

# 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*

A new year in Rotary has begun and with that new year every Club in our District has new leadership. This new leadership brings renewed focus, new goals, and new energy to each Club. With this yearly renewal Rotary continues to grow to become an even greater service to mankind.

August is Membership Development Month. With this in mind, I ask all Rotarians to give special attention to membership development and retention, promoting new membership through membership drives, and implementing a program to promote the retention of all current members.

Besides bringing in new members, we must also do all that we can to retain the members we already have. One way to do this is to have a program that re-acquaints these Rotarians with the purpose of Rotary and all of its varied programs.

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## **District 7780 Receives Foundation Award**

On June 25th, while attending the Rotary International Convention in Calgary Canada, DG Craig Wellman proudly accepted a Foundation award honoring PDG George Rice.

In a private ceremony 32 District Governors or their representatives were presented plaques commemorating their efforts for the Rotary Foundation during the Rotary year. The awards were presented by Rotary Foundation members Paulo V.C. Costa, Chairman; and Rajendra Saboo, Vice Chairman. The DGs' were challenged to secure 75 new benefactors - District 7780 secured 90!! Way to go PDG George!

## **George A. Cashman Community Service Award**

The George A. Cashman Community Service Award was established at Newburyport High School by the Rotary Club of Newburyport to honor past District Governor George Cashman and his tremendous life-long commitments made pertaining to the Rotary statement "Service Above Self". This year's award was presented to Sarah McCarty, daughter of Chip and Tia McCarty, who completely exemplifies the ideals and values of the statement.

Throughout her high school career Sarah devoted herself to involvement in various groups and causes that directly impacted her peers, school and community in a positive way. She co-chaired the Senior Citizen Olympics, served on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Regional Student Advisory Council, was vice president of the Girls' Leaders Club, and was Secretary of the Marshal Staff. In addition to being a fine student Sarah is an excellent athlete who co-captained their championship field hockey team this past fall.

This young woman is an advocate for those less fortunate, for equity in all matters, and is very clear in supporting her very high moral and ethical beliefs. She will be attending Xavier University in the fall to pursue a career in finance.



### The DGN's News Corner

DG Craig and all the '96-97 Presidents have officially started their year in office. I wish them all the best and know they will have a very successful year!

One year from now the President-elects and I will start our term in office. There is a lot of planning to be done, as well as training, for our year together - your PETS will be on March 21 and 22. Our District Assembly will be on April 26th, and the District Conference to officially start our year and celebrate the success of this year is June 26th - 29th, 1997. Please mark your calendars for these very important dates.

I would like all the President-elects to start thinking now about what you would like to accomplish during your year as President of your Rotary Club. It is never too soon to start planning - time has a way of flying by! If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can make our year together successful please call me at 207-676-9946 (work), or 207-439-3761 (home) or fax me at 207-438-9242. Remember - this is OUR DISTRICT!

I am starting to look for people who are interested in serving on District Committees during 1997-98, and am asking all the members of OUR DISTRICT (including PDGs, current and past club presidents) to think about what you would be interested in doing at OUR DISTRICT level in '97-98. Please contact me NOW expressing your interests.

On a very personal note, Bruce and I are proud to announce we are grandparents for the very first time! Our grandson, Christopher Michael Chase was born on July 1, 1996 and weighed in at 7lbs. 14oz. and 22 inches long! He is the son of our daughter, Sally, and her husband, David Chase.

Bruce and I look forward to our opportunity to share Rotary with each and everyone of you during the coming months!

Yours in Rotary,

Marie

*"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth"*  
- Diogenes, Greek Philosopher (From the Biddeford-Saco Club Bulletin)

### RYLA 1996

As a District we are responsible for providing the RYLA program that will be the most beneficial for our students - the one from which they receive the most skills. This year's program challenged the RYLA students physically and mentally by putting them in challenging situations where they had to work together as a team to fulfill the course requirements.

At the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School (HIOBS) we were all subjected to cold, wet, icy water, heights, darkness, close physical contact, absence of "Foof" (friends, TV, walkman, shampoo, deodorant), lack of privacy and sleep. The 3 days were challenging and all who participated faced at least one difficult situation to which they had to respond. *Most* of us had several challenges. The HIOBS staff considered this to be either a vacation or a "perk". It was a great privilege for me to be a part of the Watches. District Rotarians can be extremely proud of the students they sponsored for they indeed excelled! I'm confident that you will enjoy their story, and if possible please involve them in something you do during the year so they can see what Rotary is really about and what is available to them. They should all be great ambassadors for the 1997 program!

