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Craig S. Wellman, District 7780 Governor

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The Governor's Message

Dear Rotarians,

Jane and I hope that all of you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. A new year is beginning and we look forward to completing several projects that are in process, as well as to seizing many new opportunities to do the work of Rotary. Our Rotary year has reached its midpoint - we have worked to fill our glasses to the halfway mark now we must work hard to complete the job, and see them filled to the brim before our Rotary year ends.

As the attendance reports come in for our District Challenge it is wonderful to see so many Clubs achieve the goal of 100% attendance, perhaps for the first time. I applaud you for your efforts! I know that I speak for those Clubs that didn't quite make it when I say that we recognized how great your achievement really is! Those Clubs also deserve much praise for their great efforts. It was really terrific to

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University of New England Project

It is with great pride to submit the final report regarding our District Clubs' contributions to the Harold Alfond Center for Health Sciences at the University of New England (UNE). When the project was endorsed, in November of 1995, little did we know just how successful it would be!

The new medical facility houses the only medical school in Maine, and the only Osteopathic College in New England. The medical students are from every community and/or territorial boundary represented by our Clubs. All Club contributions have an immediate impact on students. The goal of the medical school is to educate primary care physicians in Family Practice who are willing to serve in New England communities with populations of 10,000 or less.

The Harold Alfond Center for Health Sciences is a state-of-the-art teaching facility which is part of the UNE campus, a privately operated institution that does not depend on tax dollars for its existence. All funds contributed by our District Clubs were matched dollar-for-dollar by Mr. Harold Alfond, founder of Dexter Shoe Company, through a challenge grant.

Appropriate District recognition is being planned and will name each Club that participated in the project. The recognition will be in the form of a plaque situated in a highly visible part of the new Harold Alfond Center for Health Services, and will highlight the Rotary emblem so that our students, the majority of who are from communities where the Clubs are located, will know "their" Rotary Club supported their educational endeavors.

On behalf of the President, staff and students of the UNE, and more specifically, myself, I would like to express a most gracious thank you for the generosity expressed by the District Clubs.

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The DGN's News Corner

Happy New Year! Bruce and I met with your Governor's Reps on January 8th. They are as follows: **Area 1: Brian Clancey, Area 2: Donald Sumner, Area 3: Dennis Fontaine, Area 4: Bob Bohlmann, Area 5: Mike McGovern, Area 6: Anna Johnson, Area 7: Howard Hebb, and Area 8: Bobbi Steele-Marotta.**

They are all enthusiastic and ready to go! They will soon be calling you, if they haven't already, to schedule area meetings with the President-elects, their spouses, and Bruce and I. At that time I will have a number of informational handouts for you. By now you should have all received your PETS registration form and training manual. For those of you who have not registered yet please remember to do it as soon as possible so you can be housed at the Sheraton Tara. I have received registration copies from about a third of the incoming presidents - keep them coming.

I am still waiting to receive the last of the RI Official Directory information sheets listing the incoming president and secretary for 1997-98. **PLEASE get them to me and RI by January 31st so your Club will be listed in next year's Official Directory.** I would hate to have any of the Clubs in District 7780 not listed in the Directory. Remember this is used for make-ups by Rotarians from all over the world.

My District Assembly Committee is busy working on our District Assembly which will be held on Saturday, April 26, 1997 at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine. Look for additional information in the Governor's Newsletter. Registration forms will be out in February. Mark your calendars today!

Just another reminder about March 1, 1997 when Raja Saboo, Past RI President and the current Chairman of The Rotary Foundation will be the featured speaker at the World Understanding and Peace Dinner at Yoken's Restaurant in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Your Club should have received the registration form by now. Bruce and I hope to see you there.

Yours in Rotary,

Marie

World Understanding and Peace Dinner

District 7780 will host the New England Multi-District World Understanding and Peace Dinner on March 1, 1997 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. We are extremely privileged this year to have as our guest speaker the Past President of Rotary International and Chairman of The Rotary Foundation Board of Directors, Rajendra K. Saboo. We are most fortunate that Raja and his lovely wife, Usha, will be able to spend the entire day with us.

