

News From the Governor

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'BE A FRIEND'



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Governor's Message...

PDG Ron Drouin told me before I started my year as Governor that if anything could go wrong it will go wrong during my year as Governor...How right he was!

In August, we had a fire on the 2nd floor of our house. Then in January, I had a bad heart attack which slowed me down a little...so I kept Ron's prophecy in mind as the firemen put out the fire and as the ambulance took me to the Deaconess Hospital where I spent a very entertaining week.

It was only my second day at the Deaconess that Rosemary received FAX letters from President Bill and Audrey Huntley, President-elect Herb and Diane Brown, and Our Director Dan and Shirley Mooers— all from Caracas, Venezuela— expressing their hope for my recovery and also, proving that our theme, "Be a Friend", is being lived up to by all Rotarians.

Thanks to all clubs for the cards, flowers and phone calls, to say nothing of the personal visits. You're a great group; I knew that without going to the extra trouble of having a heart attack, but I've always said that misfortune brings out the true mobility of the human heart.

On my first day in the hospital, Dr. Denise Hirsch, wife of

Newburyport Club President Gerry Hirsch, came to see me, but I was out or asleep...anyway, she left me a note. My second day, I was awake when Steve Swallow visited and kept my mind off my troubles for two hours. I was very grateful for his visit.

Anyway, after a week in the hospital, I had to fight to get out and have been feeling better each day since then.

I was very pleased to get Dick Buffin's letter with the President's Citation requirements having been met by Biddeford-Saco already. Congratulations on being first. Ric Erickson of the Durham-Great Bay club, called for the requirements for each club and I gave them to him. They are printed here, so that all clubs can see how many have to be accomplished in each avenue to get the Citation. We hope every club gets one as they did for the past two years.

Congratulations to the Portland Club—80 years old and celebrating March 3 with a night meeting. I hope Rosemary and I will be present.

District Conference Chairman Brian Clancy has sent out the initial mailing of Reservation Forms and would like reservations in by April 14, since our Conference is fast approaching on May 25, 26, 27

and 28 at The Balsams. You are all invited!

Until Next Month,

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PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS: Accomplishments for Your Club Size

# of Members	# of Accomplishments Within Each Avenue of Service
1- 50	2
51-150	3
151+	4

A District Governor will also qualify for a 1994-95 Presidential Citation if 50% or more of the clubs in the District qualify for a Citation. Governors who qualify receive a special certificate from President Bill.

Now, wouldn't that be nice!

World Understanding and 90th Anniversary Offer Much to Celebrate



February is World Understanding Month, bringing with it the opportunity to promote a case particularly close to the heart of Rotary: world understanding and peace. And this month marks the 90th year that we have been on the job.

In a year of emphasis on community concerns, consider the many contributions Rotarians can make to our world community. From hosting a Youth Exchange student to initiating a World Community Service Project, the ways we choose to advance the cause of international understanding are nearly as numerous as the people who benefit from our efforts.

Hopefully, your club in some way marked the

February 23 90th birth date of Rotary...if not, it's never too late to celebrate!

S.T.E.P.: Short-Term Exchange.....

S.T.E.P. is a cultural exchange program between youth throughout the world offered by Rotary International. Students of all races and creeds between the ages of 16 and 22 are eligible for this six week 'family exchange.' Students do not have to attend school.

The object of S.T.E.P. was the creation of a cultural program aimed at youth who could not afford or did not wish to spend a whole year away from home. Its aim is to promote good will between countries and peoples through the exchange of youth, both as a vehicle for interchange of ideas and broadening of experience.

Candidates are chosen as ambassadors to their country, not as academics or debaters, but as ordinary likeable representatives of their country's youth. They should be able to accept the hospitality of strangers with grace and, in return should together with their family, be willing to accept a stranger into their home with tolerance and generosity.

Rotary clubs interview their applicants in February and March, and forward details of their chosen candidates to the District Committee. The District Committee in turn then interviews all chosen candidates a second time, together with their parents and makes a final choice of the participants for the year. Various Districts throughout the world then match their

candidates according to choice of destination and match family with family.

Interested? Call Governor George today!

What Really Matters... taken from the Oxford Hills Rotary Reader...

It is not what we act but what we digest that makes us strong; not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned; and not what we profess but what we practice that makes us Rotarians.

Rotary Float a Winner!

The Rose Bowl float entry, "Building Universal Friendship", received the Fantasy trophy for best display of fantasy and humor in this year's New Year's Day Rose Bowl Parade! Rotary was also a winner because in the week preceding the Parade, Rotary was featured by the Associated Press, and various television networks almost every day.

Thanks to the following clubs who contributed from 7780: Bethel, Bridgton lake Region, Newburyport, Ogunquit, Rochester, Scarborough, Wells and Westbrook-Gorham.

Have you place your \$1.50 per member contribution in your budget for next year?

Feb 11, 1995
MWANZA, TANZANIA
AFRICA.

Dear George & Jo

It is with great pleasure
that I write to you both
and inform you that the
Ruandaian Relief Project HAS
BEEN a great SUCCESS. I
HAVE BEEN very busy with
many Rotary Activities. Tonight
Denise and I are going to
have dinner with two Rotaria
Couples and their Families.
In Brief 6 Hospital wards
have BEEN built and with
OUR DIRECT Funds WE hope
TO ERECT A Lab FOR Blood
WORK in a CAMP housing
125,000 Refugees. I give you
A Full Report when we return.
Yours in Rotar
Jonathan WSSR
Denise Thernier

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KWA NDEGE



Punda Milla (Zebra)



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1995 Council Confirms Polio Eradication as Top Priority for Rotary

Eradication of polio throughout the world has been officially confirmed as a 'priority of the highest order' for all of Rotary International. A resolution stating that position, adopted by the Association's Council on Legislation at their four-day meeting in Caracas, Venezuela, affirmed the goal of eradicating polio by the year 2000 with certification of the achievement by the time Rotary celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2005.