The program was so good and student enthusiasm so strong that I think it would be worthwhile to seek corporate sponsorship to send them all back for a 2 day follow up within the next year. (continued on page 7)



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Another way is to sponsor a social occasion focusing on your newest members so that they feel comfortable and welcome by friends, both new and old.

It is important that Club Presidents make sure all of their members are put to work in some meaningful way. Rotarians joined Rotary with the understanding that they would have the opportunity to provide service to their communities. We all need to see that this happens.

On August 15th each Club will have the opportunity to send its Club Membership Chairs to an evening on Membership Development and Retention. The purpose of this seminar is for Clubs to share ideas that have worked for them as well as discuss new ideas, giving all who attend an opportunity to learn as well as share their success.

As we all plan for Membership and Retention we have to remember the two goals that we set for '96-97. The first is to add 260+ new Rotarians to District 7780 - the total of each Club's commitment.

The second goal is to retain all the Rotarians that we now have. This will require much of your time and

energy. As leaders of Rotary each of us must work toward this end.

I encourage all Rotarians to remember that the purpose of a Rotary District is to serve as a resource for Rotary Clubs. It is my hope that all Rotarians would think of your District Committees and Officers as resources to help your Club achieve its goals.

Jane and I look forward to visiting every Rotary Club in our District over the next few months and sharing with each of you your successes and plans for the future.

I hope that you find this newsletter to be of value. You should feel comfortable in reprinting any part for use in your Club bulletins. I also encourage you to submit information or articles that you wish to share with the other Clubs in our District. Finally I invite your feedback - tell us what you like, what is useful, and ways to improve it to better meet your needs.

Until next month,

Craig

### **Olympic Hospitality - *Southern Style***

Rotary Clubs throughout Georgia have planned a variety of hospitality and fellowship events to coincide with the Olympics - all open to visiting Rotarians. Please note that many Atlanta area Rotary Clubs will not have access to their usual meeting places during the "Games". Some have canceled meetings and others are using alternative planned gatherings as make-ups. Visiting Rotarians wishing to make up in Atlanta during the Olympics are advised to call 404-876-8279 for current meeting information.

Georgia Rotarians have assembled a kit including information on their Olympic homestay program, maps of Atlanta and Georgia, tickets to barbecues, a banner, pins, discount coupons, and a complete guide to Olympic events. To obtain a kit (\$25) contact:

Georgia USA Rotary Olympic Committee  
P.O. Box 422284  
Atlanta, GA 30342  
Tel. #: 800-977-6827, Fax #: 404-763-5572

Visit District 6900's World Wide Web page at: <ftp://d6900@d6900.rotary.asti.com/web/home/d6900/>



## Around the District

After a two year distinguished service record, **Dan Mooers** of the **South Portland-Cape Elizabeth** Club is now a Past Director of Rotary International. He was recently appointed by **RI President Luis Giay** to serve on the Tenth Decade Committee and the Committee on Legislation Study Committee. Dan is also a member of the Foundation Permanent Fund Leadership Team.

The *new* **Rotary Club of Yarmouth** and President **Peter Johnson** were approved to receive their Charter from Rotary International on June 17th with 30 Charter members. Mark your calendars for the celebration - Charter Night is scheduled for September 20th. **PDG George Rice** worked hard to see this through completion. *Congratulations to all!*

The **Kennebunk** Club is planning their Chicken Barbecue for Friday, July 26th at Kennebunk High School. The event is chaired by **Steve Adams**.

The **Portsmouth** Club recently endowed the Portsmouth Fire Department with 3 CPR mannequins to aid in training. The Club's Chicken Barbecue is scheduled for August 1st at Strawberry Banke. **Everett Eaton** is chairing the event.

The **Saco Bay** Club is pleased to have helped the Myrick Cyclers raise their goal of \$1,050 for the Maine Lung Association. **PP Michael Myrick** and his two daughters, Addie and Meghan, biked across Maine June 14th - 17th.

