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Governor's Message

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Giving young children everywhere a favorable start in life and helping youth become happy and productive citizens by presenting them with opportunities and challenges, and encouraging high ethical values is what Rotary Clubs and Rotarians should be striving for in order to help our youth fulfill their potential.

Today we are witnessing what can happen to our youth without the proper guidance; the minds and lives of our young can be wasted and cause their communities much grief. No community, therefore, can afford to be indifferent to its young people.

The famous soccer star, Pele', is quoted as saying, "If we want to have a better world, we have to invest in the future; and the future of the world is children."

September is **Youth Activities Month**. "Every Rotarians an Example to Youth", is a Rotary slogan which underlies the commitment all Rotarians have serving as role models for the young people in their community. We need to participate in efforts to insure our young obtain a decent education or vocational training, and

provide opportunities so they can develop skills which instill proper values for a productive life as good citizens.

Youth Activities Month is the time for your club to take a look at its programs and accent the needs and opportunities of the youth in your community. Whether you decide on such projects for the year as scouting programs, day care, disabled and handicapped, drug abuse prevention, educational awards, scholarships, Interact, Youth Exchange or Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) to name a few, serving youth keeps Rotarians abreast of the changing attitudes of society and the community in which they live as well as offering Rotarians the opportunity to spread the ideals of Rotary.

On the personal level, Rotarians who put their best efforts into working with the young enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that - **REAL HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS.**

How much time and effort is your club spending on the future of your community and its youth?

Yours in Rotary,

ROTARY DISTRICT NEWS

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS A PRESIDENTS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

The Significant Achievement Award is a program to recognize an outstanding club project in each District.

- CRITERIA:
- The project should address a significant problem or need in, but not restricted to, the local community.
 - The project should involve most or all club members in action rather than monetary service. The project should be commensurate with club size and the resources available.
 - The project should enhance the image of Rotary in the community.
 - The project should be capable of emulation by other Rotary Clubs.
 - The project need not have been started in the current year, but must be active or reach a conclusion in the current year.
 - No club may receive the award more than once for the same project.

Nomination forms are available from District Governor, Mort Schmidt, and the District selection committee.

The District selection committee comprised of Past District Governors Dan Mooers (chair), Jim Labrie, and Sam Giftos will meet no later than 1 February, 1993 and choose no more than five (5) club projects as candidates to receive the award.

The deadline for entries to the committee chair is January 15, 1993.

This program is not to be confused with the Presidential Citation Programs for a Balanced Club Achievement.

Only one club project per District may receive a Significant Achievement Award. Donating money to a project, no matter how worthy, is not sufficient for the award.

✓ **Act Soon!** Have your club recognized as having the best club project in the District to receive the Significant Achievement Award.

From The Portsmouth Club

In late July, the Portsmouth Rotary Club's Disabilities Awareness Committee and their Environmental Committee teamed up to perform a joint Community Service project. A local group home for the disabled is located on several acres of land, but the land was unused by the residents of the home (who have some mobility limitations) because the grounds were covered in thick weeds and brush. About fifteen club members from the two committees gathered at the group home on the Saturday in July, equipped with rakes, shovels, chain saws, and brush clippers.

The team of Rotarians had the help of a few of the home's residents, and got to know the residents and staff through working together. By the end of the work session, a network of walking paths had been cleared through the grounds, and a larger clearing for a picnic table area had been created. The group home residents now have a larger world at their door, and some new friendships to remember. Good teamwork.

News From Florida

The Governor of District 6990, part of Southern Florida, reported that Hurricane Andrew left thousands of people homeless and many businesses are severely damaged or destroyed. Clubs wishing to contribute to the relief effort can send donations to:

DISTRICT 6990 DISASTER RELIEF FUND.

AMERICAN BANK OF HOLLYWOOD
6600 TAFT STREET
HOLLYWOOD, FL. 33024
TRANSIT #0670-08087

ACCOUNT #220-021-636306

From the Casco Bay Sunrise Bulletin...

