

Rotarian Review

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The Governor's Message

November is sure to be a most exciting and busy month! There are many plans set for the month both at the District and Club levels.

First, November is Foundation Month. This is a time for all of us to focus our energies on educating our members about The Rotary Foundation, and I encourage all Clubs to arrange programs about this important function. These programs can be enhanced by asking any members on the District Foundation Committee or any PDG to assist with the project. These people are valuable resources in our District, and are very willing to present programs about how we, as individual Rotary Clubs, receive benefits from The Rotary Foundation.

I also encourage all Clubs to reemphasize Foundation Giving, and remind you of my July solicitation to encourage all of your members to participate in some way. If we all

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University of New England Project Report

Our District area clubs have established themselves as a truly concerned group within our community.

Last November, PDG George Rice, DG Craig Wellman, and DGN Marie Williams endorsed a project in which our Clubs would contribute funds to the Harold Alfond Center for Health Sciences at the University of New England. This 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, as are the various students enrolled in Nursing, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. All Club contributions have an *immediate* impact on these 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. Over 65% of the medical college graduates fall into this category.

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Why Read?

Imagine, if you will, living in a place where nothing makes sense. You can't read and you can't understand what is being said. How would you get along? The answer is simply and perhaps humorously, "With a great deal of difficulty". I can tell you from personal experience that you're absolutely right.

My first language was Greek, and my first year of school could have been a real disaster because everybody in my class only spoke English. That, of course, goes without saying. I was fortunate enough to have a kind and understanding first grade teacher who cared, and a family that was very supportive. Without them I would have felt

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The DGN's News Corner

Bruce and I just returned from the Rotary Institute in Park Ridge, New Jersey - what a wonderful opportunity and a fantastic experience! We met incoming RI President, Glen Kinross, and his wife Heather. They are wonderful, caring people. I wish you all could have the opportunity to meet them and hear Glen speak. He has a great sense of humor - likes to laugh and had the audience doing it often! I look forward to working with him during our year together.

President-elect Glen would not tell us his theme for next year - we will have to wait until all the District Governor Nominees meet at the International Assembly in March. He did, however, tell us that he wants to work with the hungry, the underprivileged, the abused, and street children, as well as work on literacy. From the several speeches he made to us it is very obvious that he cares a great deal for children. I am sure this is an indication as to the focus of his year.

The PETS Committee will be sending letters to all the current Club Presidents regarding the Care and Share booklet. Please help your Club President complete and return the survey form to me as soon as possible as I will be preparing the Care and Share booklet for the 1997-98 Presidents.

I have recently learned that not all my President-elects received the July and/or August issue of the Governor's Newsletter. If my President-elects would let me know what issues they are missing I will either fax or mail copies of my DGN News Corner from those issues. The July issue contained the coming year's important dates for all President-elects. Please call me or send a fax regarding the information that you need and I will get it right out to you.

Also, please be sure to sign up for the Foundation Seminar on November 16th which will be held at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine.

Until next month.

Yours in Rotary,

Marie

Yarmouth Charter Night

A gala function was held on the eve of Friday, September 20th at the Woodlands Country Club to celebrate the official charter of District 7780's newest club, the Yarmouth Rotary Club!

President Peter Johnson accepted the charter from PDG George Rice. Mistress of Ceremonies was Judy Bennett, President of Casco Bay Sunrise Club, who sponsored the Yarmouth Club. The evening's keynote speaker was DG Craig who proceeded to turn water into wine! There's a moral to the story - just ask someone who was there...

More than 200 Rotarians and guests from District 7780, Yarmouth, Massachusetts, and Yarmouth, England met to share their congratulations to the Yarmouth Rotary Club. This is reported to be the largest Charter Night on record in our District! A parade of gifts topped off the festivities - Congratulations!!

Paul Harris Memoriam

PP Bob Traill is directing a Portland Club planning committee for the observance of Rotary Founder, Paul Harris' death.

At the time of Paul's death there were 13 clubs in our present 7780 District. The previous 779 District also included several Clubs at that time.

To assist Bob's efforts, all Clubs are asked to search their files for any notes, minutes, or newsletters that

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District Youth Exchange

We had a marvelous orientation weekend! All of us really enjoyed meeting with all our students!

Our special THANKS goes to Linda Verrill of the Bethel Club for her outstanding organization of the entire weekend. There was a Pizza Party on Friday night followed by hot fudge sundaes, a midnight walk in the moonlight, and lively conversations and laughter far into the wee hours of the morning. Saturday morning everyone successfully navigated their canoe down the Androscoggin River without tipping over! That afternoon, Bethel Club President, Dan Hart, treated us to some great games that helped us all communicate better with each other. The expected 1 hour group discussion turned into 2½ because we were all having such a good time! Next, the students took several area maps and went out on their own walk. Some became temporarily lost but managed to find their way to The Inn for dinner! Speaking of dinner, another big THANKS goes to Scott Meadows, Manager of the Foggy Goggle Restaurant at Sunday River, who made us a fantastic pasta and salad dinner! On top of that we had the entire restaurant to ourselves since it wasn't open for dinner at this time of year.

