

# 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,

I would like to begin this final newsletter by saying "Thank you" to all District 7780 Rotarians for your support. It is *your* hard work that made 1996-97 a truly great year! I hope that each of you found some success in your efforts to promote the values of Rotary and service to your community.

I would also like to thank the Past District Governors who have been so helpful in providing guidance and advice throughout the year. Many thanks also go to my eight Governor's Representatives, my District Secretary, and my District Treasurer, who have helped me enormously.

A very special "Thank you" to my editor, Michelle Szczapa, for her patience with me while trying to publish this newsletter each month.

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## The Rotary Foundation Challenge

A few weeks ago I offered a challenge to each Rotary Club in District 7780 - I had been given (by an anonymous member) the opportunity to offer \$21,000 worth of credits to The Rotary Foundation.

We decided to use these credits to match any new monies donated to The Rotary Foundation. There were enough available credits for \$300 per Club.

I am very pleased to announce that the following Rotarians have accepted that challenge:

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## UNE District Project

A plaque will soon be displayed in the University of New England's (UNE) new teaching facility, the Harold Alfond Center for Health Sciences, in honor of District 7780 Rotary Clubs.

The plaque will recognize those Rotary Clubs that contributed to the District-wide project from January 1996 to December 1996. A total of \$20,370 was contributed by the Clubs highlighted on the plaque, and the money was matched, dollar-for-dollar through a challenge grant, by Mr. Harold Alfond, founder of the Dexter Shoe Company, for a net amount of \$40,740. This is truly an

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## The DGN's News Corner

Well, this is my last DGN News Corner. Next month it will be taken over by Bill Skinner. Anyone wishing to contribute an article for the Governor's Newsletter needs to submit the article to Paul Thornfeldt, Newsletter Editor, by the 5th of the month. Anyone wishing to contribute an article for The Foundation Newsletter needs to submit the information to PDG George Rice, also by the 5th of each month. Their addresses and fax numbers are as follows:

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 Norway, ME 04268  
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It's nice to know that my news corner was read each month - or at least last month's was! I received a call from Karen Dunfey, of the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Club, within 2 - 3 days after the newsletter was published about one of the projects in India. I faxed India that night with Karen's information and she received a fax back from them the next morning! We are on our way!! The Area 3 Clubs (Biddeford-Saco, Kennebunk, Kennebunk Portside, Saco Bay and Wells) are working together on a Carl Miller Discovery Grant request, and the Windham Club is also trying for one. This is the part of Rotary I really love - people helping people and the enthusiasm of doing it! What a way to begin the year!!

I have started to send out reminder letters to the Clubs Bruce and I will be visiting in July. It's approaching fast! I look forward to receiving your Club's plans and objectives along with your committee listings. To date I have received both of these items from *only one Club*. Remember to get them to me by *July 1st* to earn points for the Governor's Trophy Challenge!

The District Directory is completed for next year. See me at The Colony to get your copy. It's going to be an exciting Conference! I know DG Craig and Jane, and the Kennebunk Club have been very busy planning and preparing for it - so I hope you all plan on attending.

## District 7780 Youth Exchange

Our District has always been very active in International Youth Exchange. We are pleased to report that we participated in the following inbound exchanges during this past school year:

<u>Student</u>	<u>Home Country</u>
Violine Langlais	Belgium
Christina Wildbredt	Germany
Tatiana Mota	Brazil
Monica Lamorady	Mexico
Jose Toledo	Venezuela
Dharta Tjahjadi	Indonesia
Asa Florell	Sweden
Felipe Barretto	Brazil
Luis Merle	Spain
Aditya Dhanwatay	India
Thomas Hick	Belgium

Bruce and I will be in Glasgow at the International Conference when you read this. Hopefully we will have recovered from jet lag by the time we go to The Colony for 7780's District Conference!

**Show Rotary Cares,**

*Marie*

**Announcing  
The First Annual  
Friends Forever Charity Ballroom Dance!**

The Portsmouth Rotary Club will hold a Ballroom Dance to benefit *Friends Forever*, an organization determined to bring about World Peace and Understanding by working with teenage leaders of two countries at a time.

Music will be provided for your dancing and listening pleasure by The Northeast Swing Band, an eleven piece swing dance band from Rochester, New Hampshire.

Dance demonstrations and Showcases will be performed by some of the areas finest ballroom dancers. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available.

**WHEN**

**Thursday, July 17, 1997**

**WHERE**

**The Rockingham Ballroom  
Newmarket, NH**

**TIME**

**7:15 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.**

**TICKET DONATION**

**\$25.00 per person**

For additional information, please contact Dick Crabtree, at 603-742-8115.

