



District Beacon

June, 1998

Marie Williams
District 7780 Governor 1997-1998



District Governor Marie's Monthly Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I thought long and hard about what my final message to you as Governor was going to be. Do I list all of the things you accomplished this year or just thank you for giving Bruce and I the most wonderful experience of our lives? I couldn't decide so I am going to do both, much to my editor's horror! Sorry, Paul, this is going to be a long one.

When I learned what this year's theme was, *Show Rotary Cares, for your community, for our world, for it's people*, I thought that's easy, we already do that every day of our lives and then some and I was RIGHT! District 7780 Rotarians have always shown they cared and you did it even more so this year. I must tell you that no other District Governor ever had a better class of Club Presidents, District Officers or District Committee Chairs than I have had in 1997-98. You have all made it a tough act to follow.

Rotary International's main thrust this year was to help the less fortunate and to improve literacy. My focus was the same but to have FUN and enjoy inter club involvement while doing it. Well, we certainly did that and then some! The success of the 1997-1998 Rotary year is due to all the hard work of each and every Rotarian in District 7780.

The World Community Service projects and International Service involvement this year was overwhelming. Every club in the District participated in some form of International Service whether it was a 3-H Helping Grant, a Matching Grant, a Carl Miller Discovery Grant, donations to PolioPlus, ROTOPLAST, the orphanage in Romania or goods sent to aid another country. I don't know of any other District Governor who can say that EVERY club in their District participated in some form of World Community Service or International Service project during their year. The projects you were involved in went from an orphanage stove; to building a Vocational School in Brazil; donating medical supplies and equipment to numerous countries throughout the world; building a house in Brazil; providing therapeutic equipment for cerebral palsy children; diabetes testing; computer equipment; to

paper and pencils for school children in Africa. The list goes on and on. There are still several applications pending for 3-H Helping Grants, Matching Grants and Carl Miller Discovery Grants, which will probably carry over into Bill's year. WOW! I believe every club in the District now knows they are part of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL and has learned how small the world really is.

Literacy was a big push this year. Each and every club assisted in some way. Whether it was through a cash donation to their local library; a donation of books; reading to children at their local library or school; buying books for people trying to obtain their GED or sending books to Camp Sunshine for the small children to take home with them at the end of their stay. As many of you know, literacy has a very special meaning to my family and me, as my own father could not read or write other than his name. He was a very smart man but he could not even do the most basic math or read a book to his children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren. He missed so much in his 81 years of life. It was not easy for me to share this family "secret" with you but I hoped it would make a difference and I think it did. I have since learned there are many family "secrets" in our District. I know there will be fewer of them in the future going forward and I personally thank you very much for your efforts.

We had a very successful District wide work weekend at Camp Sunshine in September and we recently donated more than 641 children's storybooks to the camp.

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The DGN News Corner

Lucy and I have just returned from DG Marie's wonderful 1997-98 District Conference at the Summit Hotel in Newry, Maine. It was good to see so many of you there, and to hear a recap of most of the things you have made happen this year.

The programs that we heard about were: Annual Giving, Camp Sunshine, Council on Legislation, Disaster Relief, District History, District Leadership Plan, Friends Forever, Group Study Exchange, Indianapolis Convention, Interact, Permanent Fund, Rotoplast, RYLA, University Teachers Grant, Youth Exchange, and World Community Service. Of course, we had many fun times, and lots and lots of fellowship.

This year's Rotary International President's representative, Fred Norton, known to most persons as Nick, was very effective in bringing us the big picture of Rotary, and told about the EMPTY CHAIR, at the Rotary meeting. The EMPTY CHAIR is not occupied because that Rotarian was up, doing something. MAKING THINGS HAPPEN.

There certainly have been alot of empty chairs in

our District this year, and I know there will be just as many in 1998-99. Here is a quick run down of what we are scheduled to be involved in this coming Rotary year. In August we will send and receive approximately 12 Youth Exchange Students, in September we will be at Camp Sunshine, and we will be hosting twelve Russian Fishing industry people, we will be hosting five Friends Forever Groups, in March and April we will have a District Interact Conference, in April our GSE team will go to the Dominican Republic, and they will visit us in May, in June we will have our RYLA conference, and in June we will have a group hands on project in Romania. Sounds exciting, does it not?

