



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,

Our congratulations and compliments go to DGN Craig Wellman, Assembly Chair and PE Doug Coleman, and the Kennebunk Rotarians on a well attended, well presented, informative and fun 1996 District Assembly.

Have you ever been asked "What is Rotary?". Of course you have. By proper definition Rotary is "an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build good will and peace in the world". When I think of Rotary 3 words come to mind - **People Helping People**. I was reminded of this simplicity at our District Assembly when we all watched the video of Kerry Carson, a victim of Aids, trying to help some of her peers avoid the trauma she was experiencing. -**People Helping People**. A few minutes later we heard of Sarah Herlihy's experience as an Ambassadorial Scholar and what it means to her to be a Foundation Alumnus. Her experience was made possible by contributions to Our Rotary Foundation by District 7780 Rotarians - **People Helping People**. On May 5, Ginny and I had the opportunity to meet the District 4900 Group Study

Exchange Team when they arrived at Portland, and saw the excitement in their eyes as they were about to begin their visit here in our district. They were met by the GSE committee members, who planned and arranged their itinerary for their stay here - strangers until then - now friends forever - **People Helping People**. About 2 hours later our District 7780 GSE Team led by Portland Rotarian Sarah Luck, arrived. I'll not soon forget the look of pride and gratification in each member's eyes as they exclaimed what a

wonderful enriching experience they had enjoyed. Again this program is made possible by support of Our Rotary Foundation - **People Helping People**. These events all occurred over a span of eight days. It is little wonder why when I think of Rotary **People Helping People** comes to mind. **People ARE Helping People** through Rotary every day and everywhere in this world of ours.

The District Conference Committee and the entire Rotary Club of Oxford Hills has continued to work tirelessly to plan and arrange a great Conference for all District 7780 Rotarians and guests. We anxiously await the next few days until Conference 96 begins on May 30. We look forward to seeing YOU at The Summit and celebrate our year of service together led by RI President Herb Brown and his theme, *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

I would like to begin by thanking many wonderful Rotarians for their contributions to the District Assembly held at the University of New England on April 27th. More specifically, I wish to express my appreciation to those individuals who spent time preparing for group discussions and plenary sessions, as well as those who committed their Saturday to learning about Rotary, or sharing their Rotary knowledge with others. It was the goal of the District Assembly Committee to provide all who attended an opportunity to share and learn, as well as to inspire and energize all of those who participated.

As I reflect on Saturday's events, I am reminded of something our guest speaker, Lou Piconi, said. Lou said, on more than one occasion, "That we must have fun in Rotary or we shouldn't do it." When I saw one of our PDG's at the District Assembly, I was pleased to note

that he was still wearing his "Enjoy Rotary" theme pin on his lapel. How can each of us make Rotary fun? Some have stated that Rotary is serious business, and indeed it is - but it can and should be fun. The success of our Rotary programs is directly attributed to the friendship, fellowship, and fun of the individual Rotarians who work so hard to make it happen.

One of our District goals for the coming year is membership retention. As I have told all of my President-Elects, it will not be acceptable to lose members next year. I would ask, "How can it be all right to lose our friends, to not be with them when we are having fun, enjoying what we do, as we do good for others?". Recently I was at a gathering of people when a friend came up to me and said he only knew a few of the people there. As I looked around the room, I realized that this was true for me as well. However, I saw this as an

opportunity to make some new friends, and in the process, I had a lot of fun.

In Rotary, there are many opportunities to have fun. The challenge is for each of us to seek the fun - to find the fun in a given situation. For, in any worthwhile endeavor, there is an opportunity to make it enjoyable, to make new friends, and to have fun. Remember why Paul Harris began Rotary in the first place.

Special Notice from Rotary International

A letter I recently received from Rotary International asked that I share with my Clubs the following information from Brian E. Hartzell, a member of the National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses. These houses are places where families can stay while a family member, often a child, is undergoing serious medical procedures in a nearby hospital. They are manned by volunteers and are not for profit operations under 501(c) (3) of the IRS Code. If any Clubs in our District are interested, Brian's phone number is 216-229-5758. You may also call 800-542-9730 (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM EST) or you may write to the Association at 4013 W. Jackson, Muncie, IN 47304.

• **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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RI Representative Named

Dr. E. Travis York to Speak at Conference

Rotary International President Herb Brown has notified Governor George Rice that Dr. E. Travis York, Jr. and his wife Vam will be representing he and Diane at the 1996 District 7780 Conference. E.T., as he is known, is a professor of Agriculture at the University of Florida. He served as Governor of District 697 in 1981-82.

