



District Beacon

November, 1997

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



District Governor Marie's Monthly Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

There are a lot of exciting things that have happened over the last month. First, Bruce and I are proud to announce the birth of our second grandson, Zachary Lance Larson, born November 4th at 6:34 am, weighing in at 8 lbs. 7 oz. and 21" long. Mom, Dad and Zachary are doing fine, so are Grammie and Grampie.

As I stated last month, November is Foundation Month. I have a lot of Foundation news. We had a very successful Foundation Seminar thanks to the hard work of the Foundation Committee and the Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco who manned the registration table. Lou Piconi, US Area Coordinator for the PolioPlus Partners, was our featured speaker. Lou gave us an overview of the Rotary Foundation programs and the need for our continued support. He shared some personal experiences and talked about the immunization day in Ethiopia this month. We are fortunate to have three Rotarians from our District participating in this project - PDG Jim Labrie, Ellen Labrie and PDG Craig Wellman. I am sure any one of the three will be willing to share their experience with us when they return. It is going to be a tremendous experience. PDG Dick Clark, PolioPlus District Chair, challenged all the clubs in the District to donate \$300. per club to help buy supplies for Ethiopia. Lou Piconi stated The Rotary Foundation would match our donation. I know Dick has already received \$300 donations from several clubs, let's shoot for 100%.

At the end of the seminar, I announced a District wide World Community Service Project - Rotoplast. The goal is to raise \$30,000 in the District to send a team of 30 medical staff (doctors, nurses, etc.) and volunteers to a South American country to perform surgery on children with cleft lips and palates. These children are often abandoned by their families because of this disability. In a week's time this team can perform about 85-100 surgeries. Think of the lives of the children and families that will be

impacted by this project. Dr. Larry Gray from the Portsmouth Club has participated in one of these trips and will be willing to speak at the local Rotary Clubs about the experience. He will be going back on the next trip. PDG Jim Labrie is chairing this project. If you haven't heard from Jim already, you will be hearing from him shortly with more details. Please consider this a part of your World Community Service donation towards this project. If every club in the District donated \$763.16, we will be able to send a team to South America this year. Please give this serious consideration. *Let's Show Rotary Cares, for your community, for our world, for its people!*

By now all of the Rotarians in the District should have heard about the unusual event that enables us to offer a special opportunity to them. They have the opportunity to become a new Paul Harris Sustaining Member, add to an existing one or become a Paul Harris Fellow. Their funds will be matched up to \$500. This offer expires on December 1, 1997, and is on a first come, first served basis, as the matching money is limited. If you haven't

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The DGN News Corner

TRAINING is described by Webster's as, to form by instruction, discipline, or drill to teach so as make fit, qualified, or proficient.

Your President Elect's Training Seminar is designed to do just that, to help you prepare for the very important job that you start on July 1, 1998.

I would like to tell you a little about your 1998 P.E.T.S.

The 1998 Northeast Multi-District PETS is recognized by Rotary International as the best Multi-District PETS in Rotary. This is the seventh year of it's existence, and it now has eight Districts, which contain 425 Rotary clubs that have a total membership of approx. 21,000 Rotarians. The budget for this year's PETS is approx. \$34,000.

Planning for the PETS started on Saturday August 16, 1997, and will continue once a month until March. These meetings are held in Nashua, on Saturdays from 10 AM till 2 PM. The committee consists of the District Governor, the Governor Nominee, and the Governor Designate for each district.

As you know, there are hundreds of details to attend to: badges, tent cards, handouts, overheads, food, note books, speakers, room sizes, subjects, meetings with your DGNS, fellowship, and on and on.

You will be assigned to a group, by your club size, and that group will remain together for all six training sessions. The facilitators/trainers will move from room to room. The U shaped tables allow for good communications and dialogue.

This year's three main speakers are inspiring Rotary leaders who I know you will enjoy.

We have the entire hotel for the two days, Monday and Tuesday March 23 and 24, 1998. But we do have a shortage of rooms, so we encourage you to room with another president elect, so that all of us can be in the same location. Please be thinking about this.

I am looking forward to this, as we continue our planning, and I hope you are!

