



DISTRICT 7780 GOVERNOR'S

NEWSLETTER

June 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,

As the end of the 1995-1996 Rotary year approaches, I can only begin to say what a terrific experience this year has been for Ginny and I. The opportunity to learn so much more about our great organization in itself is a positive encounter. The many occasions to meet Rotarians and their spouses from all over the world, from all walks of life, speaking different languages and from varying cultures has been a most wonderful adventure for a country boy from Maine. The chance to get acquainted and to work with the officers of each of the 37 Rotary Clubs from our district has truly been a privilege. The hospitality and many kindnesses extended to us as we made our Official Visits are memories that will never fade. The opportunities to return to some of

the clubs and renew acquaintances has been a great pleasure. The chance to share the sense of accomplishment with all of you as we have achieved many of our dreams during the year has been very satisfying. As we have continued to make a difference in our year together, we have built a basis for our successors to improve upon. With our continued support of the

ideals of Rotary, we will all be successful as we *Build the Future with Action and Vision* in 1996-1997.

The 1996 District Conference ceremoniously marked the conclusion of another year of service to the clubs and communities of District 7780, and to the world. Many dedicated and knowledgeable Rotarians shared their insight and wisdom with the over 300 Conference attendees in Plenary Sessions and Workshops. 170 Rotarians and guests enjoyed an indoor (due to rain) barbeque on Thursday night followed by Bethel Rotarian Nancy Harrison's world famous Country Line dancing, assisted by Rochester's Wayne and Donna Brockney, world famous line dancers. Friday and Saturday night's banquets were enjoyed by 240 Rotarians

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District Secretary's Corner By Patty McAllister

For those of you who were not able to attend the District Conference, I'd like to recap the highlights of my secretary's report. With emphasis this year on membership growth, I thought it would be informative to report on the numbers. Total new members inducted this year as of 10 June, 1996 is 382. Total members terminated as of the same date is 218. Net membership gain is 164. Congratulations on reaching and surpassing the goal set of 120!

A recap of termination reasons showed 30% were because of business pressure, 25% moved or had business transfers, 20% were for personal/health reasons or deceased, and the remaining 25% were for attendance. Close to 75% of the reasons why members were terminated were beyond anyone's control, and hopefully the new 2-week window for makeup opportunities will lessen the attendance reasons.

I'd like to thank all the Club Secretaries for getting their attendance reports to me in time for the Governor's Newsletter. 100% of the reports were on

time for 4 months, 90% or better were on time for 5 months, and 75-85% for the remaining 3 months. I really appreciate their efforts and cooperation to send me the reports and membership change forms timely to keep Governor George updated, to keep the Zone Coordinator updated and to keep Rotary International updated. Thanks for a job well done!

As my year as District Secretary comes to a close, I want you all to know that I've been thrilled with the experience, with the friendships developed, the Rotary information and knowledge I've obtained, and have especially enjoyed the opportunity of working directly with Governor George. He has been so organized, so full of knowledge, and so helpful he has made my job a lot easier.

It has truly been a rewarding year in my Rotary career, and all of you who have helped make it the experience of a lifetime, I say "Thank You!"

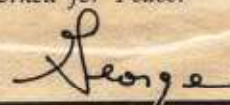
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and guests, as many members and clubs were recognized for their accomplishments this year. Kittery's Bruce and DGND Marie Williams organized and supervised the Silent Auction which raised over \$2400. for **Our Rotary Foundation**. It is impossible to give the proper credit in this Newsletter to all those who contributed to the success of **Conference '96**. General Chairman Frank Shorey, Co-chairs Dave Longstaff and Tom Kennison and the "Dirty Dozen Plus One" Conference Committee are to be commended for their expertise in planning, organizing and presenting a great District Conference for all of us. The entire membership of the Rotary Club of Oxford Hills participated in some way in making everything happen and happen at the right time. As I said at the Governor's Banquet on Saturday night - I have never been more proud than Conference weekend to say that I am a member of the Rotary Club of Oxford Hills.

Words cannot express my thanks to Ginny for her untiring moral support, suggestions, patience and understanding over the past three years. Our children, Mike, Georgia and Rusty have been most supportive and helpful. My love and appreciation go to all of them.

