



DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR'S

NEWSLETTER

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GEORGE W. RICE - Governor - District 7780 - 1995-1996 •

Act with Integrity, Serve with Love and Work for Peace

Governor's Monthly Message . . .

Dear District 7780 Rotarians,

April is *Magazine Month*, and the magazine of choice for Rotarians is *The Rotarian Magazine*. The Rotarian Magazine is full of information to share with Rotarians from all over. Through *The Rotarian* we have the opportunity to learn more about Rotary Club projects, District projects, Rotary International programs, RI Board and Foundation Trustee decisions, international, regional and intercity meetings. Not only are there articles about Rotary related subjects, but stories relevant to the business world. I know that as Rotarians we all look forward to receiving "Our Magazine" every month, but after we read it -- why not recycle it so others can see all of the great things Rotary Clubs do the world over. Why not take a few copies to the dentist's office, hospital waiting room, nursing home or senior citizen center? Why not send a gift subscription to your school library, community library or health center? The point is that we have a first class magazine, full of information to share with our community in many different ways. Let's DO IT!

Every District 7780 Rotarian has received their District Conference Registration and preliminary information.

Word has it that registration forms are being received daily at *THE SUMMIT*. The Conference 96 Committee continues to work diligently toward arranging a District Conference that will be informative, interesting and FUN. You can read all about it in Chairman Frank's *Conference Chatter* column on page 7 of this newsletter.

All Club Presidents and Area Representatives recently received a Foundation Cap to show all members what they look like. Anyone making a \$100.00 Sustaining Paul Harris Fellow contribution will receive a

Foundation Cap, after sending a copy of the contribution form to Bruce Emerson, Contribution Chair. The caps are to give recognition to those who support Our Rotary Foundation, but are not eligible to receive the PHF pin. As of February 29, the last reporting date, contributions amount to \$55,600, about 54% of our goal of \$103,000, so we need to continue our efforts toward meeting our Club's goals.

Our goal for Net Membership Gain has been achieved, but we must continue to work diligently at adequately informing our new members of their responsibilities to Rotary, in order that we still have them on June 30! In order to increase our membership level by 128, we have proposed and inducted 261 New Members into our Clubs so far this year. We have to consider how many of those 133 lost members we could have retained.

Good Luck to each of you as we continue to achieve success and *Act with Integrity, Serve with Love and Work for Peace*.

Yours in Rotary,
George



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District Governor Nominee's Corner By Craig Wellman DGN

As we continue to prepare for next year, we must not forget one very important thing - that is that this year's goals were set last year at this time. It is important for us to bear that in mind as we ready ourselves for the transition from one Rotary year to the next. Many of our Clubs are well on their way to completing their goals, while others have already achieved total success. We should all be working together to help our Clubs all reach those goals. That is the only way that our District will achieve its goals. I would hope that if we all work together we can finish this year having accomplished even more than we set out to do.

Very soon the District Assembly will be upon us. Much thought and planning has gone into this event. Our guest speaker is coming from Pittsburgh, PA. to inspire and encourage us in our endeavors. All of those who attend the Assembly will have an opportunity to hear a really great Rotarian share his enthusiasm and vision with us. I would like to take this time to thank PE Doug Coleman, from the Kennebunk Club, for doing such a tremendous job in putting this whole Assembly together. Doug and his committee have done a fantastic job in organizing this event for us all. If you haven't registered yet, do it right

away so you don't miss it - it promises to be a great day!

While I was at the International Assembly in Anaheim, CA. in February, I met a fellow DGN from District 4880 in Argentina. The reason I sought him out was that he had posted a WCS project on a very large "NEEDED" board. His specific request was for a "platform mammography". This is a medical machine that is used to detect breast cancer in women. His District in Argentina encompasses quite a large, rural area where the inhabitants do not have resources to provide such screening equipment. There is a very large percentage of the population there that is affected with breast cancer, so the local Rotary Club has taken on the task of trying to set up a medical facility to screen the local residents. Since they do not have the same updated equipment (in fact, they have no equipment, to date) that is required in the U.S., they would be happy to accept an older, less modern machine that would serve their needs. I told him that I would see what my District could do to obtain such a piece of equipment. I thought at the time what a wonderful opportunity this was to make a difference to a people in a distant country. Isn't it also a coincidence that our GSE Team who will be arriving

within the month also comes from Argentina? Another wonderful coincidence is that the President-Elect of R.I., Luis Vicente Guay, also come from Argentina.

At the recent PETS I asked all of my President-Elects to ask two other people if they knew someone who could locate such a piece of equipment. Now I ask all who read this newsletter to ask two other people if they know of where there is such a machine being unused because it is out of date and no longer state of the art. I firmly believe that somewhere in our District there is someone who knows someone who knows where we can get one. Wouldn't it be a nice thing to send back to Argentina with the GSE Team, and a nice plus for the 95-96 Rotary Year.



