

# WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH



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## GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Governor's Message

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ROTARY IS A MINIATURE MODEL OF A WORLD AT PEACE, ONE WHICH MIGHT ADVANTAGEOUSLY BE STUDIED BY APPLICATION OF TOLERANCE AND FRIENDLINESS WOULD BRING ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE SO EARNESTLY DESIRED BY EVERYONE.

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Paul P. Harris

This month marks the 88th anniversary of Rotary International. Rotary, the world's first and internationally recognized service organization, now spans the globe in 186 countries and geographical regions. With over 1,100,000 men and women in nearly 26,000 Rotary Clubs, the opportunities toward furthering understanding and friendlier relations among the people of the world are infinite.

Each year February, **World Understanding Month**, is set aside for Rotarians to recognize the importance of understanding, goodwill, and peace. February 23rd, the date of Rotary's birth in 1905, is observed as **World Understanding and Peace Day**.

It has been said that, "The progress of civilization has been fueled to a great extent by the selfless acts of volunteers working on behalf of their fellow men and women."

**Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self,"** exemplifies the efforts of Rotarians who are enriching the world by their humanitarian service and finding fulfillment and **real happiness in helping others.**

February is a time of celebration, not only to the work of today's Rotarians, but also the many thousands who have come before. The individual efforts undertaken every day by Rotarians, now and in the past, truly have made a difference to the world in promoting world peace and understanding.

We need to take time to recognize and reflect upon the success of Rotary's **International Service** efforts. We should take time to contemplate the story of Rotary. If we do, we will with the spirit of rotary understand that the actions of individuals can make a difference in the world. The evidence is before you, it is called Rotary International..



## ROTARY DISTRICT NEWS

### IMPORTANT NEWS FROM GOV. ELECT DICK CLARK!

Attention all incoming club officers, especially club presidents!

Mark your calendar right now for an all important District Assembly to be held on May 1 at the University of New England in Biddeford. Gov. Elect Dick says the registration forms will be mailed out soon.

### Kittery Club's Positive Decisions

The Kittery Rotary Club has participated in a joint venture with a local AIDS service organization by producing and funding a brochure which will introduce the HIV awareness program, Positive Decisions, to Southern Maine and New Hampshire schools, youth groups and other organizations. After initial meetings with teachers and parents, the program will bring well trained HIV positive teens and young adults along with professional educators into a direct forum with the children.

This program encourages responsible, safe and healthy decisions when faced with the choices which could result in HIV infection. Issues of self-esteem, self-worth, values and risks are addressed.

Jerry Algozer, former director of AIDS Response of the Seacoast in Portsmouth and Cindy Bouman conceived of the program and motivated Rotary's further involvement with the prevention effort. We feel the program may play an important role in the fight that our young people must wage against HIV infection.

### Dover Durham Show Us How To Do It!

We are reminded by the Ogunquit bulletin of the fine International project of the Dover-Durham Clubs. Bill Skinner of the Durham club gave a report that the two clubs are implementing a project to provide a mobile dental clinic to the people who live beyond El Rosario near the remote mountain village of Yoro in central Honduras. This \$26,000 project is being underwritten as a Carl Miller Discovery Grant from RI, which means that \$13,000 must come from the district.

So far, \$7,220 has been collected against this goal which they hope will be completed by March 20. Bill brought along Dr. Tom Sharra, a dentist from the Dover Club who showed very interesting slides of their recent trip to set up the project. Local Rotarians in El Rosario and from the 17 member club in Yoro have been of great help in getting this mobile dental clinic developed and the pictures helped all to understand the scope of this most worthwhile project.