Your Friend in Rotary

Bill

DG's Message Continued

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taken advantage of this offer yet, there may still be time, give me a call!

Bruce and I, like all of you, have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. We are fortunate to have a wonderful supportive family, great friends and neighbors, many wonderful and supportive Rotary friends throughout District 7780 and around the world and I have a very supportive employer. thank you everyone and

"Happy Thanksgiving"!

Yours in Rotary

Marie

Here are some more projects and fund raisers that Bruce and I learned about during our last three visits to the clubs in the District. Remember there are many more projects and fund raisers going on in the district than what is listed here, but these are the unusual ones or ones not every club is doing. If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact the respective Club President or Club Secretary listed in the District Directory.

Yarmouth - Blue Fish Tournament, Haunted House.

Westbrook-Gorham - Rotary House Project, Toolships to Vocational students at Westbrook Vocational Tech.

Kittery - Annual Walk-A-Thon Fund Raiser, Bookmarks with summer reading lists for K-12 students.

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Letters From Camp Sunshine

As the result of your generous donations of money (plus all the time you gave) we were able to donate \$2500. to Camp Sunshine for sponsorships of families to attend the Camp. It costs \$1000. for one family to attend. I received letters from the two families you helped to sponsor this year which shows the difference you made in these families lives. Read on

Dear Sponsor,

I just wanted to thank you for sponsoring our Family's stay at Camp Sunshine. Our daughter, Roshana Nasr, has spent much of the last year in and out of the hospital. It was great for us all to be together, far from the hospital, and enjoying the outdoors and each other.

Roshana and her sister and brother had a great time on the trip, and the masquerade party was lots of fun. The volunteers were warm and caring people. Most of all, Roshana and I gained strength from talking to other parents who are facing similar challenges and problems.

We'll have fond memories of Camp Sunshine for a long, long time. Thank you again for making it possible for us to attend.

Wazna Nasr - 9/25/97

To the people of Rotary 7780,

I want to thank you all for sponsoring our family to Camp Sunshine.

Tristan is a 5 year old who has had a devastating year. He lost his dad and then became very sick. I think the week at Camp Sunshine put some sparkle back into his face. He had just gotten out of the hospital the Friday before we left and while at camp didn't feel well alot of the time. But, he sure enjoyed the fresh air, liked camping out, the water and the people at the camp.. It was fun and enjoyable for him and meant alot to us also.

Thank you so much and know we really appreciated our stay.

Joletta, Beth, Barbara and Tristan Hersey

Vellore India Rotary Club Receives Hearing Aids

Over \$9,000. worth of hearing aids were donated to the Vellore India Rotary Club by Portland Maine Rotary Club. Rotarians Audiologist Roger Fagan tested, refurbished, classified and sent the hearing aids to the Vellore Club where they will be matched with the appropriate patient by the Vellore Christian Medical Board.

The hearing aids were collected by Portland Maine Rotarians in a program called "Listen Up". Seventeen Southern Maine Fleet Banks served as drop-off sites for the old and unused hearing aids. These hearing aids are considered old technology in the states, but when repaired will help dozens of people in India hear better for the first time.

The "Listen Up" Committee of Portland Rotary plans to visit other District 7780 clubs to encourage them to start their own program and deliver even more hearing aids to Vellore.

Winterfest Portland A Holiday Lights Event

Winterfest Portland is a 3 mile round trip along Portland Harbor on The Narrow Gauge Railroad to view over 200 holiday displays made from over a million lights. The Narrow Gauge Railroad is located on India Street in Portland and the event is sponsored by the Portland Rotary Club as a fundraiser for charitable community projects.

This spectacular family event celebrates the holidays with a 45 foot Ice Castle, Animated Elves, Dancing Bears and Christmas Scenes. Admission is \$6. for adults and \$4. for children.

Winterfest Portland will run from November 21 to December 31. Hours are 4:30 to 9:00 pm Wednesday through Sunday and is open every day during school vacation from December 17 to the 31st.

