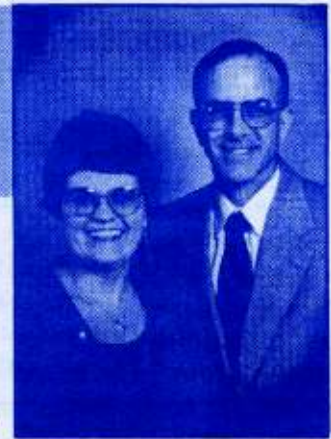




District Beacon

October, 1997

Marie Williams
District 7780 Governor 1997-1998



District Governor Marie's Monthly Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

By the time you read this, Bruce and I will have completed our Official club visits. What an experience! There is so much good being done by this District both locally and worldwide. The fellowship and enthusiasm for Rotary is absolutely wonderful! I have always felt District 7780 was great and now I have proof.

November is Foundation Month. The Rotary Foundation is part of International Service. Through the Foundation we are able to obtain Matching Grants, Carl Miller Discover Grants, 3-H Grants, give an ambassadorial scholarship to some deserving young man or woman in our District or give the opportunity to 4 non-Rotarian professional men or women the opportunity to be part of a Group Study Exchange team to share their vocation with another country as well as allow a Rotarian from District 7780 to go along as team leader. So many wonderful projects and good things result from all of the programs through the Foundation. It is up to every one of us to ensure that these programs continue. We can do this by our annual contributions to the Foundation via Paul Harris Sustaining Members, Paul Harris Fellows, Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, or by becoming a Benefactor through an outright gift to the permanent fund or by adding a codicil to our will or making the Foundation the beneficiary of an insurance policy. They are all painless and so many people will reap the benefits for years to come. Please seriously consider an annual contribution or becoming a benefactor to **OUR FOUNDATION**. During July and August 12 clubs in the District donated to **OUR FOUNDATION** a total of \$14,925.00! What a wonderful start towards our goal of \$105,000. Just remember, \$.12 a day can make a difference.

To help promote the Foundation, District 7780's Foundation Seminar is October 25 at UNE in Biddeford, ME. I hope to see you all there. Get those

registration forms into Mike McGovern as soon as possible.

Be sure to check out the entire newsletter to see the great ideas that Bruce and I heard about on our visits from September 8 to October 3.

As a result of our work weekend at Camp Sunshine, we not only shingled and stained the new Activity Center but we were able to donate \$2500.00 to Camp Sunshine which will enable 2 plus families to attend for a week. District 7780 is a GREAT TEAM and they certainly *Show Rotary Cares, for your community, for our world, for its people!*

Yours in Rotary

Marie

Club Projects

Here are some more projects and fund raisers that Bruce and I learned about during our visits to the clubs in the District from September 8 to October 3, 1997. Remember there are many more projects and

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The DGN News Corner

One of the great things about Rotary is the wonderful people that you meet. We all know this.

I would like to share with you my experience in meeting John J. Sheridan. I met John at a Rotary gathering in Nashua, N.H. in August of 1996. We had just been chosen by our Districts to be District Governor's in 1998-1999. John is in District 7870, which is just West of

District Governor's Message Continued

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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 Secretary listed in the District Directory.

Hampton - Slide presentation for new members, Poinsettia sales.

Dover - Writing Contest for all ages (poems, essays, short stories), weekly Bingo.

Brunswick Coastal - Variety Ice Show, Baby Take Me Home Program.

Newburyport - Frozen Five Road Race, Telethon to assist local hospital.

Sanford-Springvale - Food pantry once a quarter contest, members Kids Day - day after Thanksgiving.

Boothbay Harbor - SHARE of New England, birthday and anniversary calendars.

Wells - Board of Directors Handbook, annual charter night celebration and auction.

Somersworth - DARE Road Race, Therapeutic Horseback Riding.

Ogunquit - Kite Festival, Wells/Ogunquit schools Love Program.

Windham - Grand Prix go-cart races, speech contest.

Rochester - Rotary Chit - tell a good joke - avoid a club fine, Bowl-a-thon.