Good luck in your final preparations and the next time I write, it will be from the District Governor, to the Club Presidents.

Your Friend in Rotary

Bill

Peter Johnson named Coordinator for Russian Visit

DGN Bill Skinner is pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Johnson of the Rotary Club of Yarmouth as Local Coordinator for a visiting delegation of 10 Russian professionals who will be visiting our District September 17 to October 11. The visiting team is a delegation of business executives, each involved in some aspect of the fishing industry. Although not a formal program of RI, this Center for Citizen initiatives program is strongly endorsed. This will be about the 100th such visit hosted by various American Rotary Districts, and District 7780 is thrilled to participate.

Peter's two immediate goals are to 1) identify interested people who will form a steering committee and 2) to develop an inventory of possible fishing industry specific sites in the area. He needs names and ideas, and needs them now!!! Call Peter at 207-846-6526, home; 800-451-0369, work; or Peteryar@aol.com.

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District Governor Marie's Message

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I did something I never ever anticipated I would do as District Governor and that was to be involved in a Disaster Relief Grant for OUR District. We received a \$2500 Disaster Relief Grant from Our Rotary Foundation, plus additional funds totaling \$28,270.93 from all over the world, as far away as Siberia! Plus donations of canned goods, water and paper products. We were able to assist individual families, local food pantries, churches, and fire departments.

We helped the Portsmouth, Sanford-Springvale and Newburyport Clubs celebrate their 75th anniversary and Somersworth their 25th. We chartered a brand new club - PORTSMOUTH SUNRISE! We celebrated with Somersworth President Cathy Couturier and her husband John Towle the birth of their son. We were pleased to congratulate Exeter President Mark Harrington and his wife Lea on the birth of their daughter.

The local community service projects were equally tremendous. How the clubs found the time to do so much good locally and internationally, I will never understand. Well, I guess I do, **YOU ARE ROTARIANS!** That's why it happened. I have never been more proud to be a Rotarian than I have this year, thanks to each and every one of you. All your efforts all year long will have an impact on so many people's lives that you will never meet but it didn't matter, *you are Rotarians and Rotarians CARE!*

The District Conference is behind us. There was a tremendous effort put in by The Kittery Rotary Club and by everyone involved. We heard about the Council on Legislation, On to INDY, World Community Service, ROTOPLAST, by Anita Stengl, Disaster Relief, Doug Morris our University Teachers Grant recipient, Annual Giving, the Permanent Fund, and update on District 7780's history, Camp Sunshine, RYLA, Youth Exchange, Friends Forever, Interact, both GSE Teams and our Rotary International President's Representative Frederic "Nick" Norton on Friday morning and again on Friday evening. He and his wife Alex are wonderful people and everyone enjoyed meeting and talking with them during the weekend. We were very fortunate to have them as President Glen and Heather's representatives. Jeff Greenfield entertained us with his magic tricks Thursday evening and the BBQ, did two motivational presentations on Friday and his "show" on Friday

evening. Several ladies lost their watches and a number of people had their minds read. We found out what Zack Longley carries in his wallet! He cut me in half with his electric jigsaw but luckily I ended up in one piece! The silent auction resulted in two new Paul Harris Fellows - Elias Thomas, III and Gaylene McHale. The weather was great and the fellowship was terrific! I believe a lot of Rotary knowledge was gained and a good time was had by all. **Thanks to everyone who participated.**

Our GSE team from Finland has finally returned home. We had a farewell send-off for them on Saturday June 6th at the Embassy Suites in Portland. We had a wonderful representation by the District when they arrived in May and an equally as great representation to send them off. They were a wonderful team. We were very fortunate to have such great inbound and outbound teams! Our exchange students will be leaving us shortly. They are wonderful ambassadors for their countries and we will miss them all!

Bruce and I along with Bill and Lucy Skinner and Mike McGovern will be at the International Convention when you read this. We have two major events left for the District this month - the RYLA Conference at Camp Hinds June 25-28 and the chartering of PORTSMOUTH SUNRISE on June 27th. What a way to end the year.

