



# District Beacon

May, 1998

Marie Williams  
District 7780 Governor 1997-1998



## District Governor Marie's Monthly Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This is a busy month for everyone. A number of District 7780 Rotarians joined District 7790 Rotarians for brunch with RI President Glen Kinross in Rockland on May 2nd. We welcomed home our GSE Team on Saturday, May 2nd. They had a fabulous time and are ready to go again! On May 10th we welcomed the Finnish team to our District. We did our clean up at Camp Sebago on Saturday May 16th. We have collected over 400 books for Camp Sunshine. They will be delivered to Camp Sunshine by the time you read this. Each book has a label inside of it that has the Rotary Emblem along with these words - "Donated by the Rotary Clubs of District 7780". We had two clubs that paid for the labels and most of the other clubs donated books. Just think of all the young children either sick or healthy that will leave Camp Sunshine this year with a book that is their very own. There is no greater gift you can give a child than a book. It opens so many avenues for them. Thank you everyone for your participation! When this District does something, they do it whole hog!

**Please join me in sending CONGRATULATIONS for 75 years in Rotary to the SANFORD-SPRINGVALE and NEWBURYPORT Rotary Clubs.**

The charter application with 24 names for the *NEW Portsmouth Sunrise Club* has been submitted to Rotary International for approval. We hope to have them admitted as a Rotary Club of District 7780 by the time you read this newsletter. We will keep you

posted.

The registrations have been coming in fast and furious for the District Conference. It has been a very busy month trying to get everything ready for your District Conference. Many clubs are participating in one way or another. District Conference Chair, Thane Pearson and I very much appreciate everyone's assistance. I hope that many of you will be joining us to share in the Rotary information, celebration of the many things accomplished by this District this year and the fellowship with the many Rotarians and guests who will be there from around the world. After all, we are part of ROTARY INTERNATIONAL.

The Rotary Clubs in the District have done a lot this year and are still busy working like mad to complete everything they wanted to accomplish this Rotary year. The time just flies by and we should not be worried about what we did not accomplish but celebrate what we did accomplish during the year as we continue to *SHOW ROTARY CARES, for your community, for our world, for its people.*

See you all at the Summit

*Marie*

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## MAY DISTRICT 7780 ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

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### 1997-1998 Annual Giving

As of 31 March, 1998 General Giving contributions totaling \$59,195.34 have been received from District 7780 Clubs. This represents 56.4% of Governor Marie's goal of \$105,000. Although another \$26,000 has been contributed as restricted funds and endowment & related funds, there is still a need to make those contributions during May and June in order to enable us to provide adequate programs during the 2000-2001 Rotary year.

### ROTOPLAST REPORT

PDG Jim Labrie shares the following remarks with us from the **ROTOPLAST** Team in Argentina.

"Eight year old Marta Cardenas received her first surgery on Monday, February 9 in the midst of an EL Nino hailstorm - and started her trip to the operating room with a confident and fearless attitude. Living with a cleft lip and palate for 8 years, her parents had prepared her to look forward to having a beautiful face and being able to eat normally for the first time in her life. She watched the other children at the clinic on Saturday - the little ones who had the hole in their faces closed in surgery last year, and how beautiful they looked. Those children are back this year to have their palates closed, and since they are younger, they won't have to struggle like Marta has for eight years.

During Saturday's clinic, many of the parents recognized members of the 1997 Rotoplast II team in Argentina and their expressions of gratitude moved us deeply. Those warm feelings soon turned to steely determination as we faced more than 170 children who had come to ask for help. One child with major and multiple medical conditions has miraculously survived to the age of

2; she will die and all we can do to provide her parents with a Polaroid photograph so they can have pictures of her. In spite of the few children we cannot help, we are expecting to complete 15-18 surgeries per day for 5 1/2 days in 3 operating rooms. Argentinean surgeons, anesthesiologists, and pediatricians are working side by side with American physicians.

The parents of our little patients sit in the hallway during surgery, outside the surgery suite for hours and hours, and their silent courage gives us strength as we whisk past them. They are so worried and anxious, but they are full of hope for their children's future. It no longer matters that we've had very little sleep, have been working alongside persons we just met, and waited in airports to clear customs for 7 hours following a 16-hour flight on a jam-packed plane. What matters is that American and Argentinean doctors, nurses, dentists, and volunteers are working together - in spite of the diplomatic, bureaucratic, and political challenges that could have distracted us from this labor of love. The common bond among us is our need to help children face their future with confidence and health. Our time and talent is a small gift that we feel so honored to give."