Great emphasis will be placed on the recognition of Paul Harris Fellows, Sustaining Members, and Benefactors, as well as other contributions to The Rotary Foundation and the Permanent Fund. A special reception, with photo opportunities, will be available for all of the Past Club Presidents who served during the 1991-92 Rotary year when Raja was President.

The New England Multi-District World Understanding and Peace Dinner will be held at Yoken's Restaurant and Convention Center, U.S. Route 1, Portsmouth, NH on Saturday, March 1, 1997 with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$37.50 per person for either prime rib of beef or crab stuffed baked haddock.

For registration forms or more information contact PDG George W. Rice at (207) 743-6389. Registration deadline is February 14, 1997.

How Firm Our Foundation?

You asked me about the Rotary Foundation. I'm glad you asked that question because as a long-time Rotarian I can give you a good answer. When I first joined my Club, people were talking about the "Foundation" - the "Foundation" this, the Foundation" that. I didn't know whether it had to do with construction or old ladies' undergarments or what, but I finally found out.

The Rotary Foundation is a big building out in Chicago where all the Rotary offices are. It was built around 1947, I think, and it houses the offices of all the bigwigs in Rotary International.

For example, I know there is the 3-H office. That is Health, Hunger, and Humanism. Then there is the Polio Plus office where you go to get an injection if you think you might be getting polio or some other international disease.

And I am pretty sure they have a big office out there for Group Study Exchange where Rotarians go to make arrangements for international travel, and to meet and stay with other Rotarians around the world. It's a kind of specialized travel bureau, and it's all free to Rotarians.

Now let me see. There is the Rotary Scholarship Program. They also have a big office there at the Foundation for sponsoring students, both graduate and undergraduate. And they give out the scholarships for special purposes like environmental, political science, sociology, philosophy, and things like that.

You know this whole Foundation thing was started back in 1947 by a handicapped fellow whose name was Archibald. He had a lame leg, and they called him Stumph, or maybe it was Stumpy. Anyway, the guy may have had a physical problem, but mentally he was some sharp.

And of course, this Archibald, let's call him Stumpy, set up the whole business about scholarships for the needy, and he named it the Paul Harris Fellowship. Paul, you probably know, was the guy who actually founded Rotary. And when he did, Stumpy started this fellowship program. So if you give \$1,000 to the Foundation out there in Chicago, they'll send you one of those Paul Harris pins. I think that's the way it works. Our Club hasn't got one yet, but we're working on it. I, myself, have pledged \$100 a year so that in nine more years I can send in for my pin.

This \$1,000 also goes to fight polio around the world, and the Rotary has already raised more than a million dollars for this purpose. Just think of it! I believe it's called Polio Plus. I think they added the Plus in case any new diseases showed up that they hadn't expected. Or maybe it was because they raised more than the million dollar goal.

They have a Peace Mission office there too, right in the Foundation building. I know we have those Ambassadors of Good Will all around the world, and I think they're working with the Peace Corp., and the United Nations too, to help bring peace in places like Somalia and Bosnia. I tell you mister, the Foundation is really something.

Of course there are many other functions of the Foundation as well. For instance there are the Earl Miller Discovery Grants to help Rotarians in other countries discover things like gold, diamonds, and other important minerals that are hidden deep in the earth and in caves and places like that which could help these third world countries to get on their feet. In fact, I think it was one of the Earl Miller Discovery Grants that enabled the Egyptians to excavate the Tomb of King Tut. I'm not really sure about that but it seems to me I did hear a rumor to that effect. If you call Chicago and ask for the big Foundation building I am quite sure you will find that the Earl Miller Discovery Grants has a big office there and they can tell you all about it.

I am sure glad you gave me the opportunity to tell you about the Foundation. To tell you the truth, I had forgotten how much I really knew about it.