**Dick Brewster** of the **Exeter** Club had the wonderful opportunity to run with the Olympic Torch in Milford, NH. Also privileged to carry the Torch was **Dick Johnson** of the **Wells** Club who ran with Joan Benoit Samuelson and Travis Roy in Kittery, ME on June 14th.

**Jerry Guertin and Roland Eon** from the **Biddeford-Saco** Club received their Club's highest award this year - the "Rotarian of the Year" award.

The **Casco Bay Sunrise** Club is planning their Golf Tournament for August 25th.

The **Bath Sunrise** Club will be holding a Yard Sale on Saturday, September 14th in the parking lot of 351 High Street.

The 30th annual **Portland Rotary** Lobster Bake at Baxter School on Mackworth Island will be held on Thursday, July 25th.

The **Bridgton-Lake Region** Club rolled out their *Rotary Roller* concession cart during the 4th of July weekend, and was on the Naples causeway for the parade and fireworks display. On July 6th the cart was at "Art in the Park" in Bridgton. A beautiful day and fantastic crowd made the event successful! A **Celebrity Auction** will be held Friday, August 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Lake Region High School, Route 302 in Naples, ME. Come join the festivities for a fun-filled evening. You're sure to find a treasure to bring home!

## Rotary International Honored

The National Council for International Health (NCIH) named **Rotary International** a winner of one of its four annual "Leadership in Global Health" awards. The organization's International Health Organizational Leadership award recognized Rotary's contribution to the global eradication of polio. **Dr. John Sever**, a member of RI's International PolioPlus Committee and a Maryland PDG, accepted the award on June 12th at NCIH's annual conference in Arlington, VA.

The Leadership in Global Health awards are presented annually recognizing the outstanding contributions to international public health. The National Council for International Health, founded in Washington, D.C. in 1971 is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving international health and human development.

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## New Generations

A new program established by **Rotary International President Luis Giay** is the New Generations program. "I am convinced that the great moment has arrived", stated Giay. "The time has come for Rotary to establish a relationship among generations, to give young people the chance to voice their hopes; and elders an opportunity to share their experiences."

New Generations mission statement is "Rotary's Programs for New Generations are for all young people up to the age of 30. It is the responsibility of each Rotarian to prepare the New Generations by improving their life skills to ensure a better future while recognizing the diversity of their needs. Health, human values, education and self development - these are the fundamental needs of New Generations".

Although this program will not be implemented until 1996-97 the goal of New Generations is similar to programs we already have in place but emphasizes coordination of all our efforts. It is our investment in the future by reinforcing our existing programs as well as fostering new ones. We must enthusiastically solicit the input of our youth and offer them what they need. It is my hope that every club in the District will have a New Generations Committee whose primary purpose is to coordinate all youth activities and introduce new ideas.

All Clubs in our District should be actively involved in preventive programs such as the nationally recognized D.A.R.E. program for youth (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). This program teaches elementary school children about drugs, alcohol, peer pressure, gang activity, violence, and refusal skills. The importance of these programs for building self esteem cannot be stressed.

We must also work to establish Interact Clubs in all of our high schools and Rotaract Clubs in our local colleges and universities, as well as to sponsor students through the RYLA program (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). It is through these and similar youth programs that Rotary can encourage and influence our youth. All of the New Generations must understand what Rotary is and what we, as Rotarians, do not only for our local communities but for the world community as well.

Our Clubs must be encouraged to seek out and sponsor outbound Youth Exchange Students from our communities, and encourage our Clubs to sponsor and host inbound Youth Exchange Students from

around the world. Our Clubs should also seek out and sponsor members for outgoing Group Study Exchange Teams. There is a wealth of eligible young men and women in our communities who would represent our District well throughout the world. Furthermore, members of our own Clubs should apply to become Group Study Exchange Team Leaders.

Within our Clubs and communities we must work hard to keep our young people actively involved in worthwhile service in the communities and world.

During the year I hope to hold a District wide assembly for our youth - a conference where we and the New Generations can share knowledge, Rotary programs and solicit valuable input. We must do everything possible to raise our youth's awareness of Rotary programs for they will serve as the basis for building the future.