Our sincere thanks go to all the Rotary Clubs, District Officers and Chairs, for your dedication this year and a special thanks to my "HOME CLUB" for their support over the past 3 years. It has been a privilege to serve as your Governor as we *Acted with Integrity, Served with Love and Worked for Peace*.

Yours in Rotary,



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District 7780 Youth Exchange

by Bobbi Bird, District Chair

Well, we are running out of time with "our kids". Sabrina and Marie have already gone home and Mikkel leaves this week. We had a great picnic at our house this weekend with both our Outbound (1996-1997) and our Inbound students and their families! It was great to see everybody together again. We had lots to eat and talk about and time to play volleyball too. A special thank you to incoming District Governor 1996-1997 Craig Wellman for joining us, we were very sorry that DG George Rice and Ginny couldn't join us as well. We were also very happy to see Corey Wilbur back from her year in Brazil, she had a wonderful time, especially during Carnival!

Several of our Outbound students have heard from some of their host families and most of them now know which district they will be hosted in for their year away. Jerry will be in Germany, Matt Hamilton and Nic Heppe are both going to Brazil, but they will be a thousand miles apart. Caitlan West will be in Venezuela and Anna Lincoln will be going to Spain. Elijah Walker is heading for Indonesia while Matt Marin will be in Sweden! Chhun Thy is excited about spending his year in Mexico and Alexandra Montalvo is ready for Belgium. They are all excited and are looking forward to getting on their way!

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Karen Camus. Karen has lived this year with the Haydens in Portland and has been sponsored by the Casco Bay Sunrise Club. Karen is from the city of La Serena in the region of Coquimbo, Chile. She lives with her sister Claudia who is 26 as well as her parents, Carlos Carvajal Naranjo, a farmer and Silvia Rivera Contreras, an executive secretary. They live in a large house in a private neighborhood. Karen has a special interest in gymnastics. She would like to study Civil Engineering or English-Spanish interpretation to help in the continuing development of her country.

When in Chile she studied 10 obligatory subjects; Math, Spanish, Economics, Chilean history, Geography, English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Philosophy and Physical Education. For her three optional subjects she studied Math, Physics and Art. She attended school from 8 til 1 Monday through Friday as well as from 3-6 PM on Mondays and Thursdays. *We all wish Karen the best of luck!*

Attention Club Secretaries!

June Attendance reports are due on July 10, 1996 and should be mailed to incoming District Secretary Alan Shepard at Hodsdon, Read and Shepard, 56 Portland Rd., Kennebunk, Maine 04043. The repts can also be faxed to Alan at (207)-985-3325.

Kittery Club Changes Meeting Place

As of the July 2nd meeting, the Rotary Club of Kittery, Maine will be meeting at the Quarterdeck Restaurant on Route 1.

from a club bulletin . . .

If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest --- Franklin

Club Attendance Figures For May

	Attendance	Club	Members 6/30/95	Current Members	+/-	Foundation Mem/Give
1	91.3	Bethel	40	44	4	50
2	91.2	South Berwick	35	37	2	54
3	88.89	Oxford Hills	49	54	5	56
4	88.7	Fryeburg	26	27	1	
5	88	Wells	45	46	1	21
6	86	Windham	35	33	-2	
7	85.33	Kennebunk - Portside	43	46	3	
8	84.79	Bath	64	61	-3	46
9	83	Newburyport	72	75	3	
10	82	Brunswick	146	156	10	29
11	81.8	Biddeford-Saco	104	102	-2	
12	81.67	Damariscotta - Newcastle	36	42	6	2
13	80.34	Saco Bay	61	73	12	33
14	79.41	Casco Bay Sunrise	26	34	8	41
15	79.23	Boothbay Harbor	46	47	1	
16	78	Exeter	42	46	4	60
17	77.71	Rochester	59	69	10	1
18	77.37	South Portland - Cape Elizabeth	45	50	5	157
19	76.52	Freeport	35	45	10	2
20	76.5	Dover	80	84	4	9
21	75.8	Durham - Great Bay	54	57	3	18
22	75.78	Westbrook - Gorham	47	46	-1	21
23	75	Kittery	32	30	-2	96
24	74.6	York	60	61	1	
25	74.29	Portsmouth	254	277	23	32
26	73.4	Portland	218	231	13	43
27	72	Ogunquit	41	50	9	10
28	70.8	Bath Sunrise	27	30	3	
29	70.75	Rumford	56	50	-6	20
30	70.2	Somersworth	26	26	0	17
31	68.84	Hampton	60	64	4	84
32	68	Seabrook - Hampton Falls	30	34	4	62
33	67.2	Bridgton-Lake Region	32	36	4	
34	66.25	Sanford - Springvale	60	59	-1	31
35	64	Kennebunk	100	102	2	26
36	54.4	Scarborough	17	19	2	50
37	50	Brunswick - Coastal	15	18	3	
38	76.46 Avg.	TOTALS	2218	2361	143	30
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LATE NEWS FLASH