Bruce and I can never thank you enough for the wonderful experience and support you gave us this year. The many friends we made for life, the things we saw you accomplish, the way we were treated whenever we visited your clubs or functions, the fellowship developed amongst the clubs, your generosity to others and all the **HARD** work you put in to make it a better place to live for those less fortunate, was overwhelming! Even when you were working hard you still managed to have **FUN** and I have the pictures to prove it! Words cannot express properly the thanks for all you did. I only ask that you support Bill and Lucy next year as much as you did Bruce and I. Let's all continue to *Show Rotary Cares*, as we help them *Follow Your Rotary Dream!*

With heartfelt appreciation for a great year!

Marie and Bruce

Editors Note: Whew!

FAREWELL, FINNS!

What a treat it has been to have the GSE team from Finland here for the past few weeks. Each one of them was so interesting and so personable! Their presentations at the clubs and the District Conference, along with the outbound team's program at the conference, helped us to learn about the similarities and differences between our cultures. For instance, we learned that:
The Finns tend to have elaborate table displays;
Finland is at the same latitude as Alaska;
Vacation time is very important to the Finns and everyone takes vacations, even prisoners!



"America and Finland united in GSE"

Youth exchange is very strong in Finland;
The churches contain small replicas of ships to memorialize those lost at sea;
Finland has 187,888 lakes;
On April 30 everyone wears white hats from the school they attended;
Unemployment is a significant problem in Finland;
The Finns and the Americans had trouble trying to figure out how to work each others' showers;
Turku is the oldest city in Finland; and
District 1410 has a Rotary density of 1 in 271 people
- one of the highest in the world!

The outbound team is slowly acclimating to life back in the States but thanks to modern technology their friendships can continue on - one of the team members is in daily e-mail contact with people he met in Finland! Please consider inviting the outbound team to your club sometime in the next year to hear more about their experience.

Thanks to the Rotary Foundation and the GSE program, Finland will no longer mean an outline on a map to us, but Elise, Ulla, Johan, Heikki and Kai!



*Meet the
Youth
Exchange
Group*

District 7780 Club Attendance For May

	Attendance %	Club	Members 6/30/97	Current Members	+/-
	A	B	C	D	E
1	94	Windham	33	36	3
2	92	Oxford Hills	59	61	2
3	89.88	South Berwick	36	42	6
4	88.3	Biddeford/Saco	93	83	-10
5	88	Wells	50	52	2
6	86.15	York	63	65	2
7	85 tie	Bath Sunrise	23	24	1
8	85 tie	Kennebunk Portside	39	40	1
9	84.46	Boothbay Harbor	49	48	-1
10	83.59	Bethel	37	35	-2
11	83.5	Kittery	30	24	-6
12	83.33	Bath	61	63	2
13	83	Freeport	41	33	-8
14	82.63	Saco Bay	67	68	1
15	81	Damariscotta-Newcastle	41	42	1
16	80.62	Exeter	48	49	1
17	80	Bridgton/Lake Region	29	25	-4
18	79.8	Kennebunk	96	95	-1
19	78.75	Newburyport	74	72	-2
20	77.57	Durham - Great Bay	51	48	-3
21	77	Yarmouth	39	38	-1
22	75.96	Dover	84	89	5
23	75.36	Portland	220	216	-4
24	75	Fryeburg Area	26	25	-1
25	74.8	Ogunguit	47	43	-4
26	73.26	Portsmouth	258	272	14
27	73	Brunswick	145	145	0
28	72.6	Sanford/Springvale	52	60	8
29	72.54	South Portland/Cape Elizabeth	48	51	3
30	71	Hampton	53	62	9
31	69.1	Westbrook-Gorham	44	42	-2
32	67	Rochester	74	79	5
33	66.6	Brunswick Coastal	15	15	0
34	66	Scarborough	19	25	6
35	61.11	Casco Bay Sunrise	30	28	-2
36	NR	Rumford	49	42	-7
37	NR	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	30	31	1
38	NR	Somersworth	21	42	21
39		TOTALS	2274	2310	36
40	Deadline for attendance reports is the 10th of the month. Please FAX or mail to District Secretary Phil Rinaldi.				
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News And Notes

Around District 7780

Another Rotary year rushes to an end...

The **Brunswick** club helped local youth with support for several projects such as BRASS (Brunswick Assets), a group developing positive assets and resources for kids, with a lot of common sense thrown in. The club also came to the aid of 13 members of the high school's Debate Team who had qualified for the national tournament in Detroit. The club's recent meeting at the Voc Center sounded like a rousing success for both club members and the voc students!