Sunday found us engrossed in several more discussion groups, including one with Dr. Amos Townsend about medical issues, and our own DG Craig Wellman. We also welcomed several of our host families, and other Rotarians from Freeport and Wells, Maine, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire. If I tried to tell you all their names I would surely forget someone - and that would make me feel terrible. So, to all of you, *thank you very much* for sharing your Sunday with us, and for the long drive you all made.

Finally, but most assuredly, thank you to The Sunday River Inn for turning your wonderful Inn over to several adults and a dozen plus teenagers. Without your generosity this weekend, like last years, this would not have been possible. It is so wonderful!

October 20th is our Haunted Hayride. Thanks to Jack Schraeter and the Windham Rotary Club for putting this together. We have our revered wagon and are looking forward to a spooky time!

(Bobbi Bird, Youth Exchange Chair)

(University of New England Project Continued)

The Harold Alfond Center for Health Services is a state-of-the-art teaching facility which is part of the University of New England campus, a privately operated institution that does not depend on tax dollars for its existence. All funds contributed by District Clubs are matched dollar-for-dollar by Mr. Harold Alfond, founder of Dexter Shoe Company, through a challenge grant which ends on December 31, 1996.

To date, 23 of the 37 Clubs presented with the proposal on a personal Club-by-Club visit have responded, leaving 14 that have yet to act on the proposal. A grand total of \$14,620 has been contributed and matched dollar-for-dollar by Mr. Alfond, thus generating a net of \$29,240!

It is our hope that those who have not responded will do so soon so that a final report may be presented to our District Leadership. Our goal is to have a Rotary Wheel permanently displayed in the new \$18.8 million building with 100% of District 7780 Clubs participating.

A recent impact study revealed that the University has a \$70 million revenue generating influence in our Northeast corridor. This financial bonanza helps all of us who are in business and/or the professions.

Chairing this special project has been extremely fulfilling for me personally, especially having the opportunity to visit each Club one-on-one. It has been a very positive experience - one that has renewed my belief in "Service Above Self".

(Ronald Drouin, PDG)

Around the District

From the **Oxford Hills "Rotary Reader"** we learn that Governor Angus King will be speaking at a meeting comprised of the Oxford Hills Rotary Club, the Lions Club, and the Kiwanis Club. This meeting will be held at the Deering Memorial Methodist Church on October 31st at noon. Reservations are required.

The **Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth** is working on transforming the lawn around the statue of Joan Benoit Samuelson in front of the Thomas Memorials Library into a beautiful garden area with benches.

The **Rotary Club of Dover** recently dedicated a Rotary garden in the center of town with granite benches engraved with The Four Way Test.

The **Rotary Club of York** recently dedicated a youth center they created and operated for the young people in their community.

Thanks to the **Biddeford-Saco "Tack"** for the following two items:

One Rotarian once wrote: "When Rotary club meeting day comes around, I do not have to decide whether to attend or not, for that decision has already been decided for me... It was one of the obligations I accepted when I joined Rotary".

The **Rotaract Club** at The University of New England will hold its meetings on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 p.m. in the Novellon Lounge at UNE. These meetings are a great way to make up for missed Club meetings, and at the same time see how another facet of Rotary operates.

Donna Coombs of The Bridgton-Lake Region Club reports the following:

Bill Hamilton, architect, was a recent speaker at the Club, who outlined the second phase of a restoration project at Deertrees Theater in Harrison. This fine theater provides western Maine with over 30

professional performances during the summer season. The Club proudly presented Bill with a \$200 contribution.

Spectacular weather and large crowds made the 1996 Fryeburg Fair one of its best ever! The combined forces of the **Bridgton-Lake Region and Fryeburg Area Rotary Clubs** served a whopping number of baked potatoes with a variety of toppings to hungry fairgoers. A hearty Rotary *Thank You* to our Fryeburg Fair Committee, Sue Fleck, Barbara Noble, Wendy Smith and Brenda Thibodeau for organizing this event, and to all the workers for their tireless efforts. Also, thank you to all the Rotarians in District 7780 who stopped by the "Rotary Roller" concession cart!

Rotary Foundation Videos

PDG George A. Cashman, District Rotary Foundation Information Chairman, announces that there are 6 Foundation videos available to borrow for showing at Club meetings, especially during Foundation Month in November.

