



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,

The Rotary Foundation Seminar on November 18th was certainly a success! It was a success because so many of you were there (Approximately 150!). It was successful because so many knowledgeable Rotarians were willing to give a presentation or facilitate a group discussion. The Seminar is continuing to be beneficial as time passes and those in attendance have shared information learned there with their respective club membership. Several have called to say that their club members have expressed an interest in supporting *Our Rotary Foundation* or in participating in one or more of the Foundation programs. Many Thanks to PDG Al Courtney for organizing it and to all those who participated.

At the end of the Seminar we held the drawing for the prizes awarded to the 1996 District Conference Early Bird Registrants. Winners were Area 7 Rep Howard Hebb (Damariscotta-Newcastle), Vice President Perry Palmer (Oxford Hills), and President Mary Jane Peabody (Portsmouth).

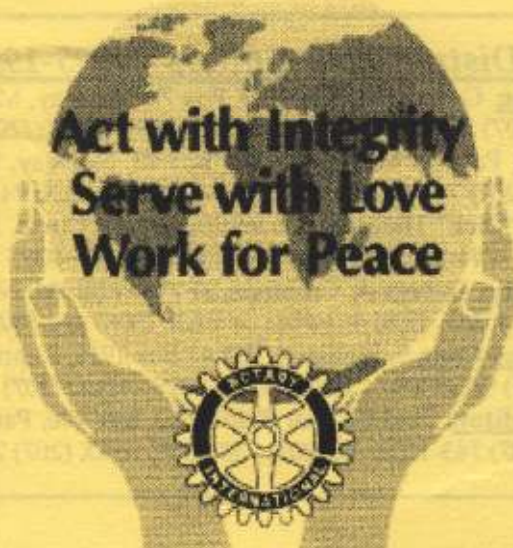
As you can see later in this Newsletter, we have welcomed **40 NEW MEMBERS** into Rotary during November. That's the good news The bad news is that we have lost 17 good members for various reasons. New members are essential to our success in everything we do, be it supporting *Our Rotary Foundation*, participating in its' programs, performing Community Service Projects, raising funds to support these and other activities, or enjoying fellowship at a club meeting or social function. Quoting Kittery's club bulletin, *The Gateway*, "A steady influx of new members is a Rotary Club's insurance policy - its guarantee

of continuing success." I know that from reading your club bulletins many clubs have 3 or 4 prospective members "in the pipeline". All of us have friends, business associates and even competitors that if given the opportunity would love to serve their community and enjoy the fellowship with others. *Help Rotary Grow! Invite a prospective member to your club meeting next week!* We must remain as focused on Membership Development as we were in August, while keeping our present members involved in club and community projects, giving them a reason to remain a Rotarian. We must also remember to properly inform our new members of their responsibilities and obligations to Rotary, so that they will be Rotarians in 1996-97 and beyond. Let's make membership a priority as together we continue to *Act with Integrity, Serve with Love and Work for Peace*.

Ginny joins me in wishing you and your entire family a joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy New Year.

Yours in Rotary,

George



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New Rotarians In The District

The following Rotarians are welcomed to the District and respective clubs.

Biddeford-Saco

Mr. Keith Gosslin
Mr. Ronald Morton

Boothbay Harbor

Mr. Douglas Bevins
Ms. Sheila King

Casco Bay Sunrise

Mr. John Cordts

Dover

Mr. Joseph Hagen

Exeter

Mr. Warren Pettingill
Ms. Ann Burke
Mr. Mark Harrington
Mr. Larry Jacobs

Freeport

Mr. Christopher Greenlaw

Fryeburg Area

Ms. Karen McCarthy
Ms. Kate Eastman

Kennebunk

Mr. James Smith
Ms. Pamela Boyle
Mr. Steven Tommasselli

Newburyport

Mr. Douglas Heyer

Oxford Hills

Mr. James Mason
Dr. Glenn Wood

Portsmouth

Mr. Jeffrey Dunn

• 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.