*You're just one mile from the
most Fantastic District
Conference Ever*

• Reminder to Club Secretaries . . .

REMEMBER to forward new member reports to DG George Rice as soon as the new member is inducted into your club. We would like to publish the names of all new members in the following issue of the DGNews.

Attendance reports are due to District Secretary Patty McAllister by the 10th of each month for publication in that month's DGNews.

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Essex Youth Exchange

by Bobbi Bird, District Chair

Our students went to Farmington on March 28 -31st. Thanks to Carol Perez and the International Club at Mt. Blue HS for sponsoring the weekend and for hosting the students.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to Bill Skinner for finding Bill Watson to drive several of our students all the way from N.H. Bill and Bill are both from the Durham-Great Bay Club. I would also like to thank Karen Bergren, Nami's host mother from Freeport and Tom Wellman from the Kennebunk Club for spending Sunday driving to Farmington and bringing the students home.

The students had a pizza party and spent Friday with the International Club students in their classes. They spent the weekend having a great time with their new friends from Farmington.

I would like to tell you something about Sabrina Balbon from Cagayan De Orion in the state of Misamis Oriental in the Philippines. Her father, Orlando is a local businessman and her mother Ma Conception runs the household. Sabrina has 3 brothers, Salvador 18, Orlando 14, and Vincent 12. All three live at home and are students. The main adjustment Sabrina had to make is to the COLD! Even in August and September Sabrina was cold. Luckily, Sabrina's host family, the Deans, were very empathetic with Sabrina's problem and promptly allowed Sabrina to turn up the thermostat in her bedroom and got her an electric blanket!

When in the Philippines, Sabrina studies Math, English, Chemistry, Computer Programming, Physical Education and Religious Studies. Sabrina plans to finish her college education in the Philippines and while she has not decided what area to study or choose for a career, she wants to do something that will help her country in some way.

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closer at this point
to the Most
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IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we must report the passing of two of our Past District Governors this month.

Mr. Philip E. Stultz, PDG

Mr. Philip Stultz, PDG died in his sleep on March 22, 1996. Phil served District 779 as District Governor in 1958-59. His home club was the Rotary Club of Westbrook-Gorham. Phil served on the Nominating Committee and other committees in District 7780. A contribution in Phil's memory has been made to Our Rotary Foundation by District 7780.

Mr. Edward "Duke" Blewett, PDG

Mr. Edward "Duke" Blewett, PDG passed away on April 5, 1996. Duke served District 779 as District Governor in 1952-53. His home club was the Rotary Club of Dover. He has been a very active member of the Rotary Club of Portland since 1958 and served on the World Community Service Committee. A contribution in Duke's memory has been made to Our Rotary Foundation by District 7780.

Because of the Boston Marathon next week, we had to postpone our trip to Boston. Our trip will be taking place the first weekend in May. The students will also be attending the District Conference. Karen Dunfey and I will be having an orientation day for our outbound students on April 20th At Crickets Restaurant in Freeport. We will be having several of these throughout the spring and summer.



Club Attendance Figures For March

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* District 7780 Club Capers and Other News *

District Club Charter Anniversaries

April 2, 1982 - Rotary Club of York, Maine

April 4, 1994 - Rotary Club of Fryeburg, Maine

The Damariscotta/Newcastle Club is presenting "An Afternoon with the Big Band" featuring Al Corey and his band with Leila Percy. The Sunday, May 19th performance is at the Lincoln County YMCA Business Route 1 in Damariscotta from 3 PM to 5 PM. Tickets are \$8. in advance and \$10. at the door.

The Durham-Great Bay Club is having it's first Annual Fundraising Concert featuring an encore performance of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra at the Whittemore Center at UNH on Saturday April 27th at 8:00 PM. Tickets start at \$20.

The Kennebunk Rotary Club celebrated their 75th Anniversary with a cocktail party and hors d'oeuvres at the Brick Store Museum. About 40 members and 25 spouses and friends attended. Looking forward to the next 75.

Yarmouth Club Update
Peter Johnson, the DG's Special Representative for Extension in Yarmouth reports as of April 8th the Rotary Club of Yarmouth (provisional) has 23 members committed to becoming Rotarians. He anticipates an application of Charter to be filed during the month of April, and Charter Night ceremonies to be held in early Autumn. Congratulations!

The Biddeford-Saco R.C. has named Mike Woodman as the club's new liaison to the local Interact Club. The Club also announced that \$500 and \$100 Scholarships have been donated for local youths and a profit of \$6800 from their recent fruit sale. WOW!