Three of the videos are: *"The Rotary Foundation: The International Vision of Rotary"* (length 15 minutes).

The other three videos are: *"The Gift that Keeps on Giving"* - an excellent film about our Benefactor program (length 8 minutes).

To ensure that these videos are easily accessible to all Clubs in District 7780, one set of each video will be available to District areas as follows:

Northern Clubs: Contact PDG George Rice
207-527-2320/H or 207-743-6389/W

Middle Clubs: Contact DG Craig Wellman
207-985-4079/H or 207-985-6029/W

Southern Clubs: Contact PDG George Cashman
508-462-4541/H

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were to commit \$.25 per day to the Foundation our District alone would raise \$218,400! We should expect no less of ourselves and I hope you will all do your part to help raise this money for the Foundation. Remember all it takes is \$.25 per day!

As part of Foundation Month I hope to see you and many of your Club members on Saturday, November 16th at the Foundation Seminar held at the University of New England in Biddeford, Maine. Much time and effort have been put into this event to ensure a worthwhile experience. There will be plenty of time to share your ideas with one another about how we, as individual Rotarians and Clubs, can utilize The Rotary Foundation as a resource. Please plan to attend and bring several of your members with you.

November's second significant matter is that we will set a record and a standard for all other Rotarians, *worldwide*, to meet! We will achieve 100% attendance! No other District in the world has ever accomplished this goal - we will be the first. As you prepare to meet this challenge I encourage you to provide good programs throughout the month so that all of your members will find it a worthwhile month to attend Rotary. We are the leaders in our communities and we are the only reason Rotary exists worldwide. We can make a difference through Rotary and our attendance is a reflection of our commitment to our communities.

Good luck in your pursuit of this goal, and remember that we can achieve it if we decide to! Many Clubs have already made plans for group make ups at other Clubs for anyone who cannot make a regular Club meeting. Also, members can make up two weeks before and/or after a regular Club meeting. Please encourage attendance at the Foundation Seminar as this is also considered a make up opportunity.

November is full of exciting Rotary events. Let's also make it full of Rotary fun and fellowship!

Until next month,

Craig

Governor's Trophy Challenge

Club Presidents - The Governor's Trophy Challenge will now award ~~100~~ points for each new member rather than 10 points as was stated in the District Directory. Please take note of this important change.

(Why Read? Continued)

completely lost and alone because I could neither read nor speak English. Looking back on those days I now know that learning to speak and read made a huge difference in my life.

Today we have thousands of people, young and old alike, who can speak English but can neither read nor write it with any comprehension. The opportunity arises for us as Rotarians to extend ourselves with a project that can make the difference. The first step is for your Rotary Club to ask for volunteers to form a Literacy Committee with the objective of offering assistance to individuals, schools, families, and adult education directors. Once the contact is made ask what you can do to assist with their reading programs and you'll find that there is a great deal that can be done individually and as a Club.

Additional information will be forthcoming in future articles about the specific kinds of help that Rotarians can provide to Literacy Programs.

(John E. Anagnostis, Saco Bay Club)

(Paul Harris Memorial Continued)

may have contained any programs, observances, etc. as a memorial to our founder. Please send items to Bob at:

28 Waterhouse Road
Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107

(Robert H. Pattern, PDG)

Disaster Relief Opportunities

District 7280 - Pennsylvania

In July, a torrential rain storm caused extensive flooding in western Pennsylvania. One person was killed and 10,000 people have been severely affected. The Governor of District 7280 reports that the geographic region impacted is relatively small but the per capita loss to homes and businesses is staggering. Initial estimates indicate that the damage may exceed US\$50,000,000. Volunteer work teams may also be needed as work progresses. Financial contributions can be made payable to and sent to :

Clarion Rotary Club "Flood Relief"
Account #043305131:0000431185
Integra Bank
551 Main Street
Clarion, PA 16214 USA

For more information contact:

PDG Trueman W. Mills (814-226-9174)
217 South 4th Avenue
Clarion, PA 16214 USDA

Costa Rica and Nicaragua

The Governor of District 4240 reports that Hurricane Cesar caused widespread devastation to coastal and lowland regions of Costa Rica and Nicaragua. In Costa Rica, 36 deaths have been confirmed and approximately 6,000 people are homeless. Damage is estimated at US\$200,000,000. No deaths were reported in Nicaragua but more than 10,000 people have lost their homes. Damage to property and the infrastructure is estimated at US\$100,000,000.

Donations of food, clothing and medicine, and/or funds to purchase the aforementioned items are needed. To support relief efforts in Costa Rica, please make checks payable to:

The Rotary Club of San Jose
Hurricane Cesar Disaster Relief
P.O. Box 2317
1000 San Jose, Costa Rica

Or contact Club President, Carlos Font, at 506-222-0993 or the address listed above, for further information.