In mid October you received 1996-97 Data Forms from RI. These must be completed and forwarded to the appropriate destinations as soon as your Annual Meeting and Election of Officers has been completed. If you did not receive it or have questions relative to the process, please contact DG George or District Secretary Patty.

Rochester

Ms. Brenda Harrington
Ms. Georgia Jackson
Mr. Kevin Flynn
Mr. Ronald Poulin
Mr. Anthony Fallon
Mr. Donald Smith

Rumford

Ms. Christine Penney
Ms. Diane Farnum
Mr. Howard Johnson
Sanford-Springvale
Mr. Robert Gillespie
Mr. David Cabana

South Portland - Cape

Elizabeth

Mr. William Daviero
Westbrook-Gorham
Mr. Steven Roberts
Ms. Julie Jameson
Mr. David Savage, Jr.

Mr. Jason Beever

Windham

Ms. Shirley Clark

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It is with great sadness that
we announce the passing of
PDG Kenneth T.H. Brooks

on Monday December 4,
1995. Ken served District
779 as Governor in 1979-
1980, served in recent years
on the Nominating
Committee and the Rotary
Foundation Committee.
A contribution in Ken's
memory has been made to
Our Rotary Foundation
from District 7780.

New Column In January

Starting next month in the January issue of the Governor's Newsletter, Governor Nominee Craig Wellman will be submitting news and announcements in the **The DEN's Corner**. Also beginning with the January issue, we will be mailing the Newsletter to all Presidents-Elect.

RI Goes Online

Rotary's home page on the World Wide Web will be operational on January 1, 1996. It will allow Web "browsers" to access information about RI and Our Rotary Foundation, and programs. Publications including *The Rotarian Magazine* will be available. Look for Rotary WWW address in the January issue of *The Rotarian*.



Pictured L to R - Bethel Rotary Club President Dick Fain, District Governor George Rice, White Mountain Valley Rotary Club President Anne Carter and District 7850 Governor Arnold Blethen.

Fellowship Shared With Neighboring District

On Tuesday, November 21st, the Bethel Rotary Club and the new Rotary Club of White Mountain Valley (formerly Berlin and Gorham, NH) held a joint meeting at Shelburne, N.H. and enjoyed breakfast with their new neighbors. The owner of the new Androscoggin Inn gave a brief history of the facility and shared his vision of the future of the Inn. The meeting was also attended by District 7850 DG Arnie Blethen, DG George and their wives.

World Understanding and Peace Day Dinner

In commemoration of the purpose of Our Rotary Foundation, a World Understanding and Peace Day Dinner will be held at Verrillo's just off Exit 8 in Westbrook on Friday, February 2, 1996. We will have with us PDG Ron Cowan from Hanover, N.H. and District 7850. Ron will serve as a Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator in the Northeastern U.S. 1996-98. Our Rotary International Director, Daniel W. Mooers, from the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth will join us as well. The evening will be a great opportunity to present Paul Harris Fellow Recognition and to name Benefactors of Our Rotary Foundation. Please contact DG George Rice to complete arrangements.

