

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL



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Governor's Message

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Dear Fellow Rotarians:

As the Holiday Season approaches, there are thoughts of seasons past which are unique and special to each of us. Though each story is different, we all are overcome with the same treasured feeling this time of the year.

It is the time of giving. Granted we all enjoy receiving gifts, it is the pleasure of giving to others that makes us happy. Seeing the joy of a child or grandchild, sharing time with relatives, breaking bread with friends, and helping those less fortunate than ourselves. These are the events in our life which makes living so worthwhile and pleasurable.

As Rotarians, we are always giving. We give of ourselves each week when we attend our club meeting. We give of ourselves when we work on a project to better our community. We give of ourselves when we contribute to The Rotary Foundation programs for world peace and understanding. We give of ourselves when we volunteer to help others learn to help themselves. Each time we give, the feeling we get is that of happiness.

I truly believe that our President of Rotary International, Clifford Dochterman, must have had the Holiday Season in mind when he contrived this year's Rotary theme. In giving of ourselves for others, Rotarians understand the joy, **REAL HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS** can bring. Therefore, for Rotarians, every day of the year can be the Holiday Season.

Brenda and I wish you all a joyous Holiday and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Rotary:

Mort Schmidt

ROTARY DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT 7780 DOES IT AGAIN!!!

It looks at this point in time that clubs in our district are responding in a very positive way to Gov. Morts appeal of immediate help on behalf of RI President Cliff Dochterman's call for help and assistance for the refugees in Croatia and Bosnia. As Gov. Mort said, "it is not often that the President of Rotary International issues a world wide appeal to the districts and clubs".

If you have not yet responded to the Governors call, please do so right away. All district club Presidents have been notified to give their quickest consideration to this project. All contributions will qualify for a Paul Harris Fellowship for your Club. Example \$1000 a full Paul Harris Fellow. \$500 a partial Paul Harris etc. **SEND YOUR CHECK ASAP.....**

FROM THE KENNEBUNK PORTSIDE BULLETIN

At a recent Board of Directors Meeting, the Board voted to make the month of December Food Pantry month. It has been recognized that there is a growing need to support the Food Pantry, especially during the next upcoming months. In lieu of some of the Club's prior efforts in Holiday related events, the Board has opted to focus in on the Food Pantry. Club members are asked to bring numerous items each week for the Food Pantry, and there will be no fines for over indulgence.

Good job Kennebunk We are sure your community appreciates all of your good work.

AN IMPORTANT DATE ALERT!!!!

Mark your calendar RIGHT NOW!!! It's the big 3rd annual District Banquet to be held on February 20th in the Marriott at the Maine Mall. All club presidents will be informed of all the details shortly from Gov. Mort. In the meantime, alert your club officers and members of the date. FEB 20, 1993.

A REMINDER OF THE SEASON

From the Ogunquit "Ocean Breeze" club bulletin. "Christmas is a time when children ask Santa Claus for what they want and adults pay for it. Deficits are when adults spend what they want and children pay for it

Be prepared to answer the question
What is Rotary?



"Rotary is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build good will and peace in the world. Those are 31 words worth remembering when someone asks, "what is a Rotary club?"

DON'T MISS the New England Rotary Event of 1992-93

R.I. President Cliff Dochterman's
"New England Visit"

A day of Rotary Fellowship
as President Cliff
Salutes the Programs of Rotary

Royal Sonesta Hotel Boston
Cambridge, Massachusetts
Friday, March 5, 1993

MORE DISTRICT NEWS

IS YOUR CLUB READY FOR MELBOURNE??

When Rotarians from around the world gather in Melbourne, Australia, next May to take part in the 84th annual R.I. Convention, will your club be represented? It should be. Our annual meeting is too valuable an opportunity for sharing Rotary fellowship and information to miss. Factors in the fun and excitement that scenic Melbourne and the "land down under" have to offer and 1993 Convention which will be held 23-26 May, would prove to be one of the most enjoyable ever.