### It's Not Just Another Meeting ...

Attention all club presidents ... we draw your attention to a great article in the Rotarian Magazine this month (February). Its title is 'The Anatomy of a District Conference.' If you have not done so already, Gov. Mort requests that you read this article from the podium as a 'must read.' It will go a long way to focusing all your club members on the upcoming District Conference in June at the Cliff House in Ogunquit. The Portsmouth committee is working very hard on planning for a truly terrific conference. Very shortly, you will be getting all the details. The District Conference is not just another meeting - it's an opportunity for Rotary service, information and fellowship. The District Conference is such an important meeting that RI President Cliff selects an experience Rotarian to serve as his personal representative, the link between the conference and RI leadership. So make plans now to discover the conference for you and your club members. Mark your calendar on June 17, 18, 19 and 20!

### CORRECTIONS!

In last month's new letter, we reported on the upcoming RYLA conference. Everything in the story was accurate except the time and place (which I guess is important to the story). The correct information is:

**DATES - June 26, 27, 28**

**PLACE- Biddeford, ME, at the University of New England**

We are sorry for the mistake, but we hope that your club is still planning on participating.



## MORE DISTRICT NEWS

### The Roots of Community Service

What are the pressing issues in your community? Are your neighbors concerned about beautification, fire prevention and safety or historical preservation? Your community is more than just a place to live and work ... it is made up of people. Through community service, District 778 Rotarians directly contribute to improving the lives of those living with us and working closest to us. Your club is firmly rooted in the community and your service projects should reflect your commitment to its needs.

### Some Good Advice

#### *The Bethel Club*

A committee assignment, to the individual Rotarian, is one of the most important ways in which he can become a functioning part of the Rotary operation. It assures each Rotarian the chance to become a participant rather than merely a member of the audience. It is one of the surest antidotes to inoculate a member against 'Knife and Fork' disease. It is equally a disaster to underwork a fellow Rotarian as it is to overwork him.

### Honorary Members Enrich

He/She pays no dues, has no vote and can only attend the meetings of the club that elected her. He/She is an Honorary Rotarian chosen for their accomplishments in advancing the ideas of Rotary. Thomas Edison, Winston Churchill, Orville Wright were honorary Rotarians. So was King George VI of England. If you know someone who lives within the territorial limits of your club and is a good candidate for this honor ... propose them. They will be in good company.

### LOOKING AHEAD...

#### ROTARY MAGAZINE MONTH

Another important month is coming up very fast on the District Rotary calendar. The month of April is annually designated as 'Rotary Magazine Month'. This is a great time to recognize and promote the reading and use of the official RI magazine, The Rotarian. The Rotarian has been around since 1911 as the medium to communicate with Rotarians and to advance the programs and the objects of Rotary.

A primary goal of the magazine is to support the annual theme and philosophy of the RI president and to disseminate the information about new and special programs, major meetings and the emphasis of the several official months of Rotary. Frequently, the magazine presents lively debates on topical questions. Many articles promote international fellowship, good will and understanding.

Regular readers usually have superior knowledge of the activities of Rotary and how each Rotarian may be more fully involved in the Four Avenues of Service to their community. We hope that you will plan a program at your club in April to bring the good news of the Rotary magazine to your members.

## DON'T MISS THE NEW ENGLAND ROTARY EVENT

OF 1992-1993

RI 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

### New Slide Set Perfect for Promoting Youth Exchange

Each year, more than 7,000 young people throughout the world are given the chance to experience life in a country other than their own through Rotary's popular Youth Exchange Program. To stimulate club interest in Youth Exchange by providing a review of the program's guidelines, a new 40-count slideset has been prepared.

Available with a printed script in English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish, the slideset can be obtained through the Order Desk at world headquarters or from the RI office serving your area from \$8.50.

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## MORE ROTARY NEWS

### PolioPlus Profiled in AMA Journal

Two pages in the Jan. 6 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association are devoted to a report on Rotary's PolioPlus program, giving an overview of its goals and achievements.

Calling Rotary International 'the first international private sector organization to make a commitment to child immunization in developing countries,' author Phil Gunby emphasizes Rotary's role in the progress that has been made toward wiping out polio worldwide and reveals its eradication strategy for the future.

