

# Rotarian Review

*Build the future with action and vision*



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Craig S. Wellman, District 7780 Governor

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## *The Governor's Message*

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As the 1996-97 Rotary year rapidly comes to an end and we hurry to finish all of those projects that have been started, I ask you to highlight several things on your list. Because if we are truly to "Build the Future.." we must all push our boundaries - both our personal boundaries and those of our Clubs. It is that *extra* effort that will separate us from all the rest and give us the most satisfaction.

The first thing on my list is **The Rotary Foundation**. We must continue to focus our attention on our level of giving, both individually and as a Club. When I visited each of your Clubs I asked you to consider The Rotary Foundation as a charity worthy of your attention. Through that focus campaign our District has raised only slightly more funds for The Rotary Foundation programs than usual. I am confident that we have the

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## A Personal Invitation From RI President, Luis Vicente Gay

Our 88th Rotary International Convention in Glasgow, Scotland promises to be an exceptional Rotary event in a dramatic setting. The city of Glasgow is deeply rooted in history and tradition, and yet is also full of excitement. The convention will bring our worldwide clan of Rotarians together to celebrate our own historical roots and see how our branches reach across the world.

This is going to be an excellent program featuring distinguished speakers, workshops, and fellowship fun! Our convention speakers include the Director General of UNESCO, Federico Mayor

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## New Generations Conference

*Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!* To the seventeen Clubs that sent 78 wonderful high school students to our New Generations Seminar on Saturday, April 5, 1997!

Three of our inbound Youth Exchange students made a nice presentation about Youth Exchange; Lewiston Mayor, John Jenkins, gave a very inspirational presentation, and our four workshops: Preparing for the Future, Major Social Issues, Managing Your Fears, and Leaderships Skills were very informative.

The forty evaluation sheets that we received were favorable and will help us evaluate the overall program.

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## The DGN's News Corner

Well, here it is April already! Everyone had enough of the April showers??! I don't know about you but I'm ready for the May flowers. By the time you read this the District Assembly will be all over. Two hundred sixty-five Rotarians registered for the Assembly! I want to thank my Club members who worked hard developing the program so that there would be something for everyone, as well as for ordering materials, designing the registration form and tracking responses, making packets and badges, handling the programs, and the 100 other things that were done! I also want to thank the Biddeford-Saco Club for handling the registration on the 26th, and all the session leaders for their time preparing for the Assembly. All the session reference sheets will be put into a packet and mailed to each President-elect within the next week.

The next District function is the District Conference at The Colony. Be sure to get your registration forms in to the 1997 Conference Committee soon! They have some terrific things planned for us during our stay.

The Committee Chairs for 1997-98 should receive a letter and information about their committee by the 15th of May. Please be sure to fax me the verification of your information for the District Directory ASAP, as the Directory will go to the printers very soon!

Finally, just a reminder that I need all the completed Club plans and objective forms, and committee chairs' listings by July 1st. I have already heard of some very exciting plans being made for next year!

Yours in Rotary,

### NOTICE

The Rotary Club of Portsmouth, New Hampshire will not be meeting at its usual time on Thursday, May 1, 1997. Instead it will meet that evening for an award dinner honoring Mrs. Evelyn Marconi of Portsmouth.

## Listen Up!

The loss that third world children and adults face today without access to modern hearing aids is a problem the Portland Rotary Club has taken on. Through their *Listen Up!* project that was launched in February Club members are collecting and refurbishing used hearing aids. Their goal is to collect 300 hearing aids during the first 6 months of the project. The hearing aids will then be distributed to the hearing impaired in Vellore, India. In partnership with the Portland Rotary Club, the Vellore Rotary Club and the Vellore Christian Medical Board will ensure that the hearing aids are distributed to the people who need them most.

The sixteen Fleet Bank offices in the greater Portland area have made counter space available for collection boxes. Fleet Bank, co-sponsor of the project, will help publicize the project throughout the community. Rotarians and Fleet Bank branch managers have teamed up to encourage the involvement of bank staff, and contributions from bank customers.