Seabrook-Hampton Falls - Buddy system with other clubs for make-ups, provide a quality of life gift to needy person.

South Berwick - Local cemetery clean-up, identify local historic homes with brass information plates.

Portland - Service Fund - student loans to academic students, Winterfest.

us in N.H.

When we first met, I asked him to please tell me about his "road in Rotary". I listened with great interest as he told about growing up in a small town out West and having two options for employment upon graduation from high school. One with the local newspaper, and the other with the railroad.

When he was a senior in high school he was chosen for a career exploration experience to introduce young people to various occupations. The program was sponsored by Rotary, which John knew as a group of old men who met for lunch.

John went to this camp, and as he says, "it changed my life forever". He began to think bigger, was able to get a college education, had wonderful career as a Marine Corps officer, and later in the correctional profession.

I encourage each of you to remember how our opportunities in Rotary can affect the lives of young people. Whether it be RYLA, Interact, Rotoract, Youth Exchange, or maybe a special program your club has with the local high school.

YOU NEVER KNOW, when you can, or have made a difference.

Your Friend in Rotary

Bill

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Group Study Exchange

Looking For A Few Good Women and Men

Last month we hope we tantalized you with the prospect of this year's Group Study Exchange trip to Finland next April. (If last month's article seemed a little bit disjointed, it's because our committee is so on the ball (?), two different members each wrote and submitted an article!)

The fledgling Yarmouth club set the pace last year by sponsoring both a leader candidate and a member candidate. If all clubs in the District shot for this goal we could have an outstanding pool of candidates to choose from to represent our District abroad. Committee members are committed to assist you in the recruitment process and, to that end, have sent out press releases to newspapers in your area. However, experience has shown us that our best source of candidates is from word of mouth. So please encourage everyone in your club to spread the word about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to anyone they know who might be qualified.

Committee members for each area are as follows:

Area 1: Craig Kelleher (603-964-5003)

Area 2 and South Berwick:

Ric Erickson (603-749-9011)

Arthur Bradbury (603-659-3535)

Area 3 and Portsmouth

Lisa Hancock (207-363-7749)

Area 4 and Sanford-Springvale

John Anderson (207-363-1206)

Area 5: Nancy Hawes (207-879-2100)

Tim Byrne (207-883-8218)

Area 6, Portland and Casco Bay Sunrise

Sarah Luck (207-780-0955)

Bob Patten (207-799-3819)

Area 7 and Brunswick Clubs

Gaylene McHale (207-729-1598)

Area 8: Peg Hourigan (207-345-3245)

Each of these individuals will be happy to assist with any aspect of the recruitment process.

Remember that completed applications, endorsed by club presidents and secretaries, must be postmarked by November 1. We look forward to a large and diverse group of candidates to interview in mid-November.

U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe Receives The Jean Harris Award

United States Senator Olympia J. Snowe of Falmouth, Maine attended Camp Sunshine Weekend on September 6th in order to receive a special recognition awarded for the first time from District 7780 by PDG Craig S. Wellman.

The Jean Harris Award was approved last spring by the Rotary International Board of Directors to recognize the outstanding contributions by individual non-Rotarian women to the development of women in their communities.

Named for the wife of Rotary's founder, this award is designed to promote the efforts by women for women in their local communities. The recipient's work must have made a significant contribution to the development and progress of women, must have produced recognizable improvements for women, must be current and ongoing, and must encompass one or more of the following categories endorsed by Rotary International: education, health, economics, or self development.

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"I've learned that if you take good care of your employees, they will take good care of your customers" . . . Age 49

District 7780 Club Attendance For Sept.