With a weekly circulation of 372,000, JAMA is one of the oldest and most prestigious medical journals in the US, read by both physicians and non-physicians.

### Madison Rotarian Appointed to Clinton Cabinet

Among President Clinton's newly appointed cabinet members is a Rotarian from Madison, Wisconsin. Donna Shalala, who has been serving as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin, assumed her new role recently as the Secretary for Health and Human Services.

Shalala, 51, attended her last meeting of the Madison Rotary Club in January, where she had been scheduled to report on her five years at the University. After news of her cabinet appointments, it was decided she should use the address as an opportunity to bid farewell to her fellow Rotarians.

"She is a great person and we will miss her," said club members.

### Conference to Focus on South African Changes

As many as 700 Rotarians from around the world are expected to attend the President's Conference of Goodwill and Development in Johannesburg, South Africa, Feb. 19-21. The conference, second in a series of three this year, is designed to address the role of Rotarians in the face of the dramatic changes taking part in Africa today.

Its objectives are to enhance world understanding of the changing conditions on that continent, to develop ways in which Rotarians can help provide new opportunities for growth there, to examine the progress made through the United Nation's Decade for Africa initiative and to explore how social and political changes are impacting South Africa.

### The Basics of Rotary

'The ABCs of Rotary' is both the subject and the title of newly published booklet by RI President Cliff Dochterman. It contains 74 short articles, each no longer than half a page in length, on a variety of subjects pertaining to Rotary clubs, as well as the structure, history and programs of RI. The booklet can be ordered from the Rotary International Order Desk for \$2.00 per copy. The order number is CD3-363

### Rotary Medical Team Gives Chilean Children New Outlook on Life

More than 30 California Rotarians and volunteers are visiting Chile, where they are working to boost the self-esteem of hundreds of indigent children. When the team of plastic surgeons, nurses and other health workers head home this weekend, 120 children with cleft lips and palates and other deformities will have undergone reconstructive surgery to start them on their way to happier lives.

The medical team, called 'Rotaplast,' is sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Francisco, with the help of Rotarians in Chile. Besides the surgeries and clinical visitors, worth an estimated \$350,000, the project has provided nearly 10 tons of medical and surgical equipment to Chilean hospitals and health institutes. An \$18,000 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant helped pay for the supplies.

### Check These Out

*'New Opportunities for the Aging' describes projects your club or district can undertake to benefit seniors in your area.*

*'Learning from Experience' shows 28 successful projects to aid the elderly from around the Rotary world.*

*Both publications can be ordered from the RI Order Desk. 'Opportunities' is 30¢;*

*'Learning' is \$2.00.*



## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH VERY SPECIAL TO ROTARIANS

We are reminded by RI President Cliff Dochterman in his book, 'The ABCs of Rotary,' of the "international responsibilities of every Rotarian." As an international organization, Rotary offers each member unique opportunities and responsibilities unlike those of other groups one might join. Although each Rotarian has first responsibility to uphold the obligation of citizenship of his or her own country, membership in Rotary enables Rotarians to take a somewhat different view of international affairs.

In the early 1950s, a Rotary philosophy was adopted to describe how each Rotarian can think on a global basis. Here is some of what it said: **'A world-minded Rotarian looks beyond national patriotism and considers themselves as sharing responsibility for the advancement of international goodwill, understanding and peace. They seek and develop common grounds for agreement with people of other lands.'** That is quite an assignment for any Rotarian in thoughts and action!

#### **Ready to Take the Rotary Challenge?**

You are invited to participate in a new, interesting, humorous and totally optional event at Rotary's Melbourne Convention, 'The Rotary Challenge Game. It's an opportunity for Rotarians in District 778 to measure their Rotary knowledge against other Rotarians from around the world, and perhaps win airfare or registration fees for four to the 1994 RI convention in Taipei, Taiwan.