Gov. Mort continues to remind clubs on his visitations about membership development. "There are many people in many communities who are qualified and service-minded, but the reason they are not Rotarians is that they have not been asked to join and share Rotary. In Rotary, growing and sharing are synonymous. We need to share Rotary thru membership growth. Someone shared Rotary with you, why not share Rotary with someone you know who will be a good Rotarian".

The Wells Rotary Bulletin Reports On The Following

Rotarian Nancy Atkins created a drug prevention program for the Primary school children in 1984. As a former teacher, Nancy had a dream about making a difference in the lives of children. She was concerned about the effect of our nation's children. She acted on that dream and the result is the "All American Sam and Friends Say No to Drugs and Alcohol Program" for 7-9 year olds. This program has been presented to over 11,000 third grade children across Maine since 1987. Rotarian Nancy was born in Brunswick, Me. and now resides in Topsham, Me., where she is putting her knowledge and talent together to help save our kids from self-destruction

Name Change For Rotary Volunteers In Action

The new Rotary year has brought significant changes, effected by the R.I. board, to the Rotary Volunteer in Action program, making it Rotary's single program of volunteer effort. As of 1 July, the program's name has been changed to ROTARY VOLUNTEERS. The trustees of The Rotary Foundation, in support of this decision, have also changed the name of the Foundation's volunteer funding activity to GRANTS FOR ROTARY VOLUNTEERS.

A correlative change has brought Rotary Volunteers Program under the auspices of Rotary's second Avenue of Service. Governors and club presidents are requested to appoint Rotary volunteers subcommittees as part of their respective district and club-level Vocational Service committees. The board recognizes that in many clubs and districts these responsibilities will be discharged by the Vocational Service Committee chairman.

At the international level, the Rotary Volunteers program will be carried out by the district Vocational Service committee with the assistance of the district International Service (or World Community Service) committee, as appropriate. The International Service section of the Secretariat will maintain the international registry of projects and volunteers.

Working Together In Rotary

Rotary is based on integrity. Its collective force is derived from that quality in the individual member. Character and integrity are developed through the gradual process of living. Not one of us operates in daily life with the complete honesty and genuine concern for others that the mottoes "Service Above Self" and "He Profits Most Who Serves Best" exemplify. When we ask our friends to become Rotarians, we are saying "We are trying to become better people. Will you join us so that we can do that together?"

South African Club Gives Joy of Reading Back to Disabled Woman

Pamela Russel, a resident of Boksburg, South Africa, loves to read. However, she is a victim of multiple sclerosis and does not have the use of her arms and legs. In order to read, Pamela had to have someone turn the pages of her books. This was true until the nearby Rotary Club of Morningside came to her Rescue.

The club did some research and found a company in the United Kingdom that manufactures a battery-

powered page turning machine, designed for situations just like Pamela's. It is operated by means of puffing or sucking through a pneumatic tube and can turn pages backward as well as forward. The Rotarians bought one of the machines and gave it to Pamela. According to "Rotary Africa" magazine, she was "delighted with the gift and the kindness shown to her by the Morningside Rotary Club"

Missouri Club Develops useful tool to help save the planet

"One Moment to Save the Planet" is the title of a new publication produced by the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri. The 50-page booklet is comprised of a series of one-minute environmental presentations made at club meetings over the past

year. Following the practice of the nearby Rotary Club of Independence, the Kansas City club started the weekly "ecology announcements" in July 1991 in response to Rotary's commitment to the environment.

New Publication Focus On Rotary's Work With The Elderly

Rotarians wanting to start projects involving senior citizens will be interested in two new R.I. publications. "Learning From Experience" is a 30-page handbook featuring stories of successful Rotary projects to aid the elderly. The 30-page booklet also includes a resource list that will assist clubs and districts in planing projects to benefit senior citizens. The other publication, "New Opportunities for the Aging," is a four-color brochure which discribes a number of different projects involving the elderly that clubs and districts may undertake.

