



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,

During November, **Rotary Foundation Month**, as Rotarians worldwide turn their attention toward **Our Rotary Foundation** it is important that we look at the reasons why **Our Foundation** needs our support, as well as how we can provide that support.

Why??? We are all familiar with the adage "As ye sow, so shall ye reap". This year we are reaping the harvests of the seeds sown by Rotarians in the 1992-93 Contribution Year, and I believe we have at least a moral obligation to provide a similar if not higher level of program funding for our District 7780 Rotarians in 1998-99. Our 95-96 contributions will be expended on programs in 98-99.

By accomplishing our goal of \$103,000. in General Giving this year, we will receive District Designated Funds through the **SHARE system**, of \$61,600 to fund Programs in 98-99. This could provide selection of 2 or more Ambassadorial Scholarships, District Matching Grant Funds, Cultural Scholarships, Grants for University Teachers to serve in a developing country, or even an additional Group Study Exchange.

By reaching our goal of \$103,000 we will also be contributing \$41,200 to the World Fund to provide for Group Study Exchanges, 3-H Grants, Matching Grants, Rotary Peace Programs and Grants for Rotary Volunteers.

How??? The goal of contributing \$103,000 may seem overwhelming when we look at it quickly, so let's look beyond that. As I've said in my address to each club, if we set Club Goals of approximately \$50.00 per member and accomplish that, we will reach our District Goal by June 30. One step at a time - One week at a time - We can reach our goal! One Dollar per week per member to **Our Rotary**

Foundation and we will surpass our goal by 11 percent! What innovative program does your Rotary Club foster that encourages Foundation support in a steady, yet modest way? Come to the Rotary Foundation Seminar this Saturday, November 18th, prepared to share your ideas with all of us! As of 30 September, we have already contributed \$15,645 this year! I think this is outstanding, given the fact that many Clubs and individuals made substantial contributions during June of the 94-95 Rotary Year.

As Thanksgiving approaches, let us be thankful that we, as Rotarians, have the opportunity to help those in need through **Our Rotary Foundation**. Ginny and I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with your families as we all take an extra day to count our blessings.

Yours in Rotary,



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New Rotarians To District 7780

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

Brunswick

Mr. Jon Gepford

Ms. Anne Drewes

Mr. James Elliot

Brunswick Coastal

Ms. Ellen Walkling

Dover

Mr. Mark Thebarger

Durham - Great Bay

Mr. Frank Reinhold

Mr. Andrews Weeks

Kittery

Mr. Stig Jorgensen

Mr. Wesley Owens

Mr. Michael Hughes

Newburyport

Mr. Daniel Northrup

Portland

Mr. Rick Dobson

Mr. Scott Russell

Portsmouth

Mr. Robert Kountz

Ms. Carolyn Cloutier

Mr. Anthony Frangos

Saco Bay

Mr. Gregory Drew

Mr. Robert O'Keefe

Sanford-Springvale

Ms. Maureen Summers

Scarborough

Mr. Thomas Dobbins

Ms. Margaret Hansen

South Portland - Cape Elizabeth

Mr. Robert Packer

Where is George?

November 18th - District Foundation Seminar.

* Harvest Dinner Dance at the Summit Hotel.

December 9th - PETS Planning Meeting

• 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.

Add Palau To the Rotary Family

The admittance of the Rotary Club of Palau in the Republic of Palau brings the total Rotary country count to 154. Palau is a tiny island group situated 550 miles east of the Philippines in the southwest corner of Micronesia. Palau has been incorporated into RI District 2750 (Guam, Micronesia, Northern Marianas and part of Japan. Among the club's 32 charter members are bankers, business executives, consultants, retailers, doctors, a lawyer and a newspaper publisher.

Last December, Palau became the 185th nation to join the United Nations.

District Directory Changes

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Pictured above are most of the 50 George Rice's who are currently our District Governor. *That's right*, all 50 George's attended the home club and final district club meeting on Wednesday, October 11. Everyone else thinks there is only one George, but how do you think he can be at more than one meeting on any one given day. REALLY NOW! Home Club President Dave Sutton had 50 full size color copies made of George's face. During the home club meeting, George (and Ginny) were pleasantly surprised to see that George had so many familiar relatives. Look for more interesting things to happen at the District Conference.

Reminder To Club Presidents.