General Giving

Support of Our Rotary Foundation continues to be steady and on target toward reaching our goal of \$103,000 in General Giving by our year's end on June 30! As of March 31 we had contributed \$66,200. With your continued efforts, we will achieve our \$103,000 goal.

Membership Goals

Our net Membership Goal of +120 has been exceeded and on May 3, we reported to Zone 31 Coordinator Harley Jordan a Net Increase of +135. Keep up the good work as we approach the end of Our year of leadership!

Attention Presidents and Secretaries

Don't forget to recognize those Rotarians who have successfully proposed two or more new members this year with a certificate from RI President Herb Brown. To arrange issuance, simply contact Service Supervisor Ray Bredberg at 847-866-3264 or by fax at 847-866-3072 and confirm the member's name and the address to send the signed certificate.

Essex Youth Exchange

by Bobbi Bird, District Chair

Well, we had a great time in Boston last weekend. Henry and I escorted Ivana, Karen, Eva, Sabrina, Nami, Carolina and Fleur to Boston on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. We "did" the Freedom Trail, The Old Town Trolley, walked around and took pictures in the Commons and Public Gardens (the tulips were just wonderful!) and of course had dinner at The Hard Rock Cafe! You really learn a lot of interesting facts on those trolley tours, for instance, did you know that Paul Revere had 8 children with his first wife, and 4 months after she died in childbirth no less, he married another woman and proceeded to have 8 more children! (That may be why he volunteered to take his famous ride that fateful night, anything to get out of the house. . . .)

We all said goodbye to Sabrina on Tuesday, before we headed home from Boston. Sabrina was traveling to San Jose, California to visit her aunt before continuing on to the Philippines and school, which starts in June.

Our time is running short with our students for this year, so be sure to take the opportunity to meet them at The District Conference!

Time to introduce you to Eva Celina Maldonado

Cardoza. Eva is being hosted by the Durham-Great Bay Club this year and has had a wonderful time during her stay in New Hampshire. Eva is from the City of Yoro in Honduras. Her father, Alejandro, is a teacher and her mother, Evangelina, is a hospital nurse. Eva has two brothers, Alejandro, 16 and Jorge Alberto, 11.

I have to tell you that I feel Eva has really blossomed since our orientation weekend last September. She was the most shy young lady I have ever met, and she "told us" (through interpreters) that she didn't understand or speak any English when she arrived. But now...she is learning Portuguese, wants to learn Italian and speaks English very well indeed!!

We also had another orientation meeting with our outbound students at Crickets and they all did a wonderful job sharing with us all the information they had collected about their "soon-to-be-adopted-host-countries". We all learned a lot about these countries and it sure was exciting to watch and listen to them and feel their growing excitement! We will be having another orientation meeting with them all in June. Keep tuned for more information about The Class of 1996-1997.

Club Attendance Figures For April

	Attendance	Club	Members 6/30/95	Current Members	+/-	Foundation Mem/Give
1	92.45	South Berwick	35	37	2	54
2	91	Windham	35	32	-3	
3	90.74	Oxford Hills	49	54	5	56
4	86.02	Bath	64	61	-3	46
5	85.73	Boothbay Harbor	46	46	0	
6	85	Wells	45	46	1	21
7	83.1	Bethel	40	42	2	50
8	82.31	Fryeburg	26	26	0	
9	82.14	Saco Bay	61	70	9	33
10	81.67	Kennebunk - Portside	43	49	6	
11	81.48	South Portland - Cape Elizabeth	45	49	4	157
12	81	Newburyport	72	76	4	
13	80.54	Westbrook - Gorham	47	48	1	21
14	77.75	Biddeford-Saco	104	102	-2	
15	77	Bridgton-Lake Region	32	36	4	
16	76.8	Durham - Great Bay	54	57	3	18
17	76.46	York	60	60	0	
18	76.24	Rumford	56	50	-6	20
19	75.7	Portland	218	225	7	43
20	75	Exeter	42	48	6	60
21	74.38	Portsmouth	254	273	19	32
22	74	Brunswick	146	154	8	29
23	71.88	Casco Bay Sunrise	26	32	6	41
24	71.8	Kittery	32	29	-3	96
25	71	Kennebunk	100	105	5	26
26	70.54	Freeport	35	45	10	2
27	70	Damariscotta - Newcastle	36	42	6	2
28	70	Dover	80	80	0	9
29	69.2	Rochester	59	69	10	1
30	68.75	Bath Sunrise	27	31	4	
31	67.18	Hampton	60	64	4	84
32	66.32	Sanford - Springvale	60	60	0	31
33	65.5	Ogunquit	41	50	9	10
34	65	Seabrook - Hampton Falls	30	33	3	62
35	63.2	Somersworth	26	25	-1	17
36	62.7	Scarborough	17	20	3	50
37	41	Brunswick - Coastal	15	18	3	
38	75.15 AVG.	TOTALS	2218	2344	126	30
39	District Secretary Patty Congratulates all Clubs for a 100% reporting Month in April.					
40	* Foundation Giving per member amounts as of 31 March, 1996 !					
41	Final tally for Governor's Trophy Challenge will be announced at the District Conference!					

