

# Rotarian Review

*Build the future with action and vision*



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## The Givin' & The Gettin' Our Commitment to The Rotary Foundation

### *The Governor's Message*

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

What a wonderful visit we had on March 1st with Rajendra K. Saboo, Past President of Rotary International and current Chairman of The Rotary Foundation, when he was the guest of honor and keynote speaker at our World Understanding and Peace Day. When I describe him as a very motivational person, everyone who had the opportunity to meet him and hear him speak will know exactly what I mean. I feel most fortunate to have had the opportunity to host Raja in District 7780, to walk with him and share Rotary ideas.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend a very special thank you to Event Chairman and PP Wayne Brockney of the Rochester Rotary Club who orchestrated the planning, and to PRID Dan Mooers of the South Portland-Cape Elizabeth

For all of you who were present at my official visits to your Clubs, I would like to remind you of my thoughts on The Rotary Foundation. *This is OUR Foundation, OUR charity.* Therefore, our level of giving to The Foundation must match or exceed our requests of The Foundation if we expect to participate at the current level of activity in the years to come.

This year our District submitted two applications for Carl Miller Discovery Grants. Only one grant was awarded - not because the second was unworthy of funding but because of a lack of funds from The Foundation. It seems obvious with our current emphasis on World Community Service that, in the future, District 7780 will have significantly more projects for which we will apply for funding from The Rotary Foundation.

Another exciting development is that The Rotary Foundation has updated and rewritten its Group Study Exchange Program (GSE) to better serve the needs of today's society. Because of this our District can apply to send and host vocationally focused GSE teams, as well as traditional GSE teams. However, we currently have only enough money for the one GSE team that is guaranteed by The Rotary Foundation to every District in the world. I foresee that in the near future our District might send several GSE teams, each with its own specific purpose, to various areas of the world within a given year.

These are only two of The Rotary Foundation's programs that have influenced and will continue to benefit Rotarians in our District. However, there are many other Rotary Foundation programs which could be cited here.

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## The DGN's News Corner

Bruce and I have just returned from the International Assembly in Anaheim, CA. What a fantastic experience!!! To think that there were 521 DGNs from all over the world seated in one room - all with one common goal - world understanding and peace, and all are volunteers! When President-elect Glen Kinross presented the 1997-98 theme, "*Show Rotary Cares - For Your Community, For Our World, For Its People*", I cannot begin to tell you how I felt. At one break-out session we were asked to describe how we felt (in two words) about the Assembly without repeating what someone else had already said. I had no problem, **WOW and FELLOWSHIP!** It was amazing to see that no matter what country we were from, or how different our cultures or customs were, we all have the same basic problems. There were 188 countries represented and everyone got along and managed to communicate even when we did not speak each other's language. It's an experience Bruce and I will never forget. We met so many people from around the world who are now our friends.

I have finalized my preparations for PETS on March 21st and 22nd. At that time I will share more information with the incoming presidents regarding next year's theme, and President-elect Glen's Presidential Citation. I hope to have a number of handouts for each president-elect regarding the Citation, and I look forward to seeing all the presidents-elects at PETS!

Please remember that your registration forms for the District Assembly need to be in by the April 10th deadline. We want to be well prepared for next year to...

*"Show Rotary Cares  
For Your Community, For Our World, For Its People"*

Yours in Rotary,

Marie

## 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.*

*If the students from your local high schools have not sent in their applications they still have a few more days to enroll in this exciting event! Please double check with your area schools.*

*If you have any question contact Bill Skinner at 603-868-7049.*

*Don't miss this dynamic  
conference and inspirational  
day!*



## Around the District

**Dan Hart, President of the Bethel Rotary Club**, informs us of the following activities:

The **Bethel and Rumford Clubs** are involved with several joint projects - the most recent being participation in the **Maine Public Television's March Pledge Drive** which was held on Saturday, March 8th. Ten Rotarians from each Club volunteered as telephone operators during the pledge drive - offering assistance in a great cause for all state of Maine residents.