From the desk of **Dr. Doug**

The following is quoted from a letter written by **Doug Morris** to Governor Marie on 26 August, 1997:
"Dear Marie,

By way of introduction, I am the first winner, 1995-1996, of the **Grant for University Teachers** from District 7780. A series of events forced me to delay my travel to Hangzhou University, Hangzhou, People's Republic of China until now. I will be teaching economics to undergraduate and graduate students there.

I attended a recent Rotary Club meeting at Durham-Great Bay and said goodbye to those members. I had a nice chat with Bill Skinner.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold. First to let you know that I am actually leaving on 31 August and will be returning 1 February, 1998. Second, I plan on another breakfast with the Durham-Great Bay Rotary Club in February to say I'm back and probably be part of the program; I promised them first dibs on the photo and talk show. I have blocked out the dates of your District Conference at Sunday River and would be willing to participate in some manner. I am also willing to meet with individual clubs as well. (Even though I proclaim to my students that there is no such thing as a free lunch, I still pursue them.) Maybe we should touch base in February when I return to discuss schedules.

Again I restate to the District 7780 Rotarians that I sincerely appreciate being selected as their first recipient of a **Grant for University Teachers**. I am well aware of the fundraising activities undertaken each year. The financial support is truly appreciated.

I am also sending part of my application letter that may or may not be deemed useful in any District correspondence. (included below)

Zhu ni yukuai,
Doug Morris"

Excerpts from **Dr. Doug's** application

"It goes without saying that after my return to the states, that my experiences will serve to enhance my course offerings at UNH in addition to interactions with students in non-course settings. I would hope to be invited to share my reflections with numerous Rotary Clubs and members.

Let me assure you that I am not entering into this venture with blinders or rose colored glasses. The type of government, views on freedom, and to some extent, living conditions are definitely several magnitudes different than we are accustomed to and will prevail. I know my mail will be opened on a regular basis. Nonetheless, I choose to remain open minded and not prejudice how this new setting will impact me.

There remains a very personal aspect to my desire to teach in China. My great grandmother had a sister, simply known as Aunt Bertha to all, who was a spinster, teacher, and painter, who also served several years as a missionary to China. I relish the thought of being able to relate my travels to my son, niece and

nephew, as well as their future children while reminding them of Aunt Bertha's original ventures. Perhaps one of them might opt to carry on the tradition.

I'll end this statement with a quote that I have been thinking about regularly as the likelihood of a China assignment increases. As an undergraduate, I wrote a paper on China-Soviet relations and as background research I watched a movie, 55 Days in Peking. I recall the elderly woman telling Charlton Heston, "China is a sleeping giant and when she awakens, the world will take notice." Aunt Bertha was there during the sleeping years, maybe I'll be there during the awaking years. Time will tell."

The following article is quoted from the November Issue of **The Rotary World**

"Rotarian returns to Buenos Aires with fire prevention program"

When firefighter Stan Tenpenney was called to travel to Argentina in 1996 as a substitute for one of the original Group Study Exchange team members of District 7780, he admits "I had no real concept of Rotary International or the GSE program."

But a visit to Trade School Number One in Buenos Aires helped him discover what Rotary is all about. The trade school, which is supported by the Rotary Club of Caseros, teaches disabled children a variety of vocational skills including carpentry, electrical work and sewing.

After coming home to Maine, Tenpenney was proposed and inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Casco Bay-Sunrise and began planning his return trip to South America. Tenpenney had been apprised of the lack of local fire prevention programs by the Rotary Club of Haedo Norte during his GSE visit and resolved to remedy this situation.

Aided by a US\$2,000 Carl P. Miller Discovery Grant, Tenpenney went back to Argentina in March 1997 to introduce the U.S. based National Fire Protection Association's "Learn Not to Burn" program to five Buenos Aires primary schools. He also delivered smoke detectors and fire extinguishers - contributions which he had secured from US manufacturers with the help of other members of his club.

"If this prevention program is successful in Argentina, then the full value of my GSE experience will be in the number of lives saved from the terror and destruction of fire," said Tenpenney.

In connection with the same GSE, a US\$7,500 Matching Grant was awarded to Districts 7780 and 4900 (Buenos Aires) which used the grant and their own \$7500 contribution to help equip a first aid clinic in Caseros."

