



District Beacon

March, 1998

**Marie Williams
District 7780 Governor 1997-1998**



District Governor Marie's Monthly Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I want to thank everyone in the District for making the World Understanding & Peace Dinner such a wonderful event. All your donations and projects around the world during this Rotary year made it a true celebration for your accomplishments. I was able to list *EVERY CLUB* in the District on the back of the program with either a donation or a project that they were involved in somewhere in the world. You should all be very proud, I am so proud of all of you!

We met the outbound GSE Team, heard from the Carl Miller Discovery Team to Romania, Portsmouth's 3-H Helping Grant in Brazil and the Well's Blankets to Bosnia. We recognized 4 individuals for their donations in excess of \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation - Dan and Shirley Mooers, Najeeb Loftey and Dick Seedner. PDG Craig and I presented 17 clubs with special patches and letters from the Rotary Foundation for their increased donations to the Rotary Foundation last year by \$10 per capita. Those clubs were Bethel, Boothbay Harbor, Brunswick Coastal, Damariscotta-Newcastle, Dover, Durham-Great Bay, Freeport, Fryeburg Area, Kennebunk, Newburyport, Portland, Portsmouth, Rochester, South Berwick, Wells, Windham, and Yarmouth.

We awarded the Carl Miller Discovery Team with Rotary Foundation Alumni Pins, recognized Patty McAllister from Oxford Hills as a new Benefactor and presented 7 checks to District Clubs for Disaster Relief. The checks were presented as follows: Rotary Club of Bath, \$300. to the Salvation Army; Rotary Club of Bethel, \$500. to assist five needy families; Rotary Club of Brunswick, \$300 to the Salvation Army; Rotary Club of Fryeburg Area, \$500 to the Fryeburg Food Pantry and \$500 to the Raymond Food Pantry and \$500 to the Raymond Village Church. The clubs will in turn present these checks to the organizations. There will be more presentations later as the donations are still coming in. We ended the dinner with a tape done by John Anderson of the Area 5 Friends Forever team that was here recently. It was a very wonderful evening. As you can see, we had a

lot to celebrate in our District! District 7780 certainly *Shows Rotary Cares, for your community, for our world, for its people.*

This is a busy time for all clubs. The sitting Presidents and committees are busy completing the Presidential Citation by April 1st, the Governor's Trophy Challenge by May 1st, and submitting their 4 Avenues of Service Recognition forms by May 15th. By the end of this month, I will have met with all of the area clubs to help them complete their paperwork for the year. If you were unable to attend your area meeting, please get in touch with me or your Governor's Rep.

The President-Elects are preparing for PETS and getting their plans in place for their year. Please help them get as many members as possible to attend the District Assembly on April 25th. I know DGN Bill and his committee are working hard to make this the best ever Assembly!

The Rotary Club of Portsmouth is celebrating their 75th Anniversary in Rotary on March 28th. *Congratulations Portsmouth!*

The registration packets for your District Conference should be mailed to all the Clubs by the time you read this newsletter. REGISTER EARLY!

Yours in Rotary

Marie

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The DGN News Corner

Lucy and I have just finished our eight Area meetings with you, the incoming Presidents, your partners, and the Governor's Representatives. It was an exciting time for us to meet most of you, and to share with you some of our dreams (and yours) and to discuss the exciting challenges we have ahead of us.

We are very anxious as we prepare to go to Anaheim, Calif. (March 6-14, 1998) for the 1998 Rotary International Assembly to meet our counterparts from all over the Rotary World. Anaheim will be for us, what PETS will be for you.

I feel that we are with you, on a roller coaster, approaching the top of the first incline, and we are about to start that exciting ride to the finish, with all of its twists, turns, and ups and downs.

First it is PETS, March 23 and 24, which will be an exciting time for you, and it will give us a chance to talk about communications, objectives, club visits, and

to enjoy wonderful fellowship.

The next mile post on our ride will be our training session on Saturday April 4, 1998, 9-12 noon at the West Kennebunk Community Building. We have two talented Rotarian trainers, PDG "Mac" Leask, and PDG Carolyn Pierce coming to lead us in training of how to run a meeting, and how to be an effective discussion leader. This will be for all the 1998-99 Presidents, our Assembly discussion leaders, and the Governor Reps.