The **Oxford Hills** club enjoyed a joint meeting with the local Kiwanis club in mid-May. We'd like to hear of others who team up with different service clubs in their region. The club was the winner in an attendance contest with **Fryeburg**, and will receive an out-of-pocket donation from each Fryeburg club member for their charitable fund. Oxford Hills also plans to help out at a special breakfast as part of Project Graduation this week.

The **Yarmouth** club is holding a "cottons for kids" clothing drive for an orphanage in Haiti they've helped in the past. They're also sponsoring an Exchange student bound for a year in Indonesia. At their recent Clean-up Day helping four seniors in need of storm repairs, one of the seniors, a reclusive widow, mentioned she hadn't had water for weeks. Club members sprang into action, and had the water supply restored by the end of the day.

The **Portland** club has June 13 & 14 scheduled as spruce-up days for getting the narrow gauge railroad cars refurbished, in preparation of their extravaganza holiday fundraiser, Winterfest 98. Assignments are set for the

project already! The club has an ongoing "Rotary House" program, which provides free motel rooms for families of Maine Medical Center patients. Their May 29th meeting was an annual highlight, with the "Class of 97/98" (new members this year) putting on a special picnic, with lots of surprises in store for the club.

The **Damariscotta-Newcastle** club is sponsoring two of their members riding in the "Trek Across Maine" 3-day bike ride from Sunday River to the sea. The club has dubbed it the "Spandex Spectacle"...the two cyclists even have a club coach to accompany the many pledges from the club!

The **Kennebunk Portside** club is already planning its fund-raising events for Riverfest on Aug.22. We're not sure of all their plans, but one team chairman heads up "Duck Day Logistics"... meanwhile July 3 will take the club to a Seadogs game and barbeque. At every first of the month meeting, a basket is passed for donations to the local emergency food pantry, and they're also very involved in a project to aid victims of cerebral palsy in Brazil.

So. Portland-Cape Elizabeth is soon the proud home club of DGN Mike McGovern. We hear Mike is famous for sponsoring his club's Poker Nights, which give rise to a great number of happy and sad dollars at the following week's meeting! The SPACE club recently gave a grant to their local DARE program, brought helping hands, ladders and brushes for painting work at Fort Williams, will be helping out with the local Project Graduation and, on the June 20th Family Fun Day (think fried dough!).

The **Sanford-Springvale** club celebrated its 75th on May 16th, and their TwinTown Reporter

described the celebration as "better than anyone could have hoped - great people, interesting displays, exciting entertainment ... all centered around Rotary - a recipe for success!" Congrats! Club members are finishing up preparations for their June 24 Golf Tournament.

The **Rochester** club has an ever-changing headline for their "missing members" report in the Reporter - one week it's "Ricky Nelsons" (ie, Travelin' Man), the next it's "Hit The Road, Jack". But those reporting make-ups are always listed under the headline, "Ambassadors". Nice reminder! Club members pitched in for a May roadside clean-up day and for an evening "Wine Tasting" meeting. Gee, we bet that last one took a lot of arm-twisting...

The **Portsmouth Sunrise** club has started its sharp-looking new bulletin (so far, named The Portsmouth Sunrise Club) in time to announce their Charter Night (June 27) and *the very next day*, June 28th, their first fundraiser, The "Best Pizza In Portsmouth" Contest. Way to go! Now if we can all submit suggestions for a good bulletin name...

