

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,

Okay, you're right, the time has come to panic! What do you still have to do to finish your year as Rotary Club President?

Remember when it all started more than a year ago? That was when we first all met to plan for our PETS. Since then we have created friendships that will last a lifetime because we have accomplished so much together!

But now it's time to finish all those projects that we can finish, and organize all those projects yet to be completed so that we might carry them through into next year.

I hope that all of you plan to attend the District Conference at The Colony in Kennebunkport from June 26th - 29th. If you haven't registered yet it is most important that you do so immediately

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Introducing Barry Thompson

Rotary International's President's Representative to our District Conference in June is Barry Thompson from New South Wales, Australia, who is also a current Director of Rotary International.

As General Manager of Operations for the Federal Airports Corporation of Australia, Barry is responsible for the national provisions and operations of airport facilities in Australia's major cities. In addition, he is Vice President and a Past President of the Bankstown Youth Foundation, Chairman of the Council of the Southern Sydney Institute of Technical and Further Education, was a member of the Australian Government's Transport Industry Advisory Committee, and served on the Aviation Committee of the Australian Bicentennial Authority. He was honored in the 1996

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Camp Sunshine

In case you haven't heard... District 7780 is planning an incredible event for this September!!

On Saturday and Sunday, September 6th & 7th, more than 300 Rotarians from throughout the District will put their noses to the grindstone and their backs to the wheel to put the finishing touches on a **Family Activity Center at Camp Sunshine**. There is plenty of work for everyone - no matter what his/her prior construction experience has been. Beneficial and meaningful jobs will be found for everyone who volunteers for this special project.

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The DGN's News Corner

May is half over and both the International and District Conferences will be here before we know it. Bruce and I hope to see many of you at both of these great events! I am busy trying to complete the District Directory so it can be printed and ready for distribution at the District Conference.

I received two requests for Matching Grant projects in India - District 3200, The Rotary Club of Coimbatore Central Club Number 15841. The first project is to provide a charitable primary school with the basic necessities - furniture and a toilet facility - to benefit over 400 children ages 3 to 9 years. This requires a U.S. contribution of \$2,100 matched by them and a Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation for \$4,200, for a total cost of \$8,400. The second request, from the same Club, is to provide a hygienic toilet and wash facility of approximately 1,000 square feet. Over 1,000 people would benefit from this facility every day. It will be maintained through the supervision of their Club sponsored RVC. Land, water and electricity will be made available by the village government. The cost is a U.S. contribution of \$1,500 matched by them, and a Matching Grant of \$3,000 from The Rotary Foundation, for a total cost of \$6,000. I met DGN Pratap Gokuldas while in Anaheim, CA. If any Club in the District is interested in pursuing either of these projects please let me know as soon as possible so I can notify Pratap. I will provide you with additional information upon request.

I look forward to receiving your Club's plans and objectives along with your committee listings. Club visits will be starting before you know it!

However, first we must complete our goals and objectives for *this* Rotary year. We will then end this year by celebrating all of our successes at the 1997 District Conference held at The Colony. Be sure to get your registrations forms in to the '97 Conference Committee soon if you haven't already done so. They have some terrific things planned for us during our stay!

See you in Glasgow and at The Colony!!

Show Rotary Cares -

Marie

GSE Outbound Team Has Their Turn

Throughout the month of April our District enjoyed the company of our wonderful visitors from Sweden and Poland. As you read this, our own GSE team has reciprocated the visit to Poland and is just starting their tour of southern Sweden.

The team, led by Peter Johnson of Yarmouth, and members Bob Kaiser of Yarmouth, Gail Licciardello of Eliot, Al Shinkel of Biddeford Pool, and Pam Levere of Falmouth, departed for Warsaw on May 9th. Alternate team member, Pam Levere, was called up just two days before departure to fill in for **Maynard Charron of Gorham**, who was unable to travel due to a serious illness in his family. The team is scheduled to return to Portland on Sunday, June 8th, and after a couple of weeks to recuperate, will attend the District Conference on June 28th to tell us about their trip.

The Group Study Exchange Committee would like to thank everyone throughout the District, Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike, who extended such warm hospitality to our GSE visitors. The rewards of hosting a GSE visitor - whether in your home, for lunch, or in whatever way - far exceed the inconveniences, and we hope anyone who didn't have a chance to participate this year will have an opportunity to do so next year!

(Nancy Hawes, GSE Committee)

(Introducing Barry Thompson Continued)

Australia Day Honors list with the award of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to aviation. Barry holds an Honors Degree in Science, a Masters Degree in Commerce, and a Diploma from the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

In 1978 Barry joined the Rotary Club of Padstow, served as Club President from 1981-82, and then became Governor of District 9690 for the 1985-86 Rotary year. Currently serving as a Director of Rotary International for 1996-98, Barry's involvement in Rotary is vast and varied. His extensive experience includes:

- * 1988-89 Member of the Vocational Service Committee;
- * 1991 and 1992 International Assembly Group Discussion Leader;
- * 1992-93 Assistant Coordinator for the ANZO Region of the Functional Literacy Task Force;
- * 1992-94 President's Rotary Information Counselor;
- * 1993-94 Member of the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force;
- * 1994-95 Member of the Membership Development Task Force;
- * 1994-95 Member of the Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships Action Group;
- * and served on many Region and Zone Committees.