SATURDAY APRIL 25, 1998, at the University of New England is OUR ASSEMBLY!! Of course this is for all members of your team. Your Directors of the four avenues of service, secretary, treasurer, bulletin editor, new members, and other interested Rotarians.

Then on May 28-31, 1998, we have this year's exciting District Conference at Sunday River!!

As we start this exciting ride, I hope you are thinking about goals, objectives, dreams and the FUN we are going to share together.

Your Friend in Rotary

Bill

District-Wide Cleanup at Camp Sebago

Mark your calendars for May 16, 1998 to join with your fellow Rotarians from around the District at Camp Sebago on the shores of Sebago Lake in Standish to help in the clean-up of the Salvation Army Camp, Camp Sebago! The Camp was the site for the RYLA last year, and will host our incoming GSE Team from Finland for two days during their visit here later in May. The Camp was particularly hard hit by the ice storm in January; your help on that day can mean a lot to this wonderful facility, which serves children from around New England, and provides Rotary with a wonderful location for its programs, too. Further details for the event will be provided to your club soon! See you on the 16th at Camp Sebago.

R Y L A 1998

- EXCITING PROGRAM •
- LEADERSHIP SKILLS •
- FUN & FELLOWSHIP •
- WHERE? - CAMP HINDS, RAYMOND, ME.
- WHEN? - JUNE 25 - 28, 1998
- WATCH FOR DETAILS! •

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District 7780 Club Attendance For February

	Attendance %	Club	Members 6/30/97	Current Members	+/-
	A	B	C	D	E
1	89	Oxford Hills	59	58	-1
2	87	Wells	50	50	
3	85.9	Kennebunk Portside	39	37	-2
4	85.87	South Berwick	36	41	5
5	84.33	Saco Bay	67	67	
6	83.7	Biddeford/Saco	93	86	-7
7	83.55	Rumford	49	43	-6
8	81 tie	Bridgton/Lake Region	29	27	-2
9	81 tie	Windham	39	35	-4
10	80.62	Exeter	48	47	-1
11	80.3	Bethel	37	36	-1
12	79.45	Sanford/Springvale	52	53	1
13	77.53	Portsmouth	258	275	17
14	77	Kittery	30	25	-5
15	76.56	South Portland/Cape Elizabeth	48	50	2
16	76.35	Rochester	74	77	3
17	75.52	Boothbay Harbor	49	49	
18	75 tie	Fryeburg Area	26	26	
19	75 tie	Scarborough	19	23	4
20	73.61	Portland	220	219	-1
21	71.54	Bath	61	60	-1
22	71	Hampton	57	56	-1
23	70 tie	Brunswick	145	147	2
24	70 tie	Damariscotta-Newcastle	41	42	1
25	67.42	Durham - Great Bay	51	51	
26	60	Ogunguit	47	45	-2
27	NR	Newburyport	74	73	-1
28	NR	Freeport	41	32	-9
29	NR	Dover	84	80	-4
30	NR	Brunswick Coastal	15	15	
31	NR	Kennebunk	96	92	-4
32	NR	Casco Bay Sunrise	30	28	-2
33	NR	Westbrook-Gorham	44	43	-1
34	NR	Yarmouth	39	37	-2
35	NR	Bath Sunrise	23	25	2
36	NR	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	34	31	-3
37	NR	Somersworth	27	23	-4
38	NR	York	63	63	
39		TOTALS	2235	2209	-26

40 Deadline for attendance reports is the 10th of the month. Please FAX or mail to District Secretary Pam Gray.

News And Notes

Around District 7780

February seems to be the month for continuing the winter clean-up or chasing away cabin fever, with plenty of activities planned just for fun amidst the many work projects...

The **South Portland - Cape Elizabeth** club started the month with a change of venue, meeting at a Scarborough restaurant for a turkey dinner, followed by a tour of a high-tech direct mail firm for all the club members. The club held a cross-country ski outing in mid-Feb. for club members, families and friends. The club's annual Bowlathon is coming up March 15th, to benefit the local literacy volunteer group. The club will also team up with the **Casco Bay Sunrise** club for a joint dinner meeting with a "Remembering The 60's" theme.