DISTRICT 7780 CLUB CAPERS AND OTHER NEWS

District Club Charter Anniversaries

May 10, 1923 - Rotary Club of Newburyport, Massachusetts

May 10, 1924 - Rotary Club of Dover, New Hampshire

May 12, 1960 - Rotary Club of Rochester, New Hampshire

May 19, 1925 - Rotary Club of Brunswick, Maine

The Fryeburg Rotary Club is having their Second Annual Great Saco Canoe Race on June 16th. Registration is at 9:00 AM at Swans Falls in Fryeburg. Call Brenda Thibodeau at 697-3193 if your family or club would like to participate. This is always a grand time.

Jim Bloom a Senior Active member of the Everett, Washington Rotary Club and his wife Sally are taking a fall tour of New England and would love to stay at Bed and Breakfast owned or managed by Rotarians. If you have anyone in your club who fits the bill, tell them to write Jim and Sally at 3530 Federal Ave. Everett, WA. 98201 or call them at (206) 259-2358.

Congratulations are in order for Fred and Elizabeth Beal on celebrating their 58th Wedding Anniversary. Fred is a Senior Active member of the Damariscotta - Newcastle Club.

The previously mentioned club is also sponsoring Al Corey and his Big Band with Leila Percy this Sunday, May 19th from 3 to 5 PM at the YMCA. Did anyone know that Al Corey is also a Rotarian?

The Rotary Club of Portland has two dates set for members to volunteer to assist senior members of their community with spring cleanup chores. Members will do yard work, remove and change storm windows, wash windows, clean out gutters, turn mattresses, beat rugs, clean up cellars and any other project that can be completed in four hours. That's what I call "Service Above Self".

Speaking of cleanups -- members of the Rochester Club lead by Dave Tatum held a clean up of the Farmington Road and did a fantastic and thorough job.

The Rotary Clubs of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth and Portland constructed an access ramp for Kayleigh Austin, the young lady from South Portland who inexplicably lapsed into a coma six months ago. Good news is that Kayleigh is doing much better. Great Team Effort!

Phil Rinaldi of Dover tells us that the Rochester Club is sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Moose hall on June 7th from Noon to 5PM. Giving Blood is a Great Way to Share Life!

The Oxford Hills R.C. has announced a joint partnership with the local Kiwanis and Lions Club's to sponsor the Oxford Hills Family Festival to be held on the last Saturday of July when the former Rotary Bean Hole Bean Festival was held. Auctions are planned on Friday night and Saturday afternoon, the Bean Hole dinner on Saturday afternoon and a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning. The Clubs have agreed to split the profits to benefit the local community.

The Hampton, N.H. Chamber of Commerce has awarded the Rotary Club of Hampton their Distinguished Service Award. Congratulations on Your Award, Hampton!

The Portsmouth Club Membership is now above 270 with more than 10 New Members in the pipeline. The enthusiastic Club is looking for #300. Let's all hope they get it before the end of the Rotary Year. The Club is also planning a work party on the John Paul Jones House. With all those hands, the work should be easy!

The Brunswick R.C. has donated over \$6,175. to 27 different organizations since August 4th of last year. These are in addition to major gifts.

The Freeport R.C. raised over \$2,230. at the April 20th Auction.

Three New Paul Harris Fellows were recently named by the Newburyport R.C. Dottie Phillips and Geri Dorr were named from the annual giving of \$200. by 10 Rotarians. Gerry Hirsch matched the \$500. Standing President contribution to be named a PHF. Super Job!

The Windham R.C. had a recent survey that showed that their members like FINES! The only rule is that they should be limited to \$1.00. Maybe exceptions should be made for extreme circumstances.

The Biddeford-Saco R.C. donated \$3000. to the UNE Building Fund. That is matched by Harold Alfond for a total of \$6000. The Club also announced that they have donated \$58,200. to WCS Projects in the last ten years. Very Generous!

Back in 1991, when the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club was organized, and there wasn't much money in the coffers, the members decided to conduct a roadside clean-up as a civic project. It was a big success, greatly improving the

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appearance of various roads, and creating a good reputation for Rotary in the community. Since then, a Rotary clean-up has been conducted every year in connection with Earth Day. This year's spring clean-up, the 5th annual, drew additional help from Boy Scouts, students from Bridgton Academy and other volunteers. Their efforts were captured in a 3 column photo of member Tom Harriman filling trash bags on the front page of the Bridgton News --- a great added bonus.

