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Governor's Message, July 1992

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Here we are, ready to embark on a journey through another Rotary year. Brenda and I are looking forward to the most enjoyable, rewarding and productive year of our lives. With your help, the help of your club, and the help of every Rotarian, 1992-93 is going to be a success.

People are counting on us. Dozens, hundreds, perhaps thousands of people whom you have never seen or even know are counting on us for the humanitarian services provided by your club, our District activities, the programs of our Rotary Foundation and the programs of Rotary International. Don't underestimate the potential you have to begin something new that could become one of Rotary's success stories.

Let's consider the task ahead for 1992-93, and let me share with you some plans and objectives we have set for our year together:

1. We will emphasize the total **Program of Rotary** so that each club may receive a **Presidential Citation**.
2. We must improve the level of knowledge of Rotary by an effective program of **Rotary Information Orientation and New Member Assimilation**.

3. We will support the **Rotary Foundation** with annual giving of \$100,000 and support the **Foundation Endowment** by encouraging **75 new Benefactors**.

4. We need to share Rotary through membership growth and pay attention specifically to **Membership Retention**.

5. **Organize an Interact Club.**

6. Organize or participate in a drug abuse prevention project such as **DARE** or **SAFETY**.

7. Have **25% participation** at the **District Conference** which is for all Rotarians and family members.

8. Promote the Rotary Theme - "**Real Happiness is Helping Others.**"

Let's share the spirit and appreciation we have of Rotary and for the dedication and work of your club and club Rotarians. Let's share the feeling that real happiness comes from helping others. Let's demonstrate the simple truth of Rotary service - **REAL HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS.**

With your help, our year together will become another successful chapter in the history of Rotary.

Yours in Rotary,

Mort Schmidt

Happy New Year District 7780

And so we begin another exciting Rotary year in District 7780. This is your newsletter and we hope you will keep us informed of anything happening in your club that you think will be of interest to the District as a whole. This is the only way that your activity can get District-wide exposure. It is our hope this year to inform, stimulate and recognize all district activities, leaders and members with this publication. Please keep in touch with us and we will attempt to do the same with you.

We remind club secretaries at this time of the beginning of a new year that is it extremely important that you get your reports into District Secretary Dale Smith in a timely matter. It is our intention to go to press around the 10th of the month and get it into your hands on or about the 15th of the month.

Attention all clubs looking for a different, exciting and enthusiastic program. We have a suggestion for you! We recommend you invite one or two members of the recent District Group Study Exchange Team to visit your meeting. We are very sure the program concerning their experiences will delight your members. We are told that the team is all fired up and ready to go, so tell the Rotarian in charge of your programs to call one or more of the following names:

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RI Board Modifies Club Committee Plan

Recognizing the importance of membership development and retention, the Board has amended the "Committee Plan for a Rotary Club" to better coordinate the efforts for those committees for the club membership

development program. The new committee structure calls for either the president-elect or its first vice president to be responsible for the work of the club's classification, membership, membership development and Rotary information committee.

A reminder of the importance of our Rotary Foundation

Arch Klumph's vision is continually being made more concrete. The Rotary Foundation has become, as he believed it would, "A guarantee of Rotary's permanence and a beacon light leading us to broader fields of service."

In all its programs the Rotary Foundation is a *link*, a means by which those dedicated to service are connected to persons in need. Sometimes, as with Rotary volunteers, the linkage is direct, person to person. Other times, the Foundation provides the pipeline through which donors may channel their

gifts to meet needs in another part of the world. Building on the successful experience of PolioPlus, the Foundation continues to expand the opportunities for Rotarians to apply their generosity in new ways. The goal remains the same: to achieve world understanding and peace through international, charitable and educational programs.

Within this goal is the importance of the Paul Harris Fellow, and the new Benefactors program. You will be hearing a lot more about this tremendous new way to support your Rotary Foundation in the coming year from PDG Jim Labrie and others through out the district.

Nice letters always welcome

Dear Governor Bob,

The family of Andy Longley, Jr. would like to publicly acknowledge their deep appreciation for all the thoughtful and meaningful expressions of sympathy and most generous acts of kindness that Rotarians of District 7780 have offered to us upon the sudden death of Andy, Jr.

We also wish to express how very grateful and touched we are by the success of the "Jewel Island project."

The many hours of planning labor and monetary contributions are indicative of

tions are indicative of the esteem in which our District Rotarians held Andy, Jr. in supporting a dream he had in preserving on of the "Jewels" of our Maine Coast.

Your prayers and help have greatly eased our burden of sorrow. We know that Andy would be the first to thank you all.

God Bless you in all your endeavors to foster peace and goodwill throughout the Rotary World, and we wish you complete success in your other endeavors.

Sincerely in Rotary,

Andy Longley, Sr.

Rotary International News

Orlando Convention Closes with Presidential Challenges for Coming Year

Some 18,000 Rotarians and guests from more than 100 countries attended the 83rd convention of Rotary International in Orlando, Florida. They departed after receiving several challenges from the man who took over the R.I. Presidency on July 1.

