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Governor's Message MAY 1993

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

As I prepare to attend the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, thoughts of its purpose and reflections of other international conventions I have attended enter my mind. It is an exposure to a world-wide and exciting experience that adds a new dimension to the understanding of the Rotary movement. There is the opportunity to meet new friends from other countries and cultures. Time is spent sharing ideas and fellowship with Rotarians from all over the world. Lasting friendships form that will be renewed when over 20,000 Rotarians from 187 countries converge on Melbourne this month. The officers of Rotary International, including our incoming District Governor, Dick Clark, will be elected for the coming year. Rotary International President, Clifford Dochterman, will review and comment on this year's successes.

Upon my return from Melbourne, I look forward to meeting the District 9700 GSE team which will have already arrived from Australia. We will be making final plans for the District Conference, which at the district level has the same purpose to stimulate, inspire, and inform Rotarians, as the RI Convention does at the international level.

As we continue completing our goals for 1992-93, we must also prepare for the transition of leadership in Rotary. While Dick Clark and I share advise and counsel, so should incoming presidents and current presidents share thoughts and insights. We current officers have enjoyed the opportunity to serve and should encourage and assist the incoming officers to succeed in their year of service.

I challenge all Rotarians to continue their commitment to the ideals of Rotary. Be proud to say, "I am a Rotarian." Rotary's future is in your hands. When you "Believe In What You Do," and "Do What You Believe In," you discover that "Real Happiness Is Helping Others."

Yours in Rotary

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DISTRICT 7780
CONFERENCE



Don't miss it Make plans now
JUNE 17-20, 1993
THE CLIFF HOUSE

ROTARY DISTRICT NEWS

GOV MORT IS OFF TO AUSTRALIA

Each late May or Early June, Rotary International holds a worldwide convention "to stimulate and inform all Rotarians at an international level". The convention, which may not be held in the same country for more than two consecutive years, is the annual meeting to conduct the business of the association. The planning process begins four or five years in advance. This year the convention is in Melbourne, Australia, in 1994 the location is Taipei, Taiwan and in 1995 the convention will take place in Nice, France. The RI board determines the general location and invites cities to make proposals. The conventions are truly international events which 15,000 to 20,000 Rotarians and guests attend. Could **BOSTON** be far away????

DID YOU KNOW...SOME ROTARY FIRSTS

- ∞The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on February 23, 1905
- ∞The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909
- ∞The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- ∞The first Rotary club outside of the United States was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in 1910.
- ∞The First Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- ∞The first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916.
- ∞The first Rotary in South America was chartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1918.
- ∞The first Rotary club in Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippine, in 1919.
- ∞The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921.
- ∞The first Rotary club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921.

FROM THE SACO BAY WATCH

Did you ever stop to think what Rotary is doing for you as a member. Do you realize that it has helped you become acquainted with some of the finest people you have ever met? It has helped you to meet other people with a smile and better understanding. Rotary is doing alot for you. What are you doing for Rotary.

NEWS FROM THE WINDHAM CLUB

Word comes to us from President Roger Trugeon of the generosity of one of there members. Dr. Ted Rogers has contributed a substantial amount of medical equipment to the Intercultural Nursing Program an important project for District 7780. The program is the fortunate recipient of a Ultra-sound machine with cart and storage on wheels. Hats off to Dr. Ted and the Windham club... This is what Rotary is all about.

CLUB SERVICE MORE THAN ATTENDANCE From the KITTERY CLUB

We all know how important it is to attend weekly meetings. Yet it takes more than perfect attendance to make a good Rotarian. A good Rotarian also works on club projects, proposes new members, communicates Rotary information within and outside the club, makes suggestions, extends fellowship to others, and lives by the 4-way test... How do you measure up??

FROM PRESIDENT CLIFF

"It is the conviction of Rotary International that the lasting peace which the world seeks is built on friendship, tolerance and good will among people. Our instruments of peace are food, education, health care, environmental improvements, respect for all persons, and many other activities we call Humanitarian service."

PAUL HARRIS-FIRST BUT NOT FIRST

Was Paul Harris the first president of a Rotary club?

No.

Was Paul Harris the first president of Rotary International?

Yes.

There is an easy explanation to this apparent contradiction. Although Paul Harris was the founder and organizer of the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1905, the man selected to be the first president was one of the other founding members, Silvester Schiele.

By the year 1910 there were 16 Rotary clubs, which linked up as an organization called the National Association of Rotary Clubs. A couple of years later the name was changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs as Rotary was organized in Winnipeg, Canada, and then in England, Ireland and Scotland. In 1922 the name was shortened to Rotary International.

When the first organization of Rotary clubs was created in 1910, Paul Harris was selected as the first president. He served in this position for two years, from 1910 until 1912. Thus, the founder of the Rotary idea, who declined to be president of the first club, became the first president of the worldwide organization, Rotary International.