On Wednesday, March 12th, the **Bethel Club** sponsored and co-facilitated, along with staff members from Buckfield High School; Mt. Valley High School in Rumford; Dirigo High School in Dixfield, and Telstar High School in Bethel, the **Tenth Annual Career Awareness/Decision Making Day** at Telstar Regional High School in Bethel. Over 325 freshman participated in this annual decision making/awareness program. Area Rotarians assisted as presenters, speakers, registration workers, refreshment servers, hosts for speakers, and guides for both presenters and students. This is a wonderful partnership involving the school, businesses, and community.

**Donna Coombs of the Bridgton-Lake Region Club** submits the following interesting items:

Welcome to **Edward Grace!** His proud **Rotary dad, Bob, and wife Francine**, host the Club's weekly breakfast meetings at the Punkin' Valley Inn. Edward joins the Club's two other Rotary baby girls who maintain excellent attendance (with a little help from their dads) at the weekly meetings. Congratulations to all!

**Kristy Farnum of Sebago** was recognized by the Club as its February "**School Citizen of the Month**". Kristy and her parents, Dennis and Darlene Farnum, joined the Club for breakfast at one of its weekly meetings. A staff member at Lake Region High School commented, "How appropriate that she (Kristy) was selected in February because Kristy has a big heart for people and is always willing to help others - at school, in the community, and especially in the medical field". During her four years at Lake Region High School (LRHS), Kristy has been a key person for the Yearbook Committee, works on the student

newspaper, is a member of Students Helping in Education, a National Honor Society member, and competes on the indoor track team, as well as the field hockey, tennis and alpine skiing teams. After school hours, Kristy volunteers at NCMH and Maine Medical Center by assisting patients in physical therapy. She also serves as a volunteer with the Sebago EMT junior program, and has received several awards during her six years with the Maine State Grange. Ms. Farnum plans to pursue her interest in the medical field by attending college and hopefully becoming a physician! Congratulations Kristy, and Best Wishes!

From the **Exeter Rotary Club's "Powderhouse"** we learn that **David and Krissy Yanofsky** became first-time parents on February 9th with the arrival of their daughter, **Sarah Taylor Yanofsky**. Congratulations!!

According to the **Portland Rotary Club's "Windjammer"**... "It's time to get 'All Shook Up' about Elvis! The Portland Club and WYNZ are sponsoring an exciting evening of entertainment and dancing at the State Street Church on April 19th from 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. **Robert Washington** will do all three periods of Elvis. Beer, wine and food will be available. So dust off your dancing shoes, pull out your poodle skirts and slick back your hair!"

The **Saco Bay Rotary Club** voted to **support a sewer and water project in Peru**. The \$2,000 they pledged will help the vocational school they retrofitted several years ago. At that time, the Saco Bay Club raised \$20,000 along with Most Holy Trinity Church to retrofit the school in Peru, and The Rotary Foundation - OUR FOUNDATION - matched that \$20,000!!

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Rotary Club for using his influence to convince Raja to fit a visit to our District into his busy Rotary schedule. Without their efforts, and the work of the entire committee, such a wonderful multi-District event would not have been possible.

I recently received a call from Marcel Blais, President of the Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club. He was pleased to inform me that his Club pledged \$1,000 to the Nasca, Peru well-drilling project. Thank you to all Sanford-Springvale Rotarians for their most generous donation. That makes the score "one down and only three more to go...". Please remember that each \$1,000 donation will qualify for a Paul Harris recognition whom your Club can name. The only condition is that we are successful with the matching grant. Just think - we receive twice the benefit from each donation!

By the time you read this newsletter, Stan Tenpenny from the Casco Bay Rotary Club will be home from Argentina. Stan has been working with fire departments in District 4900 - teaching firefighters how to install smoke detectors, and educating them about the National Fire Protection Association's "Learn Not To Burn" project, which has been extremely successful in our country. Many thanks to Stan for all of his hard work, to the Casco Bay Rotary Club for their continued support, and to The Rotary Foundation for awarding Stan the Carl Miller Discovery Grant. This is yet *another* example of your donations at work.

It is extremely exciting to see so much activity in our District! Everyone seems to be involved in some sort of project that will help "**Build The Future With Action And Vision**". These are just two examples of the many Rotarians in our District who are working to further Rotary ideals. Over the next few months I will highlight several more projects.

As we look to the immediate future, District 7780 is hosting our New Generations Seminar on April 5th in Portland. I hope that all of our Clubs will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to send the young people in our communities to the University of Southern Maine. Give our youth the chance to share their ideas and learn from one another. I also hope that many of you will be on hand to participate.

