

NEWSLETTER



January 1996

· 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,

Happy New Year to all of you! Along with all of the celebrations of the beginning of the new year, there comes a feeling of hope - a hope that the next 12 months will be better than the past year, but how do we measure better? Will 1996 be better because we have more snow? Less rain? Have fewer problems to solve? Earn more money? Or will 1996 be better because we recognize more opportunities to address the needs of the elderly and youth in our community? Will 1996 be better because we found a way to make a difference in the lives of a family or village in a third world country? Will 1996 be better because you invited a new member into your Rotary Club and infused your club with new blood, new enthusiasm and new ideas about how to serve the needs of your community?

As January is designated ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH and the beginning of the second half of our Rotary year, what better time to assess the progress of our club, committee or District Committee. Are we on a course that will allow completion of all we set out to do in July? What can we do <u>NOW</u> to ensure accomplishing those goals? During ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH let's be

AWARE of the need to share Rotary with more new Rotarians, enabling us to perform more service in our community and throughout our world. Let's be AWARE of the need to grow our membership simply to ensure our existence. President Herb Brown address International Assembly stated that "Like a tree, if Rotary does not grow, it will wither and die". February will mark World Understanding and Peace Month, and February 23rd, the 91st Birthday of Rotary, is designated Understanding and Peace Day. I hope many of you can attend the

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World Understanding and Peace Day Dinner at Verrillo's (Exit 8) in Westbrook, Maine on February 2. Registration forms have been mailed at this time. We hope to have the opportunity to name several Paul Harris Fellows and Benefactors at this dinner as we hear about some of the great things being done to help others around the world by District 7780 Rotary Clubs and as we hear from Rotary International Director Dan Mooers and incoming Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, Ron Cowan.

The week of February 12-18 has been designated Family and Community Week by President Herb and Sunday February 18 will be celebrated as Family Day. President Herb is encouraging all clubs to celebrate this week and Family Day in their respective communities. He is also holding a poster contest for school children using the theme "How to Make the World a Better Place to Live". See your Club President for details and use the contest as a springboard to celebrate Family and Community Week as we continue to Act with Integrity, Serve with Love and Work for Peace.

Yours in Rotary,

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In January, the planning for next year's Presidents officially begins. By the end of the month I will have met with all of our District's President-Elects to help get them started with programs for the continued success of their Clubs. It is my pleasure to be working with some very motivated Area Representatives. Returning will be Bob Begin (Area 4) and Howard Hebb (Area 7). They will be joined by

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 is completed and not later than January 31st. If you did not receive it or have questions relative to the process, please contact DG George or District Secretary Patty.

Brian Clancy (Area 1), John Hebert (Area 2), Dennis Fontaine (Area 3), Mike McGovern (Area 5), Henry Bird (Area 6), and Bobbi Steele-Marotta (Area 8). Our six new Area Reps, provide a valuable resource to our Clubs.

This month and next, I will be working on District Committee assignments. By the middle of February I hope to have these assignments made, and by the end of the month all of the Committees will be finalized. If any of you have an area of interest or know of someone who would like to participate in a particular District Committee, please contact me so that we can discuss that interest.

At this point in our Rotary year, Club goals are all well on their way to being achieved, and new goals are being formulated. The latest report on Membership indicates that, as a District, we are also on our way to achieving this important District goal.

World Community Service should be an important part of every District and I would encourage each of our 37 Clubs to find a WCS project to embrace. By doing so, every Club has the opportunity to make a difference somewhere in the world. To continue to work for world understanding and peace, even in a small way, will make our world a better place to live. One such opportunity appeared in the latest issue (Nov/Dec) of Rotary World. District 4580 in Brazil has a project known as the Sister Families Program in which they work

Starting with this issue of the DGNewsletter, DGN Craig Wellman will be submitting news and announcements in this column. Also beginning with this issue, we will be mailing the Newsletter to all President-Elects. We hope that it is helpful to you as you prepare for an exciting year as Club President.

with abandoned children. Any Club can help by sponsoring a child for \$18.00 per month. I have contacted Rotary International in Evanston and the District Chairman of this Program in Brazil about how this program is run and how our local Clubs can help. If your Club is interested in receiving information about this project, please contact me and I would be happy to forward information to you for your consideration. If WCS was a goal for your Club this could be a way to reach that goal, or at least a good beginning.

