



District Beacon

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Marie Williams

District 7780 Governor - 1997-1998



District Governor Marie's Monthly Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Congratulations to all the new leaders, as well as those who are continuing service, in District 7780 and the Rotary World. Thank you for your time, energy and dedication to Rotary. Every July 1, we change leadership throughout the Rotary World from the individual club committees, directors, and presidents right up through to the Rotary International President. I would like to thank PDG Craig and the 96-97 District Team for a wonderful year! As we start our year with a new theme and focus, let's not forget to continue to build on all that has been done in the past.

Rotary's focus this year is to **SHOW ROTARY CARES**, for your community, for our world, for its people. RI President Glen Kinross has asked us to "*Strike at the Roots*" of our problems in our communities and worldwide - poverty, hunger, homelessness, illiteracy, innumeracy, unemployment, child abuse and abandonment. With more than 28,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide, we have a better opportunity to address these issues than any other organization. Let's lead the way and hopefully others will follow. Each and everyone of you, the individual Rotarian, can help Rotary lead the way for making this a better world for all the children of the world.

Literacy is the main thrust this year, but let us not forget the other problems in our communities as well - substance abuse, AIDS and the elderly. Help make everyone in your communities aware of the dangers of substance abuse and AIDS, as well as help our elderly maintain their dignity and independence.

Membership is always a concern of Rotary and this year is no different. More hands mean more service. This year at PETS the 97-98 club presidents pledged to bring in at least 225 new members, please do your part. Our members are our most valuable assets. Make sure we utilize their talents and abilities, consider their ideas and suggestions. Every time we

lose a member, we lose an opportunity for service to our members and our community. August is Membership Month and Charlie Snow, District Membership Development and Retention Chair, is holding a Membership Seminar in the evening on August 12 at the Ross Center, Biddeford, Maine.

Another of our goals is our support of Our Rotary Foundation through contributions of \$105,000. this next year. As a result of these donations, we will be able to have another GSE team, award an ambassadorial scholarship and obtain humanitarian grants to do service worldwide. Please encourage all your club members to support Our Rotary Foundation. This year's application for ambassadorial scholars were due to PDG Craig by July 15th.

I hope to see 100% club participation in the Camp Sunshine work weekend on September 6 and 7. Let's help make it possible for more terminally ill children and their families to enjoy a week at Camp Sunshine having some FUN and making some happy memories.

Our most important goal of all is to have **FUN - ENJOY ROTARY**. If we have fellowship and fun doing our fund raisers and service projects, it won't matter how hard we work because it won't seem like work! What a wonderful world it would be if

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The DGN News Corner

As we return from this years wonderful District Conference and reflect on all the things that we were able to accomplish during DG Craig's year, and thinking about DG Marie's plans for her year, and her 1997-98 President's challenges, it should remind us, the District Governor, and the Presidents for 1998-99, that our year is not really that far away.

One short year ago, this year's presidents were right where you are today. It is not too early to start thinking about what you would like to accomplish during your year as president, and to begin making plans as to how you are going to do it. Please be thinking about committee chairpersons, goals and just what focus you would like to have.

Please star thinking about this years president elect training session or "PETS", which is scheduled for March 23 and 24, 1998 which is a Monday and Tuesday instead of a Friday and Saturday.

This years District Assembly will be Saturday, April 25, 1998 and the District Conference will be May 28-31, 1998. Please make a note of all of these dates.

Lucy and I look forward to meeting and working with you during our year, 1998-1999.

If I can be of help, Please call or FAX:
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Your Friend in Rotary

Bill

DG Marie's Message Continued

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every Rotarian laughed at least once a day!

Bruce and I began our Official Visits on July 8 and look forward to meeting old friends and making new ones. I am anxious to hear in person all your plans and dreams for this coming year. From what I have seen on the Club plans and objective forms, there are many great things being planned by our clubs as they *SHOW ROTARY CARES*, for your community, for our world, for its people.

Yours in Rotary,

Marie

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News And Notes

Around District 7780

Welcome to a new Rotary year for District 7780. We hope this monthly column of news from clubs around our district will encourage the exchange of good ideas and the sharing of learning experiences for successful projects!

We also hope you bulletin editors will use these notes for printing in your club bulletin. Give your club members a better sense of Rotary by passing on news of district events and other clubs' achievements. Please remember to send this reporter your club's bulletin each week - we hope in exchange you'll get lots of good tidbits to fill your "Around The 7780 District" bulletin corner each week.