**Ambassadorial Scholarships**

**\*\*\*\* Important Notice \*\*\*\***

All applications for the Ambassadorial Scholarships are due to DG Craig Wellman *No Later Than* July 15, 1997.

*(The Rotary Foundation Challenge Continued)*

**Boothbay Harbor Club**

Neal Ames  
Robin Reed

**Casco Bay Sunrise Club**

Judy Bennett  
David Smith

**Hampton Club**

Robert Bennett  
Suzynne Cummings  
Ann Kaiser

**Kennebunk Club**

Douglas Coleman  
Karen Searle  
Margaret Shively

**Oxford Hills Club**

Rick Nero

**Portsmouth Club**

Kenneth Roberts

**Rumford Club**

Joyce Myles  
Joseph Sirois  
Gregory Trundy

## Around the District

Thank you to **Donna Coombs from the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club** for sharing the following newsworthy items:

### **\*\* New Meeting Location \*\***

Please note that starting on Thursday, July 3, 1997 the **Bridgton-Lake Region Club's 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting will meet at Wally World restaurant located within the 1st & Last Resort Motel on Route 302. Hope to see you at our new location!**

**The Bridgton-Lake Region Club made its annual \$1,000 donation to the Northern Cumberland Memorial Hospital.** The Club is extremely proud of its local hospital and the fine facilities it offers to the residents of western Maine. Bridgton-Lake Region Rotarians appreciate the opportunity to hold their monthly Board meetings at the hospital and thank the staff for their fine hospitality.

**Kipp Smith of Bridgton was recognized by the Bridgton-Lake Region Club as its May "School Citizen of the Month".** Accompanying Kipp to the Club's breakfast meeting were, his parents Hal and Kathy Bartke, sister, and girlfriend. Bonnie Edwards, Kipp's favorite teacher, spoke of his fine qualities and how he really cares about the town he resides in and the school he attends. As part of his Eagle Scout work, Kipp planted 18 Bradford Pear trees along the Northern Cumberland Memorial Hospital Drive - adding a permanent touch of beauty to this roadway. A captain of the Lake Region High School Varsity Soccer Team, Kipp is currently a captain for the Laker Tennis Team. He was also a member of Students Helping in Education, and served as Sergeant-At-Arms for the Varsity Club.

Kipp plans to attend Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont where he will major in physical education. Congratulations and Good Luck!!

We learn the following from **Anne Marsh of the Bath Sunrise Rotary Club:**

**The Bath Sunrise Rotary Club will hold its 7th annual Chicken BBQ on Thursday, July 3rd at the Bath Library Park located on Washington Street in Bath.**

This fun-filled event for both Rotarians and community members kicks off Bath's annual Heritage Days celebration. The BBQ starts at 5:00 p.m. with entertainment provided by the Bath Municipal Dance Band. In case of inclement weather, the BBQ will be held at the YMCA located across from the Bath Library Park.

The menu includes BBQ chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, watermelon, rolls, homemade pies, and coffee or punch. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children, and can be purchased from any Bath Sunrise Rotary Club member.

For tickets, please call 207-443-4082 (evenings).

**John Woollacott, of the Brunswick Coastal Rotary Club,** updates us on a couple of community service programs his Club was involved with.

**On June 4th a follow-up program was conducted for educators and students of MSAD #75 to determine the response of the "Baby Think It Over Doll" that the Brunswick Coastal Club donated to the high school last summer.** The computerized doll, which mimics all infant reactions and records instances of abuse and neglect in a secret locked box, has received phenomenal attention. A health care instructor and three of the

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Although not a Rotarian, Michelle handled the day-to-day issues for her father, my official newsletter editor, Bruce Monroe, a Rotarian from my home Club. I hope that all of you have found this monthly newsletter to be interesting and informational, as well as practical and useful in your Rotary endeavors.

As this Rotary year comes to a close, I hope that each of you has identified a project or two that you will continue to work on and promote throughout the next Rotary year. I encourage all Past Presidents to stay actively involved in your Club's events or find a way to participate in the District. The work of Rotary throughout our local and worldwide communities is never done, and Rotarians must never quit. Look forever forward by **Building The Future With Action And Vision** and by **Showing Rotary Cares**.

