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Build the future with action and vision



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The Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

By the time you receive this newsletter we will be involved in the last minute details of Rajendra K. Saboo's visit. The Rotary Foundation Chairman and PRIP will be speaking at our Multi-District World Understanding and Peace Dinner on March 1st. If you have not yet made plans to attend this important event, call me - it still might not be too late. The Committee has worked diligently to ensure that every detail has been covered to make this visit a highlight of our Rotary year. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to Wayne Brockney and his committee for an *outstanding* job. I hope you will all be on hand to share this important evening.

As we count down the second half of our Rotary year together, I am sure you will begin to feel some pressure about completing tasks before the end

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New Generations: "Challenges for the Future"

Luis Giay, President of Rotary International, has called upon Rotary Clubs around the world to take up the cause of "Investing in our New Generation". The late James Grant, former executive of UNICEF, wrote, "The world won't solve its major problems until it learns to do a better job of protecting and investing in the development of its children". Craig Wellman, our District Governor, has responded enthusiastically to Giay's challenge, making it a primary focus for his term as Governor. In order to accomplish this goal, Craig has called on members of this District to design and implement an interactive forum for our students, civic leaders and Rotarians called "Challenges of the Future".

Since December 1996, a group of Rotarians headed by Bill Skinner, past District Governor and member of the Durham-Great Bay Club, has worked to create such an event. Responding to questionnaires that had been completed by Clubs throughout the District, the committee

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Urgent Assistance Requested for Montserrat Youth

The Caribbean island of Montserrat, a place of poverty amidst plenty, has been shaken to its core by the most serious volcanic activity in the western hemisphere. Since July of 1995, thousands have either been forced off the island or into shelters. The capital city, Plymouth, has become a ghost town. Montserrat's two major industries, tourism and shipping, have been badly damaged. Since Thanksgiving of 1996, the question has become not whether, but *when*, the volcanic wall will collapse. Tectonic earthquakes have recently become numerous. Many

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The DGN's News Corner

Bruce and I have been busy visiting with all of the Governor's Reps, their area President-elects and spouses. By the time you read this we will have completed our visits with all of them. The District has a great bunch of incoming presidents and I look forward to working with them next year.

We are busy finalizing the plans for the District Assembly. The registration forms were mailed on the 19th. Parking permits and a sample copy of the program will be sent when we receive your registration forms. We have taken the incoming presidents suggestions to heart and tried to incorporate everything they recommended in our pre-PETS meetings. For example, this year we are going to have a session for new members only. This session will give them some information about Rotary and also be a place where they can ask questions. Please encourage new members to come to this year's District Assembly because there is now something for everyone - experienced and new members alike!

The Multi-District PETS Committee has completed the plans for the 1997 PETS. The incoming presidents will find PETS an invaluable tool when preparing for their year as president of their Rotary Club. I can't impress upon you enough the importance of this training. It will make your year go so much more smoothly. Bruce and I leave for Anaheim on the 7th of March and return on the 14th from our DG training.

I have some **great** news! I received confirmation from RI that we have been matched up with District 1410 from Finland for our Group Study Exchange in the spring of 1998. Bruce and I will meet DGN Aaro Hurakainen from District 1410 while we are in Anaheim.

I look forward to seeing all the President-elects at PETS!

Yours in Rotary,

Marie

Joint Matching Grant Project

Districts 7780, 7210 and 4450 are working together on an important Joint Matching Grant Project to purchase well-drilling equipment and casings to drill several wells in Nasca, Peru, a small community of 35,000 people.

The purpose of this Joint Matching Grant Project is to provide clean drinking water to the citizens of Nasca, a necessary step in helping to solve the rampant cholera in this city. These funds will also provide an on-site engineer to locate appropriate well sites and teach the local people proper drilling and installation, so that in the future they will have the skills to drill their own wells.

District 7780's share of this Joint Matching Grant Project is only \$4,000, with the total cost of the project set at \$20,000.

Any Clubs that commit to at least a \$1,000 contribution will be able to use that sum to name a Paul Harris Fellow at a later date - once the total project has received its final approval.

Please discuss this with your Club members, and if you're interested in participating notify DG Craig before March 31st.

For more information please call DG Craig at 207-985-6029.