Early in September you were notified by Rotary International of the opportunity to propose a candidate for membership on the Nominating Committee to select a Director of RI from Zone 31 to serve 1998-2000. Candidates must be a PDG from your club willing and able to serve. the deadline for proposing a candidate is Dec. 1, 1995.

Reminder to Club Secretaries.

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.

Several Notices of disaster have been received, as

well as published in the Rotarian Magazine. We are listing some of them. If you would like more information on these or others, please contact DG George.

(District #, Place, Disaster, Help Requested.)

- 3640 - Seoul, Korea, Building Collapse, financial.
- 3640 - Karkove, Ukraine, Flooding, financial and medical.
- 3610 - Korea, Typhoon, Financial
- 3610 - Serbia, Croatia, Refugee Relief, food, financial.
- 3070 and 3090 - India, Floods, financial.
- 3280 - Bangladesh, Floods, financial.
- 3720 - Phillipines, Volcano Mud Flows, financial.
- 6940 - Florida, USA, Hurricane, financial.
- 4200 - Mexico, Hurricanes, financial.
- 4510 - Mexico, Earthquake, financial.

Club Attendance Figures For October

	Attendance	Club	Members 6/30/95	Current Members	+/-	Foundation Mem/Give	Governor's Cup Points
1	90.27	Bethel	40	40	0		38
2	89	Windham	39	37	-2		19
3	86.67	Kennebunk - Portside	42	42	0		38
4	85	Brunswick	145	150	5	7	10
5	84 tie	Oxford Hills	49	50	1		49
6	84 tie	Wells	46	46	0		5
7	83.98	Saco - Bay	65	62	-3	32	43
8	82	Newburyport	71	71	0		38
9	81.67	Damariscotta - Newcastle	36	37	1		33
10	81.48	Casco Bay Sunrise	25	27	2		23
11	81.33	Boothbay Harbor	46	45	-1		15
12	81.2	Biddeford-Saco	104	103	-1	32	28
13	80 tie	Kittery	36	33	-3		30
14	80 tie	York	62	60	-2		24
15	79.25	Durham - Great Bay	54	56	2	3	20
16	78.09	South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	49	45	-4	106	65
17	77.6	Bath	65	63	-2		13
18	77.37	Portland	218	219	1	6	23
19	77	Bridgton-Lake Region	29	33	4		33
20	75.96 tie	Fryeburg	22	26	4		58
21	75.96 tie	Sanford - Springvale	60	63	3		18
22	75.61	Portsmouth	258	262	4	4	33
23	75	Kennebunk	101	105	4	9	38
24	74.57	Rochester	62	59	-3		43
25	73.65	Freeport	35	37	2		23
26	73.1	Westbrook - Gorham	47	45	-2		28
27	72	Ogunquit	41	42	1	10	13
28	69 tie	Scarborough	18	19	1	50	24
29	69 tie	Seabrook - Hampton Falls	28	31	3		34
30	68.52	Hampton	63	59	-4		33
31	64.44	Rumford	58	54	-4		14
32	62.33	Dover	86	80	-6		39
33	58	Brunswick - Coastal	14	16	2		0
34	NR	South Berwick	38	37	-1		28
35		Exeter	47	44	-3	2	24
36	NR	Bath Sunrise	27	25	-2		36
37	NR	Somersworth	26	25	-1		25
38							Average 28.6
39	77.18	TOTALS	2252	2248	-4		
40	Average for District Clubs						

District 7780 Club Capers and Other News

November Club Charter Anniversaries

Nov. 11, 1983 - Rotary Club of the Oxford Hills
 Nov. 14, 1989 - Rotary Club of Saco Bay
 Nov. 21, 1960 - Rotary Club of Scarborough
 Nov. 22, 1939 - Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor

• **OOPS!** Received a note from Sam Giftos stating that he is still a proud member of the South Portland Cape Elizabeth Club, not the Portland Club as we stated. Our apologies Sam and have a great winter in Florida!

• The Community Service Committee of the Portland Rotary Club has undertaken a project to provide the Preble Street Resource Center with four Rotarians for two days each month to serve breakfast from 7:30 to 10:00 am. *"A perfect way to build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS"*.

• The recent canoe raffle sponsored by the Rotary Club of Newburyport netted about \$3200 before expenses. Their next raffle will be for a snowblower. The club also made a \$200 donation in memory of Milt Kirsner to the Home Health Care of Greater Newburyport.