From the outback to the Great Barrier Reef, Australia offers a wealth of natural wonders and scenic attractions, almost enough to compete with the host of Rotary features and events that are already planned.

Aside from the always-popular Homestay and Home Hospitality programs that afford convention-goers an intimate look at life in the convention country, next year's gathering will highlight many aspects of Australia's diverse culture, from its culinary de-lights to its musical repasts. Special performances by the Melbourne symphony Orchestra and the Victoria State

Opera will make the convention's final evening most memorable.

"Convention Preview No. 1" and official housing forms have been mailed to all district governors, On-to-Melbourn Committee chairman, Club Presidents, and secretaries. The form is also included in the October 1992 issue of THE ROTARIAN and most regional magazines. Register before 1 December 1992 for special discounts.

A short video presentation promoting Melbourne is available from the International Meetings Division at the world headquarters.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Most Rotarians have never attended a Rotary district conference. They have not experienced one of the most enjoyable and rewarding privileges of Rotary membership. A district conference is for ALL club members and their spouses, not just for club officers and committee members. The purpose of a District Conference is for fellowship, good fun, inspirational speakers and discussion of matters which make one's Rotary membership more meaningful. Those who attend a Conference enjoy going back, year after year.

We remind you it is time to start thinking about the District 7780 Conference at the Cliff House in Ogunquit in June. PLEASE PLAN ON IT NOW!!!!!!

Lasting friendships grow from the fellowship hours at the District Conference. Governor Mort and the Portsmouth Club plan an exciting and fun-filled three day conference at the Cliff house you won't want to miss.

WE LIKE LETTERS

The following letter was received from the recipient of this year's Rotary scholarship from the Scarborough club.

"I would like to send my deepest thanks to each member of your organization for selecting me as a recipient of your scholarship award this past spring. I apologize for not having contacted you sooner; hopefully you can understand I have been caught up in the excitement of graduation, summer vacation and moving away to college this fall. Thanks to you, this excitement has been increased in that my family and I need not worry as much about the financial burden this can create, and focus our attentions more on the adventure itself. Once again, I send my deepest thanks.

Sincerely,
Micheal Simonds

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM HONORED

The latest on the year-long agenda of salutes to the Programs of Rotary was the salute to Rotary Foundations ambassadorial scholars, on Nov. 24th in London, England. R.I. President Cliff Dochterman was among over 200 people who attended the event, which recon-

ized past foundation alumni as well as Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland who have played important roles in the program.

A reminder that our "New England Salute to Rotary programs" is coming up fast, DON'T MISS OUT!!!!

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

MORE ROTARY NEWS

ROTARY MAKES IT TO THE MOVIE "Boxoffice."

Recently, in theaters across North America, a movie starring Kevin Costner and Whitney Houston made its global debut.... and Rotarians watching it will notice something very familiar. In Warner Brothers "The Bodyguard", the last scene takes place at a fictitious Rotary Club meeting in "Iowa Rapids," Iowa.

The role of the R.I. staff in the movie's production was to assemble the appropriate props for the scene. A special club banner with the fictitious club name had to be made, and hundreds of lapel pins for "members" and badges for club guests were sent. The staff also insured that women were represented among the membership (at the head table, for example) for the scene to be as realistic as possible. Rotary's other recent Hollywood claims to fame ---brief mention --sign sightings--etc.--came in "Wayne's World," "Dick Tracy" and CBS's "Major Dad."

WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH IS COMING

This is an early reminder that a very important month is coming up for Rotary. The month of February is a very special one on the Rotary calendar. It is designated as World Understanding Month. The month also includes the anniversary of the first meeting of Rotary held on February 23, 1905, now designated as World Understanding and Peace Day.

In designating World Understanding Month, the Rotary International board asks all Rotary clubs to plan programs for their weekly meetings and undertake special activities to emphasize 'understanding and goodwill as essential for world peace.'