Congratulations! to the Rotary Club of Yarmouth!

and to President Elect Peter Johnson

*The Rotary Club of Yarmouth received approval to receive its' Charter from
Rotary International on 17 June, 1996 with 30 Charter Members
Plans will be announced for a Charter Night celebration on September 20, 1996!*

DISTRICT 7780 CLUB CAPERS AND OTHER NEWS

District Club Charter Anniversaries

June 20, 1972 - Rotary Club of Ogunquit

June 20, 1988 - Rotary Club of Casco Bay Sunrise

June 24, 1974 - Rotary Club of Bethel

Bob Begin of the **Biddeford-Saco** club hit a deer five minutes after leaving the District Conference. The Conference Committee wanted to make sure that there was a wide range of activities for everyone, including a little auto hunting. Howard Hebb of the **Damariscotta-Newcastle** club car caught fire on the way home. It's too bad Bob and Howard could've gotten together and had a BBQ of their own.

Mrs. Elmina Sewall was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by the **Kennebunk** club in May. Over the years Elmina has been generous to the Library, animal shelter, Brick Store Museum, SMMC, Biddeford Free Clinic, Portland Museum of Art, UNE, Rachel Carson Preserve and the Senior Center in Lower Village. Sounds like quite an honor for quite a lady!

The **Hampton** club set a record at their recent auction. The club raised around \$7000. compared to last year's \$5600.

The **Newburyport** club profited over \$800 at their first annual yard sale and also made over \$1000 on the first weekend of their Canoe Raffle. The club also presented the George Cashman Scholarship to Sara McCarty and the Norman Russell Rotary Scholarship to Beth Hriczo.

The **Bath Sunrise** club will be holding its 6th Annual Chicken BBQ on Wednesday, July 3rd at Bath

Library Park on Washington St. The evening gets underway at 5 PM and the menu includes chicken, cole slaw, potato salad, watermelon, rolls and homemade pies and coffee or punch. All for 7.00 for adults and 4.00 for kids. Call 443-4191 during the day or 443-8445 in the evening for more information.

Sue Cyr of the **Saco Bay** club announces that their auction total came in a tad under \$30,000. WOW!

The **Portsmouth** club's Second Annual Lifetime Achievement Dinner was a smashing success. This year's recipient was Rotarian and Mayor Eileen Foley. - - - PDG Mort Schmidt received a richly deserved "Mr. Rotary" designation from PDG Jim Labrie as well as another Paul Harris Fellowship. Mort was greeted with the usual good natured canine yelps and howls. - - - The club has slated their Third Annual Golf Tournament for September 9th.

There are individuals who have been Rotarians for many years and who do alot of work for their clubs, but Roger Conant of the **Bethel** club has the distinction of being the club's bulletin editor consistently for 16 years. Roger is a Past President of the club and was the first Paul Harris Fellow awarded by the club in 1989 for his service above self.

The **Rochester** club recently celebrated their 36th anniversary. Two of the Charter Members are still members of the club, Fred Hall and Jim Foss. The program for the day

was reminiscing about the previous 36 years.

The **Sanford-Springvale** club recently honored Laura Kirten with their 6th Annual Community Service Award. The club has also awarded 6 scholarships totaling \$11,250. The club has awarded \$80,000. in scholarships to deserving students. The club is also planning their 2nd Annual golf Tournament for Wednesday June 26th. Call Linda Brown at (207) 324-0130 for details.