Here's how it works: Gov. Mort has the application forms for you to fill out. He will choose four Rotarians from our district who plan to attend the RI conference this May, and who are most knowledgeable concerning Rotary matters. When you arrive in Melbourne, you will be given a written multiple choice test. The top 24 teams will then enter the competition. If you are interested, contact Gov. Mort by March 1.

#### **Rotarian Honored on Stamp**

The US Postal Service has issued a 29¢ postage stamp commemorating the life of a Rotarian who was a pioneer in synthesizing drugs used for medicine. The late Dr. Percy I. Julian of Oak Park, Illinois, will be honored as a part of the Postal Service's observance of Black History Month in February. The stamp was issued in Chicago on Jan. 28.

#### **'Real Happiness is Helping Others'**

*The happiest people in the world may be those who find a cause or need so compelling that they willingly give a major portion of their lives to advance that cause or fill that need. Happy, too, are those individuals who help others without any thought of personal return or benefit.. This real happiness comes from the heart.*

*-President Clifford Dochterman*

### **WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE**

World Community Service means malnourished children receive food and milk. Struggling farmers learn new food production techniques. School children giggle joyfully over new books. Young women receive loans to start businesses. Sight is restored to the blind.

World Community Service occurs when a Rotary club in one country reaches out to a Rotary Club in another country and together they embark upon a community service project to help those in need. Return this card today to find out how your club can help.

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**YES! My Rotary Club wants to get involved with World Community Service in (name the country)**

in (circle all that apply) Education, Food Production, Water/ Sanitation, Community Development, Health

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State/ Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_



# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7780

## DECEMBER ATTENDANCE REPORT

CLUB	MEMBERS 6/30/92	CURRENT MEMBERS	+/-	FOUNDATION PER MEMBER GIVING	ATTENDANCE %
BATH	65	65	0	5	79.65
BATH SUNRISE	36	29	-7	0	73.50
BETHEL	34	35	+1	90	85.61
BIDDEFORD-SACO	104	106	+2	2	82.30
BOOTHBAY-HARBOR	52	51	-1	38	83.75
BRIDGTON-LAKE REGION	27	29	+2	0	77.23
BRUNSWICK	147	147	0	168	74.00
BRUNSWICK-COASTAL	15	17	+2	0	76.00
CASCO BAY SUNRISE	22	22	0	0	67.67
DAMARISCOTTA-		39	+1	2	87.20
NEWCASTLE	38	90	-2	0	73.25
DOVER	92	37	0	8	79.34
DURHAM-GREAT BAY	37	48	+7	0	75.80
EXETER	41	31	+3	0	77.82
FREEPORT	28	57	0	18	74.90
HAMPTON	57	99	-1	0	79.30
KENNEBUNK	100	35	+1	33	87.00
KENNEBUNK PORTSIDE	34	27	-2	80	77.00
KITTERY	29	76	+1	0	80.50
NEWBURYPORT	75	49	+4	4	74.20
OGUNQUIT	45	50	-5	0	81.74
OXFORD HILLS	55	214	-1	0	76.24
PORTLAND	215	235	+11	10	81.74
PORTSMOUTH	224	58	-2	8	75.00
ROCHESTER	60	46	+4	11	61.56
RUMFORD	42	52	0	0	72.12
SACO BAY	52	72	+2	12	62.90
SANFORD-SPRINGVALE	70	28	+1	0	89.00
SCARBOROUGH	27	29	0	43	61.00
SEABROOK-HAM-FALLS	29	21	-9	0	69.10
SOMERSWORTH	30	30	0	1	89.50
SOUTH BERWICK	30				
SOUTH PORTLAND-		55	+8	55	81.60
CAPE ELIZABETH	47	36	+2	31	84.00
WELLS	34	56	+4	0	76.50
WESTBROOK-GORHAM	52	35	-4	27	91.00
WINDHAM	39	51	-3	0	81.09
YORK	54				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>2,162</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>77.79</b>

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