	Attendance %	Club	Members 6/30/97	Current Members	+/-
1	91	Windham	39	37	-2
2	88.33	Oxford Hills	59	60	1
3	88.3	Boothbay Harbor	54	51	-3
4	86	South Berwick	38	40	2
5	85.2	Saco Bay	67	70	3
6	83.66	Fryeburg Area	27	26	-1
7	83.4	Bethel	37	38	1
8	82.9	Kennebunk Portside	39	39	
9	82	Bath Sunrise	23	24	1
10	81.34	York	63	63	
11	81.09	Freeport	42	41	-1
12	81.07	Bath	63	63	
13	80.75	Portland	226	221	-5
14	79.3	Biddeford/Saco	94	96	2
15	79.1	Rochester	74	73	-1
16	78.5	Kennebunk	97	94	-3
17	77.45	Durham - Great Bay	51	50	-1
18	77	Kittery	31	30	-1
19	76	Yarmouth	39	38	-1
20	75.38	Ogunquit	47	46	-1
21	75	Damariscotta-Newcastle	42	41	-1
22	74.6	Exeter	49	46	-3
23	73.96	Rumford	50	50	
24	71.89	Portsmouth	259	266	7
25	71.7	Hampton	55	52	-3
26	69.63	South Portland/Cape Elizabeth	52	50	-2
27	69	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	38	35	-3
28	66	Newburyport	77	75	-2
29	65.25	Sanford/Springvale	53	49	-4
30	63	Westbrook-Gorham	44	42	-2
31	62.9	Casco Bay Sunrise	28	31	3
32	61	Brunswick Coastal	15	15	
33	56	Brunswick	145	144	-1
34	56	Scarborough	22	19	-3
35		Dover	84	84	
36		Bridgton/Lake Region	35	34	-1
37		Wells	50	49	-1
38		Somersworth	20	23	3
39		TOTALS	2328	2305	-23
40					
41	Deadline for attendance reports is the 10th of the month. Please FAX or mail to District Secretary Pam Gray.				



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Rotary International

OCTOBER DISTRICT 7780 ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

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DISTRICT 7780 FOUNDATION SEMINAR

Mark your calendars now to attend the 1997 Rotary Foundation Seminar at the University of New England on **Saturday, October 25**. This will be beneficial to any Rotarians, but especially to all Club Presidents, President Elects, Foundation Chairs, and International Service Chairs.

Foundation Videos Available

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

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PDG Craig Wellman (W)207-985-6029

1996-1997 Annual Giving exceeded

We reported last month that the '96-'97 Annual Giving contributions for last year totalled \$111,412.92. Congratulations go to all who contributed, and special congratulations go out to the three top clubs in per capita giving last year as follows:

Boothbay Harbor \$123.40 per member
Kittery \$106.25 per member
Wells \$106.25 per member

As we all know, most contributions are recognized by naming someone a **Paul Harris Fellow** or a **Paul Harris Fellow / Sustaining Member**. Based on the club membership totals and total giving over the years as of 30 June, 1997 the three clubs with the highest percentage of PHF and PHF/SM are as follows:

Paul Harris Fellows

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth 152%
Biddeford-Saco 88%
Bethel 75%
Damariscotta-Newcastle 75%

Paul Harris Fellow / Sustaining Members

Ogunquit 79%
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth 72%
Saco Bay 41%

It is also very essential that we support the Permanent Fund of The Rotary Foundation, ensuring the continuation of Foundation Programs in the future. This support is accomplished through Major Gifts, Pooled Income Funds, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Annuity Trusts, and Charitable Remainder Unitrusts. The most popular means of supporting the Permanent Fund is by naming yourself or someone else as a Benefactor, by giving or pledging \$1,000 to the Permanent Fund of the Rotary Foundation.

Based on the club membership totals and total giving over the years as of 30 June, 1997 the four clubs with the highest percentage of Benefactors are as follows:

Oxford Hills 44%
Bethel 15%
Boothbay Harbor 15%
Kennebunk-Portside 10%

It is important to remember that support of The Rotary Foundation in all areas is essential to ensure a healthy future. There are several clubs that have been successful in supporting all areas as follows:

Top Well Rounded Clubs

Club	PHF	PHF/SMBENEF.
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	152%	72% 10%
Kittery	63%	25% 10%
Durham - Great Bay	61%	26% 3%
Saco Bay	41%	41% 3%
Boothbay Harbor	51%	15% 15%
Hampton	49%	18% 10%

1997-1998 Annual Giving

As of 31 August, 1997 contributions have totalled \$14,925 during the 97-98 Rotary Year. The Rotary Club of **Bridgton-Lake Region** has set a pace early in the year for all clubs to match by contributing \$114.29 per member! Way to go **Bridgton-Lake Region**! The other 2 clubs rounding out the top 3 in per capita giving to date are **Seabrook-Hampton Falls** at \$29.41/member and **Windham** at \$26.32/member.