"Learning From Experience" (PA2-621-EN) can be ordered from the R. I. order Desk for \$2.00.

In, October, the booklet will be available in French, Japanese, and Spanish as well as English. In Opportunities for the Aging" (PA2-620 is available in all five languages through the Order Desk.

Please submit all news items to:

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How Can We serve Our Community???

Now is the time to shape the course your club will follow this Rotary year. What projects can you take on?? What issues can we face that no one else in our community has addressed?? What group can we help that have been neglected?? We must look around ourselves and determine how we, as an influential voice, can make our communities a better place to live.

York Maine Summer Fund-Raiser "Make Waves In The Community" ...

Steve Pelletier, President of the York Me. Club, reports that the annual event "the tube regatta" was a repeat success. "It is one of the most popular events of the summer," said Pelletier. Spectators crowd the three bridges under which the entrants paddle, and everyone meets at the finish line for food and beverages. No boat or other seaworthy craft are allowed in the event. Participants build their own floats, made from inner tubes and whatever else suits their fancy. All vessels must be engine free.

Race sponsors and entry fees bring in monies which are used towards the club's scholarship fund and community projects.

From The Bethel Club...

"No man has the right to live in a community, take unto himself all of the good things of life---social advantages for his family, educational opportunities for his children--without giving something of his own time, talent, and energy to benefit the common good.

The Rotary International Emblem-Help Protect It

The Rotary International emblem belongs to all Rotarians. Should you choose to purchase merchandise bearing the Rotary International emblem, please take a moment to confirm that the seller is *licwnawed* to reproduce the emblem on the specific item you are considering for purchase.

A list of licensees is published each year in the green pages in the back of the R. I. *Official Directory*. However new licenses are being issued throughout the year. If you discover an individual or firm selling emblem merchandise not listed in the *Official Directory*, please immediately contact the Rotary International office serving your area.

Rotary Receives Award For PolioPlus From U. S. Centers For Disease Control

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has presented its Auxiliary Mission Support Award for 1992 to Rotary International for the PolioPlus Program's contributions towards polio eradication worldwide. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A., the CDC annually confers the award upon individuals or groups whose service in support of CDC are deserving of special recognition. Charles C. Keller, chairman of the Rotary Foundation Trustees and past president of R.I., received the award on behalf of Rotary Dr. Alan R. Hinman, director of the CDC's National Center of Prevention Services. The award was presented in June at the 26th annual National Immunization Conference in St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A.

Board of Directors R.I. Action Taken

At the June 1992 Meeting the board adopted a mission statement for Rotary International as follows.

The mission of Rotary International is to assist Rotarians and Rotary clubs to accomplish the objects of Rotary and, at this particular time in Rotary's development, to focus primary emphasis upon service activities by individuals and groups that enhance the quality of life and human dignity and create greater understanding among all people to advance the search for peace in the world.

Rotary Foundation Regional News

For all interested Rotarians wanting to learn more about the Rotary

Foundation, don't miss the big regional Foundation seminar on Oct. 17th at the Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center in Sturbridge Ma. "Past President of Rotary International", now Chairman of the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, and Director of Rotary International Lynmar Brock, will be attending. For more information contact Dan Mooers.

The 4 Way Test For Scooters

Is It True that you really can't stay until the meeting is adjourned?

Is It Fair to walk out on the speaker who is giving his time to inform you?.

Will It Build Goodwill And Better Friendships to slight your guest and your host to the club?

Will It Benefit your fellow club members, their guests, and other visitors to see you leave early?

GREAT NEWS FOR NEW ENGLAND

A series of 16 special "salutes" to the programs of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation has been scheduled throughout the 1992-93 year. The first, focusing on drug abuse prevention, took place July 25th in San Francisco, California.

Scheduled in 16 different cities around the world, the salutes will be held in conjunction with the visits of R. I. President Clifford Dochterman to each area. They will honor clubs and districts that have provided exemplary service through the Rotary program being spotlighted. The agenda for each salute includes an audiovisual presentation, a panel discussion and a workshop.