Club Attendance Figures For October

Attendance	Club	Members 6/30/95	Current Members	+/-	Foundation Mem/Give	Governor's Cup Points
1	88.05	Oxford Hills	51	50	1	49
2	87	Windham	37	37	0	19
3	86.95	Fryeburg	23	26	3	58
4	86	York	62	59	-3	24
5	84.86	Biddeford-Saco	106	103	-3	32
6	84.66	Kennebunk - Portside	44	42	-2	38
7	84.52	Saco - Bay	63	62	-1	32
8	84	Wells	44	46	2	21
9	83.84	Boothbay Harbor	48	45	-3	15
10	83.56	Freeport	38	37	-1	23
11	81.48	Casco Bay Sunrise	24	28	2	23
12	81.42	SouthPortland-CapeElizabeth	46	45	-1	106
13	81.26	Damariscotta - Newcastle	37	37	0	33
14	80	Newburyport	71	71	0	38
15	79.98	Portsmouth	261	262	1	15
16	79.67	Bath Sunrise	26	25	-1	36
17	79.2	Scarborough	19	19	0	50
18	79.1	Bethel	40	40	0	38
19	78.35	Rochester	63	59	-4	43
20	76.34	Bath	62	63	1	13
21	77	Ogunquit	41	44	3	10
22	75.93	Westbrook - Gorham	49	45	-4	28
23	74.4	Durham - Great Bay	58	56	-2	11
24	70	Exeter	47	43	-4	2
25	69.25	Kennebunk	102	105	3	15
26	68	Seabrook - Hampton Falls	28	31	3	34
27	67.06	Sanford - Springvale	62	63	1	18
28	66.76	Portland	219	219	0	15
29	66.35	Rumford	54	54	0	14
30	65.75	Kittery	34	33	-1	30
31	62.43	Dover	86	81	-5	39
32	60.9	Brunswick - Coastal	16	16	0	0
33	58	Somersworth	28	25	-3	25
34	NR	Hampton	63	59	-4	33
35	NR	Bridgton-Lake Region	30	33	3	33
36	NR	South Berwick	38	37	-1	27
37	NR	Brunswick	141	150	9	21
38	76.73	TOTALS	2261	2250	-11	
39	Average for District Clubs					
40						



Happy Holidays!





District 7780 Club Capers and Other News

December Club Charter Anniversaries

December 1, 1959 - Rotary Club of Exeter

December 2, 1986 - Rotary Club of Durham-Great Bay

December 16, 1924 - Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle

December 22, 1983 - Rotary Club of Freeport

A District 7780 First ???

Kittery President Linda Reichler gave birth to a 9 lb. 14 oz. baby boy on November 13th. Mother, son and Dad are doing fine. We think this is the first future Rotarian born in District 7780 while Mom serves as a Club President! Are there any President's or PP's out there who became dad's while serving as a Club President?

On Sunday, December 3rd, the Rotary Clubs of Kittery, Ogunquit, South Berwick and York enjoyed a Holiday Season Celebration at Jonathan's in Ogunquit. The 112 Rotarians and spouses attending enjoyed a social hour, a great dinner, door prize drawings and an evening of dancing. Profits from the door prize drawings will benefit the "Meals on Wheels" sponsored by the 4 Clubs.

The Windham Rotary Club has a Christmas Toy Trailer set up to collect toys for Windham area kids. In October, the Club's Health Fair provided 200 Kid Care ID's and 63 flu shots.

Rotarians from the Biddeford-Saco Club assisted the Salvation Army in serving over 100 Thanksgiving meals.

The Portland Club has raised in excess of \$30,000 at their Social Auction and has pledged \$10,000 to the Center for Maine History. They are also continuing their support for the Intercultural Nursing Program. The Club is planning a Christmas Dinner at the Salvation Army Golden Age Center on December 20th. BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!

The Freeport Club has raised \$225. for the Travis Roy Fund. The Club is also selling Christmas trees and

collecting canned goods for Holiday baskets.

On a similar note, the Brunswick Club had an impromptu auction to raise money for Travis Roy. A photo "Vancouver flowers" was auctioned twice, netting \$40. to help the stricken athlete.

DG George Rice took a frigid dip in Norway Lake in November to raise money for under privileged children. Heard it was even on T.V. Did he go voluntarily or was he pushed?

Carl Brage of the Portsmouth Club saluted the Rotary Foundation and his wife, Barbara by naming her a Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations Barbara!

Congrats to Frank Emery of the Westbrook-Gorham Club on his 19 years of perfect attendance. The club also welcomed Jason Beever as a new member. Jason is a fourth generation Rotarian behind his mother, current club secretary Jane, grandfather PP Arthur Andrew and great grandfather Clarence E. Carll.

The Bridgton-Lake Region Club recently honored Kelley Gray of Casco as their Citizen of the Month.

Congratulations to Biddeford-Saco member Lloyd LaFountain and his wife Trish, who had a baby girl on October 20th. Her name is Margaret Kathryn.

Maurice Boucher was recognized by the Brunswick Rotary Club for his work in presenting tax information to 93 students involved in a job skills project sponsored by the club.