Until next month,

Craig

*(Around the District Continued)*

From the **Kittery Rotary Club's "Gateway"** we learn that the **Teen Center** will be opening soon. Teenagers in the Kittery area volunteered to help along with local businesspersons to complete the project. K-CAP is considered a model for all programs of this type in the state of Maine. This non-profit organization is run by volunteers.

**The Fryeburg Rotary Club will be celebrating its third Rotary year on Friday, April 4th.** To commemorate the occasion a Charter Night Dinner will be held that evening, beginning at 6:30, at the Green Granite Motel in North Conway, New Hampshire. For more information please call **Bobbi Steele-Marotta** at 207-935-3591 or **Brenda Thibodeau** at 207-935-3341.

Many thanks to the **Ogunquit Rotary Club** for organizing a wonderful **Rotary Night at the Pirates game!** This District-wide event benefited our **District 7780 Camp Sunshine project.** A big *Thank You* to **Karen Maxwell and Don MacAulay of the Ogunquit Club** for spear-heading and organizing this fantastic fellowship event (not to mention a terrific opportunity for positive public relations!!)



## Club Attendance Figures

Attendance	Club	Member 2/28/97	Current Members	+/-
81.37%	Bath	60	58	-2
N/A	Bath Sunrise	28	---	---
N/A	Bethel	44	---	---
84.9%	Biddeford/Saco	103	96	-7
86.55%	Boothbay Harbor	46	51	5
N/A	Bridgton/Lake Region	34	---	---
84%	Brunswick	126	145	21
76.7%	Brunswick Coastal	18	15	-3
N/A	Casco Bay Sunrise	28	---	---
88%	Damariscotta-Newcastle	40	42	2
N/A	Dover	79	---	---
74.3%	Durham Great Bay	53	48	-5
66.9%	Exeter	46	47	1
72%	Freeport	44	41	-3
86.11%	Fryeburg Area	27	27	---
74.1%	Hampton	64	54	-10
81.7%	Kennebunk	102	98	-4
83%	Kennebunk Portside	50	42	-8
N/A	Kittery	29	---	---
87%	Newburyport	77	74	-3
68.23%	Ogunquit	50	46	-4
87.74%	Oxford Hills	56	63	7
69.79%	Portland	232	224	-8
72.78%	Portsmouth	270	272	2
83.1%	Rochester	70	73	3
77.75%	Rumford	47	50	3
N/A	Saco Bay	74	---	---
62.23%	Sanford/Springvale	58	57	-1
70.3%	Scarborough	19	19	---
N/A	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	37	---	---
N/A	Somersworth	28	---	---
N/A	South Berwick	---	---	---
79.69%	S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth	50	52	2
N/A	Wells	44	---	---
61%	Westbrook-Gorham	46	43	-3
89%	Windham	34	39	5
85.2%	Yarmouth	28	36	8
71.99%	York	59	61	-2
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,873</b>	

## Welcome New Members

### Bethel Club

Anita Remington

### Exeter Club

Stacey Delbridge

### Freeport Club

William Bennett, Jr.

Sandra Pfeiffer

### Portland Club

Tamara Gemme

J. Scott Konecney

Kenneth Ray

### Rochester Club

Chuck Wilson

### York Club

Mark Ergmann

Brenda Keene

Maureen Regan

Paul Seudiere

Melanie Wilford





*(The Givin' & The Gettin' Continued)*

It is my belief that we, as a District, must encourage Foundation contributions in order to reach the level of *givin'* that corresponds with our level of *gettin'*.

Because of this belief, in the next few months there will be a number of opportunities aimed at encouraging our District's increased giving to The Rotary Foundation. Please ensure that your Club as a whole entity, and your members as individuals, seriously consider these requests. By supporting these efforts I encourage each Club and its members to offer ideas and suggestions to both **YOUR** District and to **YOUR** Foundation.

*Get involved. You'll be glad you did!!*

## 1997 District Assembly

**Who Should Attend?**  
**All Members In Your Club**

**Why?**  
**To Be Prepared For The 1997-98 Rotary Year**

**Registration Deadline?**  
**April 10, 1997**

***"Show Rotary Cares"***  
***"For Your Community, For Our World, For Its People"***

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