(Freddie)

Around the District

From the **Portland Rotary Club's "Windjammer"** we receive the following newsworthy items:

The **Portland Rotary Club** is honoring the founder of Rotary International by designating the month of January as "**Paul Harris Month**", and January 27th as "**Paul Harris Day**". On that date 50 years ago, Paul Harris, the Founder of Rotary International passed away. In his honor The Rotary Foundation was established later that year. To commemorate "Paul Harris Month" the Portland Rotary Club will recognize his legacy by awarding Paul Harris Fellowships to several leading citizens in their community, by completing renovation plans for a children's playground, by devoting its January 24th meeting to a skit portraying Rotary's founding, and hosting a reception for Portland City Officials and Portland Rotarians on January 27th at 5:30 p.m. in the State of Maine Room at Portland City Hall. **The Honorable John F. McDonough, Mayor and fellow Rotarian**, will proclaim Monday, January 27, 1997 as "Paul Harris Day" in the city of Portland.

Recently, the **Portland Rotary Club** heard two very informative presentations, one by **Alex Kamilewecz**, their **Ambassadorial Scholar to Oxford**, who spoke about his experiences in England and his job restoring old books in Oxford's library. The other speaker was **Ana Courtney**, last year's **Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Budapest, Hungary**, who described her experiences abroad. Ana learned to speak the language and experienced the culture first-hand. She had three host families during her year there, and explained their different customs and education practices. Students were motivated to do their homework out of fear of being chosen to explain the previous day's lesson. She then described the various holiday customs and showed slides of the country. In Hungary she was a very independent traveler due to the availability of trains, buses, and trams. She purchased a Europass and toured Europe with other Exchange Students.

These quotes from the **Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club's "The Tack"** speak volumes in few words:

"What you do speaks so loudly that I can't hear what you say" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds." - George Elliot

The **Portsmouth Rotary Club's "Weekly Log"** contributes the following:

This year, **students from the Peer Leadership Program at Portsmouth High School have joined forces with the Portsmouth Rotary Club to form an Interact Club**. Interact, which stands for International Action, is an international organization of Rotary sponsored service clubs for young people. Thirty-five students at the Portsmouth High School Interact Club are now part of over 7,500 clubs in more than 100 countries with a membership of over 165,000 worldwide.

Donna Coombs from the **Bridgton-Lake Region Club** reports the following items:

Brett Marcoux of Bridgton was recognized as the Club's December "School Citizen of the Month" and was accompanied by his parents, Mike and Cindy, at the breakfast meeting. Brett is the captain of the Lake Region High School football team, plays baseball, is a member of the indoor track team and is the inspirational leader of the Lake Region Lunatics Pep Squad adding school spirit at the winter basketball games. Brett also enjoys contributing to society by volunteering at a soup kitchen.

For the third year, the **Bridgton-Lake Region Club** will host two famous Bake Bean and Ham Dinners on Saturday, February 8th and March 22nd, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic Hall on Route 117 in Bridgton. Assorted casseroles and sumptuous desserts will round out the menu.

Reminder - the Bridgton-Lake Region Club's breakfast meetings are now held at Punkin Valley Inn on Route 302 in West Bridgton, just past Shawnee Peak Ski Area. Meeting time remains the same - 7:30 a.m.

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see such a focus put on attendance, one of the major components to the success of any Rotary Club. Thank you all for your creativity, ingenuity, and hard work. I hope we can do this again **Next Year!**

As we begin the second half of our year I ask that you all give special attention to **membership growth**. It goes without saying that all Clubs need to have new members if we are to grow in the scope of what we do to serve our communities. District-wide, our membership is down. Since many Clubs are experiencing a loss of membership it is time to focus on a membership initiative. I challenge each of you who receives this newsletter to introduce two new members to your Club before April 1st. If we can all do this together we will be well on our way to an increased membership over last year.