The Portland Rotary Club hopes that the success they experience will encourage other Clubs to develop their own bank collection sites. Roger Fagan, Bob Patten, Lynn Goldfarb, and Carole Lange Esley will be happy to visit Clubs throughout the District to stimulate involvement with this important international work.

For more information, please contact Carole Lange Esley, Portland Rotary, at 207-773-7157.

(Carole Lange Esley, Project Chair)

## Change in Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Credit

Rotarian concerns over recent Trustee decisions prompted a review of contribution recognition policies. The Trustees agreed that a fundamental change in philosophy was required and that the general principle governing eligibility for Paul Harris Fellow recognition credit should be based upon contributions to support the programs of The Rotary Foundation. The Trustees rescinded previous decisions and decided that, *effective immediately*, all contributions to Foundation programs shall qualify for Paul Harris Fellow recognition credit. This includes contributions for the Annual Programs Fund, approved Matching Grants (sponsor portion), PolioPlus Partners, World Fund, approved 3-H Grants (sponsor portion), Disaster Relief (when sent through The Rotary Foundation), and Helping Grants (sponsor portion). All Paul Harris Fellow recognition credit, if not used, will expire at the end of the second Rotary year following that in which the contribution was made.

A new, standard unisex Paul Harris Fellow recognition medal set was approved and will be available as of July 1, 1997. The current men's and women's medal sets will be replaced with a standard set for both men and women consisting of a smaller sized medallion pin on a blue and gold neck ribbon. The design of the medallion will be similar in appearance to the current Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Pin. The lapel pin will be identical to the current Multiple Paul Harris Fellow Recognition Pin, but without the stones. Individuals may continue requesting the current Paul Harris Fellow recognition sets until existing supplies are depleted. Existing Paul Harris Fellows may replace their recognition set with the new version at a reasonable cost (price has yet to be determined).

## Membership Task Force

As of the first of the year, 15 Districts had already achieved their membership goals for 1996-97, with a net gain of approximately 18,600 new Rotarians!

Rotary International President, Luis Vicente Giay, has asked all Rotary Districts throughout the world to intensify their efforts to have every District fulfill their membership goals for the year. We're heading down to the wire, so let's all join forces and work toward our common goal!

## Program Opportunity

Three years ago a Rotary Fellow sponsored by the Brunswick Rotary Club studied at the University of Adelaide in Australia. Sam Brody is a classic returnee and is anxious to share his experiences with Rotarians. He is a most enthusiastic speaker who communicates his thoughts well.

After returning to the Brunswick Rotary Club to speak about his experiences and thank the Club for his opportunity abroad, two folks came forward to become Paul Harris Fellows.

Sam is working in Augusta and living in Topsham until June. He is an outstanding young man and is willing to present The Foundation story to Clubs in the area. This is a wonderful opportunity for Clubs to learn about this program first hand.

For more information, or to schedule a presentation date, please contact:

Sam Brody  
21 Summer Street  
Topsham, ME 04086  
207-725-0419

## On The Net?

Dick Crabtree of the Portsmouth Rotary Club would like to compile a list of Rotarians with e-mail addresses. He is currently the only one listed in "Rotarians on the Internet" (ROTI).

For more information, or to be included in our District list, please send Dick a message with your e-mail address. He can be reached at: [rcrabtree@ttlc.net](mailto:rcrabtree@ttlc.net)

### Around the District

Thank you to **Donna Coombs of the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club** for submitting the following:

**Katherine E. Cramer of Naples** was recognized by the Club as its March "**School Citizen of the Month**". Katie joined the Club at one of its breakfast meetings and was accompanied by her parents, Gary and Margaret Cramer. Katie is a very humble and quiet leader, who is an excellent student and is quite involved in her community. At Lake Region High School she serves as Senior Class Vice President, is a member of the National Honor Society, participates in Concert Choir, the Math Team and Varsity Club, and is involved with the Girl Scouts. Katie's athletic accomplishments include soccer, outdoor track and alpine skiing. Katie is an active volunteer at the Preble Street Soup Kitchen, and also worked at the 1995 Explore Portland Girl Scouts Day Camps. Over the past four summers she has participated in numerous Naval Academy programs, and has been accepted to the U.S. Naval Academy.