The Brunswick Club also has a

foreign coin collection they are building on. If you have any spare foreign change laying around and would like to donate it, send them along to Verdi Tripp at P.O. Box 413, Topsham, Maine 04086.

Saco Bay Rotary recently donated over \$11,000. to worthwhile area projects ranging from Toys for Tots to scholarships for UNE students to camperships at Camp Susan Curtis to the Thorton Academy Building Fund and the Saco Heath Boardwalk Project. A job well done!

Congratulations must go out to Portsmouth Rotarian Bill Holt, prime mover of the Friends Forever Program. Bill received a Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association of Community Leadership and then a check for \$15,000, that's right, \$15,000 for Friends Forever from the Knistrom Foundation.

The South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Club recently organized a crew which built three bridges on trails across a brook near Fort Williams Park. The bridges opens a trail system spread over 40 acres extending from Shore Rd. to Mitchell Rd.

The Damariscotta-Newcastle Club is collecting toys for the Parent Resource Center. A cash collection is also being made to purchase kids boots.

The Bridgton-Lake Region Club sponsored a blood drive, netting 88 pints and breaking the previous record by 10 pints. They were highlighted in a one page article in the Red Cross quarterly newsletter "Heart To Heart". The club also raised over \$1000 in it's first weekend selling Xmas trees. They should do well with two weekends left.

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Essex Youth Exchange

by Bobbi Bird

Well, November was a busy month. We had our interviews for Outbound Exchanges for 1996-1997 on the 18th and we had a wonderful group of candidates. The Clubs in our District that sent candidates to us were Freeport, Portland, Bethel, Ogunquit, Biddeford-Saco, Portsmouth, Windham, York, Wells and Kennebunk. If your club could sponsor an Outbound student and host an Inbound student please let me know, we have several clubs that have more than one student who would be an excellent ambassador abroad. If your club would like to propose a student for the outbound program next year, we could still arrange for that placement! It is with great sadness that we prepare to say goodbye to Alison Ingle of Muswellbrook, Australia. Alison has been hosted by the Brunswick club since last January. She spent part of her stay with the Watson family of South Harpswell and the last part of her stay with the Coffin family of Brunswick. Alison has 2 sisters, Nicole and Kristy. Alison enjoys aerobics, weight training, netball, playing the piano and reading. She also enjoys working at a women's clothing store in Australia. Alison has been playing netball since she was 8 years old and she has also been involved in playing for her town in the state championships as well as coaching and umpiring.

After Alison returns to Australia she plans to go to the University and pursue a career dealing with the public. she says she is not sure what she specifically wants to do, but is very confident that she'll figure it out, especially as she does know what she doesn't want to do! Don't worry Alison, a lot of my friends haven't decided what to do when they grow up either.

We will miss you and think of you often. You have taken our ribbing about your "funny way of talking", and I know Mikkell will especially miss your teasing! Take Care and write when you can.

Club Capers Continued

On a sad note, the S.P.-C.E. Club recently lost founding father, Bill Kilroy. Bill was instrumental, along with his brother, Dick in forming the club back in the early 60's. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Bill's family.

- The deadline for the January DGNews is January 8th. FAX your news to 207-743-1839 or mail to P.O. Box 108, Paris, Maine 04271.

GSE Committee Selects Argentina Team

by Henry Bird

The following individuals have been selected by the GSE Committee to represent District 7780 to travel to Argentina in the Spring of 1996.

Team Leader - Sarah Luck, Portland, ME.
Alt. Leader - Ken Toner, Freeport, ME.

Team Members

Juliette Garesche, Portland, ME.
Bradlee Hunter, Freeport, ME.
Janet McLaughlin, Cape Elizabeth, ME.
Kerry Aguilar, Portsmouth, N.H.

Alternate Members

Stanley Tenpenny, Portland, ME.
Wendy Cole, Portland, ME.

The committee is also looking for an Argentinean in our District who may be willing to assist the team in their preparation for the trip. Please contact Ric Erickson, the outing team coordinator, at 603-749-9011 if you know of anyone.

NOW HEAR THIS !