For their first February meeting, The **Hampton** club joined the **Seabrook-Hampton** club for a breakfast meeting at their local high school, with student-led tours of the school. Hampton's also planning a "just for fun" Murder Mystery dinner outing in mid-March. Hampton's **Coast Lines** reports their scholarship fundraising drive this year has topped \$11,000 so far. Donations to Head Start and Rotoplast were also approved.

DG Marie's request to have one week of happy/sad/fine dollars go to purchase a stove for a Romanian world community service project made sergeants-at-arms all over the district outdo themselves in imaginative fine-levying. The **South Berwick** club had a joint meeting with the **Sanford-Springvale** club to start off the month, and judging from the **Rotattler's** report, Sgt.-At-Arms "Tom T. did his best to offend as many as he could..." with

particular attention to a table full of bankers from TWO clubs! So, Berwick is planning its annual Recognition Dinner on April 17th with a special buffet.

The **Fryeburg Messenger** reports that "several members of the **Oxford Hills** club came to our Feb. 17th meeting to teach us how to sing...Will this lead to more singing at future meetings? Stay tuned." Always good advice for singers! Oxford Hills has challenged Fryeburg to a Feb. attendance contest. Fryeburg's also planning to be in attendance for the Ossipee Valley Rotary Cabin Fever Busters Dinner Dance on March 14th.

The **Kittery** club is looking forward to their 2nd annual gala supper club event, "Roman Holiday", on March 7th. Recently the club presented a check to their local library to purchase books for vocational and career planning. Cheers to the **Gateway** for their bulletin's weekly page of quotations, oddball holidays and funny signs. Our favorite so far: Sign in a veterinary office: "Be back in 5 minutes. SITI STAY!"

Sometimes good communication comes from simple but good planning. The **Ogunquit** club's board meetings are always held on the club's last regular meeting day each month. After the regular meeting, there's a club assembly where the activities of the board are shared with the club, and the floor is open to any member to share thoughts and ideas with the entire club.

The **Rochester** club responded to their city's appeal for donations to help a burned-out local family by filling every item requested. The club (where those members not in attendance are reported as "Car 54's") is holding their Bowlathon on March 28th. The

club announced that 15 members had perfect attendance for the first half of the year... can anyone out there top that?

At a recent **Freeport** club meeting, an announcement was made about four places around town that were badly in need of help with ice storm tree debris. Spontaneously, club members organized and got the volunteers needed for a clean-up gathering the following Saturday. Way to go, Freeport! One guest at a recent club meeting was Sophie, Freeport's first Exchange student.

The **Portland, Yarmouth, South Portland - Cape Elizabeth** and **Casco Bay Sunrise** clubs teamed up for a Rotary ski day on Feb. 13th - with a luxury coach ride complete with movies and music included. The **Portland** club donated \$2500 to the Red Cross, along with plenty of hands-on help, to assist with ice storm relief. Portland's program committee distributes cards to club members listing a three month schedule of upcoming speakers, to remind members to bring along guests and attract new members.

Kennebunk Portside raffled off a snowblower during the town's Feb. Winter Carnival to raise money for ice storm victims. The club, like others, is now using e-mail to keep in touch with past Rotary Youth Exchange students they've hosted. They're also joining forces with the **Kennebunk** club and local police on a youth mentoring project to help troubled teenagers feel more connected in their community.

The **Yarmouth** club is helping out with its Middle School's career day on March 18th, and has also made a donation to a children's project in Guatemala, where the staff includes a volunteer from Yarmouth. The club is also helping

More News And Notes Around District 7780

DG Marie with identifying families in need of help from the District Storm Relief disaster fund.

The **Damariscotta - Newcastle** club just formed a disbursement review committee, to establish priorities, review, and then recommend amounts to their Board for grant requests. After their successful holiday fruit sale, the committee can get right to work - \$800 has already gone to scout programs. We hear from the Twin Village Topics that the club is expecting to prepare 13,000 lobsters and 3600 clam rolls for the July 9-12 Damariscotta 150th Birthday Bash. Butter *would* melt in our mouths...