Correction

The Rotary Club of **Newburyport** also participated financially in securing the Matching Grant received by the Rotary Club of **Portsmouth**.

Ambassadorial Scholar & Alternate Biographies

by PDG Craig S. Wellman, Chairman

Rotary District 7780 Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee

The Rotary District 7780 Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee was unanimous in its choice of Barnaby Olson as District 7780's Ambassadorial Scholar for the 1998-1999 year and Wendy Ann LeClerc as our alternate. If for any reason the committee's first choice is unable to fulfill this commitment, the alternate will be our Ambassadorial Scholar for the coming year.

Barnaby Olson lives in Nobleboro, Maine and attended Lincoln Academy in Newcastle, Maine (1988-1992), Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire (1992-1994), and the Institute for Central American Developmental Studies in San Jose, Costa Rica (1994). He holds a BA in Environmental Engineering. Barnaby was an assistant teacher in Spanish at Dartmouth (1993), an intern with the U.S. Department of Energy (1995), and an associate with the LEK/Alcar Consulting Group, an international business consulting firm (1996-present). Barnaby participated in a summer exchange program to Rhinefelden, Switzerland (1990), studied in Costa Rica and Guatemala (1994), worked in Costa Rica, Chile, and Peru (1996), and traveled in Bolivia (1997). Barnaby is fluent in Spanish, and would like to study in Latin America. His top five choices for universities are: Universidad de Buenos Aires, Universidad del Salvador, both in Argentina; Universidad de Concepcion, Universidad de Santiago, both in Chile; and, Pontifica Universidad Catolica del Peru in Lima. Barnaby also focused on applying his skills in engineering, environmental studies, and business and economics to ensure that growth can occur sustainably in the developing world without sacrificing natural resources and without the social instability that often comes with rapid change. Sustainable development can be described as the convergence of economics, society, and environment and their resultant impact on long-term growth and development.

Wendy LeClerc lives in Fryeburg, Maine and attended Thornton Academy in Saco, Maine (1987-1991), Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts (1991-1995), and Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont (1996). Wendy studied at Tandem Escuela Internacional in Madrid, Spain (1994). She holds a BA in Spanish and is currently in an MA program. Wendy traveled in Paris, France, Lisbon, Portugal and Athens, Greece (1994). She is fluent in Spanish, and would like to study in a Spanish speaking country. Her first three choices for universities are: Middlebury College Graduate Program Abroad, Madrid, Spain; International Language Institute of South America, San Jose, Costa Rica; and Academia Latin Americano, in Quito, Ecuador. Wendy currently teaches at Fryeburg Academy in Fryeburg, Maine where she has helped develop a comprehensive four-year Spanish program. She volunteers with the field hockey team and with a recreational program for younger girls in the community, works with the drama program, and coaches female track. It is her goal as a teacher to expose her students to a new language and culture and learn new teaching methods and techniques. Wendy would like to establish cross-cultural, international connections by collecting tangible sources for future reference that are not available at home. She is also interested in programs that would allow her to visit local schools and universities to observe native speakers teaching students in a classroom environment. By establishing relations with these teachers, she would be able to create a pen pal program that could become an exchange program between schools in several Spanish speaking cities.

10K Roadrace to Benefit D.A.R.E. and Rotary Scholarship Fund

On Sunday November 9, the Somersworth R.C. and Frisbie Memorial Hospital will present the 6th Annual Roadrace. There are separate racing divisions for everyone.

T-shirts will be given to the first 200 who

register and there will be a buffet for all. Registration begins at 8:45 am and the race starts at 10 am.