• The Rotary Club of Hampton has set a very ambitious goal of \$100,000 for their GPC Foundation and scholarship fund. *GOOD LUCK in attaining your goal!*

• The Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary Club has planted about 40 elm trees around town. The *"Elm Tree Dream Team"* planted the last eleven in October. An excellent way to help *"Preserve Planet Earth"*. The club is now having a fruit drive and is planning an Al Corey Big Band Concert.

• The Bethel Club is having a Country Breakfast on November 26th and recently lost their podium for a short time. They are still missing their gavel.

• Thanks to Cay Jarvis, Sally Vaughn, wife of Portsmouth club member Charlie, was named a Paul Harris fellow. As the academic director of the Futures program, she

is considered the backbone of the organization (according to proud Charlie)! *Congratulations Sally.*

• The Bridgton-Lakes Region and Fryeburg Clubs teamed up to make over \$3300. for each club by selling 3,223 baked potatoes at the Fryeburg Fair. Was their motto *"This spud's for you"*

• The Biddeford-Saco Club is planning it's annual Christmas Party for underprivileged children. The club purchases gifts and turkeys with all the trimmings for the party. They're planning on 700 gifts and 20 turkeys.

• Congratulations to PDG Jim Labrie who won a trip for two to Ireland in the Friends Forever raffle.

• The Exeter, N.H. Club recently raised \$1,250. selling apples.

• The Saco Bay Club is selling calendars. Contact Pres. Charlie Snow at 1-207-284-4591 if you'd like one.

• The Casco Bay Sunrise Club Int'l Comm. is working on transporting excess medical supplies from the Visiting Nurses Assoc. in Portland to Chesham, England.

• The Rochester Club yard sale added \$833.96 to the club treasury.

• The S.P.-C.E. Club will be selling Christmas wreaths and trees this coming holiday season.

• 99 Brunswick Rotarians have raised \$43,183 to be used for the new Bike Path Project. Club members also participated in the Coastal Cleanup and is in the process of selling UNICEF Christmas cards.

• Bill Smith of the Biddeford-Saco Club celebrated 36 years of perfect attendance. Nice job, Bill!

• Wadleigh Woods of the Portsmouth Club has celebrated his 92nd

birthday.

• Send a get well card along to PDG Ken Brooks of the Westbrook-Gorham Club. He's back attending meetings after a bout with cancer surgery. His address is 55 Park Rd. Windham, Maine 04062.

• Michael Myrick of the Saco Bay Club has qualified for the Boston Marathon. Michael was also one of five Charter Members honored for 5 years of perfect attendance while Al Carignan was honored for 17 years of PA.

• At a recent Saco Bay Rotary meeting Sergeant-at-Arms Tim Murphy fined all cat owners in observance of the death of the inventor of Kitty Litter. I guess Tim will doing anything to scratch and dig up bucks!

• The Portland club recently donated \$1200. to the District Intercultural Nursing Program for its work in the Dominican Republic.

• Hampton's Sue Cummings was the lucky first quarter winner for the free trip to Sunday River. One must have an attendance of 85% or better to qualify!

• On a sad note, the Portland Club is saddened by the passing of former Executive Secretary Rohais Roberts Kaake on October 14th. Rohais served the Club faithfully and cheerfully from 1937 to 1974! Our condolences to her family.

• Quent Gallagher of the Brunswick club recently passed away. Quent retired as a full Colonel from the Army and was a past president of the club.

• Margaret Smith, the first woman member of the Portsmouth Club passed away on Oct. 4th in Savannah, Georgia.

• The deadline for the December DGNews is December 9th. FAX your news to 207-743-6358 or mail to P.O. Box 108, Paris, Maine 04271.

Durham-Great Bay Club Welcomes English Visitors

by John Wheeler

After a year of planning and under the leadership of Mike Ferrin, the Durham-Great Bay Club hosted four couples from Newmarket, England for a ten day stay in the area. These couples stayed at the Rotarians' homes during their visit and were squired around the area in a wonderful spirit of fellowship. They visited our churches, saw the local tourist attractions and enjoyed the culinary and liquid fellowship of impromptu parties in various homes.

The whole visit was a tribute to Rotary Fellowship and the wonderful Rotarians at Durham-Great Bay. They had earlier tried to contact Rotarians in Durham, Canada and Durham, England, but were more successful in Newmarket. We, in Portsmouth, have three Rotary Clubs in Portsmouth, England, and all were receptive to fellowship when I visited in 1985.