## Welcome New Members

Russell Lacasse, Bridgton-Lake Region

## Fond Farewells

Rev. Allan Wells-Goodwin, Bridgton-Lake Region. Allan and his family have been called to churches in the Boothbay area. Allan was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow by charter DG Bob Patten, DG George Rice, and their spouses.



## A 1st Timer's Impression of the RI Convention

District 7780 was well represented at the 87th annual RI convention in Calgary in June with attendees from Portland (Don Lowry, Alan Nye, Meredith Small, Bob Pierce, Earle Leavitt, Loretta Rowe, Jim Willey); Kennebunk (Craig Wellman); South Portland-Cape Elizabeth (Dan Mooers, Sam Giftos, Nancy Hawes); Durham-Great Bay (Jaap deJong); Portsmouth (Al Courtney) and Ogunquit (Karen Maxwell). As this was billed as a "family round-up" the above were accompanied by spouses, children, parents and other assorted guests.

Having never attended a convention before I had heard a lot about what to expect from previous conventioners. Specifically, I was told that I would love it (I did) and that the entertainment was spectacular (It was). People asked me if I learned a lot about Rotary at the convention, and frankly, I learned very little new information, although my guests (my parents and two friends in the news business) learned a great deal about Rotary. For me, the highlights of the convention were: 1). the hospitality; 2). the entertainment, and 3). Oscar Arias Sanchez.

The *hospitality* was truly overwhelming! Not only our Rotary guests but people all over the city were incredibly friendly and welcoming. Our giant name tags (which we had to wear to get free train rides) stimulated conversation with strangers everywhere we went - that was my father's favorite part of the convention.

The *entertainment* was abundant, varied and topnotch. In addition to the country music, rodeo, and chuck wagon races that you'd expect in Calgary, we were also treated to ballet and bagpipes, jazz and juggling, skating and symphony, picnics, parades and piano prodigies, fireworks, comedians, Cirque du Soleil, etc.. If you weren't having a great time it was your own fault!

On a serious note, you couldn't help but be impressed by the dedication to peace of Costa Rica's former president Oscar Arias and the other Nobel peace prize speakers. Although his plea for abolishing the military in developing countries (especially in Africa) may seem like tilting at windmills, Rotary's PolioPlus program is proof that dreams can become reality.

There seems to be an impression that the Rotary Convention is for incoming presidents and district governors. However, its for everyone else too. My own party's experience was that the convention made for a great vacation, as much for my non-Rotarian guests as for myself. Next year's convention will be June 15-18 in Glasgow, Scotland and if the sound of bagpipes makes your blood stir you won't want to miss it! (Nancy Hawes)

(Rotary Honored Continued)

The organization unites nongovernment and private sector organizations, government agencies, academic institutions, and the international community in an effort to improve global health.

**Rotary International** also received the Year of the Vaccine Award from the Task Force on Child Survival and Development (TFCSD) at the International Convention in Calgary, Alberta, Canada on June 25th. Nineteen Ninety-Six has been named the Year of the Vaccine to mark the 20th anniversary of Edward Jenner's discovery of a vaccine for smallpox. The TFCSD, an umbrella organization sponsored by WHO, UNICEF, the World Bank, the UN Development Program and the Rockefeller Foundation is spearheading this year's commemoration of the discovery of vaccine. The Task Force Award, presented to **RI President Herb Brown** was accompanied by a gift of one million doses of oral polio vaccine from Connaught Laboratories of Canada and was presented to **Rotary Foundation Chairman Paulo Costa**.