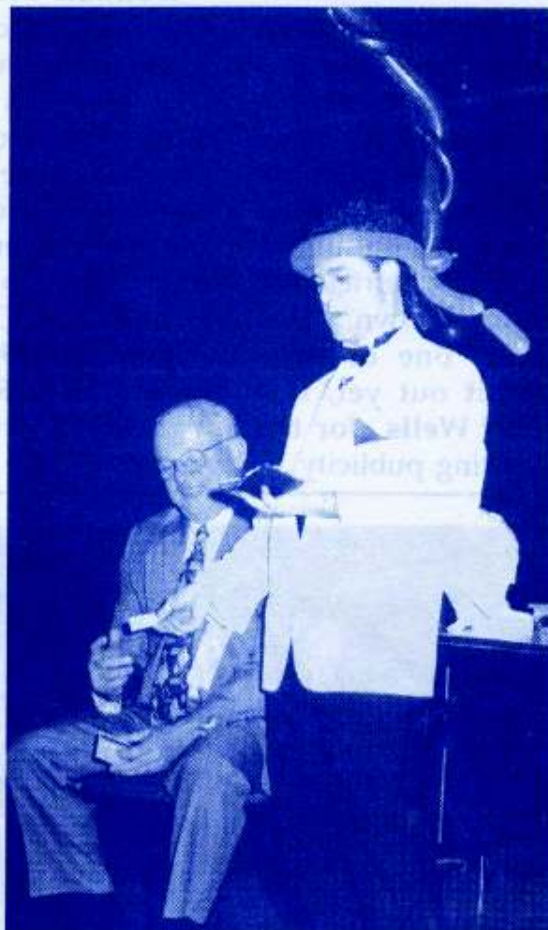
The **Hampton** club kicked off May with a playground construction project at a local school, and put on their annual charity auction. Grants went out to Big Brothers/Big Sisters, an ice rink project, Hampton Child and Family Services, the Teen Reading program, and a local concert in the park series. Runners should save Sept. 12th for their 5K Seafest Road Race, a major fundraiser.

The **Fryeburg** club has formed members into 6 teams to generate new members by Jan. 1, 1999. There's talk of a great prize for the winning team... The Messenger runs a schedule of all



"A New Year Begins"

"What's
in
your
wallet
Zack?"



Governor's Trophy Challenge Recipients

To obtain the Governor's Trophy Challenge award each club had to obtain 105 points. The following clubs received the award:

- Bath Sunrise - Mary Denzer, President
- Bethel - Al Barth, President
- Biddeford-Saco - Bill Guay, President
- Boothbay Harbor - Bob Pike, President
- Bridgton-Lake Region - Sue Fleck, President
- Brunswick Coastal - Ted Hunter, President/Pres. Elect.
- Damariscotta-Newcastle - Glen Davis, Pres.
- Dover - Kerry Forbes, President
- Durham-Great Bay - Jaap de Jong, President
- Exeter - Mark Harrington, President
- Freeport - Ken Toner, President
- Fryeburg Area - Dick Cote, President
- Hampton - Ann Kaiser, President
- Kennebunk - Steve Adams, President
- Kennebunk Portside - Bruce Read, Pres.
- Kittery - Laziya Shea, President
- Newburyport - Claudia Harris, President
- Oxford Hills - Perry Palmer, President
- Portland - Fred Thompson, President
- Portsmouth - Butch Ricci, President
- Saco Bay - Doug Hooper, President
- Sanford Springvale - Bob Gonyou, President
- South Berwick - Jeff Pelkey, President
- South Portland-Cape Elizabeth - Jim Russell, President
- Wells - Bridget Burns, President
- Windham - Jack Schraeter, President
- Yarmouth - Meg Hickey, President

"The Host Club Welcomes You"



New Public Relations Award Recipient

Rotary is like every other service organization striving to grow and be recognized for its accomplishments in order to get more people interested in Rotary. In the past we have been discouraged from seeking publicity. This year, we were asked to get the word of Rotary out there in the public's eye. Each District was asked to submit the name of one Rotary Club in their District that they felt helped make Rotary better known. This club got worldwide publicity for one of their projects. If you haven't figured it out yet, this award went to **The Rotary Club of Wells** for the Blankets to Bosnia project and resulting publicity.

Resigning District Treasurer Honored

Dick Thompson was made a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and his wife Sarah a Paul Harris Fellow for serving the District faithfully for over 7 years as District Treasurer. Dick is resigning his post as of June 30th. He says Marie did not do him in.

District Committee Changes

Karen Maxwell, The Rotary Club of Ogunquit, will complete the term vacated by Donna Coombs on the District Foundation Committee through the year 2001.

Dewaine Craig is a member of the District Foundation Committee and has been Chair of the Annual Giving Committee for several years. He has accepted a position elsewhere and will be leaving our District on July 1. He has one year on The District Foundation Committee which expires in 1999. Peter Johnson from The Rotary Club of Yarmouth will complete his term.