Barry's wife, Joan, is a psychologist. They have three married children and seven grandchildren. His interests include light aircraft flying, reading, music, and an occasional poor game of golf!



District Nominations

District Governor, 1999 - 2000

Nominations for this position are due no later than June 30th, 1997. *All Clubs* that have a qualified candidate should submit their nominee in accordance with the District Bylaws.

District Budget and Finance Committee

Each year a Division within our District has the opportunity to nominate a representative to this committee. The position is for a three (3) year term. This year Division "C" Clubs, located in York and Oxford Counties, can submit a candidate in accordance with the District Bylaws. Nominations for this position are also due no later than June 30th, 1997.

All nominations should be submitted to Richard Clark, Chairman of the Nomination Committee, at the following address:

Richard E. Clark, PDG
15 Glenwood Avenue
Dover, NH 03820

(Richard "Dick" Clark, PDG)

Around the District

Deanna Alves of the Fryeburg Area Rotary Club updates us on the following:

The Fryeburg Area Club celebrated its third charter anniversary with dinner and festivities at The Green Granite Motel in North Conway, New Hampshire on April 4th. DG Craig Wellman presented Paul Harris Fellow Awards to current **Club President, Brenda Thibodeau, and fellow Rotarian Dr. George Cunningham.** President Thibodeau spoke about the history of the Fryeburg Club and the 1996-97 RI theme "Build the Future with Action and Vision".

The Fryeburg Area Club was chartered on April 4th, 1994 with 25 members. **Roberta Steele-Marotta** was not only the first Club President but also the first member to receive a Paul Harris Fellow Award.

A few of the events the Club sponsors include: the Annual Great Saco River Canoe Race on Father's Day, and the very successful baked potato booth at the Fryeburg Fair which benefits the Little League Team and the Liberty Elm Tree Project. In addition, the Club hosted the international "Friends Forever Program", presented the first annual Good Neighbor Award, and sponsored area students to attend the New Generations District Seminar.

President Thibodeau closed the evening by asking fellow Rotarians to remember this year's international theme by *"Today acting as good ancestors by linking our ideal of service with the generations to come; and to support our youth, world leaders, and Rotary family because together we can make a difference"*.

Thank you to **Donna Coombs of the Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club** for the following:

D.A.R.E. Officer, Tom Harriman, completed his second class for children in kindergarten through third grade.

Lindsay A. Mitchell of Bridgton was recognized by the Bridgton-Lake Region Club as its April **"School Citizen of the Month"**. Parents, Stephen and Gail Mitchell, accompanied Lindsay to one of the Club's breakfast meetings, as did her brother and grandmother.

Described as "very positive and pleasant and an excellent role model", she is a member of the AFS Club and Interactive Theater. Teaching French to Bridgton Elementary School fourth graders, volunteering in the Art Department, and helping out in the Big Brother/Big Sister Program are other activities that benefit from Lindsay's abundant energy. Pursuing a degree in Foreign Languages at USM are her plans for the fall. Best Wishes Lindsay!

On Your Mark, Get Set, Paddle!

The Fryeburg Area Rotary Club is sponsoring the Third Annual Great Saco River Canoe Race on Sunday, June 15th.

The 10 mile flat water race will start at 11:00 a.m. at Swans Falls AMC camp area in Fryeburg, Maine, and will finish at Walker's Bridge on Route 302.

The race, a rain or shine event, will be run according to ACA Rules, and prizes will be awarded in several classes. Shuttles will be available to transport weary paddlers between start and finish points, and refreshments will be served to reenergize all canoeists!

The pre-registration fee is \$10.00 per person (before June 1st), and the first 100 registrants will receive a race t-shirt. On-site registration is \$12.00 per person and will be held from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at Swans Falls.

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because we have to release unregistered rooms by June 1st. Plan on staying at The Colony with the other members of District 7780 so that you can enjoy all the programs and fellowship - and bring lots of other Club members with you!

Finally - by the time you receive this newsletter you will have received your RYLA paperwork. The committee acknowledges that although it is a bit late this year, the members are working very diligently on putting together a terrific program for our students. I hope that each of you will do all you can to support this very important Rotary youth program.

Please remember the \$300 in Foundation credits that your Club may use towards Paul Harris Fellows or Sustaining Members. This is matching money for any *new* donations to the Rotary Foundation. But you must hurry because the time for this is **now** - as well as for the many other things we have to do.

Until next month,

Craig

Rotarians from District 7780 were on hand May 18th for the Ground Breaking Ceremonies. Camp Sunshine had a session in full swing with more than 60 families from around the world in attendance. Maine U.S. Senator, Susan Collins was the Keynote Speaker.