A photo was also included in the article showing Rotarian Stan Tenpenney with an aspiring young firefighter, Gaston Barreiro of Buenos Aires.

**NOVEMBER IS ROTARY
FOUNDATION MONTH!**



Show Rotary Cares

Rotary International

NOVEMBER DISTRICT 7780 ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

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Thanks for a successful Rotary Foundation Seminar
Congratulations to Governor Marie Williams and Seminar Chair Mike McGovern for all that went into planning and executing a successful Rotary Foundation Seminar, giving the Rotarians of District 7780 an opportunity to learn more about Our Rotary Foundation, its' programs and the impact that they make around the world.

One of the many positive ideas that came out of the Seminar was a suggestion that we publicize a listing or catalogue of foundation videos and their owners who are more than willing to loan them to Rotarians and clubs for programs or "Fireside Chats". We will include all videos, not Foundation videos exclusively. PDG Jim Labrie and PDG George Rice have the following videos available. If anyone has others they would like to make available please contact George Rice and we will include them on the list in next month's Rotary Foundation News.

Available from George Rice

Call 207-743-6389 or FAX 207-743-0764

The Rotary Foundation -

The International Vision of Rotary	15 minutes
The Gift That Keeps On Giving	8 minutes
PolioPlus: Stalking The Wild Polio Virus	15 minutes
Permanent Fund Introduction	5 minutes
Take a Look at Rotary	6 minutes
Several speeches from PETS including Rick King, Dan Mooers, Charles Laine, Lou Piconi, Cliff Dochterman	

Available from Jim Labrie

Call 603-431-2600 or FAX 603-431-6216

Introduction To Rotary	14 minutes
Helping Hands	
We are the Guardians	23 minutes
You Can Matter	
PolioPlus: The Dream is Alive	
A Sturdy Foundation	
Rotary's Finest Hour	

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Three District 7780 Rotarians in Ethiopia

As you read this PDG Jim Labrie, and Ellen, both members of the Rotary Club of Portsmouth and PDG Craig Wellman of Kennebunk will be among the hundreds of Rotarians who are participating in NID (National Immunization Days) in Ethiopia, as thousands of children are immunized against Polio and other life threatening diseases.

Foundation Giving - Matching Funds Available

Governor Marie has notified all Club Presidents of a special opportunity for all District 7780 Rotarians to make a contribution to the Rotary Foundation, and have their contribution matched by District 7780 credits. This must be done prior to December 1, 1997. Contact your Club President, Annual Giving Chair Dewaine Craig, or Governor Marie for details.

Opportunities to Provide Disaster Aide

Governor Marie has been notified of several disasters around the world as well as ways that District Governors from those areas are asking for aid and assistance. The disaster stricken areas are as follows:

* An earthquake in Italy has caused extensive damage in District 2090.

* A cyclone in Bangladesh caused death and destruction in District 3280, as has a cyclone in India, District 3020.

* A hurricane has caused extensive and severe damage in Mexico in Districts 4180 and 4200.

To find out how your club can participate in assisting Rotarians and non-Rotarians in these areas attempt to put their lives back together, contact Governor Marie.

1997-1998 Annual Giving

As of 30 September contributions of \$16,150.00 have been received from District 7780 Clubs. This is a good start toward helping Governor Marie achieve her goal of \$105,000 by 30 June.

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News And Notes

Around District 7780

The changing of the seasons comes to District 7780 with club bulletins full of summer project final reports, and plenty of plans for winter undertakings. Here's a quick glimpse around and about:

The **Freeport** club's hot dog cart ended the season with over \$18,000 raised for local charities. Among those to benefit: Friends of Morse School and Pine Tree Academy, with other money going to a Christmas Lights project. The club is planning two career days at area schools, with a combined total of 120 career representatives expected.

The **Kennebunk Portside** club's Portside News (their motto: "The Newsletter of Inspired Diligence") reports on an international service project to give funds for therapy equipment for patients in Brazil with Cerebral Palsy. Donations from the club will be pooled with District 7780 funds and from a district in Brazil, combined with matching funds from the Rotary Foundation, for a total of \$13,600 for this project. A high school career day is slated Nov. 17th.