First Rotary Club Formed in Mongolia

Mongolia has its first Rotary Club! The Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital city, has been admitted to Rotary International, association officials announced. The 44-member club has already performed two local service projects: donating a set of Encyclopedia Britannica's to a local high school and making a gift of toys to an orphanage.

With the addition of this new club, Rotary International now has clubs in 154 countries and 35 geographical areas!

AROUND THE DISTRICT.....

- Governor George reports that over \$34,000 in general giving funds has

been collected in the District for the Rotary Endowment as of the end of January. With a goal of \$100,00, we're 34% there...

- The Seabrook/Hampton Falls Rotary Club recently distributed over 40 large cartons of food and donated a check for \$500 to the Seacoast Visiting Nurses to assist the needy during the recent holidays. Kudos!
- The Hampton Rotary Club is giving a "Service Above Self" award this year to recognize an area "unsung hero" who has demonstrated excellence in his/her business or avocation and made substantial contributions to the community...great idea!
- The Boothbay Harbor Club recently recognized Bob Pike for ten years of perfect attendance...keep it up, and keep those names coming!
- The Portland Rotary Club sports a "Rotary Store", where members 'donate' the items to be 'sold' to fellow members; current merchandise includes lift tickets, front row tickets to a Pirate's game; the club reports that 100% of all Rotary Store sales go to Rotary. Good idea for a quick and easy fundraiser!
- Lots of news about Rotary auctions around the District, several which will have taken place by the time you receive this letter. Saco Bay Club has their auction scheduled for April 30...
- The Portside Club has moved its meeting place

from Windows on the Water to Federal Jack's (just down the hill from Windows).

HAVE YOU BEEN?

(taken from a letter from President Bill)

The Annual District Conference provides a fine opportunity for all Rotarians and their families to join together for a period of fun and fellowship. Of course there is plenty of new Rotary knowledge to be gained as well.

One highlight of the conference is when your District Governor introduces the personal representative of the president of Rotary. The President's Representative is a person I have chosen to attend your regional conference on my behalf. He brings an important message to the gathering and also imparts the latest Rotary information.

Not to attend your district conference is to miss a wonderful Rotary experience...Take your family, and tell your fellow club members to do the same. Then you, too, can say, "Yes, I've been!"

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE...

The Balsams, May 25-28! Be there!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DISTRICT 7780

JANUARY 1995

CLUB	MEMBERS 6/30/94	CURRENT MEMBERS	+/-	FOUNDATION PER MEMBER GIVING *	ATTENDANCE %
BATH	63	64	1	\$46.00	87.12%
BATH SUNRISE	28	28	0	\$5.00	69.00%
BETHEL	39	40	1	\$57.00	84.19%
BIDDEFORD-SACO	97	101	4	\$106.00	82.03%
BOOTHBAY HARBOR	51	48	-3	\$19.00	85.40%
BRIDGTON-LAKE REGION	28	28	0	\$77.00	78.00%
BRUNSWICK	142	141	-1	\$45.00	75.00%
BRUNSWICK-COASTAL	17	14	-3	\$0.00	77.00%
CASCO BAY SUNRISE	22	24	2	\$6.00	78.00%
DAMARISCOTTA-NEWCASTLE	37	35	-2	\$51.00	89.00%
DOVER	87	83	-4	\$79.00	70.00%
DURHAM-GREAT BAY	54	53	-1	\$91.00	81.00%
EXETER	44	45	1	\$2.00	65.00%
FREEPORT	34	34	0	\$31.00	93.00%
FRYEBURG	27	23	-4	\$0.00	79.20%
HAMPTON	51	61	10	\$67.00	73.00%
KENNEBUNK	97	99	2	\$45.00	84.00%
KENNEBUNK-PORTSIDE	33	40	7	\$58.00	77.00%
KITTERY	25	34	9	\$125.00	65.00%
NEWBURYPORT	77	71	-6	\$40.00	72.00%
OGUNQUIT	45	44	-1	\$0.00	78.60%
OXFORD HILLS	47	48	1	\$110.00	78.55%
PORTLAND	212	224	12	\$36.00	73.54%
PORTSMOUTH	254	254	0	\$74.00	75.98%
ROCHESTER	62	58	-4	\$29.00	75.23%
RUMFORD	58	61	3	\$6.00	62.28%
SACO-BAY	62	62	0	\$71.00	79.60%
SANFORD-SPRINGVALE	63	64	1	\$14.00	67.28%
SCARBOROUGH	23	21	-2	\$49.00	62.10%
SEABROOK-HAMPTON FALLS	31	28	-3	\$38.00	77.00%
SOMERSWORTH	22	29	7	\$52.00	70.30%
SOUTH BERWICK	35	37	2	\$33.00	82.55%
SOUTH PORTLAND-CAPE ELIZABETH	51	52	1	\$34.00	75.30%
WELLS	46	46	0	\$27.00	81.00%
WESTBROOK-GORHAM	53	49	-4	\$49.00	78.94%
WINDHAM	33	37	4	\$28.00	93.91%
YORK	51	56	5	\$18.00	80.00%
TOTALS	2201	2236	35	\$49.00	77.19%

* = AS OF JUNE 30, 1994
*** = NO REPORT RECEIVED

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