All Clubs are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile project by assembling a large work force for either one or both of the days. However, any individual interested in helping out with this project will be warmly welcomed and put to good use! There is plenty of work for all who come!

Please contact DG Craig, at 207-985-6029, if you would like to have a Club Program about District 7780's Camp Sunshine Project; and contact PDG George Rice, at 207-743-6389, if you would like to volunteer.

In addition, DG Craig asks that anyone who borrowed his Camp Sunshine tapes to please give him a call. None of the tapes have been returned and he would like to share them with other Clubs.

To blend the 1996-97 and 1997-98 Rotary International themes, please participate in this project that will...

***Build The Future With Action
and truly
Show That Rotary Cares!!***

(Camp Sunshine Continued)

Camp Sunshine is a camp for critically ill children and their families that operates 4 weeks per year through the courtesy of Larry and Anne Gould, owners of Point Sebago and founders of Camp Sunshine. This year, they extended Camp Sunshine's season to 6 weeks. With the Gould's land donation, and the construction for a year round facility, Camp Sunshine will be able to operate 26 weeks per year. Presently, Camp Sunshine must turn away many families who could greatly benefit from its services.

This is truly a District-wide World Community Service Project that is sitting in our own backyard. Our efforts to help complete the Family Activity Center will benefit sick children and their families from all over the world.

Craig and Jane, along with Marie and Bruce, and several other

Register Now for the 1997 District Conference



**Rotary International District 7780
will be holding its annual
District Conference
at
The Colony Hotel, overlooking the ocean
in
Kennebunkport, Maine
from
June 26th - 29th**

Rooms are going fast - so don't delay, register today!!

Please contact Dick Thompson, at 207-985-2992, for registration information.

Club Attendance Figures

Attendance	Club	Member 4/30/97	Current Members	+/-
83.08%	Bath	60	59	-1
N/A	Bath Sunrise	28	---	---
87.25%	Bethel	44	40	-4
81.6%	Biddeford/Saco	103	95	-8
86.93%	Boothbay Harbor	46	52	6
N/A	Bridgton/Lake Region	34	---	---
83.6%	Brunswick	126	145	19
N/A	Brunswick Coastal	18	---	---
N/A	Casco Bay Sunrise	28	---	---
80%	Damariscotta-Newcastle	40	43	3
N/A	Dover	79	---	---
76.4%	Durham Great Bay	53	48	-5
N/A	Exeter	46	---	---
77.6%	Freeport	44	42	-2
75.38%	Fryeburg Area	27	26	-1
73.9%	Hampton	64	57	-7
80.03%	Kennebunk	102	99	-3
77.7%	Kennebunk Portside	50	43	-7
71%	Kittery	29	31	2
82%	Newburyport	77	75	-2
75.76%	Ogunquit	50	47	-3
86.83%	Oxford Hills	56	63	7
76.31%	Portland	232	229	-3
74.05%	Portsmouth	270	281	11
80.55%	Rochester	70	72	2
82.01%	Rumford	47	52	5
87%	Saco Bay	74	66	-8
69.89%	Sanford/Springvale	58	54	-4
91.2%	Scarborough	19	18	-1
N/A	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	37	---	---
N/A	Somersworth	28	---	---
N/A	South Berwick	---	---	---
71.66%	S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth	50	53	3
87%	Wells	44	51	7
71.9%	Westbrook-Gorham	46	42	-4
97%	Windham	34	38	4
N/A	Yarmouth	28	---	---
84.35%	York	59	61	2
	TOTALS:	2,300	1,982	

Welcome New Members

Bath Club

Donald E. Back
Pamela D. Main
Michael B. Sellman

Freeport Club

Leanne Barschdorf
Thomas Bull

Hampton Club

Edward R. Buck
John T. Dowd

Newburyport Club

Dr. Kevin Gasiorowski

Oxford Hills Club

Timothy Churchill
Judy Brown-Dunn

Portland Club

John Hooper
Shannon Polchies
M. Jane Sheehan
Donald Stockless

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bring their children.

For more information, call Brenda, at 207-697-3193. To register, please send your name, address, phone number, age, race/recreational class, and registration fee to:

Racing Classes include:

- OC - 1 & 2 Men
- OC - 1 & 2 Women
- OC - 2 Mixed
- OC - 2 Jr./Sr.
- OC - 1 & 2 Master
- K-1 Men
- K-1 Women

Fryeburg Area Rotary Club
 Attention: Brenda
 P.O. Box 451
 Fryeburg, ME 04037

Recreational Classes include:

- OC - 1 & 2 Men
- OC - 1 & 2 Women
- OC - 2 Mixed
- OC - 2 Jr./Sr.
- Rotary Challenge
- War Canoes

The Saco river is all flat water, and is shallow enough in some areas to walk in. This fun family event is for all ages and abilities, and families are encouraged to

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