rotary identification badges with pride to their own church services on February 23, 1992, the anniversary of the founding of Rotary International. The club urges clergy "...to make this a Rotarian Sunday."

Congratulations to Henry Gagnon, selected Rotarian of the Year by the Rotary Club of Westbrook-Gorham. This news item from the club's newsletter, the *Saccarappa Scribbler*.

Welcome, New Rotarians

Say hello to the following new Rotarians, and remember to make them feel at home.

BATH

Dr. Paul C. Brooks

BETHEL

Linda S. Varrell

BIDDEFORD-SACO

Ronald P. Berthiaume, Ronald Dahle, Donald Shuris, Roland J. Jalbert**

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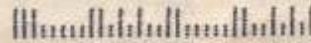
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Notice:
To All Clubs
in District 7780

The Nominating Committee has duly nominated **Richard E. Clark** of the Rotary Club of Dover-Durham, N.H., for District Governor of District 7780 for the year 1993-94.



Since there was no other candidate submitted to the Nominating Committee for consideration, I hereby declare Past President **Richard E. Clark** as the District Governor Designate.

- DG Bob Patten

Intercultural Nursing Program



Terry L. Doire, RNC, and Jane Gagnier, RN (far left) of Brighton Medical Center, are pictured at a meeting of The Rotary Club of Portland, answering a question posed by PP Jim Willey. The nurses and our nurse trainee, **Leone Giovanni**, from the Dominican Republic are a Saturday conference feature. PDG Jim Labrie will also provide a program update.

Welcome, New Rotarians

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