"RI Rep
Nick
teaches us
about the
"Empty
Chair"



More News And Notes Around District 7780

the games for their Rotary Little League team, encouraging club members to enjoy the games. Grants went out to the Literacy Volunteer Group, and the solar-powered car project at Fryeburg Academy. Sunday, June 21 is the 4th Annual Great Saco River Canoe Race. A ten mile course of almost all flat water make this a great event even for real splashers. Canoes can be rented the day of the race.

The **York** club's **Beacon** caught up with us recently, and they've had a busy year - volunteering at Harvestfest, making holiday gift baskets, "School To Work" student guests at each club meeting, and monthly club assemblies. They also held a big Pancake Breakfast to benefit their local fire departments, and are working side-by-side with the Boy Scouts on their town's Elm Tree project.

The **Freeport** club has started its Saturday Hot Dog Cart schedule, and sent volunteers to help sort food pantry items collected by the local postal carriers. The club's Philanthropic Committee is polling the members to collect everyone's thoughts on how grants should be allocated. The same questionnaire will include a sign-up for fund-raising projects!

Quick Notes:

The **Kennebunk** club raised \$35,000 for their scholarship fund by selling "scholarship certificates". Each buyer also got a raffle ticket, and after the drive was done, they had a great social, with dozens of raffle prizes awarded to lucky ticket holders.

The **South Berwick** club has formed a 5-person Finance Committee to assist the treasurer, a big job in every club. The club is keeping the tradition of classification talks alive and well. Their recent dinner fundraiser

was a great success, raising \$1,300 for the scholarship fund.

The **Kittery** club, proud hosts of the district conference (and with more than 50% of the club on hand) also had the pleasure of delivering 430 books for kids to Camp Sunshine, with Rotary labels inside each. A great district project all around! Grants went out to Project Graduation and the Hospice of York. Club members will pitch in with helping hands for the June 6th Special Olympics and for the June 16th annual DARE picnic.

The **Bethel** club recently featured the Dominican Republic water project for a program, and held a spring clean-up day. Their club year comes to a busy end, with a club assembly on June 2nd, a year-end social on June 12th, the golf tournament on the 15th and their Auction set for June 27th.

The **Portsmouth** Club hosted 14 scholarship recipients at a recent meeting, and four vocational achievement awards will be awarded this month. Look for their annual 5K "Thunderchicken" Road Race and Chicken BBQ on August 6th, both held on Peirce Island, the site of the club's major clean-up effort.

The **Dover** club successfully completed its Hands-On Project, sprucing up the Woodman Institute Museum... a full page of great photos was featured in the local paper. About this and other major work in city parks, Pres. Kerry commented: "I don't know if what we have done the last few years has changed the face of Dover, but we've certainly improved its smile."

Two **Saco Bay** club members sponsored a special breakfast for their club's team of volunteers heading up to the Camp Sebago work project. The club teamed

with the Biddeford club on their Rotary Cable TV Auction - and over \$38,000 was raised amid the "coordinated chaos"...

Congratulations to the **Newburyport** club on its 75th Anniversary!

The **Bath** club celebrated May's Arbor Day with box lunches and a tree planting in the Bath Library Park.

The **Ogunquit** club gave grants recently to AIDS Response of the Seacoast, the Odyssey of the Mind program at Wells High, to Camp Susan Curtis, and to the Future Problem Solvers team at Wells Junior High, which is representing the state of Maine at a national competition.

Golf Tournaments Coming Up:

Bethel: June 15th, **Kennebunk Portside:** June 18th, **Bath:** June 24th, **Sanford-Springvale:** June 24th, **Casco Bay-Sunrise:** August 13th **Rochester:** August 25th

Quote-Of-The-Month:

From the **Saco Bay Baywatch**:
"One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."
-Albert Schweitzer

Note-Of-The-Month:

from the Freeport **Bulletin**:
"NOTE: For the record, Elizabeth congratulated Harry on having an ideal"

Happy-Dollars-Of-The-Month:

from So. Portland-Cape Elizabeth **Two Lights**:
"Dan Mooers made up at the Fryeburg club recently and had a happy dollar for finding a club with worse singing than ours!"

Congratulations to all the club presidents, directors, officers, heads of committees and club members for a great year. You really did "Show Rotary Cares"!

Will we get 2 DG's for the price of 1?