Jane and I are looking forward to our opportunity to share Rotary with each and every one of you. See you all very soon.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Craig

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Celebrate Family & Community Week February 12-18

As part of his emphasis on the family, RI President Herb Brown has designated the week of February 12-18, 1996 as Family and Community Week. "During this week," said the president in a letter to all district governors and members of RI's Family and Community Concerns Task Force, "it is my hope that Rotary clubs around the world will join together to celebrate Rotary's commitment to family and community." He added, "I cannot emphasize enough the important work required to reestablish the family as the cornerstone of our communities."

In the November 3 letter, the president requested that as part of the weeklong celebration clubs honor individuals or organizations dedicated to the betterment of families and communities. He said a special presidential recognition award for service to families and communities is being prepared and will be available upon request for presentation to outstanding community leaders. The president also encourages Rotarians to observe Family Day on either Saturday Feb. 17 or Sunday Feb 18.

Rotary Faxback Sytem Now Open

All you have to do is call (503) 721-3094,

follow the instructions and request any of the up to 60 forms available to be faxed back to your FAX machine. A list of the forms is in the current issue of *The Rotarian*.



The Rotary Club of Kittery, ME. combined a surprise baby shower for President Linda Reichler with a service project involving donations of baby care items to New Generation, a shelter for homeless pregnant women. The care items were presented to New Generation founder and director Ruth Ford.

Baby Oh Babies?



TRIPLE YOUR FUN! - Dan Peabody of Bridgton-Lake Region rotary and his wife Carol will be celebrating the new year - and life ever after! - with their three, count em, three new children. The triplets, Jimmy, Laura and Danny were born on November 2, 1995. Their joyous arrival was also celebrated by the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club which contributed to the many gifts-intriplicate showered on the Peabody's. The triplets are the Peabody's first children. Why not shoot for quads or quints next?

Family Matters ... *Remember that no time spent with your children or grandchildren is ever wasted.

* Make the rules for your children fair, clear and consistent.

* Be your children's best teacher and coach.

Club Attendance Figures For December

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	Attendance	Club	Members 6/30/95	Current Members	+/-	Foundation Mem/Give	
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3	84.16	Bath	64	63	-1		17
4	83.8	Bethel	40	40	0	25	57
5	82.22	Saco - Bay	61	68	7	32	80
6	81.26	Damariscotta - Newcastle	36	37	1		52
7	80	Brunswick	146	154	8	21	37
8	80	Windham	35	38	3		38
9	78.43	Kennebunk - Portside	43	47	4		47
10	78.33	Bath Sunrise	27	27	0		66
11	77	Bridgton-Lake Region	32	29	-3		48
12	76.83	Hampton	60	64	4	29	6.5
13	75	Casco Bay Sunrise	26	28	2		67
14	74.7	Durham - Great Bay	54	58	4	13	48
15	74.5	Kittery	32	34	2	13	64
16	74.37	Boothbay Harbor	46	48	2		19
17	74	Newburyport	72	72	0		52
18	73.16	Portland	218	221	3	19	2
19	72.78	SouthPortland-CapeElizabeth	45	46	1	106	69
20	72.25	Kennebunk	100	101	1	15	52
21	72	Fryeburg	26	25	-1	15/	62
22	71.2	Westbrook - Gorham	47	51	4	5	3°
23	71	Exeter	42	45	3	48	34
24	70.51	Rumford	56	51	-5	10	28
25	69.4	Ogunquit	41	44	3	10	1
26	69.1	Scarborough	17	20	3	50	5.
27	68.12	Portsmouth	254	265	11	19	5
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January Club Charter Anniversaries