Till your bulletins start rolling in, here are some notes from the truly great District 7780 Conference in Kennebunkport.

Virtually all the district's clubs contributed to a successful District Conference. A tip of the hat to PDG Craig Wellman and his committee for getting so many clubs involved in the varied presentations! PDG Ron Drouin of the Biddeford Club presented an update on the U. of New England Fund Drive. PDG George Rice of the Oxford Hills Club brought conferees up to date on the Camp Sunshine project and the preparations for the September work weekend planned at the camp. Karen Dunfey from South Portland/Cape Elizabeth reported on Youth Exchange in the district, and the Durham-Great Bay Club's presentation on the Rotary Foundation was so successful that it was referred to again and again throughout the conference.

Other clubs represented on the program: Brenda Thibodeau of the Fryeburg Club spoke on World Community Service, Robert Knapp of the York Club covered literacy projects, DGE Bill Skinner of Durham/Great Bay covered Rotary Volunteers, and PDG George Cashman of the Newburyport Club

brought us up-to-date on the Rotary Foundation. The Foundation's Annual Giving was reported on by Dewaine Craig of the Bethel Club, and PDG Dick Clark of the Dover Club led a presentation on the district's Ambassadorial Scholars. The Portland Club was represented by Sandra Thompson, leading a workshop on Preserve Planet Earth projects, and Jack Schraeter of the Windham Club led a workshop on Donations In Kind. Linda Varrill of the Bethel Club held a session on Youth Exchange programs, and PDG Mort Schmidt of Portsmouth reported on the Permanent Fund.

There was plenty of worldwide involvement by the district clubs this year: Kenneth Toner of the Freeport Club described the Peru service projects, and from the Portsmouth Club, Bill Burke, Butch Ricci and PDG Jim Labrie related their Discovery Grant trip to Brazil and the adoption of a school for homeless children. Henry Saunders of the Westbrook/Gorham Club described the great experience of getting a new Rotary Club started in Russia, and Peter Johnson of the Yarmouth Club reported on the district's Group Study Exchange to Poland and Sweden. Let's say it here: International Service is alive and well in District 7780!

In Memory of District 7780 Rotarians
The traditional ending of each conference is the Sunday morning memorial service to remember those Rotarians who passed away during the year. Led by Rev. Lamar Robinson, the memorial is marked by song and silent reflection on lives made rich by serving others. This year a candle was lit and the bell was chimed in remembrance of these Rotarians: Kittery - Betty Ballard, Portland - Janes J. Cooney and Harris M. Plaisted, Bethel - Wilfred (Bill) Conary and Richard (Dick) Verville, Biddeford/Saco - Clayton Cartmill and Ronald A.

Groudin, Newburyport - James Connolly Sr., Scarborough - Greg Payne, Portsmouth - Whitcomb Wells and Wyman Boynton, Sanford/Springvale - Samuel Schwartz, Boothbay Harbor - Dr. Carl Griffin Jr., Kennebunk - Thomas F. Ruck.

Vaaaa-Rooooom! Vaaa-Rooooom!
"Race To Indy - Win With Rotary"
That's the slogan for the 1998 Rotary International Convention, being held this coming June 14 - 17 in Indianapolis. It's not too often that the International Convention is held so relatively close to home, and the "green flag" to go ahead is already being waved here in District 7780. The "On To Indy" Committee chair for our district is Matt Gurney of the Oxford Hills Club, and he'll be heading out to Indy for planning sessions in November and again in May. Matt can be reached at 207-743-6866. He reports that he'll have brochures and a videotape available before too long.

Thanks to Penny Hamilton for fast-faxing this report from the Hampton Club: "We're now planning our next fund-raiser in connection with Hampton Beach's Seafood Festival Sept. 6 & 7th - a 5K road race on the 6th and on both days manning a food booth at the Festival." The club also just raised around \$6,000 in their annual auction, with funds going to the high school for a new piano, to Odyssey House for adolescent treatment, and to buying a new food freezer for the Salvation Army.

The Portsmouth Club holds its annual ThunderChicken Bar-B-Que and 5K Road Race on Thursday August 7th, on Peirce Island. Serving from 4-7pm, it's great BBQ on the bank of the Piscataqua River.

Don't forget to send bulletins to this reporter: Mary Jane Peabody, 671 State St., Portsmouth, NH 03801. Fax: 603-430-4048. Thanks!