Foundation Awards

Brenda Thibodeau - Fryeburg Area Club
Ken Toner - Freeport Club
Sarah Luck - Portland Club
Karen Dunfey - South Portland-Cape
Elizabeth
Jeff Martin - Windham Club
Jack Schraeter - Windham Club

Club Bulletin Awards

Club under 50 Members

Yarmouth Rotary Club

Club over 50 Members

Brunswick Rotary Club

Presidential Citation Recipients

To obtain the Presidential Citation, each club depending on it's size had to accomplish a specific number of items in each avenue of service. The following clubs received the award.

Bath - Patty Hennin, President
Bath Sunrise - Mary Denzer, President
Bethel - Al Barth, President
Biddeford-Saco - Bill Guay, President
Bridgton-Lake Region - Sue Fleck, President
Brunswick - Lennie Burke, President
Brunswick Coastal - Ted Hunter, President/Pres. Elect.
Casco Bay Sunrise - Skip Currier, President
Damariscotta-Newcastle - Glen Davis, President
Dover - Kerry Forbes, President
Exeter - Mark Harrington, President
Freeport - Ken Toner, President
Fryeburg Area - Dick Cote, President
Hampton - Ann Kaiser, President
Kennebunk - Steve Adams, President
Kittery - Lezlye Shea, President
Newburyport - Claudia Harris, President
Oxford Hills - Perry Palmer, President
Portland - Fred Thompson, President
Portsmouth - Butch Ricci, President
Rumford - Joe Sirois, President
Saco Bay - Doug Hooper, President
Sanford Springvale - Bob Gonyou, President
Seabrook-Hampton Falls - Phil Chura, President
South Berwick - Jeff Pelkey, President
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth - Jim Russell, President
Wells - Bridget Burns, President
Westbrook - Gorham - Bill Leach, President
Windham - Jack Schraeter, President
Yarmouth - Meg Hickey, President
York - Brenda Knapp, President



"We learned more about ROTOPLAST"

Message from the Governor's Newsletter Editor

I would like to thank Patty McAllister for her skills as the DGNews proofreader over the last year. Despite reading over the pages and spell check on the computer, she still catches many grammatical and spelling errors. Thanks to her, you all get to read a pretty flawless piece of work. THANKS, PATTY.

In Memory of Deceased Rotarians

Biddeford-Saco

Clayton Cartmill
Hadley Hoyt
Don Parsons
Royal Sheltra

Boothbay Harbor

Albert Brown
Charles B. Weeks

Brunswick

Russell Cox
James Weir
Lionel (Duke) Dubois

Kennebunk

Joseph Ruest

Newburyport

Michael P. Villane

Ogunquit

James Williams
Robert Carberry

Portland

Eugene M. Fitzpatrick
George A. Pelletier 5/31/98

Portsmouth

Frank W. Fate
Azio J. Ferrini
Chester W. Noel

Rumford

George Noll

Saco Bay

Charles. B. Snow 6/1/98

Sanford-Springvale

Raymond W. Sylvestre

Seabrook Hampton Falls

Bill Dolan

Westbrook-Gorham

Joseph Aube
Rudolph Greep
Edward Norris

URGENT!!! RSVP NEEDED

Senator George Mitchell

**TO RECEIVE 1ST FRIENDS FOREVER
LIFE RAFT PEACE AWARD**

JULY 8, 1998

Former Maine Senator George Mitchell, a likely nominee for a Nobel Peace Prize for his key role in negotiating the historic Northern Ireland peace document signed on Good Friday, will be honored by Friends Forever with the Life Raft Peace Award. Arrangements are being made to have former Friends Forever teen participants from Northern Ireland present, and numerous dignitaries are expected to attend.

When: July 8, 1998 - 6:30 PM.

Where: Breakwater Inn, Ocean Ave. (off Route 9) Kennebunkport, ME.

Cost per person: \$50. donation

(additional amounts gratefully welcomed)

All proceeds benefit the programs of Friends Forever

**Time is very short to prepare for this event,
so you need to act ASAP if you or your members
want to share in this landmark event:**

1. Please announce this at your next several meetings, board meetings, etc. To attend, call 207-985-5966 or FAX at 207-985-5968 with your mailing address and number of tickets needed. Space is limited, so we urge quick action!!