The **Boothbay Harbor** Club (known by other area clubs as "The Habbah") planned a Feb. 19th fundraiser at the local fire station. Attendees bought a bowl, (made by Watershed) for \$8 and got to fill it (we're not *sure* with what, but good food was implied) as often as you wanted. Extra bowls to complete a set were also for sale.

The **Portsmouth** club donated \$3,000 to the Rotoplast project recently, and individual club members, expressing great pride in club member Dr. Larry Gray's Rotoplast involvement, came up with another \$900 after his moving description of the project. All hands are on deck for the big TV Auction March 1st, with over

\$90,000 worth of donations gathered and up for bid.

DGN Bill Skinner of the **Durham-Great Bay** club, visited the **Dover** club recently to introduce a program on their Dental Services project in the mountains of Honduras. The Durham club has provided assistance, dental education and equipment for several years, and the Dover club contributed \$6,000 toward the project's expense.

March 28th is the big day in **Portsmouth**, and May 16th is the big day in **Sanford-Springvale**. What's up? Both clubs, chartered in 1923, celebrate their 75th anniversaries.

The **Sanford-Springvale** club holds Member Guest Day on Mar. 12, with each club member obliged to bring a guest who is a potential member. The club collected 154 cans of tuna for their recent "Operation Charlie Tuna" event for the local food pantry.

The **Biddeford-Saco** and **Saco Bay** clubs team up for their big auction in May, and both clubs' members are already hard at work on it. In the past seven years, over \$200,000 in funds raised has been returned to the communities. Saco Bay is also working on clean-up projects, especially to assist elderly and disabled residents who were impacted by the ice storm.

The **Kennebunk** club continues its "Take A Senior To Lunch" program throughout the year. The club has declared March 5th to be the return of "Argyle Sock Day" - According to the Bunk, if you forget to wear them, it'll cost you! See what we mean about trying to beat those cabin fever blues??

Quotes-Of-The-Month:

From the **Fryeburg Messenger**:

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work"
-Thomas Edison

From the **Yarmouth Royal River Rotarian**:

"Never look down to test the ground before taking your next step: only he who keeps his eye fixed on the far horizon will find his right road."
-Dag Hammarskjold

Happy-Dollars-Of-The-Month:

From the **Saco Bay Baywatch**:

"Deb C. was happy it was her dog who "encountered" the skunk, and not one of her kids."

From **Brunswick's Merrymeeting Messenger**:

"The day's greatest Happy Dollar was offered by Russ P., who was in attendance today after suffering a mild stroke. Russ said "The Lord takes care of sinners and fishermen." We'll add: welcome back, Russ.

WARNING from Rotary International

R.I. has advised DG Marie that there were three instances in New England during February where a young man posed as a son of a European Rotarian and needed some temporary assistance. In one instance, the young man said his wallet was stolen and he needed simply to have one night's stay at a hotel paid, as he had a ticket for flight home the next day. The Rotarian paid for the hotel with a credit card. The charge of \$100 grew into several thousand dollars through unauthorized charges by the young man, who somehow got a copy of the charge slip with the account and expiration information. There is no Rotarian in the world with the name the man gave and the address and phone numbers were bogus.

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GOVERNOR DISTRICT 7780
1995-1996

Mrs. Marie Williams, Governor
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Dear Marie,

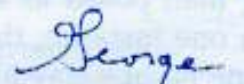
February 11, 1998

As you know, I represented District 7780 at the 1998 Council on Legislation in Delhi, India 12-15 January. The 1998 Council was called to order at 1:30 PM Monday, 12 January by Chairman Ray Klingingsmith. The Council adjourned at 5:30 PM on that day. On 13 January the Council worked from 9:00 AM until 5:30 PM. 14 January saw the work day extended until 6:30 PM. Thursday, the final day began at 9:00 and work was completed at approximately 5:00 PM. The Council considered 196 Enactments and 87 Resolutions. 510 of the 521 delegates, one from each District, were present and 3 Delegates at Large as prescribed in the Manual of Procedure. The Council acted upon the proposed enactments and resolutions as follows: 43 were adopted as proposed; 8 were adopted as amended by the Council; 2 were tabled; 1 referred to the RI Board of Directors; 139 were rejected; 88 were withdrawn by the proposer; 2 items were rejected and subsequently brought back to the floor, reconsidered and adopted.