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JULY DISTRICT 7780 ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

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Here we are about to begin another exciting Rotary Year! This *Foundation Newsletter* will be published every month as a supplement to Marie's Governor's Newsletter. This represents one of many new ideas that Governor Marie Williams asked that we "Dare to be Different" and try. It will be only as successful and newsworthy as we all make it. Please feel free to contact me with any notes of interest regarding Our Rotary Foundation that may be occurring within your Rotary Club, including but not limited to fundraising ideas, recognitions awarded, questions about Our Rotary Foundation and it's programs, news about scholarship applicants, GSE Team applicants, visiting scholars, Discovery Grant applications, 3-H Grant applications, or even just a chance to brag about your Club's participation in a Foundation Program.

Next Month

In the August Issue we will be announcing dates for Ambassadorial Scholarship interviews, and include a column by a Foundation Committee member. As soon as information becomes available we will be tracking the monthly progress of Annual Giving as we help Governor Marie achieve her goal of \$105,000.

Foundation Videos Available

If you would like a video to use for a program at your Rotary Club, contact one of the following persons, and we will mail it to you, but **PLEASE RETURN IT PROMPTLY**, so someone else can use it. The videos are *The Rotary Foundation: The International Vision of Rotary* (15 minutes) and *The Gift that Keeps on Giving* (8 minutes).

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The Permanent Fund is growing!

As of 31 December 1996, the net assets of The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund were almost US \$54 million.

New Paul Harris Fellow medallion debuts on July 1

Beginning July 1, 1997, new Paul Harris Fellows, men and women alike, will be wearing a new pin and medallion.

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation decided to replace the current men's and women's Paul Harris Fellow recognition medals with one unisex model. The new version is smaller, lighter in weight, and attached to a blue and gold ribbon designed to facilitate presentations. The new medallion resembles the current Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recognition pin. To create a consistent look, the Paul Harris Fellow pin has also been replaced; the new pin is identical to the Multiple Paul Harris Fellow pin but without the stones.

The new recognition pieces will be sent automatically to any individual who becomes a Paul Harris Fellow after July 1. Recognizing that some Rotarians might prefer the old medal and pin, Foundation representatives have made arrangements to provide that set for a limited time, upon request for \$25.00 while supplies last. Current Paul Harris Fellows may order the new set for \$25.00.

Term "Paul Harris Fellow Recognition" clarified

At their November 1996 meeting the Rotary Foundation Trustees clarified the terminology for Paul Harris Fellow Recognition. In the past, difficult terms have been used - such as "Paul Harris Awards," "Paul Harris Fellow Awards," or "Paul Harris Fellowships" - by Rotarians to describe the recognition that is given for contributions of US \$1,000.00 to the Annual Programs Fund of The Rotary Foundation. In order to remove the confusion that sometimes results from such different terminology, the Trustees have adopted "Paul Harris Fellow Recognition" as the proper form to describe such recognition.

Rotarians in the US, Mexico and Canada who have questions regarding this decision should contact the Donor Services Section, The Rotary Foundation, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201, USA Telephone 847-866-3366 / FAX 847-866-8554. Those in all other areas should contact the appropriate Rotary International service center.

Awards Presented At The District 7780 Conference

GOVERNOR'S BRICK AWARDS

For 100% Attendance

Biddeford-Saco - Bridgton-Lake Region
Brunswick Coastal - Fryeburg Area
Newburyport - Saco Bay
Somersworth - South Berwick
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth
Windham - York

FOR MOST FOUNDATION GIVING

Portsmouth

FOR MOST NEW MEMBERS

Portland

PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

Bath Sunrise - Bethel - Biddeford-Saco
Boothbay Harbor - Bridgton-Lake Region
Brunswick - Casco Bay Sunrise - Dover
Durham-Great Bay - Freeport - Fryeburg Area
Hampton - Kennebunk - Kennebunk Portside
Kittery - Newburyport - Ogunquit
Oxford Hills - Portland - Portsmouth
Rochester - Saco Bay - Sanford-Springvale
Somersworth - South Berwick
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth - Wells
Westbrook-Gorham - Windham - York

NEWSLETTER AWARDS

Rochester - Casco Bay Sunrise

GOVERNOR TROPHY AWARDS

Yarmouth - Windham - Boothbay Harbor
York - Portland

Paul Harris Fellows drawn from the
5 Governor Trophy Award Winners

Boothbay Harbor

Paul Harris Fellow drawn from those present at the
World Understanding and Peace Dinner on March 1,
1997 with Rajendra K Saboo, Chairman of the
Rotary Foundation and Past President of R.I.