"Real Happiness is Helping Others" is the 1992-93 R.I. theme which President Cliff Dochterman presented in a speech which outlined his goals for the coming year.

He began with an anecdote about his first encounter with Rotary -- as a waiter in the restaurant where the local club met. His first challenge stressed the need for a "well-balanced program of Rotary." With balanced programming, each of R.I.'s more than 25,000 clubs could earn a Presidential Citation this year he said.

Dochterman emphasized the need for all Rotarians to be better informed about Rotary. His second challenge was for clubs to "Prepare an effective program of club information, orientation, new member introductions and charter night ceremonies for our districts." He combined this idea with another goal -- membership growth. "If your club is alive, grow by five!" he exhorted. If each club acquired only one new member this year, Rotary "would have a larger membership growth than we have had in decades!" said Dochterman.

Our president also spoke about supporting the Rotary Foundation and the Goodwill-Development conferences which will be held in South Africa, Spain and New York City, and his Presidential Salutes to various Rotary programs scheduled throughout 1992-93 in 16

cities worldwide.

Other events of the 83rd convention included a celebration of the Rotary Foundation's 75th Anniversary. Three-quarters of a century after the idea for the Foundation was first introduced at the 1917 convention in Atlanta, world Rotarians celebrated a global effort which annually transforms \$60 million into international education and humanitarian programs designed to further world peace.

Orlando Conventioneers Respond to Maryland Family's Plight

A Maryland family's trip to Orlando, Florida, had turned into a major crisis until Rotarians attending the international convention came to the rescue. Brian and Connie Farquhar, residents of Northeast Maryland, had taken their family to the Florida for a special reason -- to adopt another child into their family circle. That made 10 Farquhar kids altogether. Seven of the 10 are adopted, and all seven have severe disabilities. Disaster struck on Friday, June 12, when the family's van caught fire and was totally destroyed. They were fortunate to escape with their lives as the van, carrying bottles of oxygen for some of the children, exploded. Besides the \$20,000 van itself, \$10,000 in medical equipment was wrecked.

The family's plight was reported on an NBC affiliate station in Orlando. Many convention goers heard the television report about the stricken family and responded with typical Rotary enthusiasm and compassion. In less than 24 hours, donations totalling \$20,000 were collected. R.I. President Rajendra Saboo and convention committee chairman Roberto Valentine delivered a check in that amount to the Farquhars "live," on that same channel where the troubles had been reported the day before.

Rotary countries & regions now total 184

Croatia and Slovenia, two regions in Yugoslavia that declared independence last year and were recently admitted into the United Nations, have been added to the growing list of countries and regions which have Rotary clubs. That number is now 184.

The Rotary Club of Zagreb is in Croatia and the Rotary Clubs of Bled and Ljubljana are in Slovenia. The Rotary Club of Belgrade remains in Yugoslavia. The clubs are in District 1910.

Women in Rotary passes 40,000

The number of women who are members of the world's Rotary Clubs has passed 40,000. According to our most recent data on Club membership, at least 40,750 of Rotary's 1.2 million members worldwide are female.

There are about 34,800 women members of clubs in North America; 2,900 in Asia and 1,300 in Europe; 1,000 in Latin America, 600 in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji, and 150 in Africa.

Rotary Clubs have admitted qualified women as members in the U.S. since 1987, in Canada since 1988 and throughout the rest of the world since 1989.

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Club	Date & Time	Club	Date & Time
Portland	7/10, 12:15 pm	Boothbay Hbr.	8/27, 6:30 pm
Exeter	7/13, 12:15 pm	South Berwick	9/3, 7:15 am
Sanford-Springvale	7/17, 12:00 pm	Somersworth	9/8, 6:15 pm
Rochester	7/20, 12:15 pm	Scarborough	9/8, 6:15 pm
York	7/24, 7:15 pm	Kennebunk Ptsd.	9/15, 7:15 am
Rumford*	7/27, 12:00 pm	Hampton	9/22, 12:15 pm
Bethel*	7/28, 7:30 am	Dover	9/23, 12:15 pm
Oxford Hills	7/29, 7:30 am	Newburyport	10/6, 12:15 am
Bridgton-Lake Region*	7/30, 7:30 am	Kittery	10/13, 7:20 am
Durham-Great Bay	8/5, 7:30 am	Ogunquit	10/14, 12:15 pm
Casco Bay Sunrise*	8/6, 7:15 am	Westbrook-Gorham *	10/20, 12:15 pm
Seabrook-Hampton Falls	8/12, 12:15 pm	South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	10/21, 6:15 pm
Kennebunk	8/13, 12:00 pm	Wells	10/26, 7:30 am
Biddeford-Saco	8/19, 12:15 pm	Bath*	10/27, 12:15 pm
Saco Bay*	8/20, 7:30 am	Freeport*	10/28, 7:00 am
Brunswick*	8/24, 12:00 pm	Windham*	10/29, 12:15 pm
Brunswick Coastal	8/24, 6:00 pm	Bath Sunrise*	10/30, 7:00 am
Damariscotta-Newcastle	8/25, 6:30 pm	Portsmouth	11/5, 12:15 pm

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