Congratulations Katie, and Best Wishes!!

### April is Magazine Month

"April is the cruelest month", wrote English poet T.S. Eliot. Perhaps because nobody dropped off a copy of *The Rotarian* magazine or left any at local hospitals or nursing homes. Regardless of the poet's feelings, April is Magazine Month, a time for Rotarians to highlight the important part that their official magazine and its 27 regional partners play in their appreciation and enjoyment of Rotary.

Each month's issue brings a host of interesting articles and news of Rotary projects around the world. Why not donate a subscription to the local library or ask Club members to leave recent issues in the waiting room the next time they visit a doctor or dentist?!

(Submitted from Rotary District 7490)

### Who Will Be Governor?

Nominations for District Governor of Rotary International District 7780 for the 1999-2000 Rotary year may be made by any of the 38 Rotary Clubs which comprise District 7780.

Nominations must be made in accordance with our District Bylaws and the Manual of Procedures, and sent to District Governor Craig on or before June 30th. If you are interested in submitting a nomination please refer to the District Bylaws and Manual of Procedures for more information.

### Council On Legislation

This year we will be accepting nominations for a Representative and an Alternate to the Council on Legislation. These nominees must be PDGs and be nominated in accordance with the Manual of Procedures. During our District Conference at The Colony in Kennebunkport, Maine from June 26th-29th, we must elect a Representative and an Alternate from the 38 Clubs in District 7780. The individuals chosen will represent our District at the next Council on Legislation, which is tentatively scheduled for January 12th - 16th, 1998 in Delhi, India.

In a letter from DG Craig on September 7, 1996, each Club President received a "how-to" guide for proposing legislation to Rotary International. Full information about the qualifications and duties of the Representative and an Alternate, as well as the procedures for their nomination and election, can be found in the Manual of Procedures. RI Bylaws, sections 8.010.1, 8.020, 8.030, 8.050, 8.060, and 8.070. Please read these carefully before making a nomination.

We will also be accepting nominations for the Budget and Finance Committee from the Clubs in Division B. Please refer to the District 7780 Bylaws for a listing of the Clubs in Division B. These nominations must be submitted to DG Craig on or before June 30, 1997.

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potential to go even further! Please consider making a special effort from your Club for the remainder of the Rotary year. Let's take the example of \$2.00 per week per member. This would translate into more than \$40,000 by the end of the Rotary year, and the best part about it is that by making this a District project we could name 40 additional Paul Harris Fellows! Wouldn't that be a great way to finish the year and "Build the Future..." of The Rotary Foundation programs at the same time? Remember that funds our District raises now will be available for use by the Rotarians of District 7780 in the 1999-2000 Rotary year.

The second item on my list is the **Governor's Trophy Challenge**. All Club Presidents will be receiving forms to complete for this competition. I hope that all 38 Clubs will participate in this Challenge. When all the applications have been processed five Clubs in our District will win the Governor's Trophy. Then, from those winners one Club's name will be drawn to receive a Paul Harris Recognition which they may then award.

The final item on my list this month is the **Salvation Army's Camp Clean-up Day**. Here is a great opportunity for all Rotarians to "Build The Future With Action". Our partnership with The Salvation Army is important for improving the "quality of life" of many people in our area. Many of our Clubs help The Salvation Army during the holiday season, and this Clean-up Day is a simple way of building on that partnership. Also, as this will be a District project, your Club's participation may be used as criteria for the Governor's Trophy Challenge. I look forward to seeing each of you and many of your Club members at Sebago Lake on May 10th.