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth former long time Secretary Ray Frost's nephew, Roger Frost is the District Governor for District 7910 in Massachusetts.

The Portland R.C. recognized GSE Team Leader Sarah Luck by making her a Paul Harris Fellow. Sarah has been instrumental as the Chair of the club's Rotary Foundation Committee. Ole, Sarah!

The Saco Bay and Biddeford-Saco Rotary Clubs are having their Seventh Annual Rotary Club Continental Cable TV Auction on April 28th. Good Luck!

The Portsmouth R.C. raised over \$42,500 and had a total of over 3400 bids at their recent TV Auction.

To help members become Paul Harris Fellows, the Saco Bay Club is assessing members an extra \$25. every 6 months to be used in a separate PHF Fund. Once the members account reaches \$500., the club will match that amount and name the member a PHF.

What a Great Idea!

The Kennebunk Club has sold 290 boxes of fruit and profitted \$1600. The top bananas were Earle Patterson selling 34, Paul Johnson 27 and Neil Ross 22.

The Bethel Club has been very busy recently with a Country Breakfast benefiting Gould Academy, Career Awareness Day at Telstar HS, BB/BS Bowlathon, Dine Around and Dine Out Activities and preparing to host the Thursday Night Country Western Night at the District Conference. Keep Up The Good Work, Bethel!

The Bridgton-Lake Region R.C. raised \$500 at their baked bean and ham public supper. The continuing "Focus on Youth" has brought recognition for the Club from students, staff and faculty at Lake Region HS. The Club honors a "Student Citizen" each month from Oct. - May and the Club is sponsoring two students to participate in the RYLA program.

The Freeport R.C. is having their Annual Auction and Spaghetti Supper at the First Parish Congregational Church on Main St. in Freeport on April 20th. Dinner is at 5:30 and the auction starts at 6:30.

The club is also having their "Close To The Coast Run" on May 18th at 10 AM. For more info contact Bobbi Bird at PO Box 552, Freeport, ME. 04032

CLUB MEETING CHANGES

The Oxford Hills Club is meeting at the First Congregational Church in South Paris.

•The deadline for the May DGNews is May 10th. News will be used on a first come first serve basis. FAX your news to 207-743-1839 or mail to P.O. Box 108, Paris, Maine 04271.



The Oxford Hills Rotary Club has brought in a special greeter to meet you at The Summit and the Most Fantastic District Conference Ever!

Left April 6th . . .

GSE Team Departs For Argentina

The outbound Group Study Exchange Team left on Saturday, April 6th for Buenos Aires for their 4 week exchange. The team was very excited and motivated for the trip!

The Argentinean team will travel back with our team on the same plane and will arrive on Sunday May 5th to start their exchange in District 7780.

If you have any interest in hosting a team member from Argentina, please contact Henry Bird at (207) 865-3154 or David Lowe at (207) 282-5229 for more details. The host time is usually 4 days and nights.

Past host families have consistently commented on how rewarding the experience of hosting has been, and in many cases, the same families have hosted members year after year.

Here is a brief outline of the team:

Team Leader is Hector DeLa Esperanza, 61 year old male who is an Optician.

Team Members are:

Marcela Lacoste De Albini a 39 year old female translator and professor.

Eduardo Moran a 25 year old male marketing manager for a bank.

Erica Flavia Alio a 23 year old female language teacher.

Norma Isabel Requejo a 31 year old female translator for an import/export company.

Generally speaking, visiting teams speak English very well. At the very least, please contact your club President to find out when the team will be in your area so that you may have a chance to meet with them and learn more about their ways and culture.

Freeport Rotarian To Run The Boston Marathon

On April 15th Freeport Rotary Club Member Ken Toner will participate in the 100th running of the Boston Marathon. To help raise money for Freeport Community Services, Ken has ask club members for sponsorship and was successful in raising over \$700. in pledges. In addition to these very generous pledges, Tracy Gordon, manager of the Scarborough WalMart, pledged \$500. in matching funds to help with the fundraising efforts. Ken wishes to thank all of his fellow club members and WalMart for their support and wants them to know it's an honor to represent them in the 100th running of the B.A.A. Boston Marathon.

Apply Now

Ambassadorial Scholarships and University Teaching Grants

by Richard "Dick" Clark

Applications for the 1997-1998 Ambassadorial Scholarships and University Teaching Grants have been sent to each club President. You are reminded that the completed applications must be received by the Club and forwarded to the District Foundation Chairman no later then July 1, 1996 !!!

The time to act is now !!!

If there are questions regarding the Program and Procedure please feel free to contact me at (603) 742-1283 for assistance. These are important Programs sponsored

by your District and your full support in submitting candidates for consideration is requested.