We must also continue to focus our attention and resources on The Rotary Foundation. Support it in any way we can and think of it as a charity deserving of our consideration, since the mission of the Foundation is central to things in which we, as Rotarians, believe. No matter how much we give to the Foundation it will make a difference. Let me quote from William Cable, a Rotarian from Indiana, who said, *"When people ask me what we get out of giving, I tell them, 'What does anyone hope to get out of life? Happiness, joy, peace.' All I can say is that we have received far more than we have given."*

Please think about what you can do, and do it today.

And finally, I would like to remind everyone to sign up for the March 1st New England World Understanding and Peace Dinner that our District is hosting in Portsmouth, NH featuring Rajendra K. Saboo, Past President of Rotary International and current Chairman of The Rotary Foundation. This promises to be a great event, so please reserve the date. Also, don't forget to sign up for the District Conference in Kennebunkport, ME which will be held June 26-29, 1997. It will be the culmination of a very exciting year for all of us.

Craig

Attention Bulletin Editors

Please note that with the Rotary year now half over the District Governor is still receiving Club Bulletins from only 24 of the 38 Clubs in our District. Please notify your Club Bulletin Editor that in order to be judged for a District Award at the District Conference the DG has to have the opportunity to read your Bulletin.

1997 District Assembly

WHEN?

Saturday, April 26, 1997

WHERE?

*University of New England
Biddeford, Maine*

SPEAKER?

*Abe Gordon
RI Director-Elect*

*Watch For More Details
Right Here Next Month!!!!*

Disaster Relief

Honduras - District 4250

More than two weeks of torrential rainfall caused a critical flood situation in the northern Atlantic coastal region of Honduras. Seven people were killed and thousands evacuated from their homes. The Governor of District 4250 reports that clothes, blankets, and medicine are urgently needed. To support relief efforts please earmark checks for "Disaster Relief", payable to: The Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa, Account #1101072210, and send them to:

Augusto Baron Lupiac, President
The Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa
Apdo. No. 120
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

For more information please call
504-313-808 or 504-379-459.

*(University of New England Project Continued)***FINAL REPORT**

Rotary International District 7780/University of New England Project
January 1, 1996 to December 31, 1996

Number of Clubs Solicited with a Personal Visit	37
Number of Clubs Solicited (per their request) with a Second Visit	8
Number of Clubs Contributing	25
Number of Clubs Not Contributing	5
Number of Clubs with No Response	7

<u>Contributing Clubs</u>	<u>Contribution</u>
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Portland	\$ 5,000.00
Oxford Hills	\$ 3,000.00
Biddeford-Saco	\$ 3,000.00
Brunswick	\$ 1,000.00
Kennebunk	\$ 1,000.00
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	\$ 500.00
Saco Bay	\$ 500.00
Rochester	\$ 500.00
Newburyport	\$ 500.00
Wells	\$ 500.00
Westbrook-Gorham	\$ 500.00
Casco Bay Sunrise	\$ 500.00
Hampton	\$ 500.00
Boothbay Harbor	\$ 500.00
Bethel	\$ 500.00
Ogunquit	\$ 300.00
Fryeburg Area	\$ 270.00
Brunswick Coastal	\$ 250.00
York	\$ 250.00
Seabrook-Hampton Falls	\$ 250.00
Kennebunk Portside	\$ 200.00
Sanford-Springvale	\$ 100.00
Rumford	\$ 100.00
Bridgton-Lake Region	\$ 100.00
Freeport	\$ 50.00
TOTAL:	\$19,870.00

GRAND TOTAL: **\$39,740.00**

(Matched dollar-for-dollar by Mr. Harold Alfond)

(Ronald Drouin, PDG, and Director of Development & Alumni Relations, University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine)

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From the **Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club's "Twin Town Reporters"**:

The **Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club** heard from its **Ambassadorial Scholar, Patrick J. McGinnis**, who just completed his mid-terms and is finding the Argentine educational system "a fascinating and challenging environment that is demanding in terms of both academics and administrative obstacles". Patrick has visited many historical sites and cultural centers, and has attended several Rotaract and Rotary meetings at his host Club. All this and he has only been in Argentina for a few months!