As you can see, my list is short but it's not easy. If we all accept it as things we must do individually and collectively to "Build The Future..." then we will truly rise above the rest and significantly impact our already successful Rotary year together.

I'll see you all soon at the District Assembly - this year's promises to be the best ever thanks to the hard work of DGN Marie and her committee from the Kittery Club.

Jane, Chris, John and I look forward to spending a beautiful summer weekend with you and many of your Club members at The Colony, on the ocean in Kennebunkport, in June. There will be something for everyone at this year's District Conference so if you haven't sent in your reservations yet add that to the list!

Until next month,

Craig

*(New Generations Continued)*

I would like to thank the following New Generations Committee members for their time and effort in pulling it all together:

*Jake Wolterbeck, Wells Rotary  
Carolyn Lambert, Kennebunk  
Portside Rotary  
Herb Barnes, Portland Rotary  
Irene Fitzgerald, Portland Rotary  
Peter Labrie, Portsmouth Rotary*

In addition, I would like to thank District Governor Craig Wellman for his support, encouragement, and his fine opening address.

A special thank you is bestowed to the Portland Rotary Club and their Youth Committee. Without their help we could not have presented the program.

Thank you all!!

**(William R. Skinner, Chair, New Generations Committee)**

## A Proven Rotary Foundation Fund Raiser

For the past 35 years, District 7950 has conducted a program called the Million Dollar Meal. It is a program that costs little and requires minimal work, but has great potential for raising money for The Rotary Foundation. All a Club needs to do is designate a date and ask its members to accept a very modest meal that day instead of their regular meal - maybe pizza, a bowl of soup, or a sandwich. The difference between the cost of this meal and the cost of a regular meal is collected and sent to The Rotary Foundation.

Similar programs have been noted in more than 50 other Rotary Districts world-wide. Some have a "skip-a-meal", pot luck, or brown bag programs; others like District 7950 just simplify their lunch for the day.

A similar idea was presented by DG Gene Hastings, from District 7930, at our World Understanding and Peace Dinner on March 1st. Past President of Rotary International and current Chairman of The Rotary Foundation, Raja Saboo, wholeheartedly embraced DG Hastings idea.

If your Club would like to participate in this type of fund raiser, please contact DG Craig, at 207-985-6029, for details.

(District Governor Jim Rassol, District 7950)

## World Scholar-Athlete Games

You may remember reading about the World Scholar-Athlete Games in a 1993 issue of *The Rotarian*. Those games brought together nearly 1600 of the world's brightest youth from 108 nations and all 50 states. These Games are sponsored each year by Rotary District 7950, which encompasses Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts including Cape Cod. It is hoped that this year, the 5th year of the Games, each of the 518 Rotary Districts world-wide will sponsor two or more students from their District.

For more information and/or applications for sponsorship please contact DG Craig, at 207-985-6029, or the office of the World Scholar-Athlete Games at 1-800-843-9724.

(A Personal Invitation.. Continued)

Zaragosa, and Juan Antonio Samaranch, President of the International Olympic Committee. A New Generations Conference will celebrate our work for youth this past year. Discussions will cover favorite Rotary topics including: Women in the Future Society, and Rotary Service in Central/Eastern Europe. Our opening ceremony is resplendent with a special Scottish welcome, an Olympic style flag ceremony, a message from the Scottish Secretary of State, and a spectacular closing entertainment feature in the Ibrox Stadium.

In addition, beautiful bed and breakfast accommodations in scenic parts of Scotland are ready for those wishing a real window into Scottish life. Comfortable and affordable university housing is also available and only minutes away from convention activities. Great tours are planned for the breathtaking Highlands, magnificent golf courses, and other scenic Scottish countrysides and cityscapes. There is something in Scotland to please every member of your own Rotary clan!