Pictured left to right are Maurice Hayward, Colin McCarty and Michael Nicholas of the Newmarket, England Rotary Club.



Michael Knight presents Durham-Great Bay Club President Linda Pandolfi with a Proclamation of Friendship at the October 18th club meeting. Pictured are (L to R) visitor Michael Knight, Club President Linda Pandolfi and District Governor George Rice.

Four Suppositions

* Suppose your club's membership were limited to 20 members?

Would you be included?

* Suppose that after a year of Rotary club membership your re-election depended on the service you had provided during that period.

Would you be re-elected?

* Suppose you were asked why, in your opinion, your name should be retained on the club's membership list.

Would you have a list of useful service activities to help in your defense?

* Suppose that each of the members of your club did what you are currently doing.

Would your club be the most active in Rotary or would it sink into obscurity?

-Michel Alexandre

Past Director, Rouen, France, R.I.

When you carve the Thanksgiving turkey, give the first piece to the person who prepared it.



Oxford Hills Club President Dave Sutton presents District Governor George Rice and his wife, Ginny with a Rotary cake at last months reception during the DG's club visit to the home club. As you can see in the adjoining photo even "Buck" got into the party mood and was caught wearing an Oxford Hills Rotary hat.

District 7780 Rotary Clubs Score Again

On Friday, October 27, 1995 the Biddeford-Saco and the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Clubs were awarded special presentations at the 41st Maine Vocational Education conference. These two clubs, joined with the Maine National Guard based in Lewiston, were awarded Statewide honors.

Biddeford-Saco

During the presentation, the following were highlighted:

- * During the past twenty four years, over 20 projects have been sponsored by Rotarians for Building Trades, Electrical Trades and Drafting.
- * With the support of the Kennebunk Clubs they have sponsored regional career fairs.
- * Projects supporting the special needs students in the horticulture projects.
- * Helping students with the interview process.
- * Thousands of dollars in scholarships.
- * Tremendous support and promotion in

the area of nontraditional students and gender equity.

Sanford-Springvale

- * A review of the record of this club will also see many years of dedication and support for education.
 - * Working with Agribusiness students, developed a park on the Mousam River in Springvale.
 - * Along with the help of "Doc" Bud Johnston, several beautification projects have been shared by rotary and the Vocational Students.
 - * Working with the school, developed a computer driven Career Center to help the students become on line in reviewing their career options.
 - * As with all Rotarians, the Scholarship helps the graduates to further their future hopes.
- A "well done" to these two District 7780 Clubs. I also encourage all of the Club's within the District to continue contributing to the education of our future leaders.

Essex Youth Exchange

by Bobbi Bird

We have had two get-togethers since our last newsletter. In October Karen Dunfey from Cape Elizabeth took our students to Tortilla Flats, which was supposed to be followed by the Haunted Hayride in Gorham and a "sleepover" at the Boys & Girls Club in Portland. Well, the dinner evening and sleepover were a success even though the hayride was cancelled because of rain. Much thanks to Bob Clark of the Portland Rotary Club and Director of the Boys and Girls Club for his generosity to our students and to Karen for making all the arrangements and spending the night with them!

Last Saturday we went to the Portland Pirates hockey game and we must have brought them good luck because they won the game! We had a great dinner at the Village Cafe and plenty of popcorn at the game. I also found out Cotton Candy by any other name and in any other language is still very sweet!

On the weekend of the 18th we will be having our District interviews with our 1996 Outbound candidates at the Ocean Farms Restaurant in Freeport. We have about 10 candidates and are hoping for more. PLEASE, if you have any late candidates, call me and we will try to work them into our schedule!!

Let me introduce you all to Mikkel Bohoj, this year's only male inbound student. Mikkel is sponsored by the Portland Rotary Club and is living with the Blount Family in Yarmouth. Mikkel lives from Hjorring, Denmark with his mother, Lisbeth, father Mogens and younger sister, Maria. Hjorring has a population of 35,000 and is located in northern Denmark. Mikkel has enjoyed playing soccer at Yarmouth High School this fall.

*Remember that your
child's character is like
good soup. Both are
homemade.*

GSE Committee Selects Team Leader

by Henry Bird

It is our pleasure to announce that Sarah Luck of the Portland Rotary Club has been selected as the Team Leader for the Group Study Exchange which will be visiting Argentina in 1996. Sarah is the first female Team Leader selected from District 7780. Ken Toner from the Freeport Rotary Club was selected as the Alternate Team Leader.