### Recognition for 100% Paul Harris Fellow Rotary Clubs

Rotary Clubs, which are certified as having 100% of all dues paying members as Paul Harris Fellows, are now eligible to receive a special recognition banner as approved by the Trustees. This recognition will be granted one time only upon initial certification by the District Governor and confirmed by the Rotary Foundation. The 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club will also have its name and the year of the award placed on a recognition plaque displayed in the Hall of Honor at World Headquarters.

# MEET THE FINNS

by Nancy Hawes

Our team of weary travelers returned home from Finland on Saturday, May 2 after a very full four weeks abroad. The team members all confirmed that the trip was everything it had been billed as, i.e. a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. One of the team members described their experience of going to a restaurant on Good Friday afternoon and being served a sumptuous feast. The restaurant would not normally have been open due to the holiday, but the restaurant was opened up just to accommodate the GSE team. This first-class treatment was typical of their entire trip.

The team came back with not only some Finnish vocabulary but a few Swedish words as well (mostly in the form of drinking songs?). It turns out that many of the people in this part of Finland, including some of the inbound team members, speak Swedish as their mother tongue.

And speaking of the inbound team, they will be in our District by the time this newsletter is mailed. They will be starting in the southern part of the district and working their way up north toward the District Conference on Saturday, May 30. Their leader, Kai Laakso, is in the Finnish Coast Guard and has been in Rotary since 1989. He leads a team of two men and two women in their early thirties. Their occupations are English teacher, bank lawyer, construction engineer and shipbuilder. They have expressed an interest in learning about many facets of our New England culture, especially our historical heritage.

Let's make sure that the Finns go home raving as much about our hospitality as our own team has about theirs!

The team consists of:

**Kai Laakso**, who works at the Archipelago Sea Coast Guard headquarters;

**Elise Huisman**, a bank lawyer;

**Ulla Palomaki**, an English teacher;

**Johan Stenback**, a shipbuilder who builds replicas of old sailing ships; and,

**Heikki Salpaoja**, who designs office buildings.

The team would have to attend an average of two Rotary meetings a day in order to visit every club in the District! If your club is not one of the lucky ones on their itinerary, your club's GSE contact person can tell you of opportunities in your area to meet them. The team will also be at the District Conference on Saturday morning, May 30. Let's give them the warmest of possible New England welcomes!

## Proposed Enactments from the 1998 Council on Legislation

# 98-21 - extends the deadline for submitting attendance reports to the Governor from the 10th to the 15th of the following month.

# 98-39 - adopted as amended allows make up credits for participation in a club service project authorized by the board of the club, but does not allow credit for attending a board meeting of the club.

#98-44 - allows current RI Officers to be excused from the requirement that they attend 30% of the meetings of their home club during their term of service.

#98-52 - allows a members' absence to be excused if the member is a Senior Active member and the aggregate of the members years of age and years of membership in 1 or more clubs is 85 years or more. (65 years old with 20 yrs. membership or 70 yrs. old with 15 yrs. membership).

#98-56 - provides for attendance makeup when a member is assigned duties or out posted to another area of the country and attends another club's meetings on a regular basis.

#98-93 - allows clubs to share their entire territory with another club or clubs, but may not share a portion of their territory with other clubs.

#98-94 - provides at the Governor's request, the RI Board to direct an existing club to confirm opposition to sharing or relinquishing of territory by for the formation of a new club by membership

#98-101 - requires that clubs be current in their financial obligations to the District and RI before exercising their voting rights or proposing a candidate for Governor.

#98-102 - allows a district to approve a per capita levy at a District Conference or at a District Assembly as is currently the case.

#98-106 - provides for establishment and appointment of members of 4 standing committees (Constitution & By-Laws; Convention; Districting; and Finance)

#98-107 - provides for appointment of members to the Audit and Operations Review Committee, and amended that the committee shall act as an advisory committee to the RI Board.

#98-109 - allows for the establishment of a Rotaract Committee.

#98-117 - provides that a convention site may be chosen up to 10 years prior to the event.

# News And Notes

## Around District 7780

Bulletins from around the District were full of spring plans as clubs reach to fulfill their goals for the year. We did also note a remarkable number of toasts, happy dollars and high hopes for the new Red Sox season - apparently (so far) to good effect! Ah, we Rotarians are always optimists!