Julie Hart, wife of President Dan Hart
of the Bethel R.C.

Paul Harris Fellow awarded by "Official" District
Newsletter Editor Bruce Monroe of the Kennebunk
Club to his daughter, Michelle Szczapa, for her
work as the REAL District Newsletter Editor

GOVERNOR'S CITATIONS AWARDED

Michelle Szczapa (Kennebunk)
Newsletter Editor, Non-Rotarian

Carl "Chip" Griffin III (Boothbay Harbor)
Disaster Relief to Montserrat

Sarah Luck (Portland)
World Community Service to Argentina

Henry W. Saunders (Westbrook)
Sponsor, Tver, Russia Club

Barbara "Bobbi" Bird (Freeport)
Service to Youth Exchange

FOUNDATION SERVICE AWARDS

William "Bill" Burke (Portsmouth)
Robert "Butch" Ricci Jr. (Portsmouth)
World Community Service, Brazil

Jack Schraeter (Windham)
Kenneth Toner (Freeport)
World Community Service, Peru

Wayne Brockney (Rochester)
World Understanding and Peace Event

Peter Johnson (Yarmouth)
Group Study Exchange

Stan Tenpenney (Casco Bay Sunrise)
World Community Service Programs, Argentina

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FROM THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

James "Jim" Labrie (Portsmouth)

AWARD PLAQUES WERE PRESENTED TO:

Richard "Dick" Thompson (Kennebunk)
District Treasurer

Alan Shepard (Kennebunk-Portside)
District Secretary

CLOCK AWARDS WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO:

Earle Patterson (Kennebunk)
David Moravick (Kennebunk)
Co-Chairs of the District Conference Committee

District 7780 Club Attendance For June

	Attendance %	Club	Members 6/30/97	Current Members	+/-
1	89	Damariscotta-Newcastle		41	
2	88	Windham		37	
3	87.8	Kennebunk Portside		39	
4	87	Wells		50	
5	86.7	Biddeford/Saco		94	
6	84.38	Bath Sunrise		23	
7	84.27	York		63	
8	83.47	Oxford Hills		61	
9	83	Somersworth		23	
10	80.6	Saco Bay		67	
11	79	South Berwick		-	
12	78.85	Boothbay Harbor		53	
13	78.4	Bethel		37	
14	78	Brunswick Coastal		146	
15	77.94	Bath		63	
16	77	Kennebunk		39	
17	76	Durham Great Bay		51	
18	74.25	Ogunguit		47	
19	74	Hampton		55	
20	73.8	Freeport		42	
21	73	Kittery		31	
22	72.73	Sanford/Springvale		53	
23	72	Scarborough		20	
24	71.66	Portland		226	
25	70.8	Portsmouth		259	
26	70.8	Westbrook-Gorham		42	
27	70.15	Rochester		74	
28	69.5	South Portland/Cape Elizabeth		53	
29	64	Yarmouth		39	
30	63	Seabrook-Hampton Falls		38	
31	61	Exeter		48	
32	52	Bridgton/Lake Region		34	
33	52	Dover		85	
34	NR	Brunswick		-	
35	NR	Casco Bay Sunrise		-	
36	NR	Fryeburg Area		-	
37	NR	Newburyport		-	
38	NR	Rumford		-	
39		TOTALS		2033	
40					
41	Deadline for attendance reports is the 10th of the month. Please FAX or mail to District Secretary Pam Gray.				

Membership Retention

by Charlie Snow, Chair

Membership Development and Retention Committee

It is now July 1997 and for District 7780 that means that **DG Marie** has begun her year long journey as our new District Governor. It also means that we have new Club Presidents and Officers who have outstanding plans to make this the best year ever for their club as well as the District.

Well guess what? Your first challenge is about to confront you and I hope in your planning for the 1997-1998 Rotary year you have spent a little bit of time deciding how to retain your current members and bring in new members at the same time.

OKAY, so you have appointed a dynamic new membership chairperson and you know they are going to do the job in an exemplary manner. You will have no one leave your club this year and net growth will be 15%. OR, you can count on the same two or three members to sponsor new members so you will meet the quotas and that will allow you to spend more time on other issues. In either scenario, how much have you really done to promote growth and at the same time keep all your current members? And by the way, how much support has the District and R.I. given you to accomplish growth and retention?