## Club Attendance Figures

| Attendance | Club                       | Member<br>06/30/96 | Current<br>Members |
|------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 76.39%     | Bath                       | 60                 | 60                 |
| N/A        | Bath Sunrise               | ---                | ---                |
| 85.4%      | Bethel                     | 44                 | 44                 |
| 79.08%     | Biddeford/Saco             | 103                | 103                |
| 79.26%     | Boothbay Harbor            | 46                 | 46                 |
| N/A        | Bridgton/Lake Region       | ---                | ---                |
| 90%        | Brunswick                  | 126                | 126                |
| 62.5%      | Brunswick Coastal          | 18                 | 18                 |
| N/A        | Casco Bay Sunrise          | ---                | ---                |
| 76.80%     | Damariscotta-Newcastle     | 40                 | 40                 |
| 71.58%     | Dover                      | 79                 | 79                 |
| 80.9%      | Durham Great Bay           | 53                 | 53                 |
| 66%        | Exeter                     | 46                 | 46                 |
| 68.18%     | Freeport                   | 44                 | 44                 |
| 83.33%     | Fryburg Area               | 27                 | 27                 |
| N/A        | Hampton                    | ---                | ---                |
| 66%        | Kennebunk                  | 102                | 102                |
| 79.50%     | Kennebunk Portside         | 50                 | 50                 |
| 81%        | Kittery                    | 29                 | 29                 |
| 79%        | Newburyport                | 77                 | 77                 |
| 66.65%     | Ogunquit                   | 50                 | 50                 |
| 90.18%     | Oxford Hills               | 56                 | 56                 |
| 74.06%     | Portland                   | 232                | 232                |
| 73.45%     | Portsmouth                 | 270                | 270                |
| 74.96%     | Rochester                  | 70                 | 70                 |
| 70.61%     | Rumford                    | 47                 | 47                 |
| 80.7%      | Saco Bay                   | 74                 | 74                 |
| 69.27%     | Sanford/Springvale         | 58                 | 58                 |
| 67.2%      | Scarborough                | 19                 | 19                 |
| 70%        | Seabrook-Hampton Falls     | 37                 | 37                 |
| 63.4%      | Somersworth                | 28                 | 28                 |
| N/A        | South Berwick              | ---                | ---                |
| 74.11%     | S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth | 50                 | 50                 |
| N/A        | Wells                      | ---                | ---                |
| 78.24%     | Westbrook-Gorham           | 46                 | 46                 |
| 91%        | Windham                    | 34                 | 34                 |
| 60%        | Yarmouth                   | 28                 | 28                 |
| 72%        | York                       | 59                 | 59                 |
|            | <b>TOTALS:</b>             | <b>2,102</b>       | <b>2,102</b>       |

Those Rotarians who gathered after the District Assembly talked of a 3 day program with a 2 day follow up. Since the program is so brief the RYLA conference needs to be as intense as possible, including a follow up, for it to be effective. HIOBS has found that the younger the participant, the longer the program should be.

Because this is Rotary District 7780's program it makes sense that as many Rotarians as possible be involved. Those interested in working with youth can join in a small group ("Watch" at HIOBS) with these outstanding young people. *As a District we need to design a program that will provide young leaders with the best possible experience with our goal being what is best for them.* If we want to work with HIOBS they will help the District design whatever we want for a course, and they lend credibility to our RYLA program.

For more information please call me at 603-659-3535; or Bob Flynn at 207-767-7388; or Rob Chatfield, HIOBS Director, at 207-594-5548.  
*(Arthur Bradbury, RYLA Chair)*

## Directory Changes

1. **Bridgton-Lake Region Club** - the new Club President is:

**Albert C. Smith, II "Albie"**  
**Bridgton Academy, Box 292**  
**North Bridgton, ME 04057**  
**207-647-2813/H**

**207-647-3322/W 207-647-8513/F**

2. **Kittery Club** - the new meeting location, effective July 1st, is:

**The Quarterdeck Restaurant**



## Rotary Foundation News

The Trustees overturned their October 1995 decision which prohibited two recognition items per \$1,000 gift. As a result, you will now receive a sapphire pin in addition to being able to name a new Paul Harris Fellow for each additional US\$1,000 contribution beyond the initial US\$1,000.

As of July 1, 1996 Sustaining Member credit (amounts under \$1,000 in the PHF/SM Amount of the Club Recognition Summary report) from deceased or former Rotarians will no longer be available for transfer to other Rotarians. Credits in the Available for PHF/SM column of the Club Recognition Summary report created during or prior to the 1994-95 Rotary year will expire on June 30, 1997. Available credits created on or after July 1, 1996 must be designated within the three year

funding cycle of the Annual Programs Fund. Please note that the existing Paul Harris Sustaining Member program is not affected in any way by this decision. (Richard "Dick" Clark)

ALL Rotarians - mark your calendars now for the opportunity to learn and exchange information about *your* Foundation at the upcoming **Foundation Seminar: Saturday, November 16th**  
**UNE Campus, Biddeford, ME**

Program details will be available soon. If anyone has suggestions please contact "Dick" Clark, District Foundation Chairman, at 603-742-1263.

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