Interviews are being held on November 17th and 18th for the team member positions. Names and sponsoring clubs will be published in the December DGNews.

* Around the Rotary World *

- A conference spotlighting Rotary growth in Russia was held on October 5-7 in Anchorage, Alaska. The Russian Peace Forum is looking at club extensions east of the Ural Mts. RI District 5010 hosted the conference.
- The United Nations Children's Fund plans to use a \$100,000 Rotary Foundation grant to help eliminate polio in Egypt.
- The internationality of Rotary was never more clearly demonstrated than at the 1995 Convention in Nice, France. 34,077 Rotarians represented 137 countries. Earlier conventions in 1992 and 1993 had 115 homelands represented.
- Rotary Clubs in Portugal, Brazil and Mozambique have launched a project to provide food, shelter and schooling and vocational training to abandoned children and victims of the drought and war in Mozambique. A Foundation Matching Grant of \$16,500 was utilized for their efforts.
- Australian District 9800 has taken out an advertisement in the newspaper to swell their ranks. The ads read, "Interested in your local community? Would you like to learn how you can contribute to it? Be our guest for lunch (or breakfast) and learn what Rotary does in your community. With these ads, district clubs expect to reverse their membership slide and to discover new members right under their noses.
- Patrik Enderli had a 90% attendance at meetings of the Rotary Club of Lake Forest-Lake Bluff, Ill last year. And he's not even a Rotarian. A Rotary Youth Exchange student from Switzerland.
- Revolving loan funds (RLF) have provided support to the following projects: Districts 7950 in Mass. and R.I. have teamed up with District 4060 in the Dominican Republic to establish a revolving livestock loan program; In Cameroon, the Rotary Clubs of Guelph, Canada and Limbe, Cameroon helped start a RLF so local villages can purchase drying ovens to preserve and sell fish; and, in Bangladesh, the Rotary Club of Kidman Park, Australia and District 3280 in Bangladesh helped to create a RLF to support income generating activities such as fish ponds and to buy poultry to relieve hunger and poverty.

1996 District Conference . . .

Plan To Attend and Enjoy the Fun and Activities

The 1996 District Conference being held from May 30 to June 2, 1996 at the Summit Hotel at the Sunday River Resort near Bethel, Maine promises to offer a multitude of things to do and places to go!

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The pool and health club has a heated outdoor pool and hot tub, sauna, steam room, weight room and regularly scheduled aerobic classes.

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There are miles of hiking trails just out the door and the famous Appalatian Trail is only a few miles away. The staff at Sunday River can help you make arrangements for anything from a nice easy hike to 2-4 hour hike in the surrounding mountains. Picnic lunches are also available.

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If you enjoy golf, the Bethel Inn and Country Club is right in town and offers a challenging 18 hole course.

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Bring along your bike and ride the peaceful backroads around the resort. Bethel is only a short ride away and the shopping in town is excellent.

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And, best of all you will be enjoying all of the fun and festivities with your Rotary friends from District 7780.

So fill out the form below and plan on spending an enjoyable and funfilled weekend at Sunday River.

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 enclose ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Am.Express ☐ Discover ☐

Name on Card Number Expires

Name Guest

Address City State Zip

Telephone

Badge Name Guest

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The Joy of Sharing Is Coming to You !

For the past several years, many of the Rotary Clubs of District 7780 have participated in The Joy of Sharing program in conjunction with the Salvation Army and Shop 'N Save Stores. Our involvement has been to collect donated items at the Shop 'N Save stores in our local community and deliver them to a Salvation Army collection location. Please be aware that we will soon be asked to participate again this year in this great Community Service project. Details will be forwarded to Club Presidents.

*** Christmas Tree Safety Idea ***

A Christmas tree grower in New Durham, N.H. has developed a little product that could be used as a public service item. It is a little removable sticker that can be placed on the bathroom mirror to remind homeowners to check the water level in their Christmas tree stands. It has been endorsed by the International Association of Fire Chiefs because dry Christmas trees are one of the leading causes of fire around the holiday season. They are quite inexpensive (\$34.50 for 500) and can be customized with a "Compliments of" name and logo. For further information contact Wayne Brockney at the office, 603-332-5133, FAX 603-332-5133 or home at 603-332-0076.

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