Disaster Relief Opportunities

U.S.A. - Districts 5180 and 5190

Severe flooding in parts of Districts 5180 and 5190, northern California and northwestern Nevada, has caused extensive damage to residential and commercial properties and farm areas. Damage estimates have already surpassed the staggering sum of US\$1,500,000,000. Local Rotarians have requested donations of clothing, bedding, and non-perishable food items. They would also welcome assistance for the clean-up and repair of affected areas. To support relief efforts in both districts please make contributions payable to: "Rotary Districts 5180/5190 Flood Relief" Account #1135077431, and send to:

Feather River State Bank
1221 Bridge Street
Yuba City, CA 95991

For more information contact Rotarian Richard D. Coyner at 916-755-2420.

U.S.A. - District 5220

Continued rains in northern California have caused extensive damage to large portions of District 5220. An area covering hundreds of square miles was completely inundated and more than 1,000 homes were totally destroyed. Without significant assistance, recovery for many of the displaced families in the lower income bracket will be difficult. The estimated total damage for the region has already exceeded US\$250,000,000. To support relief efforts, please make checks payable to: Rotary District 5220 Flood Relief, Account #6606936 ABA #121136895 and mail them to:

Yosemite Bank
40061 Highway 49
Oakhurst, CA 93644

For more information, contact DG James W. Ellis, at Tel.: 209-478-9302, or Fax: 209-473-4670.

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more people will become homeless and desperately need assistance.

The Montserrat Rotary Club, even before the volcanic activity began, had identified a critical need for a childrens playground facility. One entire village, Long Ground, closest to the volcano, has been entirely wiped out by pyroclastic lava flows. Temporary shelters have been erected at Gerald's Park, one of the few pieces of flat ground, formerly a cricket and soccer field. The British established a row of privies and showers with a series of electrical guy wires. The soil does not perk, and children are literally playing in fecal grass amidst the electrical guy wires. The immediate plans are to set up some minimal playground equipment, including swings, slides, and basketball and cricket equipment, to keep the children, up to 12 years of age, occupied and away from the fecal contamination and electrical guy wires.

This has been a District-wide project, with support for Donations-in-Kind from Boothbay Harbor, Damariscotta-Newcastle, Bath Sunrise, and the Brunswick Clubs. Other contributions have already been received from Hampton (\$500), Fryeburg (\$500), and Oxford Hills (\$194.50).

We hope that other Clubs will join the effort within the next four weeks. Checks, made payable to The Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club, can be sent to:

Chip Griffin
P.O. Box 456
Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538

Or for additional information please contact Chip at 207-633-6300.

Around the District

We learn the following noteworthy event from **Deanna Alves of the Fryeburg Area Club:**

The **Fryeburg Area Rotary Club** recently presented its first annual **Good Neighbor Awards** at the Mountain View Restaurant in Fryeburg. Two awards were given - one to an individual, and one to a business. To be eligible for the award the person and/or business chosen must have met the following requirements:

- * Provided a service over a significant period of time;
- * Have made a difference in the community;
- * Have given of themselves in a quiet, humble manner;
- * The service must have reached many people in the community;
- * They must be from within the SAD 72 geographical area;
- * Must be a non-Rotarian.

Ruth French of Fryeburg received the individual award. Ruth, who has been involved with Fryeburg Academy for more than 30 years, was a former English teacher, housemother, and Dean of Women. In 1986 she was awarded the Academy's distinguished Alumni Award. Mrs. French has also been active with Eastern Star, the Women's Library Club, the Congregational Church, and many other groups.

The business award was presented to **Harvest Hills Animal Shelter. Roz Manwaring, Executive Director**, accepted the award on behalf of the shelter. Several volunteers commit numerous hours caring for the many homeless cats and dogs in the area until the animals can be sent to fine, caring homes.

Congratulations to both Ruth French and the Harvest Hills Animal Shelter!

Donna Coombs of the **Bridgton-Lake Region Club** updates us on the following:

Officer **Tom Harriman** successfully completed his first **D.A.R.E.** class with 66 sixth grade graduates from the Stevens Brook Elementary School. A Culmination Program was held with the students participating in skits such as "Ways to Say NO!", personal commitments, and essays. Presentation of the certificates topped off the program.