The roadrace benefits DARE and the Rotary Scholarship Fund. The registration fee is \$10 until November 1 and \$12. thereafter. For more information please call 692-4282.

*Starting on October 14, 1997 the
Newburyport Rotary Club will meet at:
Glenn's Galley
44 Merrimac St.
Newburyport, Mass. 01950
978-465-3811
The lunch meeting will start at noon.*

*The Saco Bay Rotary Club will not
meet on Thursday Oct. 23rd. The
meeting will be held on Wednesday,
Oct. 22nd at 12:15 pm in
conjunction with the Biddeford-Saco
Rotary at the Cascades Inn.*

News And Notes

Around District 7780

The District 7780 Group Study Exchange Committee reports that this coming year's group will be from Finland, and will arrive a little earlier than they did last spring. Richard Erickson of the **Durham/Great Bay Club** will again serve as the district chair... look for more details in this newsletter!

Fall must be the time when clubs gather after summer's vacations for reuniting and good fellowship. The **Dover Club** is throwing its first-ever Halloween party - skipping the usual lunch meeting and inviting spouses and guests to join them, in costume, on the night of Oct. 29th. Our usually well-placed sources were unable to get anyone to divulge what costumes are being planned, secrecy is the order of the day.

The **Bath Club** is also holding an autumn social gathering - with invitations going out to spouses and the members of neighboring **Bath Sunrise Club** as well. The Bath Club also reports that a major fundraising goal for this year to strengthen the club's Trust Fund, which subsidizes the cost of building a home each year. The students from their Voc. Ed. school do the construction, and after the house is sold, the funds raised are returned to the community for scholarships. Over \$2 million in housing has been built over the years from this unique community service project.

The **Somersworth Club** is already planning its celebration for the club's 25th anniversary. The event will also serve to showcase the community's new high school auditorium by providing the setting. The Somersworth club is fundraising this year with the goal of getting their town's public library computerized. Money will

be raised all year from everything from weekly happy dollars to their major road race in November. The club is also teaming up with the local Lion's Club to support an ice skating rink project this winter. Way to go, Somersworth!

We're aware of two clubs who now have internet addresses, so you might want to list these web addresses in your bulletins for all your club webservers...

Portsmouth's page is at: www.portsmouthrotary.org.

Portland's address is:

www.ime.net/portlandrotary

If other clubs have sites, drop us a line and we'll let people know!

The **Portland Club's Windjammer** also reports on an ongoing service project. Each club member is encouraged to donate any extra tickets to sporting events, concerts etc. to their project coordinator. The tickets are then given out to a youth center run with the support of the Portland Police Dept. Kids who can't afford such events, and perhaps would never otherwise be exposed to them, benefit.

The **Kennebunk Club** continues to have members rotate duty in delivering "meals on wheels" to meet local needs of the elderly. Club members sign up for a month of Wednesday deliveries. The participants report that the appreciation shown by meal recipients makes each delivery duty easier - a simple and gratifying way to "Show Rotary Cares".

Quick Notes

-The **Hampton Club's** end of summer blood drive produced a record 93 pints of blood for the Red Cross.

-The **Freeport Club** raises money by staffing a hot dog cart during the busy summer months. Plan are

under way for their annual Flea Market later in the year.

-The **Damariscotta/Newcastle Club** donated money recently to their town's Transportation Committee, a group of volunteers who provide rides for the elderly to the hospital, doctor and hair appointments, and other errands.

-The **Bethel Club** held a Fireside Chat in mid-August, open to all club members. We'd like to hear of any other clubs who hold these events. Kudos to Bethel for listing in their Betheltarian not only the club's membership, but also their "summer regulars"!

Harland Eastman of the **Sanford/Springvale Club** was busy all August as he accompanied our district's Ambassadorial Scholar Patrick McGinnis to nine clubs throughout the district to report on his intensive year of study in Argentina. Harland reports that all the clubs to whom Patrick spoke were impressed by his experience of this Rotary Foundation program. Thanks to Harland for his help in letting so many clubs in District 7780 share in Patrick's experience.