WOMEN IN ROTARY

Until 1989, the Constitution and By-laws of Rotary International stated that Rotary club membership was for males only. In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, invited three women to become members. The R.I. board withdrew the charter of that club for violation of the R. I. Constitution. The club brought suit against R. I. claiming a violation of a state civil rights law which prevents discrimination of any form in business establishments or public accommodations. The appeals court and the California Supreme Court supported the Duarte position that Rotary could not remove the club's charter merely for inducting women into the club. The United States Supreme Court upheld the California court indicating that Rotary clubs do have a "business purpose" and are in some ways public-type organizations. This action therefore allowed women to become Rotarians in any jurisdiction having similar "public accommodation" statutes.

The R. I. constitutional change was made at the 1989 Council on Legislation, with a vote to eliminate the "male only" provision of all Rotary

SOME INTERESTING FACTS AND STORIES ABOUT
ROTARY FROM PRESIDENTS CLIFF

ROTARY CLUBS ENJOY HOSTING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Two student guests from Newburyport High School

Both student guests were from Newburyport High School, where they are seniors. Nathan Brown is interested in either going to the University of Mass. at Lowell, or going into the U. S. Army. He is currently involved with the U. S. Army National Guard Engineers.

Elizabeth Flaherty is involved as a tutor in Salisbury, a YMCA counselor, and a CCD teacher's aide. She enjoys German and Spanish and hopes to travel, speak fluent Spanish, and become an optometrist.

(3-H) GRANT HELPS DROUGHT-STRICKEN HAITI

A drought-stricken section of Haiti has new hope, thanks to a water project initiated by a Wisconsin, USA Rotarian and supported by a Health, Hunger and Humanity (3)- Grant from the Rotary Foundation...

During a visit to Haiti in 1989, John Wiley witnessed the toll that drought, famine, and civil unrest had taken on the country. Back home, he persuaded his Rotary Club in Oshkosh to help. The Rotary Foundation of R. I. awarded a \$295,000 3-H Grant to provide portable water, and health education to reduce water-transmitted disease.

The Rotarians' first goal was to bring fresh water to Haitians who were walking up to 20 miles each day for water. While Oshkosh Rotarians bought equipment and managed finances, Rotarians in Haiti carried out construction of the pipeline and reservoir. Despite numerous obstacles-including an embargo that shut down operations for one year-the pipeline was opened in mid-1992.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7780

APRIL ATTENDANCE REPORT

CLUB	MEMBERS 6/30/92	CURRENT MEMBERS	+/-	FOUNDATION PER MEMBER GIVING	ATTENDANCE %
BATH	65	67	+2	27	84.20
BATH SUNRISE	36	28	-8	0	77.10
BETHEL	34	34	0	90	83.85
BIDDEFORD-SACO	104	105	+1	12	98.00
BOOTHBAY-HARBOR	52	52	0	38	85.70
BRIDGTON-LAKE REGION	27	29	+2	0	75.00
BRUNSWICK	147	148	+1	179	74.50
BRUNSWICK-COASTAL	15	16	+1	30	69.00
CASCO BAY SUNRISE	22	24	+2	28	89.17
DAMARISCOTTA- - NEWCASTLE	38	39	+1	2	85.90
DOVER	92	90	-2	0	75.00
DURHAM-GREAT BAY	37	46	+9	18	83.24
EXETER	41	49	+8	24	77.00
FREEPORT	28	30	+2	0	78.34
HAMPTON	57	57	0	28	66.51
KENNEBUNK	100	99	-1	2	97.17
KENNEBUNK PORTSIDE	34	31	-3	33	94.00
KITTERY	29	28	-1	87	79.00
NEWBURYPORT	75	76	+1	6	74.00
OGUNQUIT	45	48	+3	10	80.40
OXFORD HILLS	55	48	-7	39	83.04
PORTLAND	215	213	-2	2	74.80
PORTSMOUTH	224	244	+20	33	69.96
ROCHESTER	60	59	-1	44	73.73
RUMFORD	42	47	+5	19	53.33
SACO BAY	52	56	+4	6	76.90
SANFORD-SPRINGVALE	70	70	0	20	77.00
SCARBOROUGH	27	28	+1	0	63.38
SEABROOK-HAM-FALLS	29	29	0	43	61.00
SOMERSWORTH	30	23	-7	0	56.20
SOUTH BERWICK	30	30	0	12	89.50
SOUTH PORTLAND- --CAPE ELIZABETH	47	54	+7	65	78.80
WELLS	34	40	+6	40	83.00
WESTBROOK-GORHAM	52	55	+3	79	75.25
WINDHAM	39	37	-2	28	85.00
YORK	54	54	0	0	82.75
TOTALS	2,138	2183	+45	34	78.08

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