The **Kittery** club is hard at work on the finishing touches for the 7780 District Conference, and it promises to be a great one. The club recently made donations to a Rotary water project in the Dominican Republic and, closer to home, to DARE, the Special Olympics and to buy trees for two local schools. They also sponsored two local students on a trip to Washington DC.

The **Ogunquit** club is planning an outing in conjunction with the local seniors center - on June 10th, a group from the club and the senior center will take a trolley to Portland for a Seadogs baseball game. The Ocean Breeze reports that the outing will be complete with a "traditional baseball lunch" aboard the trolley, a great and fun seniors project for the summer!

The **South Berwick** club held its annual Club Recognition Banquet in mid-April, and are winding up their literacy project, supplying children's books through the local food pantry, this month.

The **Portsmouth Sunrise** club will be holding their Charter Night on June 27th, and invite all from the district to join them for the occasion.

The **Kennebunk Portside** club donated funds raised during Winter Carnival to the Red Cross

for local disaster relief. More than thirty club members made career presentations during their middle school Career Fair last month.

The **Rochester** club will be sponsoring a booth at the town's Lilac Family Fun Day, on May 16th. We don't know for sure what they'll be selling, but they've dubbed their booth the Roadkill Cafe... The club finished up their Bowlathon with over \$1,400 put into their charity fund, and are now planning a wine tasting for later this month.

The **Brunswick** club held their May 4th meeting at their regional vocational school. They're planning to raise funds later in the summer by again taking on car parking duty for the Maine Arts Festival in August. A recent club survey indicated a considerable interest in developing a new project involving Habitat For Humanity, and club members have been consulting with the **Bath** club on HFH project information. It's always great to hear of one club using another's experience in their planning!

The **Westbrook-Gorham** club is also planning a May meeting (on the 12th) to their regional vocational school. They'll have someone at their usual meeting site to redirect visiting Rotarians to the "away" meeting.

The **Portland** club held a Cleanup Day at a local school on May 2nd, and on May 8th, planned to present their annual vocational scholarships and Community Service award. Club members also helped out with a hugely successful fund-raiser for the Maine Handicapped Skiing program.

The **Dover** club has a tradition that whenever there is a fifth

Wednesday in a month, the club holds a Spouse's Day, with all members encouraged to bring along their "significant other". Great ideal Work on their roller rink project continues, with local teens who look forward to using the rink pitching in effort to clear the lot for construction. The club's also making an effort to collect photos of such hands-on projects from past years, since realizing that most club photos tend to get taken at special meetings or parties. A good tip for us all...

The **Yarmouth Royal River Rotarian** reported on the club's April 5th work project, cleaning up four homes of local residents needing assistance, in conjunction with the town's spring cleanup day. They are also helping the area's adoption agency by sponsoring a series of workshops on adopting adolescents. The club teamed up last month with the **South Portland-Cape Elizabeth** club for a bowlathon, with Yarmouth donating its portion of the funds raised to the Bone Marrow Donor Drive.

The **Fryeburg** Rotarians are continuing their Elm Tree Project - last year club members signed up to "adopt" new elm trees they planted in parks and around town, and will continue to watch over and care for them. Happily, all the trees came through the winter just fine.

The **Portsmouth** club held a Charter Night for its second Interact club in late April, and kicked off the spring with an all-day cleanup, starting with their "adopted" local cemetery, and continuing across town to do a major refurbishing of a little league ball field. Annual vocational awards will be given out later this month, and all plans

## More News And Notes Around District 7780

are in place for the evening meeting, May 21st, to present the Lifetime Achievement Award to the club's (and District's) own Jim Labrie.

The **Damariscotta - Newcastle** club is expecting a big shipment of Vidalia onions in mid-May - the club's selling boxes of them for a spring fund-raiser. They're also forming a "Sesquicentennial Committee" in anticipation of the town's upcoming celebration. They're also kicking off May with an attendance contest challenge to the **Boothbay Harbor** club.

Head to **Kennebunk** on Sat. May 16th for that club's Pancake Breakfast at the high school. We hear they flip a mean cake up there - for 1500 people! The club's also planning another in their tradition of "mystery outings" for May 12th. Nobody but the planners know where they'll end up for their mystery night out, but they've been told to dress up before boarding the bus. Last time, the mystery outing took them to dinner and a great time aboard the U.S.S. The Sullivans.