Actually, R.I. and the District has been very supportive but sometimes the information gets lost when put in the package with all the other stuff you get when you go to P.E.T.S. (have you opened that notebook, yet?).

Help is on the way. August is Membership and Extension Month for Rotary throughout the world and on August 12th, from 6:30 P.M. till 8:00 P.M., at the Ross Center, 189 Alfred St., Biddeford, Maine in the Biddeford-Saco Rotary room, the Membership Development and Retention Committee will hold a seminar.

We are going to share information about what other clubs in our District do, we are going to have handouts that you may have never seen before, and we are going to get you to think about ways your club can succeed in this very difficult area.

Information and registration packets will be mailed shortly to all Club Presidents. Please plan to have you or your Membership Chair attend. The most you lose is one and a half hours (the seminar will end at eight, I PROMISE) on a late summer evening and the most you gain is a plan to put your club on track to achieve at least one of those goals you told **DG Marie** about in January.

PDG James Labrie Receives Distinguished Service Award

According to The Rotary Foundation's head office in Evanston, Illinois, our own Past District Governor James Labrie of the Portsmouth, New Hampshire Rotary Club is the only person in the history of District 7780 to receive the Distinguished Service Award.

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation award the Distinguished Service Award to those who have rendered exceptional service to the Foundation beyond the District level or for an extended period of time. The award is a cast bronze plaque mounted on a walnut base. Individuals nominated for the DSA must have received the Citation of Meritorious Service at least two years prior. The award is given only to those who have demonstrated active service. A Rotarian may not receive this award more than once. No more than 50 DSA's are presented each year.

PDG Craig Wellman, speaking for all of the members of District 7780 at the District Conference on June 28th, stated how very proud we all are of PDG Jim Labrie for being honored with this outstanding award. PDG Craig then presented PDG Jim with a certificate announcing that when the official plaque arrives, he will present it at a meeting of PDG Jim's home Club, the Rotary Club of Portsmouth. **CONGRATULATIONS, JIMI**

New Citation Recognizes Individual Achievement

Calling the individual Rotarian Rotary's greatest asset, RI President Glen Kinross has established the Four Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians. This citation reinforces the importance of each member's personal involvement and underscores the significant position that each Avenue of Service occupies within the Object of Rotary.

Depending on their size, clubs can nominate one to five members to receive a citation. Candidates should have demonstrated participation in activities related to Club, Vocational, Community and International Service. Nominations from each club must be submitted to President Kinross, with an information copy to the district governor. Citation recipients will receive a certificate recognizing their outstanding contributions to Rotary Service.

NEW CLUB IN YOUR AREA?

August is Membership and Club Extension Month. Whenever I meet people around the District we frequently talk about membership, but rarely do we discuss creating new clubs.

Our two most recent Clubs - Fryeburg and Yarmouth - came about because in each case an existing Rotarian recognized that their own hometown would be better served with a Rotary Club all its own.

The other "typical" extension occurs when an alternate meeting date and time are created in order to make Rotary more accessible to others. Saco Bay and Kennebunk Portside are examples of two very healthy clubs which started this way. Rather than cannibalizing nearby Clubs, experience has shown that both the new and sponsoring clubs have grown.

Creating a new club does more than just bring in new members. New Clubs also create opportunities for a whole cadre of interested Rotarians to assume leadership roles with the new Club, and opportunities for new cross-town friendly rivalries, all of which makes us a healthier, vibrant organization.

Starting a new Club is easier than it looks. Peter Johnson is my Extension Chair for 1997-1998. He's done it before and stands ready to help any and all with the required Rotary "stuff". The most important piece is simply finding the right person in the right locale who wants to be the catalyst. *Is that person in YOUR Club?*

Attention - Bulletin Editors !

Please share (mail) a copy of YOUR Club Bulletin to the the following Editors for the next three weeks:

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Welcome New Rotarians!

Portsmouth Club

Susan R. Bunting

Patrick F. Harrigan

Robert Loch

Leonard S. Rishkofski


New Meeting Place

The Wells Rotary Club writes to remind everyone that has moved it's meeting place to Henri's Restaurant effective Monday, June 23rd. Henri's is located on route 1 north of the Post Office near Cole's Hill Rd. The meeting time is still 7:30 to 8:30 AM.

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