We need you to bring from your district the largest Rotary clan ever to the convention. Encourage your friends to register now to avoid having to register on-site. This will ensure that we have a great convention experience. I especially look forward to seeing you and your clan personally in Glasgow this June.

Sincerely,

Luis Vicente Giay  
President, Rotary International

## Club Attendance Figures

Attendance	Club	Member 3/31/97	Current Members	+/-
81.36%	Bath	60	59	-1
75%	Bath Sunrise	28	24	-4
80.3%	Bethel	44	40	-4
N/A	Biddeford/Saco	103	---	---
79.5%	Boothbay Harbor	46	52	6
N/A	Bridgton/Lake Region	34	---	---
78%	Brunswick	126	147	21
70%	Brunswick Coastal	18	15	-3
N/A	Casco Bay Sunrise	28	---	---
89%	Damariscotta-Newcastle	40	42	2
N/A	Dover	79	---	---
76.1%	Durham Great Bay	53	46	-7
64%	Exeter	46	49	3
77%	Freeport	44	41	-3
80.76%	Fryeburg Area	27	26	-1
73.52%	Hampton	64	57	-7
N/A	Kennebunk	102	---	---
86.9%	Kennebunk Portside	50	42	-8
78%	Kittery	29	30	1
87%	Newburyport	77	73	-4
N/A	Ogunquit	50	---	---
85.71%	Oxford Hills	56	63	7
70.56%	Portland	232	227	-5
72.61%	Portsmouth	270	270	---
80.83%	Rochester	70	72	2
68.34%	Rumford	47	51	4
85.23%	Saco Bay	74	66	-8
70.12%	Sanford/Springvale	58	56	-2
61.1%	Scarborough	19	19	---
N/A	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	37	---	---
N/A	Somersworth	28	---	---
N/A	South Berwick	---	---	---
77.08%	S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth	50	52	2
N/A	Wells	44	---	---
66%	Westbrook-Gorham	46	43	-3
91%	Windham	34	38	4
69%	Yarmouth	28	40	12
85.48%	York	59	62	3
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,802</b>	

## Welcome New Members

### Bath Club

Elizabeth S. Hughes

### Bridgton-Lake Region

Jack Day

Karen Erickson

### Exeter Club

Howard Altschiller

Paula M. Jones

Vincent J. Pascucci

Bill VanLoon

### Hampton Club

Jennifer Andreuzzi

James S. Barrington

Donita L. Jade

Fred C. Rice

### Portland Club

Tammy Atwood

Glenys Sayward

### Portsmouth Club

Joseph Bove

### Rochester Club

Chuck Wiesen\*

### Rumford Club

David Pierce

James Sylvain

### Wells Club

Dan Moore

\* Last month we incorrectly reported Mr. Wiesen's name as Chuck Wilson. Please accept our sincere apologies, and...

Welcome!

### UNE District Project

PDG Ron Drouin reports that the District-wide project for the University of New England has raised nearly \$40,000 towards building a state-of-the-art teaching facility at the Harold Alfond Center for Health Sciences. All funds contributed by the Clubs in District 7780 were matched dollar-for-dollar through a challenge grant by Mr Harold Alfond, founder of the Dexter Shoe Company.

This new medical facility houses the only medical school in Maine, and the only Osteopathic College in New England. Medical students from all parts of District 7780 attend this fine institution. The goal of the medical school is to educate students studying to be primary care physicians in Family Practice and who are willing to serve in New England communities with populations of 10,000 or less.

### Camp Sunshine District Project

PDG George Rice is seeking volunteers for a District-wide project at Camp Sunshine located on the shores of Sebago Lake in Maine. Camp Sunshine is a camp for terminally ill children. The project involves new construction at the site, and Rotary's participation will involve window and siding installation, and some exterior trim once the shell has been erected. The project is expected to take place this September.

Rotary members who have experience in construction or are willing to lend a hand are asked to contact PDG George Rice at 207-743-6389; or DG Craig at 207-985-6029.

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