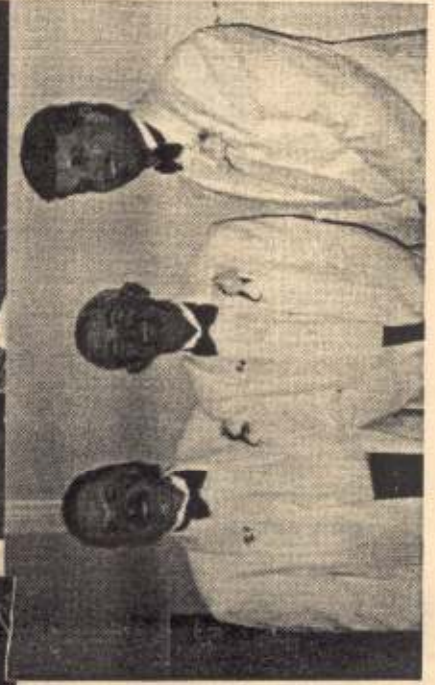
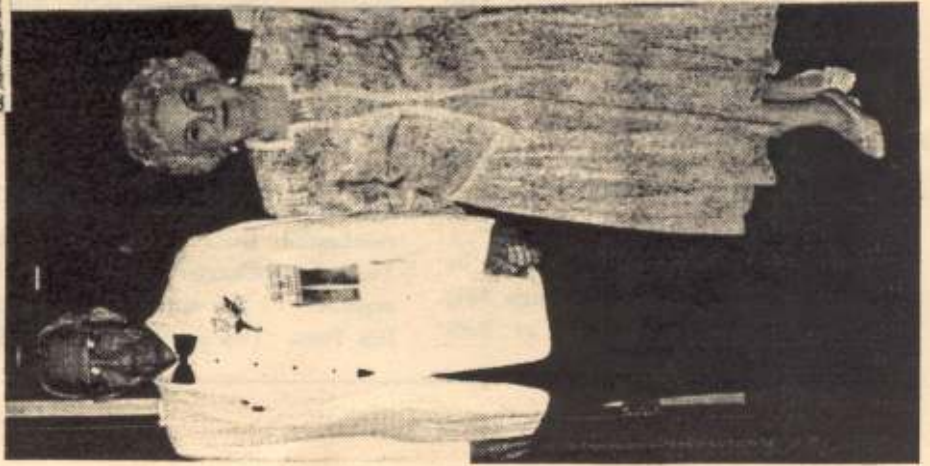
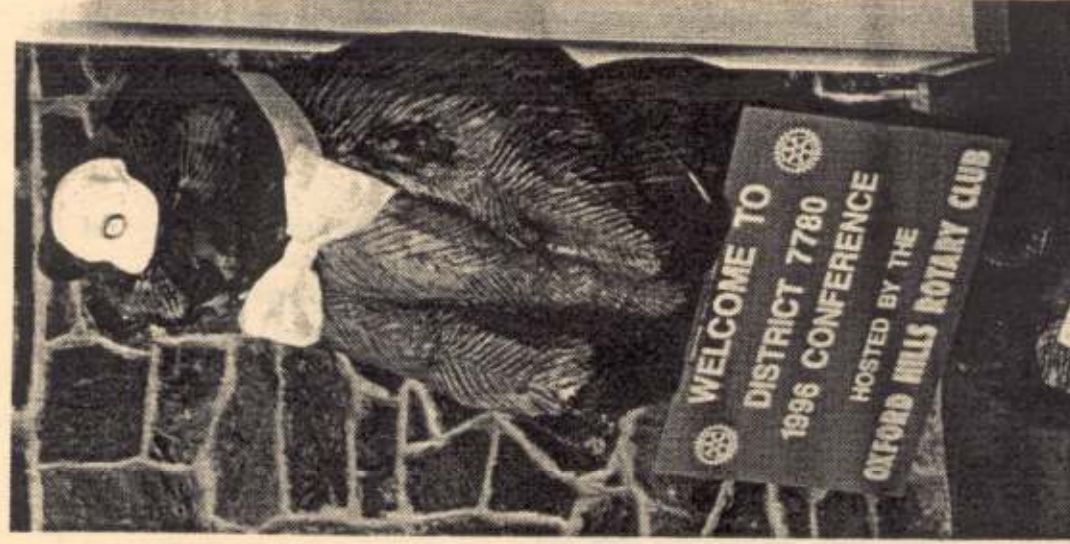
Jerry Gordon of the **Portland** club thanks all who participated in the Maine Aids Walk held on May 5th. Special thanks to Russ Burleigh, Gail Osgood, Dorothy Schwartz, Carole Esley, Loretta Rowe, John Houghton, Jim Hilly, Penney Armstrong, Mark Carpentier, Steve and Carol Kennedy, Terry Fischer, Mary Finnegan, Jane O'Halloran, David Clough, Phil and Diane O'Hearn, Bob Booth and John Perry.