Rotary Club of Somersworth, N.H. - January 7, 1973
Rotary Club of Bath Sunrise, ME. - January 12, 1989
Rotary Club of Wells, ME. - January 17, 1986
Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside, ME. - January 18, 1991
Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale, ME. - January 19, 1923
Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, ME. - Jan. 20, 1962

Mucho apologies to Joe Sheehan, not Sheehan or Sheenan on the previous two misspellings of his name. The spell check on my Mac doesn't recognize the Irish version of any name.

The Bridgton-Lake Region Club raised over \$2300. at their Christmas Tree sales this past Holiday Season. *Great Job!*

The Oxford Hills Rotary and Interact Clubs joined together to take third place for their float in the annual Oxford Hills Christmas Parade. Rotarian and Oxford County Commissioner Steve Merrill played a very realistic "Scrooge"!

The Hampton Rotary Club has been busy raising \$5,795. for their Scholarship Fund and over \$4960. has been appropriated to such organizations as the Big Brother/Big Sister program, James House Assoc., Senior Citizens, Kids Kingdom and the Salvation Army. The club also voted to change their meetings from lunch to breakfast starting July 1st.

DGD Marie Williams presented toys and canned goods that were collected by the Kittery Rotary Club along with a check to Barbara Moulton of Kittery Holiday Baskets which served 110 families during the holidays.

Naj Lotfey past president of the Portland Club spoke to the club recently about the Rotary Foundation. Naj raised \$85,000 for PolioPlus during his year as president. At 4 cents per dose twice a year for three years, the club's \$85,000 will immunize 340,000 children. INCREDIBLE!

Royal Sheltra of the Biddeford-Saco Club recently celebrated his 85th birthday. He also won the 50/50 drawing that day. What a nice birthday present!

The S.P.-C.E. club is having a Rotary Trivia Challenge on January 31st.

The Brunswick Club has a fundraiser which will raise \$1000, for the club by selling movie passes to Big Eight Home Vision or Sounds Easy video stores. Passes are available for \$20. with the club getting \$10 back on each pass. Call Verdi Tripp at 207-729-0336 if you'd like one.

The Fryeburg and Bridgton-Lake Region Clubs held their first annual joint Christmas party on December 2nd. Nearly 40 people attended and had a jolly good time.

The Ogunquit Club voted to donate \$500 to the Meals-On-Wheels program, \$200 to the York County Child Abuse program and \$100 to Camp Susan Curtis. Nice Job!

The Newburyport Rotary Club is having it's Third Annual Frigid Fiver road race on January 21 at 1 pm.

The Wantastiquet Rotary Club of Londonderry Vermont is offering a full day of skiing at Stratton Mt. for \$30. which is a savings of \$10 over the regular price. You can also attend their Thursday dinner meeting at 6PM. for a makeup and ski the next day. Call Joe Donahue at 802-824-3442 for reservations.

District Vocational Service Chairman Dewaine Craig has been sending out a monthly newsletter to keep Vocational Club Chairs up to date on what's going on in the District and Rotary World. Great Idea, Dewaine!

The Westbrook-Gorham Club has made a \$250 donation to the Ken Brooks Memorial Scholarship Fund and a \$100 donation to the Pine Tree Council of BSA.

The Bath Sunrise Club has raised over \$6600. for a variety of projects including McMann Field Construction, Chocolate Church Kitchen, Assistance to Two Bosnian Students, Student Aid, Library Building Fund and the Salvation Army Xmas Fund. The club is working on it's Death by Chocolate fundraiser which takes place in early February. YUM! YUM!

Two Paul Harris Fellows were recently named at the Hampton Rotary Club. PP Dick Pouliot was honored for his contribution to the club and President Ben Moore was honored for his contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

And, remember - Overpay good babysitters, never laugh at anyone's dreams and trust in God, but lock your car!