Kelly Mulcahy of Naples was the Club's "School Citizen of the Month". Kelly, accompanied by her parents, Donald and Line', joined the Club for breakfast. A member of the National Honor Society, Kelly also serves as president of chorus, and participates on the golf and tennis teams. She is also a 3rd Class Petty Officer for the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets and attended Naval training sessions which included training on a P-3 Orion aircraft where she earned her Flight Engineer Certificate and wings. During the summer Kelly assisted hemophiliac children at a summer camp. Kelly plans to pursue her interests in young people and music by majoring in Music Education at college.

The **Bridgton-Lake Region Club's** third annual **Baked Bean and Ham Dinner** will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall on Route 117 in Bridgton. If you will be in the Bridgton area please stop by for a delicious dinner!



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of your term. But don't worry. There is still plenty of time to accomplish all of the goals you and your Club set, as well as others that arose throughout the year.

During the next few months the District Committees and Officers will be concentrating on helping you all complete the Governor's Challenge and the Presidential Citation. You will also be hearing from your Governor's Representatives concerning your progress towards the very competitive Governor's Trophy. I hope that all Clubs in District 7780 will work towards achieving the Presidential Citation. Remember - by doing so you can earn 500 points towards the Governor's Trophy.

After our World Understanding and Peace Dinner our next big District project will be the New Generations Seminar which will be held on April 5th at the University of Southern Maine's Portland Campus. Please look for details in this month's article.

I look forward to seeing all of the Club Presidents-Elect at the upcoming PETS Conference which will be held on March 21st and 22nd in Nashua, New Hampshire. It will truly be the most awesome event of your Rotary experience - one that will prepare you to take on the leadership of your Club.

As you can see, there is still much to be completed this Rotary year. So stay involved - it's the only way we can really.....

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Until next month,

Craig

(Disaster Relief Opportunities Continued)

Brazil - District 4750

The Governor of District 4750 has reported that torrential rains have caused widespread flooding in the state of Rio de Janeiro. Damage estimates have surpassed US\$100,000,000. Items, such as non-perishable food, clothing, shoes, medicine, and diapers are urgently needed for the flood victims. To support relief efforts, checks can be made payable to: Rotary International, earmark them for District 4750 Disaster Relief, and send to:

Rotary International
c/o Harris Trust & Savings Bank
P.O. Box 71394
Chicago, IL 60694-1394

For additional information, contact Andral Tavares at 247-22-7931.

Peru - District 4450

The Governor of District 4450 reports that a severe earthquake destroyed more than 100 homes and damaged another 6,600 on November 12th. The regions of Nazca, Ica, and Palpa were particularly impacted by the tremors. Damage is tentatively estimated at US\$200,000,000. Food, medicine, and tents are needed for the disaster victims. To support relief efforts please make checks payable to: District 4450 Disaster in Nazca, and send them to:

DG Julio Saettone Dolci
Av. Ricardo Elias Aparicio 555
Portada de la Planicie
La Molina, Lima
Peru

For more information contact the Governor at Tel/Fax: 51-14-790-263.

India - District 3020

On the night of November 6, 1996 a catastrophic cyclone hit the state of Andhra Pradesh in India. Official figures indicate that the 160 kmph winds and torrential rains have left at least 848 people dead, more than 594,000 homes were damaged

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has designed a day-long seminar for high school students. While all high school students will be welcomed, the particular focus is on the 70% of students who are considered "average" - who are neither the "high end" achievers nor the special needs students. These "middle of the road" students are often those who unwittingly fall through the cracks despite the best intentions of parents, teachers, guidance counselors, and other caring adults.

The conference, which will be held at the University of Southern Maine's Portland Campus on April 5th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., offers a dynamic motivational speaker, John Jenkins, Mayor of Lewiston and newly elected State Legislator. Four interactive workshops led by community and business leaders, as well as messages from peers who are involved with our Interact and Youth Exchange Programs will also be inspirational parts of the conference. The workshop themes include "Preparing for the Future - Interviewing Skills and Process", "Sex, Drugs and Rock 'n Roll - Responding to Major Social Issues", "Are You Afraid of the Dark? - Managing Our Fears", and "Leadership Skills - Goal Setting and Problem Solving" reflect the responses to the questionnaire which was distributed to all District Clubs this past December. Perhaps the key element of this conference will be the opportunity for the students to interact with responsible, caring adults as they name and respond to the **real issues** they face as they look to the future.