Quote-Of-The-Month:

"No man who is occupied in doing a very difficult thing, and doing it very well, ever loses his self respect."

-George Bernard Shaw
From the Dover Bing

And one more for you:

"Life is like riding a bicycle; you don't fall off unless you stop pedaling." -Claude Pepper

Fine-Of-The-Month:

From the Newburyport Bulletin:
"President Claudia loves the new car fines, hitting Mary Larnard with a \$10 fee (one for each wheel)"

... we want to see this car!

Oh no, another change of address for Mary Jane: send bulletins to M.J.Peabody, 6 Sherman St., Dover, NH 03820. Two office moves and now into a new home... thanks for your patience, Secretaries and Bulletin Eds.!

Wells Rotary Club Provides "Winter Relief"

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia, Montenegro) and the Republic of Macedonia and Bosnia Herzegovina have been in post-war status for over 2 years and many suffering peoples remain. Four years of civil war and ethnic cleansing have affected many families lives.

It is our intention (Wells Rotary Club) to supply a number of different and helpful products to these individuals through a channel that has committed to distributing our "winter relief" products to people in need and who will feel the impact of these items the most.

The items that we are currently raising funds for are blankets, winter sleepwear, warm socks, and other "winter relief" type goods.

The collection of this product is underway and we have a goal of starting our project with one (1) 25' container load to "slow boat" over to our chosen location for distribution.

We have a donated storage facility to house the products for the short term and a 25' sea going cargo container and freight forwarder into Bosnia Herzegovina.

Currently, we are in touch with Mr. Peter Gut who is the Presidential Extension Administrator for Rotary International President Glen W. Kinross. Mr. Gut is located in Switzerland and will be traveling to meet with the Clubs in the "old" Yugoslavia and Macedonia to discuss issues of concern.

Another key contact for us is Bud Crandall who is the area representative for CARE and will be instrumental in the distribution process of our project. Mr. Crandall resides in Croatia, but focuses most of his attentions to Bosnia Herzegovina.

The fellowship generated with this project should give us significant momentum for other projects that we can organize in the future.

I would be happy to speak to any club in the area to inform them of our quest and to see if the clubs may be interested in donated dollars earmarked for specific items, ie, \$100.00 buys 30 T-shirts; \$150.00 would buy 25 packages of undergarments and 100 packages of socks; and \$200.00 would buy 20 nylon "high warmth factor" blankets.

Our focus is to continue our fund raising efforts to supply some people in "high need" post-war areas with some quality winter gear that will help them survive another winter and to open up a channel of communication through R.I. for future humanitarian projects.

If any clubs or individuals would like to help or have any input please feel free to contact Billy Hobbs at (207) 646-4484 or Bill Bassett at (207) 646-0600.



Welcome New Rotarians!

Bath - Daryl W. Willett
Bethel - Michael T. Steven
Damariscotta-Newcastle -
Michael Dawes
Freeport - Jay French
Hampton - Al Ross
Joseph Korowski
Oxford Hills - Francis Piccirillo
Portland - Joseph A. Troiano
Patrick T. Eisenhart
Portsmouth - Christine R. Mullen
Rumford - George Noll
John Ginsel
Saco Bay - William D. Martin
Jean M. Chevalier
Somersworth - Hank Brandt
Pauline Gould
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth -
Cynthia Mowler
Mark P. Boulanger

Attention - Bulletin Editors !

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

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What is Rotary Volunteers?

Rotary Volunteers is a program of Rotary International designed to provide tools for Rotary Volunteers with projects in which their skills can be put to good use. It is a three-tiered information network that operates at the club, district and international levels. Rotary Volunteers builds on the traditional Rotary commitment to service, recognizing that many Rotarians would happily give more of their time and expertise to help improve the lives of others.

Rotary Volunteers is centered within the community at the club level. Rotary clubs appoint Rotary Volunteer coordinators who investigate organizations, programs, and projects in the community in which volunteers can serve, and help match club members to those needs.