The **Fryeburg** club had a successful and busy booth at the Fryeburg Fair at the end of September, and recently made donations to both the Stoneham and Fryeburg Rescue Squads. They've also teamed with the **Bridgton** and **Windham** Clubs to sponsor one of our district's Friends Forever groups.

The **Saco Bay** club's scholarship committee is planning a calendar sale to raise money for the fund. They're setting a goal of selling 500 calendars this season. Their Oct. 22 meeting was a joint session with the **Biddeford-Saco** club, and hosting Friends Forever kids was the order of the day. Members of

the local Interact clubs were also guests.

The **Wells, Kennebunk** and **Kennebunk-Portside** Clubs also teamed up for a joint meeting in late October to greet their Friends Forever visitors.

More neighborliness is in evidence in the **Damariscotta - Newcastle** area, where club members are planning for their annual joint dinner meeting with the Lions Club in early November. The two clubs also join forces to sponsor a major golf tournament each year.

The **BoothBay Harbor** club hosted several vans-ful of Visiting Rotarians from the **Hampton** club recently. It is reported that Hampton Sgt.-At-Arms Tom Higgins won the their 50/50 raffle. Only catch is, at BoothBay, the raffle winner has to offer the blessing at the next club meeting. Hampton's Coast Lines reports that Tom is working on his prayer and will return to Maine to honor this custom.

The **Hampton** club had volunteers lend a hand with the fall clean-up project at North Beach, and other club members worked with a local Eagle Scout on his skating Rink project. The club recently welcomed Andrea, their Youth Exchange student from Costa Rica. The Hampton Scholarship Committee is gearing up for their annual drive, in hopes of raising the trust fund from the current \$67,000 to the goal of \$100,000 by the club's 30th anniversary year in 1999.

The **Ogunquit** club offers significant year-round help to their local Meals On Wheels program. Each Rotarian takes one week of mid-day meal delivery for area elders and shut-ins.

You may look here for the quote of the month, but for the "joke de jour", make a visit to the **Rochester** club, where a different club member each week is on joke duty. Their Rotary Reporter editors (motto: Who To See With Complaints") keep up a running commentary, and often the joke-teller seems to get fined by acclamation. Attendance is seriously encouraged, though, and team results for the first quarter showed "Wayne's World", the team headed by Wayne Brockney, was rewarded for their high attendance record with the right to lead the buffet line for a month.

Hats off to the **South Portland-Cape Elizabeth** club for a great vocational services project. Each fall the club hosts a luncheon for their town's Department of Public Works, honoring those who keep the byways safe, clear, tarred and tended, who take the trash and keep sewers in service. Club members do everything from buying and cooking the food to bussing the buffet line, and we heard they put out a really good spread. The Two Lights reports that, beyond enjoying the food, the public works crew was very appreciative of being recognised for the services they provide.

The **York** club is now planning for their festive Christmas Dinner Dance, coming up on Dec. 12th at Jonathan's in Ogunquit. York challenged the **Kittery** club in an attendance contest for the first three weeks in November, and somehow we're sure our District 7780 Governor will be keeping tabs on this one. The **Kittery** club also requests a mention that the Christmas Concert fundraiser reported on in this column is actually being planned for December '98, not this year. Oops. We hope you got, at least, some *really* advanced ticket sales as a

Presidents, Bulletin Editors, please announce: The District RYLA Committee still needs a few key leaders to help prepare for this year's program. Please contact Dick Crabtree, Co-chair at 603-430-9393. Thanks!

More News And Notes Around District 7780

result of this error. More immediately, the club will be having each of its members take home an empty Xmas stocking to bring back filled for an in-need boy or girl.

The **Bath Sunrise Club** is now setting up the team for its annual wreath project, and has a continuing food bank collection. The Bath Sun recently recorded the club's well-considered policy for distributing monies raised, with 70% allocated to local projects and 30% for national or international needs. Kudos on the club's Rotary Theme 97-98: "Have Fun & Do Stuff".