The Rotary Club of Podunk, the newest in our District, recently held their first fundraiser at the Podunk Grange Hall. Club members held a tattoo clinic for all of the local farm animals. Club President Sammy Dasch congratulated the members on a job well done in tattooing 89 cows, 124 pigs, 14 horses, 3 llamas and 14 bison from the "Buffalo Boy" bison ranch. The club decided not to do any chickens since they haven't any ears. Total raised was 2 sides of beef, 2 sides of pork and 91 dozen eggs to be donated to the local food pantry.

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

• The deadline for the June DGNews is June 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.



Incoming District 4900 Group Study Exchange Team from Argentina: L to R: Norma Requejo, Eduardo Moran, DG George Rice, Erica Allo, Hector De La Esperanza and Marcella De Albini.

Group Study Exchange Teams



Returning GSE Team from Our District: L to R: Stan Tenpenny, Kathy Aquillar, Janet McLaughlin, Sarah Luck, Team Leader and DG George Rice. Missing is Juliette Garesche who is returning on May 18th.

Friends Forever Featured

Don't Miss the article on page 32 of The May Rotarian magazine about Friends Forever, a program that enables Irish Protestants and Catholics to live peacefully with each other. This program was conceived by the Rotary Club of Portsmouth in 1986, and is in operation today, due to the efforts of PP Bill Holt.

District 7780 Conference

Conference Corner Chatter

by Frank Shorey, Conference Chair

The Oxford Hills Rotary Club is ready!

The Summit Hotel and Conference Center is ready!

Your Conference 96 Committee is ready!

ARE YOU READY?

As I mentioned at the District Assembly, don't be one of the few District Rotarians that will say "I wish I had gone to one of the most exciting District Conference's ever."

The trolleys have been gassed!

The mountain bikes have been tuned up!

The golf course is green and groomed!

The tennis courts have been swept!

The road race course has been charted!

By the way, your Conference Committee has even seen to it and have gone through great expense to assure you that we have sparkling clear blue water in the swimming pool!

The weekend will be filled with Rotary from the start of the first plenary session on Friday to the closing remarks of Saturday nights events.

Entertainment, frivolity, dancing will run rampant. Be sure you're part of it! Thursday's **"Boot, Scoot and Boogie Night"** is almost sold out! Mention the secret word and you'll be assured we will have room on the dance floor waiting for you. Please be prepared for a hip slapping, belly laughing grand time you cowpokes!

And after all the fun of the weekend, please join us in attending the memorial service on Sunday morning. It will be a time to remember our deceased Rotarian friends and a time to reflect.

How much fun are you going to have? How much Rotary information will you gather? Will you be a Rotarian that enjoys a weekend of fellowship? Will this be the Rotary event of the Rotary Year? Only you can say yes to all those questions. Register NOW for the District Conference.

P.S. - Are there gigantic surprises we haven't mentioned? I was going to spill the beans, but the "Dirty Dozen Plus One District Conference Committee" has put duct tape on my mouth and I can't say anymore! SORRY!

Enthusiasm is Contagious Catch It at Your District Conference!

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 month of April

Bethel - Mr. George Driscoll

Bridgeton-Lake Region -

Ms. Heather Hunt-Woodman
Ms. Angeline Palestine
Ms. Loretta Thurlow

Brunswick - Mr. Jeffrey Peters

Casco Bay Sunrise -

Ms. Stacy Heitmann

Damariscotta-Newcastle -

Mr. Travis Kline
Ms. Linda Brunner
Mr. Joseph Griffin
Mr. Michael Hachey
Mr. Scott Kinne

Dover - Ms. Cindy Carroll

Ms. Cynthia Imbro

Freeport - Ms. Constance McDonald

Mr. David Thompson
Ms. Suzanne Umlad

Oxford Hills - Ms. Anita Remington

Mr. Robert Schott
Mr. Mark Weston

Portland - Mr. Robert Atwood

Ms. Emily McEntee
Ms. Dona Pfeffer
Mr. Thomas Valleau

Portsmouth - Mr. Vincent Colella

Mr. Lionel Ingram
Ms. Sandra Tucker

Scarborough - Mr. Brian Jones

Seabrook-Hampton Falls -

Mr. Marco Mariani

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth -

Ms. Suzanne Dubois
Mr. David Lourie

Windham - Mr. John Walker

York - Mr. Christopher Johnson

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