At the district level, district Vocational Service committees or district Rotary Volunteers subcommittees match volunteers with needs on a district-wide basis, for projects larger or more specialized than one club can handle, or in times of disaster, for example. The district committees also assist clubs in setting up their Rotary Volunteers systems.

At the International level, Rotary Volunteers serves as an information network for projects that need volunteers from abroad and for Rotarians who want to work on a project in another country. Twice a year, Rotary International publishes a list of projects that need assistance and of volunteers willing to help. These lists are sent to district Vocational Service chairpersons so matches can be made.

In addition to Rotarians, the program is open to Rotaractors, Rotary Foundation alumni and non-Rotarians.

Registration as a Rotary Volunteer does not mean volunteers will receive funding for their service. Sometimes volunteers will pay their own travel and personal expenses and / or seek funding from other sources such as their Rotary club, district or other organizations.

However, if a Rotary Volunteers participant who is a Rotarian, Rotaractor, or Rotary Foundation alumnus plans to serve on a project in another country for 4-8 weeks, it may be possible for them to receive a grant which would provide for the lowest available round-trip air fare and up to US\$50 per diem through Grants for Rotary Volunteers of The Rotary

Foundation. Keep in mind that the International aspect is only one small part of Rotary Volunteers. Most volunteers will be working closer to home, probably incurring little or no extra expense.

In short, Rotary Volunteers gives structure to Rotarians' traditional commitment to service. Rotary Volunteers provides a network of volunteerism that extends from your own neighborhood to a community halfway across the globe.

The District 7780 Coordinator is John R. Wheeler, 15 Granger Drive, Lee, N.H. 03824 - 603-659-2855.

Youth Exchange Program Open To Applicants

District 7780's Youth Exchange Program has announced its schedule for interviewing students seeking to participate in an exchange for the 98-99 school year. To begin the process of participation, each club should communicate with the High School Guidance Counselor in their appropriate high school or schools, and provide applications for interested students to interview at the club level during the months of October and November. Each club may sponsor as many students as they wish in this program, and clubs without students have the opportunity to sponsor students from nearby clubs also.

Sponsored candidates will be interviewed at the District Level on November 22, and later candidates will be interviewed in January, or as needed.

A club interested in participating in this program should contact Karen Dunfey, Co-Chair, at 207-799-5105 at home or 207-773-2345 Ext. 216 (voice mail) for any additional information. You can have preliminary applications faxed to you as well as recommend club budget considerations for participation, family costs, and the current year's program schedule of events. A sponsored candidate's family should be willing to host an inbound student during part of the year while their student is away, but the inability to do this should not automatically exclude a particular student.

Don't miss out on this exciting and rewarding Rotary Program! Contact Karen if you would like a Youth Exchange Committee member to attend one of your club meetings.

Inbound Student Exchange

Bruce and I had the pleasure of attending the orientation weekend for the 12 Inbound Youth Exchange Students on Saturday and Sunday, September 27 and 28 at the Sunday River Inn, Bethel, Maine. They are all wonderful young people and a credit to their country. I hope each and every club in the District takes the opportunity to sponsor an event with these students during the year. You will be the ones to miss out if you don't meet these students. They all speak English as well as their native language. How many of us can say we speak more than one language? This weekend was not only for the students, but for their club counselors, and

host families. It was really wonderful to see so many counselors and host families participate in the program. It gave everyone the opportunity to learn what is expected of them and to answer their questions. It wasn't all work during the weekend. The kids got to go on a hike, swimming, play games, listen to music and sing! The weekend was a huge success and ended with a cookout for everyone on Sunday.



The Students are:

Ana Quesada - Argentina - Biddeford-Saco
Andrea Viquez Rojas - Costa Rica - Hampton
Bence Falvy - Hungary - Westbrook-Gorham
Benedicte Fanard - Belgium - Bethel
Christoph Lutkembohmert - Germany - Kenn. Port.
David Zevallos - Ecuador - Scarborough
Kris Suma'mur - Indonesia - Windham
Maja Moesgaard - Denmark - Freeport
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