A report of the enactments and resolutions that were adopted follows. The adopted legislation will take effect on 1 July, 1998 and the 1998 Manual of Procedure will reflect any changes made.

With the adoption of Proposed Enactment 98-165 as amended, the duties of each representative to the Council will include being accessible to assist clubs in preparing their proposals for future Councils. To that end I will be available to assist in any way that I may.

Yours in Rotary,


George W. Rice

Editor's Note: We will be running the list of proposed enactments over the next few months as space permits.

Noteworthy News and Notes in District 7780 . . .

"Somersworth Club President Has A Baby!"

On January 22, 1998, Joseph Prescott Towle was born weighing in at 6 lb. 6 1/2 oz. and 19" long. His proud parents are Cathy Couturier, President of the Rotary Club of Somersworth, and Jon Towle. Baby and parents are doing fine. CONGRATULATIONS to THE TOWLE FAMILY!!!!!!

GSE Team Departure Date!

The District 7780 Group Study Exchange Team to Finland will be departing from the Portland International Jetport at 1:50 PM on Sunday, April 5th. The more the merrier to bid them bon voyage on this wonderful experience.

***The Kittery Rotary Club and The Summit Hotel
Welcome you to join us at***

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

1998

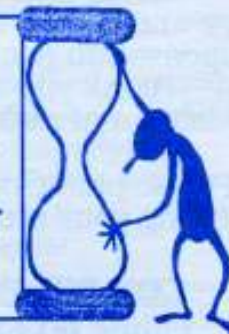


MAY 28 -31 1998



TIME TO START PLANNING.

LET YOUR CLUB MEMBERS KNOW THAT WE WANT THEM TO COME AND ENJOY THE CELEBRATION OF A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS. LEARN ABOUT THE WONDERFUL THINGS THAT HAPPENED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT AND THE WORLD.



**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY \$99 PER PERSON PER NIGHT
SINGLE OCCUPANCY \$145 PER PERSON PER NIGHT
RESERVATIONS INCLUDE ALL MEALS AND HOTEL AMENITIES**

**BE SURE TO SIGN UP EARLY FOR THE
GOLF AND TENNIS TOURNAMENTS**



**REGISTRATION PACKAGES WILL BE SENT TO THE CLUB PRESIDENTS SOON.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL
THANE PEARSON DISTRICT CONFERENCE CHAIR 207-351-2711**

Nominations Sought for District Officer

Clubs are asked to submit nominations for the following District 7780 Officers:

District Governor for 2000-2001

**Finance Committee Member, Division C
- 1999-2002**

Qualifications for the duties of District Governor can be found in the Manual of Procedure and include:

- * Having been a member of a Rotary Club for at least 7 years prior to taking office.
- * Having served a full term as Club President.
- * Having the ability and commitment to meet additional qualifications called for upon taking office.
- * Be willing and physically able and otherwise to carry

out the duties of District Governor.

Qualifications for Finance Committee Members include:

- * Must be a Past President of a District 7780 Club in Division C (Clubs in Bath, Bath Sunrise, Boothbay Harbor, Bridgton-Lake Region, Brunswick, Brunswick Coastal, Casco Bay Sunrise, Damariscotta-Newcastle, Freeport, Portland, Scarborough, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Westbrook-Gorham, Windham and Yarmouth.
- * Must be willing and able to serve as a member of the committee for the term.

Nominations in the form of a resolution as described in the Manual of Procedure must be forwarded to DG Marie prior to June 30, 1998. Please feel free to call her with any questions relative to the process.

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1998-1999

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Welcome New Rotarians!

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Damariscotta-Newcastle -

Drucilla D. Beal

Kennebunk - Thomas E. Bradbury

Dick Mariano

David J. Mathieu

Bruce Smith

Portland - Ellen Niewoehner

Portsmouth - Rhoda C. Hobbs

Joan S. Ingalls

Kristen E. Melville

Wells - Sam DiCapua

Freeman Goodrich

Walter Leffler

Kathleen Wright

Westbrook-Gorham - Joan Giles

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