The Sanford-Springvale Club is in the process of making a contribution to the trust fund for secondary school students established by the Rotary Club of Bombasa, Africa. The cost is \$160 per year per student. At this time, the Club is considering a first-time donation of \$500. which will fund three students for one year. Fred Boyle, Chariman of the World Community Service Committee of the Sanford-Springvale Club will keep us up to date on this project. Congratulations to Fred, his Committee and the Sanford-Springvale Club.

Chairman of the World Community Service Committee for District 7780, Orville "Tex" Ranger, PDG, is available for presentation of a program for your club concerning the Group Study Exchange or any other aspect of World Community Service in which your club may have an interest. Call "Tex" at 207-725-5509 or by FAX at 207-725-0918.

District Dignitaries Attend Zone Institute



Incoming, present and past Officers of Rotary International gathered at The Greenbrier, in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia November 7th to the 12th to become more informed about the programs and new developments in Rotary. On Friday evening, all of the District 7780 attendees and their spouses gathered and enjoyed dinner together. RI Director Dan Mooers and Shirley could not join us for dinner, as they were attending another dinner honoring Major Gift Contributors, but Dan did stop by to say hello on his way back from the restroom. Pictured (in no particular order) are PDG Dick and June Clark, PDG Sam and Helene Giftos, PDG Jim and Ellen Labrie, PDG George and Rosemary Cashman, PDG Joe and Betty Hahn, PDG Al and Mary Courtney, DGN Craig and Jane Wellman and District Governor George and Ginny Rice.



Registration Form



1996 District 7780 Conference

To be held at the Summit Hotel at Sunday River, Maine
May 30 through June 2, 1996

\$99.96 in 1996

Double Occupancy - \$99.96 per night per person --- Single Occupancy - \$145.00 per night per person
Conference Registration Fee (Everyone Must Register) - \$35.00 per Rotarian - \$30.00 per guest

Reservations include all meals and banquets per day.

Activities planned include: Tennis, Golf, Mountain Biking, Spring Skiing, Road Race, Casino Night, Western Night, Dancing, Banquets, Swimming Pools, Spas, Health Club, Rotary Education, District Meetings, Guest Speakers, Fun and Friendship for Everyone.

Deposit Policy: \$150.00 made payable to the Summit Hotel

Payable as follows: Check enclosed___ MasterCard___ VISA___ Am.Express___ Discover___
Name on Card___ Number___ Expires___
Name___ Guest___
Address___ City___ State___ Zip___
Telephone___

Badge Name___ Guest___

Mail To: Frank Shorey, District Conference Chair, 44 Mountain View Drive, South Paris, Maine 04281.

Attention! **Bulletin Editors**

You're doing a great job! Send the next three (3) copies of your Club Bulletin to the aforementioned bulletin editors.

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Bristol, England's Matthew Week

The sailing ship "Matthew" departed Bristol, England, under the command of John Cabot, in May of 1497 on a voyage of discovery making landfall on Newfoundland. It was a significant event in that it led to subsequent colonization of Canada and the USA.

To celebrate the 500th anniversary of this event a consortium of Bristol businessmen decided to commemorate the voyage by commissioning the construction of a replica of the "Matthew" which, with a crew of 18, will reproduce Cabot's voyage, setting sail from Bristol for Newfoundland on Friday, May 2, 1997.

19 Rotary Clubs in the maritime Bristol area are planning a "Matthew Week", culminating in the official departure of the ship on her voyage to Newfoundland. They are inviting Rotarians from 15 Canadian and USA Seaboard Rotary Districts interested in joining Bristol Rotarians for this unique and historic event. The maritime Rotary Clubs of Portsmouth and Portland have been chosen from District 7780 to participate if there is sufficient interest (5 couples per club). Participants from other clubs would be welcome.

Air travel and lodging expenses will be the responsibility of the visitor. There have been 125 provisional reservations made at *The Swallow Royal Hotel, Bristol, England*. Entertainment and tours each day will be provided by the Bristol area Rotarians. For further information, please contact District Governor George Rice.



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