2. We want to send **formal invitations** to everyone in your club and/or community who has played a significant role in your Friends Forever efforts, or whom you feel might want to attend. To make the formal invitation mailing, names and addresses must be Faxed to 207-985-5968 by Monday, June 8th.

This event is being hosted and coordinated by the Kennebunk and Kennebunkport Rotary clubs. Questions may be addressed to Butch Tyson at the voice or fax numbers listed or e-mail at dtyson@cybertours.com.

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

By Marie Williams, District Governor

District 7780 Officers, Newsletter Editor & Reporter, Committee Chairs & Members, Club Presidents & Rotarians

Thank you to everyone for all you did for OUR District during the year. It wouldn't have been the success it was without each and every one of you.

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

The Rotary Club of Kittery

I want to thank the Rotary Club of Kittery for their tremendous support this past year. We are a club of 24 but they were behind me all year long. There were 13 members at the District Conference helping out. Those that couldn't attend helped out beforehand getting things ready. Lezlyse Shea, Club President, represented the Host Club at all the District Activities, Pam Gray was a terrific District Secretary, and Thane Pearson did a tremendous job as District Conference chair. We would have been lost without his wife, Holly (a non-Rotarian), handling registration for us. Everyone was very supportive and did so much for the District and me all year long. **THANK YOU KITTERY ROTARY CLUB**, next year will be easier!

Kennebunk Savings Bank

I want to publicly thank my employer, Kennebunk Savings Bank, especially Joel Stevens and Ken Reed, for their tremendous support and understanding over the past couple of years. They are a wonderful organization to work for and are very community minded. Without their support and understanding, I could never have been Governor of District 7780 and done what I did this past year! I am positive they will expect a lot more out of me starting July 1st!

To My Family

I can't thank you enough for your support and understanding when we couldn't be there for scheduling in advance for family events. To our children - Sally, her husband David, our grandson Christopher; Mary, her husband Gene, our grandson, Zachery; and our son David thank you all very much. My husband, Bruce, what can I say. You are my strongest supporter, the chief cook and bottle washer, my **CHAUFFEUR**, best friend and partner in life. **THANK YOU!**

New Rotarians in District 7780

Freeport - Arlen A. Baker

KennebunkPortside - Paula Gagnon

Jane Sheehan

Joan Cowgill

Oxford Hills - Judy Green

Debbie Hammond

Portsmouth - John P. DeStefano

Richard H. Grant

Portsmouth Sunrise - William C. Ballard

Douglas J. Bates

Kenneth R. Clark - Andrea H. Goggins

Sandra L. Gove

Jerry D. Karcher - Belinda C. Johnson

Steven W. Johnson

John D. Kelley - Jonathan A. Leavitt

Midge A. Leiter

Richard J. Lynch - Richard A. Mason

Martha A. Netsch

Joan P. Nickell - Drew J.T. O'Keefe

Ricky A. Plummer

John E. Ricci - Perry C. Saunders

Mitch Sevigny

John K. Stimson - Philip N. Suter

Bruce E. Syphers

Thomas J. Trafton

Sanford-Springvale - John D. Rivard

Jacqueline V. Roberts

South Berwick - Michael Moloney

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth

Elizabeth Smith

Wells - Joseph P. Carlton, Jr.

Francis A. Colling, Jr.

New Interact Club in Windham

Windham Rotary announces the formation of a new Interact Club in the Windham High School as of the first of this year. The official Charter Night was June 9th at the Charlie Bieggs Convention Center in Windham.

A quick story on how Interact can change the life and direction of teens. In Windham, the Club was doing a construction project on the home of a needy family. A sophomore boy who did not belong to the Club asked to help with the work. This boy was failing many of his classes, had a poor homelife and very few friends. As a direct result of his involvement and the association with other kids and his acceptance into the Interact Club, this boy is now a "C" student, his self esteem has improved,

he has been accepted into the RYLA program and has been elected Vice President of the New Interact Club. On his application for RYLA he mentioned to his advisor that he would like to be President of the Interact Club. This was before the elections were held!


We can make a difference if we just "get up and out of our chairs."
- George Bartlett PP

**NEW MEETING PLACE
SOUTH BERWICK R.C.
S.B. COMM. CENTER
Norton St.**

Marie Williams - District Governor - P.O. Box 142 - Kittery Point, Maine 03905-0142



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