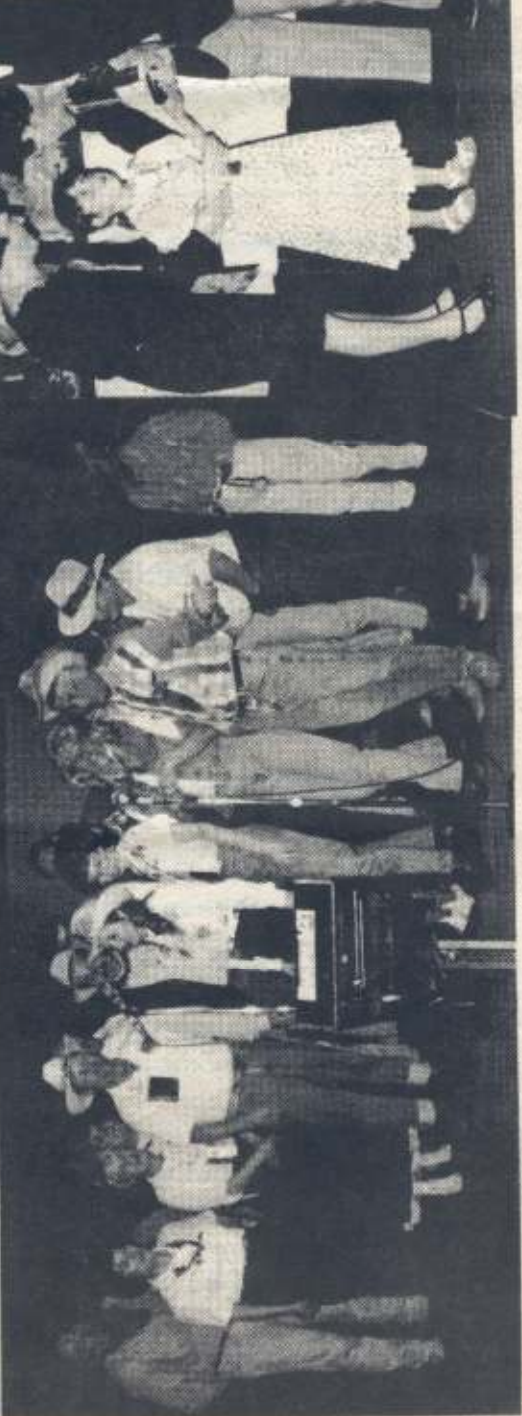
Here's a bit of trivia -- Who is the oldest Past District Governor from our present district boundaries and where is he? Frank Hinckley formerly of the **Portland** club served as District Governor in 1967-68 when we were part of District 779. Frank is currently living in Brewer, Maine and is doing well.

The **Damariscotta-Newcastle** club is planning their July Rotary Extravaganza to be held on the 12th, 13th and 14th on Route One in Newcastle. Their recent BIG BAND Afternoon with the Al Corey Band was a success.

Then Oxford Hills Club supported the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters

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Rotary Foundation News

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Mark your calendars NOW -- for this opportunity for ALL Rotarians to learn and share information about **YOUR** Foundation.

**Date - Saturday - November 16th,
1996**

**Place - University of New England,
Biddeford, Maine.**

Program details will be announced soon.
Any suggestions? Please let me hear from
you!

Club Capers and Other News Continued . . .

Program at a recent Bowl For Kids. DG George Rice and District Secretary Patty participated and Club Member Steve "knock em down" Cummings was given a trophy for the highest score.

The **Bath Sunrise** club has set the lofty goal of 750 tickets to be sold and a \$2300 profit from their Sixth Annual Heritage Days BBQ. GOOD LUCK!

The **Brunswick** club recently completed sales of over \$16,000. on their Brunswick Rotary dinner book. WOW!

And . . . The **Podunk** Rotary club had it's changing of the guard a month earlier than everyone else. It seems that Past President Sammy Dasch planted his corn using a new fertilizer causing the corn to mature real early. Incoming President Austin E. Duval felt that Sammy needs the time to harvest and since he wants to take the month of June off next year he thought a new tradition could be started. The two presidents then convened a meeting of all of the presidents and past presidents of the club at the Windmill Restaurant for the evening.