I look forward to seeing you all at the District Conference in Kennebunkport. And since there is still so much to be accomplished, I hope to have the opportunity to work with you all many times in the future.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Craig

The following Rotary Clubs contributed to this District Community Project and are recognized on the plaque:

**Biddeford-Saco**  
**Bethel**  
**Brunswick**  
**Brunswick Coastal**  
**Bridgton-Lake Region**  
**Boothbay Harbor**  
**Casco Bay Sunrise**  
**Freeport**  
**Fryeburg Area**  
**Hampton**  
**Kennebunk**  
**Kennebunk Portside**  
**Ogunquit**  
**Oxford Hills**  
**Portland**  
**Newburyport**  
**Rochester**  
**Rumford**  
**Sanford-Springvale**  
**Seabrook-Hampton Falls**  
**Saco Bay**  
**South Portland-Cape Elizabeth**  
**Wells**  
**Westbrook-Gorham**  
**York**

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overwhelming success story symbolizing the generosity of our Rotary Clubs!

The Rotary emblem will be highlighted on the top of the plaque and the inscription will read:

*"In appreciation to the Rotarians and Rotary Clubs  
of Rotary International District 7780  
for supporting  
the education and training of  
medical, health and environmental professionals"*

If any of the above listed Clubs have any changes or questions regarding the plaque, please contact PDG Ronald Drouin, at 207-283-0171 ext. 2435, by July 1, 1997. The plaque will be inscribed and installed during the summer months.

Thank you again for the generosity expressed by the District Clubs.

**(Ronald Drouin, PDG)**

***Good Luck  
&  
Best Wishes  
For An  
Extremely Successful  
Rotary Year  
To  
Incoming  
District 7780 Governor  
Marie Williams!***

## Club Attendance Figures

Attendance	Club	Member 5/31/97	Current Members	+/-
78.01%	Bath	60	62	2
75%	Bath Sunrise	28	21	-7
91.67%	Bethel	44	39	-5
82%	Biddeford/Saco	103	95	-8
76.74%	Boothbay Harbor	46	54	8
N/A	Bridgton/Lake Region	34	---	---
77%	Brunswick	126	146	20
N/A	Brunswick Coastal	18	---	---
N/A	Casco Bay Sunrise	28	---	---
88%	Damariscotta-Newcastle	40	42	2
N/A	Dover	79	---	---
78.7%	Durham Great Bay	53	50	-3
57.24%	Exeter	46	50	4
76%	Freeport	44	44	---
86%	Fryeburg Area	27	25	-2
72.3%	Hampton	64	57	-7
74.6%	Kennebunk	102	98	-4
83%	Kennebunk Portside	50	43	-7
72%	Kittery	29	31	2
80%	Newburyport	77	73	-4
66.67%	Ogunquit	50	47	-3
88.89%	Oxford Hills	56	63	7
75.82%	Portland	232	228	-4
N/A	Portsmouth	270	---	---
77.77%	Rochester	70	72	2
72.53%	Rumford	47	53	6
87.16%	Saco Bay	74	66	-8
69.55%	Sanford/Springvale	58	53	-5
69.5%	Scarborough	19	17	-2
N/A	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	37	---	---
N/A	Somersworth	28	---	---
N/A	South Berwick	---	---	---
73.98%	S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth	50	53	3
N/A	Wells	44	---	---
63.1%	Westbrook-Gorham	46	42	-4
99.99%	Windham	34	39	5
N/A	Yarmouth	28	---	---
N/A	York	59	---	---
TOTALS:		2,300	1,663	

## Welcome New Members

### Freeport Club

Joseph M. Rotondo

### Portland Club

Robert S. Blackwood

### Wells Club

Michael R. Dolan

Chris Fabian

## Disaster Relief

The Governor of District 5870 reports that a tornado recently touched down in the central Texas town of Jarrell. Most of the residents were caught completely off guard by the off-season storm which claimed 27 lives and virtually flattened the small town in a matter of minutes.

Tentative damage estimates range from twenty-five to thirty million dollars. To support relief efforts, please make checks payable to: "*Jarrell Recovery Fund*", Account #554-204, and send them to either of the following addresses:

First Texas Bank  
P.O. Box 649  
Georgetown, TX 78627

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students that kept the "baby" shared their experiences. Demand has far exceeded the school season, and to date, none of the "guys" has requested a turn - although some interest has been expressed. The general consensus is that there will be "no kids for a while".

Upon special request, two members of the Brunswick Coastal Rotary Club attended the D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony held at Harpswell Elementary School on June 2nd. The police instructor and school administrative staff bestowed a special "thank you" to Rotary for Rotary's personnel and financial support of the D.A.R.E. program throughout the year.

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or send to:

The Rotary Foundation  
c/o Harris Trust & Savings Bank  
P.O. Box 71169  
Chicago, IL 60694-1169

For more information about the disaster and donated goods that are needed, please contact Rotarian Dianne Johns at Tel.: 512-838-3024; or FAX: 512-746-2562.

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