• The deadline for the February DGNews is February 9th. FAX your news to 207-743-1839 or mail to P.O. Box 108, Paris, Maine 04271.

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CONGRATULATIONS are certainly in order to each club with a net growth in members. CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS to all the Rotarians who have shared ROTARY with someone so far this year! You will notice that we are welcoming 42 NEW MEMBERS to District 7780 in this issue. Most of these were inducted in December. We have proposed and successfully inducted 162 NEW MEMBERS into our clubs during this 1995-96 Rotary Year, with a NET GAIN in membership of 79. We have a great opportunity to work at Membership Retention, saving as many of our existing members as possible. By continuing to concentrate on both MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION, we have the potential to reach the goal of 120 NEW MEMBERS by 31 March, set by District 7780 Presidents-Elect last April. The membership levels of July 1, listed on the attendance page (4) are the figures reported in the July Semi-Annual Reports as submitted to RI by each Club Secretary. These figures were released recently by RI and are being used as the "starting point" in determining MEMBERSHIP GROWTH in 1995-96.

New Rotarians In The District

Bath

Mr. William Hayden Mr. Edward Palmer

Bath Sunrise

Ms. Pamela Lewis

Biddeford-Saco

Mr. Roch Angers

Boothbay Harbor

Mr. Ronald Bouffard

Bridgton-Lake Region

Mr. David Barker

Mr. Thomas Chandel

Mr. Robert Grace

Mr. Donald Johnson

Mr. Albert Smith II

Brunswick

Ms. Mary Lou Kennedy Ms. Margaret Schick-Luke

Brunswick Coastal

Mr. Keven Murphy

Mr. Peter Remington

Newburyport

Mr. Normand lutras

Mr. Herbert Thomas

Portland

Ms. Margaret Abbott

Mr. Thomas Fairbourn

Mr. Maurice Roy

Portsmouth

Mr. John Golumb

Mr. Peter Labrie Mr. John Merkle

Mr. Craig Wheeler

Rochester

Ms. Bonnie Cohen Dr. Walter Hoermann

Ms. Marilyn Johnson

Mr. Glenn Lepene

Rumford

Mr. Ronald Russell

Saco Bay

Mr. Raymond Audie Jr. Mr. John Baert

Ms. Jean Costello

Mr. Dana Kuhns

Mr. Anthony LeBlanc

Mr. Hy Schirazi

Mr. Thomas Tibbetts

Scarborough

Mr. Alex Kasny

Seabrook-Hampton Falls

Mr. James Foraker

Ms. Gloria Krunkonis

Somersworth

Ms. Leslie Bouvier

Ms. Lisa Schulman

Mr. Timothy Tower

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth

Mr. Bryant Nichelson



Essex Youth Exchange

by Bobbi Bird

As we begin the new year, we are prepared to say goodbye to Alison and we are NOT happy about this, but we do understand that she must return to her family and studies in Australia. We wish you all the best, Alison, and hope that you will keep in touch with us!

We had the wonderful opportunity to hear and see Nami Kuriyama play in December. Nami was a featured artist in the Freeport High School's Annual Christmas Concert. Nami not only accompanied the chorus but also played a beautiful Chopin piece. This concert was televised on Freeport's Community Cable Channel.

We have some exciting plans for the Youth Exchange students this winter and spring. We plan to have both our "inbound" and next year's "outbound" students get together in Biddeford for a pool party at the "Y". We will take that opportunity to meet with and talk to the parents of our outbound students and discuss all of the requirements and preparations for their sons' and daughters' year abroad.