The **Portland club** is volunteering at the Preble Street Resource Center to provide help with their breakfast program. This community service project will run from October through December. The club has a hugely successful car raffle (over 5,000 entries) and road race (1,400 runners) in conjunction with the **So. Portland - Cape Elizabeth club** during the celebration for the new Casco Bay Bridge.

Congrats go out to the **Oxford Hills club** for having the highest percentage of R.I. Foundation Benefactors in the district, and to **Boothbay Harbor**, the top club in per capita Foundation giving last year. The highest percentage of Paul Harris Fellows can be found in **So. Portland - Cape Elizabeth**. So far this Rotary year, the **Bridgton - Lake Region club** is setting the pace with a current total of \$114 per member.

And finally, a tip of the fellowship hat to the **Portsmouth club**, whose Board of Directors and club membership recently voted overwhelmingly to support a new morning club to share their territory.

Quotes-Of-The-Month:

From the Saco Bay BayWatch
"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless" -Mother Teresa

From The Dover Bing:
"The highest reward for a person's

toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it."
-John Ruskin

Fine-Of-The-Month:

From the Kittery Gateway
"Pres. Leziye paid a dollar for Russ McMullen, he was not wearing pantyhose at the 10th Anniversary Celebration. "Don't ask... you had to be there.""

Runner-Up Fine-Of-The-Month:

From The Kennebunk Bunk:
"Steve Morris and Gordon Ayer were fined for playing football with the bread bowl and dropping it." Those guys! If only they hadn't dropped it...

Happy-Dollars-Of-The-Month:

From the Bath Sunrise Sun:
offered by... "John Morris, with a dollar for each of the 25 weeks he'll be in Florida and for having enjoyed each of his 75 years."

Thanks to all for sending your club bulletins to: Mary Jane Peabody, at 6 Sherman St., Dover, NH 03820. Always feel free to circle news of a special project, or to add details about what your club is doing!

The Bethel Rotary Club will be meeting at the Masonic Temple on Chapman St. (across from Key Bank) from October 22 to December 22.

They will return to the Bethel Inn on Dec 23rd.

The Bridgton Club is now meeting at the Black Horse Tavern on Route 302

R Y L A 1998

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

District 7780 Club Attendance For Oct.

	Attendance %	Club	Members 6/30/97	Current Members	+/-
	A	B	C	D	E
1	92.5	Kittery	30	30	
2	88.81	South Berwick	36	40	4
3	88.1	Freeport	41	41	
4	88	Westbrook-Gorham	44	42	-2
5	84.72	Rumford	49	50	1
6	84.33	Oxford Hills	59	60	1
7	83.75	South Portland/Cape Elizabeth	48	50	2
8	83.24	Saco Bay	67	70	3
9	81.73	Fryeburg Area	26	26	
10	81.4	Biddeford/Saco	93	96	3
11	80.83	Bath Sunrise	23	24	1
12	80	Wells	50	49	-1
13	79.76	Rochester	74	73	-1
14	79.1	Sanford/Springvale	52	49	-3
15	78.63	Boothbay Harbor	49	51	2
16	78.61	Portland	220	221	1
17	77.5	Kennebunk	96	94	-2
18	77.25	Bath	61	63	2
19	76.4	Bethel	37	38	1
20	75	Brunswick	145	144	-1
21	74.75	Hampton	57	52	-5
22	74	Exeter	48	46	-2
23	73	Newburyport	73	75	2
24	72.1	Portsmouth	258	266	8
25	72	Bridgton/Lake Region	29	34	5
26	71.2	Scarborough	19	19	
27	71	Yarmouth	39	38	-1
28	70	Brunswick Coastal	15	15	
29	69.11	Dover	84	84	
30	59.3	Casco Bay Sunrise	30	31	1
31	56	Damariscotta-Newcastle	41	41	
32		Durham - Great Bay	51	50	-1
33		Seabrook-Hampton Falls	34	35	1
34		Kennebunk Portside	39	39	
35		York	63	63	
36		Ogunquit	47	46	-1
37		Somersworth	27	23	-4
38		Windham	39	37	-2
39		TOTALS	2254	2268	14
40					
41	Deadline for attendance reports is the 10th of the month. Please FAX or mail to District Secretary Pam Gray.				