Each Club is asked to find and sponsor students from local high schools to attend this great event. Our goal is to engage a number of students that will equal 10% of each Clubs membership (i.e., if your Club has 100 members you would sponsor 10 students). Club Presidents have received packets with the information and guidelines for implementing this project, but we need the **real support** of all members in order to make it a success. While we need your time and your financial support, we particularly need your **enthusiasm!** It is essential that our young people, and especially those who can most benefit from this event, receive all the information, encouragement, and support necessary to attend this conference.

The reality is that **their** future is **our** future, and by becoming personally involved with our young people we can make a difference. Remember the words of Marian Wright Edelman,

the child activist from Washington D.C., "Children must have at least one person who believes in them. It could be a counselor, a teacher, a preacher, a friend. It could be you. You never know when a little love, a little support, will plant a small seed of hope".

It could be you.

(Carolyn Lambert, Kennebunk Portside Club, and New Generations Committee)

New Generations Conference

When?

*Saturday, April 5, 1997
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.*

Where?

*University of Southern Maine
Portland Campus*

Special Guest Speaker

*John Jenkins
State Legislator and Lewiston Mayor*

This is a wonderful opportunity for the young people in our District communities to gather together and discuss the issues most important to them.

Don't miss this dynamic conference and inspirational day.

Register Now!!

Club Attendance Figures

Attendance	Club	Member 1/31/97	Current Members	+/-
80.55%	Bath	60	61	1
78.63%	Bath Sunrise	28	24	-4
91%	Bethel	44	39	-5
83.9%	Biddeford/Saco	103	98	-5
85.29%	Boothbay Harbor	46	51	5
N/A	Bridgton/Lake Region	34	---	---
85.2%	Brunswick	126	144	18
80%	Brunswick Coastal	18	15	-3
N/A	Casco Bay Sunrise	28	---	---
78%	Damariscotta-Newcastle	40	43	3
73.57%	Dover	79	85	6
84.3%	Durham Great Bay	53	47	-6
65.44%	Exeter	46	46	---
74%	Freeport	44	39	-5
77.77%	Fryeburg Area	27	27	---
N/A	Hampton	64	---	---
N/A	Kennebunk	102	---	---
80%	Kennebunk Portside	50	45	-5
79%	Kittery	29	31	2
N/A	Newburyport	77	---	---
69.7%	Ogunquit	50	47	-3
90.63%	Oxford Hills	56	64	8
75.28%	Portland	232	224	-8
N/A	Portsmouth	270	---	---
71.9%	Rochester	70	74	4
76.92%	Rumford	47	49	2
79.71%	Saco Bay	74	68	-6
60%	Sanford/Springvale	58	59	1
71%	Scarborough	19	20	1
N/A	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	37	---	---
N/A	Somersworth	28	---	---
N/A	South Berwick	---	---	---
75.81%	S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth	50	50	---
84%	Wells	44	49	5
70.3%	Westbrook-Gorham	46	46	---
88%	Windham	34	38	4
80.2%	Yarmouth	28	37	9
78.44%	York	59	59	---
	TOTALS:	2,300	1,679	

Welcome New Members

Fryeburg Area Club

Harry G. True
Herb Wittenbert

Portland Club

Barbara Hager

Portsmouth Club

Robert J. Connaston
Heinz K. Sauk-Schubert
Marshall A. Tebbetts

Rochester Club

Alan Reed-Erickson

April 26, 1997
University of New England
Biddeford, ME



Brand New!!
New Member Orientation
Session

Who Should Attend?
All New Members In Your
Club

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India - District 3020 Continued

or destroyed, and the agricultural losses are simply staggering. The Governor of District 3020 reports that the cyclone's long term impact on the region is very serious as the grain supply for the entire state has virtually been obliterated. Donations of food and clothing are requested to aid relief efforts. For financial contributions, make checks payable to "District 3020 Disaster Relief Fund" and send to:

Rotary International
c/o Harris Trust & Savings Bank
P.O. Box 71394
Chicago, IL 60694-1394

For more information, contact
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Tel: 91-0866-434-425 or Fax:
91-0866-66-993.

Newsletter Contributions

To share Club news, events or Committee projects fax your noteworthy items to District Governor Craig Wellman at 207-985-1674 or to The Rotarian Newsletter Editor, Michelle Szczapa, at 207-641-2960.

Please submit type written articles to ensure information is legible!

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