Selection interviews by the District Committee will be held in mid-August. The time and place will be announced shortly.

*I've learned that happiness is like
perfume: you can't give it away without
getting a little on yourself.*

Conference Corner Chatter

by Frank Shorey, Conference Chair

Thank You In Advance! By now all 2300 Rotarians in District 7780 have received their Registration Packets and the "Conference 96" committee would like to thank you for your early sign ups. We are less than 60 days away from what will surely be the highlight event of the Rotary year. The staff at the Summit Hotel and Convention Center are looking forward to seeing all of the Rotarians from District 7780 for this four day event on May 30th, 31st June 1st and 2nd. Your District Conference Committee has been very busy making sure that this conference will be informational, entertaining, and above all, rewarding as you pursue your Rotary career. If you have not forwarded your registration form, I urge you to do so today to avoid disappointment tomorrow. If any new members are in need of registration forms so they can attend the Conference, please have someone in your club share their forms or have them copied for the new member.

Thanks to Tim Byrne who has come forward and will be our official "Conference 96" photographer. Our request for a piano player has gone unanswered. I'm sure there is a "shy" Rotarian who will come forward. If not piano, maybe a tuba player, or a drummer, or someone who can play the spoons. **REMEMBER** - this challenging opportunity will not go unrewarded, so please call Frank Shorey at (207) 743-5151, Dave at 743-8963 or Tom at 743-8207 if you're interested. We're waiting for your call.

Be ready on Thursday night as we kick the Conference off with a "Boot Scoot N Boogie Nite" sponsored by the Bethel Rotary Club. See your information packet for additional details.

Enthusiasm is Contagious Catch It at Your District Conference!



***You've Arrived!
Which room is
yours? Who will
you meet?
How much Fun
are you going to
have?
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Silent Auction Reminder

To All Club Presidents -- If your club is planning on making a donation to the "Silent Auction" for this year's District Conference, please submit your Donation Form to me by May 1st. What better way to meet new friends and visit old ones than to gather at THE SUMMIT for the District Conference. Bidding on one or several of the items in the "Silent Auction" is just one of the many "FUN" things available at this year's conference.

See you all at THE SUMMIT!

Marie Williams - Silent Auction Chair.

Welcome New Rotarians

The following individuals were sworn in as new Rotarians during the month of March.

Bath - Mr. Baer Connard, Jr.
Boothbay Harbor - Mr. Tad Bartlett
Bridgton-Lake Region -
 Mr. Thomas Harriman
Brunswick - Ms. Carolyn St. Pierre
Casco Bay Sunrise - Ms. Laurie Dumais
 Ms. Jean Gammon
 Mr. Richard Lyons
Fryeburg - Ms. Terry Mickols
Hampton - Mr. Donald Headman
 Ms. Penelope Hamilton
Kennebunk - Mr. Kenneth Hill
 Ms. Lisa St. Lawrence
Newburyport - Ms. Susan Christ
 Ms. Shirley Megnanti
 Mr. Donald Talbot
Portland - Mr. Cosmo DiPierro
 Mr. Patrick Gallagher
 Ms. Carol Granfield
 Mr. James Harnden
 Ms. Jane O'Halloran
 Mr. Randall Schaffer
Portsmouth - Mr. Mark Forrester
 Mr. Joseph Hunkins
 Mr. George LaGassa
 Mr. Kenneth Roberts
Rochester - Mr. Daniel Auger
 Mr. Donald Carignan
Rumford - Ms. Andrea Corbett
 Ms. Susan Parrella
 Mr. Richard Wood
Saco Bay - Mr. Richard Gaudreau
Sanford-Springvale -
 Ms. Candy Fritsch

Nominations Sought For District Officers

Clubs are asked to submit nominations for the following District 7780 Officers:

District Governor for 1998-1999

Finance Committee Member, Division A - 1997-2000

Qualifications for the duties of District Governor can be found in the Manual of Procedure and include:

- * Having been a member of a Rotary Club for at least 7 years prior to taking office.
- * Having served a full term as Club President.
- * Having the ability and commitment to meet additional qualifications called for upon taking office.
- * Be willing and able physically and otherwise to carry out the duties of District Governor.

Qualifications for Finance Committee Members include:

- * Must be a Past President of a District 7780 Club in Division A (clubs in the states of New Hampshire or Massachusetts).
- * Must be willing and able to serve as a member of the committee for the term.

Nominations in the form of a resolution as described in the Manual of Procedure must be forwarded to DG George prior to June 30, 1996. Please feel free to call him with any questions relative to the process.

Seabrook-Hampton Falls -

Mr. Michael McCarthy

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth -

Mr. Michael Cantlin

I've learned that generous people seldom have emotional or mental problems

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