From the **Kennebunk Portside Rotary Club's "Portside News"**:

The **Kennebunk-Portside Rotary Club** received an update on last year's **Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Japan, Katie Spaulding**. Her father, **Buck Spaulding**, reports that Katie's experience with the program has permanently changed her life and the lives of those around her. Her Japanese Rotary Club helped to support Katie's new venture on a mission to Belize. Rotary Youth Exchange continues to make a profound difference in her life and to the lives of those she endeavors to help.

Club Attendance Figures

Attendance	Club	Member 12/31/96	Current Members	+/-
82.73%	Bath	60	62	2
73.33%	Bath Sunrise	28	25	-3
85%	Bethel	44	39	-5
86%	Biddeford/Saco	103	99	-4
82.61%	Boothbay Harbor	46	49	3
N/A	Bridgton/Lake Region	34	---	---
68.2%	Brunswick	126	144	18
91%	Brunswick Coastal	18	15	-3
64%	Casco Bay Sunrise	28	32	4
82.59%	Damariscotta-Newcastle	40	45	5
N/A	Dover	79	---	---
85.9%	Durham Great Bay	53	48	-5
58.7%	Exeter	46	46	---
66%	Freeport	44	40	-4
79.62%	Fryeburg Area	27	27	---
67.5%	Hampton	64	52	-12
79.8%	Kennebunk	102	94	-8
76%	Kennebunk Portside	50	45	-5
78%	Kittery	29	27	-2
87%	Newburyport	77	75	-2
76.9%	Ogunquit	50	47	-3
83.6%	Oxford Hills	56	64	8
75.95%	Portland	232	230	-2
73.87%	Portsmouth	270	269	-1
73.5%	Rochester	70	74	4
74.35%	Rumford	47	48	1
80%	Saco Bay	74	70	-4
61.46%	Sanford/Springvale	58	48	-10
78.5%	Scarborough	19	20	1
N/A	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	37	---	---
N/A	Somersworth	28	---	---
N/A	South Berwick	---	---	---
79.86%	S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth	50	48	-2
80%	Wells	44	50	6
70.69%	Westbrook-Gorham	46	43	-3
94%	Windham	34	35	1
66.6%	Yarmouth	28	38	10
76%	York	59	59	---
	TOTALS:	2,300	2,107	

Welcome New Members

Brunswick Club

Bruce Stahl
Janine Thompson

Durham-Great Bay Club

Terry L. Sharbaugh

Freeport Club

Ronald L. Smith

Fryeburg Area Club

Harry G. True
Herbert Wittnebert

Portland Club

Gillian R. Britt
Scott C. Matassa
James B. Pickett
Cathy-Ann H. Wirth

Portsmouth Club

Timothy Jordan
Ellen M. Labrie
Timothy Rich

Saco Bay Club

Daniel D. Cote
Gary Hammond
David Lemoine

Sanford-Springvale Club

Robert Whittaker

Scarborough Club

Thomas Brown
Martha E. Dickerman

Wells Club

James Morrison

Yarmouth Club

Jeffrey Lauder

World Understanding & Peace Dinner

Saturday, March 1, 1997
6:00 P.M.

Yoken's Restaurant * Portsmouth, NH
Guest Speaker: Rajendra K. Saboo

*Sign up now for the World Peace and Understanding
Dinner featuring Mr. Rajendra K. Saboo, Past
President of Rotary International and current
Chairman Of The Rotary Foundation.*

New Generations Conference

Saturday, April 5, 1997

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

University Of Maine
Portland Campus

*A great opportunity for the young people in your
communities to meet together to discuss the
issues important to them.*

Register Today!

Rotary International Director -Nominee for Zone 31

Abraham I. Gordon of the Rotary
Club of Bridgeport, Connecticut
has been declared the official
Director-Nominee to be elected
from Zone 31 at the 1997
International Convention in
Glasgow, Scotland. Abe served
as Governor of District 7980 in
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