Editor's Note - As of June 10th, all club bulletins should be forwarded to DGN Craig Wellman, RD# 1, Box 1916, Kennebunk, Maine 04043.

REMINDER

1997-98 Ambassadorial Scholarship
Applications

Deadline - July 1st, 1996

Submit them to the District Foundation
Chairman.

Interviews will be held Friday and
Saturday, August 16 and 17, 1996 at the
University of New England, Biddeford,
Maine.

Candidates will be informed of their
scheduled time and date.

Questions? - CALL Me!

Richard E. "Dick" Clark
District Foundation Chairman
Phone: 603-742-1263

RYLA NEWS

RYLA is only two plus weeks away, and we have 64 RYLA students, plus three Rotarians who will be participating in an Outward Bound Guided course of our design. The three Rotarians will participate fully in the program as members of watches, the small groups in each pulling boat. It is essential for a multi day program to have the continuity, and commitment of at least one person acting as leader/instructor.

A great visit with some of the staff confirmed their desire to run a program to meet our needs. We will be spending two days on the pulling boats, and a third day on Hurricane Island.

Our theme this year is "Leaders Follow", and the program will be based around the Four Way Test, emphasizing leadership, communication of the truth, fairness, friendship, and helping others in each group. (Considering others before yourself.)

Two hours will be spent with the 12 Outward Bound Staff assigned to us on Friday afternoon before the program to insure that all six watches will be beginning each day with the same goals in mind. Wouldn't it be great if there were 12 Rotarians who could give their time to lead the groups? We look forward to a productive and exciting conference.

Yours in Rotary
Arthur Bradbury
District 7780 RYLA Chairman

Conference Corner Chatter

Our theme for Conference 96 was *"Enthusiasm is Contagious, Catch It!"*. It was certainly caught by all Rotarians of District 7780 who attended this year's conference. Our District Secretary Patty McAllister, was so enthusiastic, she rode to the Summit via Mildred the Moose!

My heartfelt thanks go to the "Dirty Dozen Plus One Conference Committee", the Oxford Hills Rotary Club, and all Rotarians throughout the district. If thanked individually, the list of names would fill this newsletter! During the conference, wherever a Rotarian was asked for help, there was never a refusal or an excuse for one reason or another. It was a positive "yes" followed by "What can I do."

My personal congratulations to District Governor George for a great year and I wish Craig Wellman good luck in his upcoming year as District Governor. What great leaders we have in District 7780!



I certainly consider it a privilege to have served as District Conference Chair. It is just another reason why I'm so very proud to say *"I'm a Oxford Hills Rotarian!"*



*Past --- Present --- and Future
DC Chair Himself... "Playboy Frank"*

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.

Welcome New Rotarians

The following individuals were sworn in as new Rotarians during the last few months.

Bath - Mr. David Reed
Bath-Sunrise - Ms. Kathleen Hobson
 Mr. Bill Lamia
 Ms. Vicki Sprague
Bethel - Mr. Walter Hatch
 Mr. Richard Mowery
Biddeford-Saco
 Mr. Joseph Moreshead
 Mr. Earl Cianchette
Boothbay Harbor -
 Mr. Arthur Ridlon
 Mr. Tod Szczech
Brunswick - Mr. Normand Bilodeau
 Mr. Donald McKissock
 Mr. David Millar
Casco Bay Sunrise-
 Ms. Stacey Heitmann
Dover- Mr. Kenneth Muske
 Ms. Donna Wasieswski
Fryeburg - Ms. Judy McCarthy
Kennebunk - Mr. Dudley Tyson
Portland - Ms. Stephanie Drinan
 Mr. Judson Smith
 Mr. Robert Radie
 Ms. Elaine Richer
 Mr. Scott Schnapp
 Mr. Jonathan Singer
Portsmouth - Ms. Mary Carella
 Ms. Patrice Kester
 Mr. Jay Levy
 Ms. Linda Moreau
Rochester - Mr. Arthur Nickless
Rumford - Ms. Elaine Desgrosseilolliers
Saco Bay - Mr. Bernard Gaines
 Ms. Laurie Snow
 Mr. John Williams
Sanford-Springvale - Mr. David Heald

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