For Nicaragua, checks can be made payable to and sent to:

The Rotary Club of Managua
Hurricane Cesar Disaster Relief
P.O. Box 185
Managua, Nicaragua

Please contact Club President, Napoleon Munguia, at 505-2-773-806, for more information.

Program Opportunities

The New Hampshire Association of Health Underwriters (NHAHU) has requested to be listed as a program opportunity for New Hampshire Rotary Club meetings.

Managed Care has taken over in the last two years because of its promise to control costs. The names of the players have changed as well as how people access health care, and what happens once care is accessed. As health underwriters (NHAHU) is in a unique position between the insurers and consumers. They would be pleased to provide a presentation explaining what Managed Care is all about, including topics as how doctors are paid, what HEDIS is, and what the legislative bodies are doing during this time of rapid change.

Interested parties may contact James P. Better at 800-443-4977.

Club Attendance Figures

Attendance	Club	Member 09/30/96	Current Members	+/-
81.88%	Bath	60	61	1
80%	Bath Sunrise	28	25	-3
87.8%	Bethel	44	43	-1
72.5%	Biddeford/Saco	103	101	-2
94.6%	Boothbay Harbor	46	49	3
69%	Bridgton/Lake Region	34	35	1
79.8%	Brunswick	126	150	24
81.25%	Brunswick Coastal	18	16	-2
N/A	Casco Bay Sunrise	28	---	---
84%	Damariscotta-Newcastle	40	43	3
72.04%	Dover	79	84	5
76%	Durham Great Bay	53	50	-3
N/A	Exeter	46	---	---
78.13%	Freeport	44	40	-4
84.61%	Fryeburg Area	27	26	-1
73.74%	Hampton	64	52	-12
81%	Kennebunk	102	96	-6
79.2%	Kennebunk Portside	50	52	2
78%	Kittery	29	31	2
78%	Newburyport	77	73	-4
66.4%	Ogunquit	50	48	-2
88.23%	Oxford Hills	56	60	4
72.88%	Portland	232	233	1
71.06%	Portsmouth	270	271	1
81.69%	Rochester	70	71	1
72%	Rumford	47	48	1
84.5%	Saco Bay	74	71	-3
66.18%	Sanford/Springvale	58	61	3
77%	Scarborough	19	19	0
83%	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	37	33	-4
N/A	Somersworth	28	---	---
82.22%	South Berwick	38	---	---
79.79%	S. Portland/Cape Elizabeth	50	49	-1
84%	Wells	44	46	2
75.1%	Westbrook-Gorham	46	45	-1
92%	Windham	34	32	-2
90%	Yarmouth	28	35	7
N/A	York	59	---	---
	TOTALS:	2,338	2,149	

Welcome New Members

Bath Club

Drucilla D. Beal
Cindy Sheldon

Brunswick Coastal Club

Anne D'Alessio
Tony D'Alessio

Damariscotta-Newcastle Club

James Cosgrove

Fryeburg Area Club

Norman Rust

Portland Club

John Hurley
Ginger Lengenfelder

Portsmouth Club

Carlene Carey
Stuart Shaines

Sanford-Springvale Club

Gregory Cunningham
Nichole Fanjoy

Yarmouth Club

Eric Wilson

Foundation Seminar

Saturday, November 16th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon)
The University of New England
Pool Road
Biddeford, Maine

Each attending member will
earn 10 points towards the
Governor's Trophy Challenge
for his/her Club.

Zone Institute

DG Craig and Jane recently returned from Zones 31 and 32 Rotary Institute held in Park Ridge, New Jersey. While at the zone Institute DG Craig presented displays on the following two District 7780s programs:

Friends Forever
Bill Holt, Chair
Portsmouth Club

AIDS Awareness
Steve Swallow, Chair
Kittery Club

Other District 7780 Rotarians who participated in this Institute include:

DGN Marie & Bruce Williams
PDG Jim & Ellen Labrie
PDG Dick & June Clark
PDG Mort Schmidt
PRID Dan & Shirley Mooers

World Peace & Understanding Dinner

Our very own District 7780 will be the hosts for a World Peace and Understanding Dinner to be held on March 1, 1997 in Portsmouth, NH!

This is an extremely important District event, as the keynote speaker will be non-other than the Chairman of the Rotary Foundation and Past President of Rotary International, Rajendra K. Saboo.

Many members from the area Districts have been invited to attend this honorable event. Please notify your Club members so that they can schedule it in their calendars. We are anxious for a tremendous attendance from District 7780 Rotarians, as we are the host District. Please encourage everyone to attend. More information will follow.

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