Many clubs take the opportunity to launch an international community service activity or make contact with a Rotary club in another country. It is a good month to initiate a Rotary fellowship exchange. World understanding month is a chance for every club in the District to pause, plan and promote the Fourth avenue of Service-Rotary's continued quest for goodwill, peace and understanding among people of the world.

DEADLINE APPROACHING IN PRESIDENTIAL CITATION PROGRAM

R.I. President Cliff Dochterman is eagerly awaiting the response to the challenge he put forth last spring to all clubs and districts in preparation for his year in office. That challenge, in the form of the Presidential Citation for Balanced Club Achievement, called for each club to set and accomplish a specific number of goals in each of Rotary's four Avenues of Service. Clubs were given the period between 1 July 1992 and 1 February 1993 to accomplish their goals, the number of which was dependent upon club size. That deadline is approaching.

To be eligible to receive the handsome certificate issued by the president in recognition of balanced club achievement, a club must have the governor of its district certify the club's size and which activities it has accomplished within the deadline. The R.I. President must receive this certification by Feb. 15, and clubs that qualify will receive their certificate by 1 May 1993.

I.R.S. & U.S. CLUBS

All Rotary clubs are exempt from paying federal income tax under Rotary International's group exemption, number 0573. However, clubs need to file one of the 990 forms annually. Normally, however, clubs under \$25,000 in gross receipts do not have to file. Requirements regarding state taxes vary from state to state, so clubs need to consult someone locally who is familiar with state law.

Most U.S. clubs have Employee Identification Numbers (simply an IRS identification number) on file with RI. If you are unsure of your club's number or feel it might not have been reported to RI, please write to Dennis Swenson, Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave., Evanston, IL 60201.

By the way, this also applies to districts.

TEAM LEADERS CHOSEN

Chairman Ron Drouin of District 7780, Rotary Foundation G.S.E. Sub-Committee; is pleased to announce that the 1992-93 G.S.E. Team Leader to Australia will be the Past President of the Rotary Club of Kennebunk-Kennebunkport, Craig Wellman.

The alternate will be the Past President of the Rotary Club of Bath, Richard Short.

HOW MANY??

How many Rotarians does it take to sell Christmas Trees? In Portsmouth it takes all 232 members. Every member has a job says Steve Craige, chairman. The club will net over \$10,000 on their tree sales.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

GOV. MORT AND HIS STAFF

HELP FOR YOUR PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON

QUESTION: As this year's chairman of my club's program committee, I am having difficulty locating speakers for our meeting. My predecessor seems to have exhausted the local supply, and I would like to bring in new speakers who haven't already addressed our club. Any suggestions as to where I may look?

ANSWER: Your problem is not a new one. In fact, many program chairpersons are faced with the same difficulty. You might wish to consider inviting Rotarians from other clubs to address your weekly meetings. This approach has been employed successfully in District 7390 (Pennsylvania, U.S.A.) where one program chairman, Gordon Burkey of the Rotary Club of Lititz, organized a program speakers bank upon which all of the clubs in his district could draw. At the beginning of the year, he wrote to each club president in his district, soliciting the names of club members who would enjoy speaking about their hobbies, trips, or other subjects of interest to Rotarians. He compiled this information in a directory which included addresses and phone numbers, as well as a brief description of the talk each Rotarian intended to give. The directory was organized alphabetically, both by name and location, so that clubs could select speakers from their own vicinity.

THE MEMBER WHO NEVER CAME BACK

"It amuses me to think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. Don't you remember me? I am the fellow who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention. I tried to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have his own friends to talk to and sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times, but nobody paid much heed to me. I hoped someone would ask me to join a committee or to somehow participate-but no one did. Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting. No one asked where I had been. I guess it did not matter whether I was there. Who am I?? I'm the member who never came back."