The **Saco Bay** club began April with a big Ice Storm Clean-up Day, helping seniors and the disabled who needed help. The club will kick off May with their televised Auction on the 3rd, their largest fund-raiser of the year. This has got to be a district record: more than 40 club members are working on their Paul Harris Fellowships through the Sustaining Member program.

The **Freeport** club is preparing for their summer hot dog cart

sales - at a recent meeting, club members taste-tested three different kinds of vegetarian hot dogs to offer! The club has also been evaluating its fundraising and giving goals, and has set up a committee to poll members on their priorities.

The **Two Lights** of the **South Portland/Cape Elizabeth** club reports that their bowlathon was great fun and a great hit, raising over \$3,000 for the club. They recently heard a presentation from their exchange student from Japan. Club members are also winding up their winter basketball schedule.

The **Sanford-Springvale** club made a major donation to the rebuilding of Goodall Park, the area's historic baseball field. The club's also putting the final plans in place for their May 16th 75th Anniversary celebration, including an exhibit of historic club photos. By the way, that Member/Guest Day the club held at the end of March brought 24 guests to the club to learn about Rotary and what membership involves. Well done!

May 7th is the date for the **Hampton** club's auction, and club members are also busy planning their annual Citizen of the Year breakfast for later this spring.

The **Seabrook-Hampton Falls** club had a bad fire recently at their meeting site. Luckily, club Pres. Phil Chura heard of the fire on his scanner - he and helpful firemen were able to rescue the club's equipment from its storage area.

The **Bethel** club is holding a Cleanup Day on May 9th, with work starting out at the Conservation School in the morning, and at a local cemetery in the afternoon. Their May 19th meeting will be a Vocational Avenue visit by the club to a local manufacturing company. An annual Vocational Service award will be given out by the club this spring.

**Golf Tournaments Coming Up:**  
**(no, we don't think they count as a make-up!)**

**Portsmouth:** June 5th

**Bethel:** June 15th

**Kennebunk Portside:** June 18th

**Sanford-Springvale:** June 24th

**Casco Bay-Sunrise:** August 13th

**Rochester:** August 25th

**Quotes-Of-The-Month:**

from the **Kittery Gateway:**

"Trees are the earth's endless effort to speak to the listening heaven."

-Rabindranath Tagore

From the **Saco Bay Baywatch:**

"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's Party!'" - Robin Williams

**Happy-Dollars-Of-The-Month:**

from **Ogunquit's Ocean Breeze:**

"Howard dusted off a buck - we watched the moths fly out of his wallet! - happy to hear that meals on wheels were delivered on a stormy day."

**Good News/Bad News Bucks:**

from the **Kittery Gateway:**

"Pres. Lezlye couldn't remember her news, but she had a great weekend in New York." *Oh yes, everyone's had a few weekends like that...*

### *More Council on Legislation News . . .*

#98-118 - changes in the number of delegates and proxies from 1/6 of the clubs to 1/10 of the clubs to constitute a quorum at an International Convention.

#98-119 - changes the dates of the International Assembly to between 1 January and 15 February.

#98-121 - provides that a member of the Nominating Committee for RI President may not serve on the committee again until 2 years have elapsed and provides for qualified Past District Governors to serve when no Past Directors are available from the given zone.