Now I would like to introduce you to Carolina (CaCa) Simioni from Brazil. CaCa is sponsored by the Kennebunk Portside Club and is living with Cathy and Arnie Reim in Kennebunk. Piracicaba, Sao Paulo, Brazil is where CaCa calls home. She lives with her mother, Ana, father, Angelo, sister, Karime, and brother Fernando. CaCa is the "baby" of the family and shares a room with her sister. Both her mother and father are members of the Rotary Club De Piracicaba! In Brazil students don't choose their classes. Last year she studied English, Portuguese, Biology, History, Geography, Art, Mathematics, Physics,

Chemistry and Literature! WHEW!

CaCa likes to listen to music, ride bikes and read. Her future plans are to finish high school and go to the University to study marketing so she can work in her father's sporting good store. Her hometown (pop. 400,000) is in Sao Paulo, one of the most developed states in Brazil. The economy is mainly agriculture, primarily sugar cane, with advanced technological development the sugar mills produce a byproduct of alcohol, which is the country's main energy source. It's been a pleasure having Carolina as an inbound student.

Peace Day Dinner Planned

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. for 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 to complete arrangements.

MOW HEAR THIS!

By Orville "Tex" Ranger

The World Community Service Committee, WCSC, of the Brunswick Rotary Club first became active in 1984. For some time we floundered around trying to make contact with Rotary clubs and other organizations in foreign countries, particularly in the Caribbean area, in order to find an acceptable project. One of our members suggested that we adopt a child through Plan International. We "adopted" Glenda Poitan Cabreras of Guatemala at a cost to the Club of \$22. per month. We pay for this easily out of our weekly raffle, with money left over.

We received a photograph, some vital statistics, and a brief letter from our new ward, who was at that time in the third grade. Since that time, Glenda writes to us two or three times a year to keep us advised as to her

progress in school and at home.

On December 6, I received a congratulatory letter from Childreach, which is the successor to Plan International, concerning my appointment as Rotary District Chairman for the WCSC. Where they got the information I have no idea. However, they sent me several pamphlets about Childreach and a video, recommending that I encourage all clubs in the District to also sponsor a needy child in a developing country.

I discussed this matter at the Council of Governors Meeting on December 19, at which time it was unanimously recommended that I insert this article in DG George Rice's Newsletter. At the present time, Childreach is looking for sponsors in the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras,

India and many other places around the world.

I highly recommend that as a first step toward becoming involved in international service, your club sign up with Childreach, and adopt a child. These adoptions usually last five or six years, but you are under no

obligation to continue for any particular period of time.

Childreach has a wealth of information which is readily available. Also, with reasonable notice they will send a representative to speak at your club meeting. If you are interested in a painless but effective entry into the world of International Rotary, please write or give me a call.

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 any 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 or write to 20 Federal St., Brunswick, Maine 04011.

Rochester Christmas Light Tour

The Rochester, N.H. R.C. held its 4th Annual Christmas Light Tour on December 13th. Over 80 elderly citizens were picked up at their homes or from area nursing homes. A caravan made up of a large commercial passenger bus and four minivans took their guests on an area tour of the brightly decorated homes. The tour started in Rochester and then proceeded to Somersworth where Gateway II restaurant owner and PP of the Durham-Great Bay R.C. Bob Greenleaf served all of the participants refreshments and cookies. The caravan then proceeded to observe more Christmas lights in South Berwick, ME. For the past four years the tours have been organized by Rochester Rotarian and Fire Chief Mark Dellner. He was assisted by approximately a dozen Rochester Rotarians. The people start calling him during the summer to make sure he is going to have a Christmas tour. It is Mark's enthusiasm and many hours of planning that make this such a success. Mark's wife, Dawn says that "Mark has just loved Christmas lights since he was a child'. It is truly an example of "Service Above Self".

Attention! Bulletin Editors

You're doing a great job! Send the next three (3) copies of your <u>Club</u>
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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.

Area Code Change At Rotary International

As of January 20, 1996 the area code for the World Headquarters of Rotary International will be 847 instead of 708. This will apply to both telephone and faxes. There will be a three month grace period where both area codes can be used.

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