****from a Rotary club bulletin**

****FROM THE RUMFORD**
CLUB BULLETIN**

THE FOUNDERS CHOSE A WHEEL

The founders of Rotary chose a wheel as their emblem. They did not choose a rubber-tired wheel, for Rotary carries no passengers. They chose, instead, a powerful gear-wheel with teeth designed for heavy duty. The teeth of the wheel are the members of Rotary. They do their inter-meshed with other people. If one tooth is broken or absent the work of the wheel is impaired or stopped. The teeth are bound solidly together by the rim which is the club.

The spokes of the wheel are the meetings of the club. At regular intervals, they impart to the members the inspiring and resistless drive of the central shaft, the spirit of Rotarians throughout the world.

THOSE ROTARY PIONEERS

"I would like to think that the pioneering days of Rotary have only just begun. There are just as many new things to be done as ever there were. Rotary must certainly continue to pioneer or be left in the rear of progress."

ROCHESTER CHRISTMAS PARADE A ROTARY HIT

The Rochester Rotary club tied their float theme of "Rotary Around The World" to the parades theme of "Christmas around the World" by the use of flags and music. The float had four sections on the corners with people representing all the local groups that the club helps. And 185 flags representing the countries in which Rotary International has clubs. These flags were made by Rotarians and friends. Each of the 185 flags was carried around the float... Congrats going out to Pres. Wayne Brockney, Chairperson Al Miltner and all the members of the Rochester club.

SECRETARY'S ALERT!!!

Half year reports are due from all Secretaries in January. You should have forms.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7780

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

CLUB	MEMBERS 6/30/92	CURRENT MEMBERS	+/-	FOUNDATION PER MEMBER GIVING	ATTENDANCE %	PRESIDENT CITATION
BATH	65	65	0	0	87.78	
BATH SUNRISE	36	33	-3	0	78.20	
BETHEL	34	35	+1	90	87.97	
BIDDEFORD-SACO	104	103	-1	1	84.40	
BOOTHBAY-HARBOR	52	51	-1	0	91.70	
BRIDGTON-LAKE REGION	27	29	+2	0	74.19	
BRUNSWICK	147	147	0	145	77.50	
BRUNSWICK-COASTAL	15	14	-1	0	79.00	
CASCO BAY SUNRISE	22	21	-1	0	80.71	
DAMARISCOTTA-						
NEWCASTLE	38	39	+1	0	80.10	
DOVER	92	91	-1	0	70.35	
DURHAM-GREAT BAY	37	45	+8	5	84.52	
EXETER	41	42	+1	0	67.72	
FREEPORT	28	29	+1	0	80.76	
HAMPTON	57	57	0	0	74.90	
KENNEBUNK	100	102	+2	0	85.00	
KENNEBUNK PORTSIDE	34	35	+1	33	87.00	
KITTERY	29	27	-2	52	80.50	
NEWBURYPORT	75	75	0	0	85.50	
OGUNQUIT	45	45	0	0	79.20	
OXFORD HILLS	55	52	-3	0	79.87	
PORTLAND	215	216	-1	0	60.90	
PORTSMOUTH	224	232	+8	9	69.98	
ROCHESTER	60	61	+1	0	65.21	
RUMFORD	42	48	+6	4	61.38	
SACO BAY	52	52	0	0	77.56	
SANFORD-SPRINGVALE	70	71	+1	12	70.49	
SCARBOROUGH	27	28	+1	0	76.54	
SEABROOK-HAM-FALLS	29	29	0	0	61.00	
SOMERSWORTH	30	21	-9	0	84.50	
SOUTH BERWICK	30	30	0	0	94.90	
SOUTH PORTLAND-						
CAPE ELIZABETH	47	49	+2	50	73.20	
WELLS	34	36	+2	0	87.00	
WESTBROOK-GORHAM	52	53	+1	0	76.00	
WINDHAM	39	34	-5	27	86.00	
YORK	54	54	0	0	88.05	
TOTALS	2,138	2,151	+13		78.62	

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