# District 7780 Club Attendance For April

	Attendance %	Club	Members 6/30/97	Current Members	+/-
	A	B	C	D	E
1	91	Windham	33	38	5
2	88.3	Biddeford/Saco	93	86	-7
3	86	Kennebunk Portside	39	38	-1
4	85.77	Boothbay Harbor	49	48	-1
5	85 tie	Damariscotta-Newcastle	41	44	3
6	85 tie	Oxford Hills	59	59	0
7	84.88	Bath	61	62	1
8	84.78	Saco Bay	67	67	0
9	84.5	Exeter	48	48	0
10	84	Freeport	41	32	-9
11	83	Bridgton/Lake Region	29	25	-4
12	82.03	Bethel	37	36	-1
13	82	York	63	60	-3
14	81.61	Somersworth	21	42	21
15	79.84	Durham - Great Bay	51	47	-4
16	78.33	South Portland/Cape Elizabeth	48	50	2
17	78.04	Sanford/Springvale	52	59	7
18	77.47	Rumford	49	42	-7
19	77.11	Dover	84	89	5
20	76.6 tie	Portsmouth	258	274	16
21	76.6 tie	Rochester	74	78	4
22	75	Bath Sunrise	23	24	1
23	74.5	Fryeburg Area	26	25	-1
24	73.5	Portland	220	218	-2
25	73	Hampton	53	62	9
26	69.3	Brunswick	145	145	0
27	67.93	Ogunquit	47	43	-4
28	67	Kittery	30	24	-6
29	66.6	Brunswick Coastal	15	15	0
30	65.19	Casco Bay Sunrise	30	28	-2
31	65	Scarborough	19	25	6
32	63.1	Westbrook-Gorham	44	44	0
33	NR	Kennebunk	96	93	-3
34	NR	Newburyport	74	76	2
35	NR	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	30	31	1
36	NR	South Berwick	36	41	5
37	NR	Wells	50	50	0
38	NR	Yarmouth	39	37	-2
39		TOTALS	2274	2305	31
40	Deadline for attendance reports is the 10th of the month. Please FAX or mail to District Secretary Pam Gray.				
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# The DGN News Corner

THANK YOU, SO MUCH, for your wonderful turn out at the District Assembly Saturday April 25, 1998. We had approximately 220 Rotarians, and thirty five of our thirty nine clubs were represented.

I have received alot of positive feedback, and a few suggestions for Mike McGovern to consider for his Assembly next year. Thank you for taking the time to give us your thoughts.

I forgot to mention one thing that I feel is VERY IMPORTANT, and that is that I want each of you to thank your partner, for the time, support, encouragement, and etc., that they give you, to allow you to do what you do for Rotary. When we do it correctly, we have a lot of understanding from our families. Thank you for doing this for me.

I am very pleased to report that Bill Holt has informed me that a couple of groups of clubs in the District are considering helping him with the two, unplaced groups, of **Friends Forever** kids that he has scheduled for this Summer. Thanks for your support for this great International project.

You will soon receive from me, my Club visitation schedule, and my Governor's Trophy Challenge score sheet for 1998-99. I hope you will enjoy the preparation for, and participating in both.

I know from talking to several of you that your club plans and objectives have received alot of your attention since P.E.T.S. Please send them to me by July 1, 1998. These will help me plan my meeting with you, your secretary, and your board. My mission is to help you as best I can, and the *Summary of Club Plans and Objectives* is a great help.

Governor Marie, and her Conference Chairman, Thane Pearson, are very busy putting together another fine District Conference for us at Sunday River. I hope to see many of you there May 28-31, 1998 to enjoy Rotary Fellowship, have FUN, and learn more about Rotary.

*Your Friend in Rotary*

*Bill*

## 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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## New Rotarians in District 7780

**Damariscotta-Newcastle - Karen Howell**  
**Roger D. Smith**  
**Dever - Robert D. Lewis**  
**Greg Burdwood - Bruce Lyon**

**Anthony Baldasaro - Davie Beaulieu**  
**Elliot Lazenby - Mary Rixuto**  
**Steve Bedell - Gus Murray**  
**Exeter - Nancy R. Lamontagne**  
**Charlotte L. Wright**  
**Hampton - Donald Boucher**  
**John Callanan**  
**Steve Haberman**  
**Brad Jett**  
**Janis G. Petrou**

### **Nominations Sought for District Officers**

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.

**Kennebunk Portside - Bob Howarth**  
**Ed Stone**  
**Portland - R. Chase Bowker, Jr.**  
**Lois Carlson - Rees Falkner**  
**Kerry Flannery - Michael Fortunato**  
**Kenneth Greene - Henry Lombardelli**  
**Mary Maxwell - Thomas Ranello**  
**Portsmouth - Jo Campbell**  
**Nancy R. Gordon**  
**John K. Tabor**  
**Nancy Whitford**  
**Sanford - Springvale - Lance R. Hoenig**  
**Todd C. Rideout**  
**Scarborough - John J. Eisenhart**  
**South Berwick - Mike Moloney**  
**York - Scott Stevens**  
**Chris McDonnell - Paul Saltzman**  
**Barry Hooper - Angela Ricci**  
**Sean McClellan - James Matthews**

**NEW MEETING PLACE**  
**PORTSMOUTH SUNRISE**  
**REDHOOK BREWERY**

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