Available Speakers and Topics . . .

PRID Dan Mooers - His recent trip to Russia and possible projects - 207-799-7290

John Hooper - Junior Achievement Program to York County Rotary Clubs - 207-995-5521

Early Bird 1998 District Conference Registration winners

Ken Toner, Rotary Club of Freeport - 2 night Stay at Sunday River

Phillip Helgerson, Rotary Club of Bath Sunrise - \$50. Gift Certificate

ATTENTION INTERNET USERS - You can access the RI home page by using www.rotary.org. Click on "INDEX" and you will have lots of options. The Rotary News Basket changes every Thursday. You can check "Where Clubs Meet" to make sure your club's info is correct OR find a MAKE-UP opportunity. There are suggestions for programs for each Avenue of Service, and MUCH, MUCH MORE! Submitted by Lezlye Shea, President, Rotary Club of Kittery.

District Polio Plus Challenge

by Richard E. Clark, Polio Plus Chairman

Polio Eradication At A Crossroads

Our Worldwide Program is going successfully - We are near the goal - However those countries not yet conducting immunization programs are the most economically distressed. **THEY NEED OUR HELP!**

A challenge to our District - Each of our 38 Clubs contribute \$300 for a total of \$11,400. We will assist Ethiopia in their costs of laboratory equipment to help get their program done. **Individual members** may also contribute for, or in addition to, their club.

Make checks payable to - **Rotary Foundation/Polio Plus Partners** and send them to me. I will know who has/has not participated for follow-up. Each club will receive the appropriate Paul Harris Fellow or sustaining member credit and report back from R.I.F.

This is not a fund raising campaign initiated by the R.I. Foundation! **This is a District Program.** Currently 47+ per cent of Rotarians have joined since the 1985-1988 campaign. So they have not personally participated in this humanitarian effort - **NOW IS THE TIME!**

Your funds will provide the following items for the Ethiopia Project and they will be specifically identified as District 7780 gifts.

- Standard Microscope - \$2050.
- Hot sterilizing oven - \$713.
- Two 4C refrigerators - \$2952.
- Heated, magnetic stirrer bars - \$615.
- Storage systems for chest freezer - \$369.
- Water distiller - \$3075.
- Water bath - \$1064.

These items total \$10,838. The other \$562. will be applied to other lab equipment when all clubs contributions are in. You will be notified of those selected.

Our support is vital to the successful conclusion of this Worldwide Service Above Self Project. Please help your District by sending your contribution right now!
"All of our contributions will be doubled by the Foundation" says Lou Piconi, U.S. Coordinator of Polio Plus / Partners Program.

NO ONE IS SAFE - UNTIL WE ARE ALL SAFE!!

Third Annual Rotary Ski Day

The 3rd Annual Rotary Ski Day is scheduled for Friday February 13, 1998 at Sunday River in Maine. It will be a day of fellowship and outdoor adventure including luxury bus service from Portland to the mountain. The Portland, Casco Bay Sunrise, South Portland/Cape Elizabeth clubs are ready to participate. Please call Sarah Luck at 780-0955 (office), 828-5228 (home) for details.

The bus cost will be about \$11. and the lift tickets about \$35.

* Rotary Youth Leadership *

I am very pleased to announce that Dick Crabtree and Shannon Aldrich, both from the Rotary Club of Portsmouth, have agreed to co-chair the District RYLA Committee for this year. They along with their committee are busy planning an exciting program for the June 1998 RYLA. Registration forms will be out to you in January, watch for them! There are plans in the works to get flyers out to all the schools in the District in December to encourage the students and schools to be on the lookout for the information.

If anyone in the District is interested in participating in this year's RYLA program or wants more information, please contact Dick at 1-603-430-9393 or FAX him at 1-603-433-0441 or by email - rcrabtree@tlc.net; or contact Shannon at 1-603-431-5709 or FAX her at 1-603-433-5630 or by email - Shannonald@aol.com.

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