New England is fortunate to have the privilege of hosting one of the salutes - the "Salute to World Fellowship Activities"

The Salute will be held at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, Boston, Ma on March 5, 1993. There will be an afternoon meeting during which New England districts will have the opportunity to report to President Cliff on their World Fellowship activities, followed by a Director's Reception and the Presidents Banquet. We sincerely hope every club in District 7780 will participate by attending.

According to the President's current schedule, the March 5th event will be President Cliff's only visit to New England during his tenure as worldwide President of Rotary.

**SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 5, 1993
For
Rotary's worldwide
President
Clifford L. Dochterman's
"New England Visit"**

PLACES WHERE AN RCC SHOULD BE!!

You may not realize it, but your community has many areas crying out for the organization of a Rotary Community Corps. A Rotary Community Corps is so versatile it can move from areas of deprivation to retirement homes and schools serving the needs of every community. Where a common problem exists, that's where an RCC should be!

Identifying the areas ready for RCC development may be more difficult. Perhaps your club is already involved in a Community Service project which could benefit from on-site leadership and community commitment. This survey will help you identify potential RCC members.

People who are homeless
Families without safe, affordable housing
People unemployed or under employed
Elderly and disabled who are lonely and abandoned

Immigrants or refugees unable to access public service
Residents threatened by increasing crime and theft
Juvenciles involved in illegal use of drugs and alcohol
Working parents without affordable day-care options

IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS,

YOUR COMMUNITY IS READY FOR A ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS!!

CONTACT DG MORT SCHMIDT FOR MORE INFORMATION

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 7780
AUGUST ATTENDANCE REPORT

CLUB	MEMBERS 8 / 3 1/92	CURRENT +/- MEMBERS	MEETINGS	ATTENDANCE	
BATH	64	63	-1	4	79.74
BATH SUNRISE	34	32	-1	4	77.30
BETHEL	34	34	0	4	83.59
BIDDEFORD-SACO	103	102	-1	4	80.50
BOOTHBAY-HARBOR	52	52	0	4	83.00
BRIDGTON-LAKE REGION	29	30	+1	4	80.83
BRUNSWICK	143	147	+2	5	77.60
BRUNSWICK-COASTAL	14	14	0	5	91.00
CASCO BAY SUNRISE	22	21	-1	4	76.00
DAMARISCOTTA- NEWCASTLE	39	40	+1	4	87.75
DOVER	93	95	+2	4	71.84
DURHAM-GREAT BAY	41	41	0	4	83.46
EXETER	42	42	0	4	75.70
FREEPORT	28	28	0	4	84.19
HAMPTON	57	57	0	4	74.20
KENNEBUNK	103	102	-1	4	79.17
KENNEBUNK PORTSIDE	33	33	0	4	85.00
KITTERY	26	27	+1	4	77.00
NEWBURYPORT	74	75	+1	4	72.40
OGUNQUIT	47	48	+1	5	82.80
OXFORD HILLS	53	49	-4	4	84.60
PORTLAND	207	209	+2	4	70.31
PORTSMOUTH	225	226	+1	4	80.37
ROCHESTER	58	59	+1	5	75.86
RUMFORD	42	42	0	4	68.99
SACO BAY	52	50	-2	4	82.00
SANFORD-SPRINGVALE	72	72	0	4	75.81
SCARBOROUGH	29	28	-1	4	80.61
SEABROOK-HAM-FALLS	29	29	0	4	61.00
SOMERSWORTH	29	29	0	4	58.60
SOUTH BERWICK	30	30	0	4	94.20
SOUTH PORTLAND- CAPE ELIZABETH	48	48	0	4	69.00
WELLS	34	36	+2	5	84.00
WESTBROOK-GORHAM	52	52	0	4	76.52
WINDHAM	39	38	-1	4	92.00
YORK	54	53	-1	4	83.33
TOTALS	2,132	2,133	+1		78.89

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