



District Beacon

September, 1997

Marie Williams
District 7780 Governor 1997-1998



District Governor Marie's Monthly Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

October is Vocational Service Month. Vocational Service is the one Avenue of Service that we all have tendency to shy away from but that is not the case this year. During our visits in July and August, we have seen some real interest being developed in this avenue of service - job shadowing, apprenticeship programs, more vocational scholarships, mentoring, career days and job fairs at the local schools (both middle and high school level), getting the 4-Way Test into the work place, providing vocational speakers from the clubs to the schools, setting up a Rotary vocational information section in the local library to just name a few. It is so easy to promote Vocational Service we shouldn't shy away from it. We are in Rotary because of our vocation. "ALL" vocations are needed and should be encouraged.

Be sure to check out the entire newsletter to see the great ideas that Bruce and I heard about on our visits from August 4 to September 4. There are some great creative projects and fund raisers being done by the clubs.

Our work weekend at Camp Sunshine is over but will certainly never be forgotten by all those that participated. As I told you last month, September is Youth Activities Month and we certainly experienced some youth activity this past weekend at Camp Sunshine. Our twelve inbound international exchange students and the Interact Club from Newburyport, MA attended, they were great! Both the young and the old were there - from age 21 months to 80 plus years. There were over 250 participants on Saturday and over 160 on Sunday - nailing shingles, staining, cleaning up scraps, cooking and serving food, sitting at the registration booth or assisting parking cars.

October is Vocational Service Month, but

vocational service was certainly shared and experienced in September. I want to thank PDG Craig for bringing this wonderful project to our attention last year. There was a lot of hard work and effort put in over the last year in preparing for this weekend. I would like to thank PDG Craig, PDG George Rice, Ken Toner, Lee Hansen, Dick Lagarde and Ron Raymond who worked so hard the last few months planning this event. Thanks to all the Rotarians and their families who did the hands-on work, and all the clubs who donated money and food for the event. A special thanks to Linda Wasgatt who coordinated the food and made sure that no one went hungry during the weekend. The left over food went to the Preble St. Center in Portland.

Thank You, District 7780

Your efforts Show Rotary Cares, for your community, for our world, for its people!

Yours in Rotary

Marie

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Here are some more projects and fund raisers that Bruce and I learned about during our visits to the clubs in the District since last month. 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. Here are the ones from our visits of August 4th through September 4, 1997.

Brunswick - Bike Path to Merrymeeting Bay, participation in town's 4th of July celebration by providing fun and games for the young and not so young - everyone walks away with something.

Damariscotta-Newcastle - 911 Mapping project, Lincoln Home Auction "grunt work", Damariscotta River Festival.

Bath - Bath Rotary Charitable Trust (funding of homes built by the local Vocational School and then sold by club), donate a tree to the community in someone's honor and then take care of it.

York - "Teen Center", Fund a Rotary Room at the new Library, Bike Raffle, Christmas Trees to needy families.

Exeter - Membership Information Booklet - an overview of Rotary in general, Rotary News Basket Excerpts "to go" on every table at weekly meetings.

Freeport - Promote an open classification weekly, Hot Dog Cart run by students and managed by Rotarians.

Portsmouth - Monthly evening Rotary Information meetings, Membership Appreciation Day, Kids Voting USA - teaching kids the importance of voting.

Fryeburg Area - Concert in the Park - hand out ice cream cups on opening night to the attendees, Sell Baked Potatoes.

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth - Promote smoke detectors and fire prevention at annual Christmas

tree sales, Soup Kitchen - cook, serve, and clean-up for 200 meals.

Casco Bay Sunrise - Buy tools for vocational school graduate, Ronald McDonald House Guest Chef, Turning Point Program for single parent and child.

The DGN News Corner

District Governor Marie said to me, "Bill, you will enjoy the Rotary Zone Institute". Little did I know what a wonderful experience for learning and fellowship it would be for me, and for Lucy!! After nineteen years in Rotary, I continue to be amazed at the great emphasis we place on training. In this case, for the District Governors for 1998-1999 and their partners. There were two Zones of Rotary, 31 and 32, which represent 35 Districts.

The arrangement for the breakout sessions was the same as you will see at your PETS in March. Small groups, about 8 DGN's, led by talented facilitators.

I am happy to report that one of those facilitators, "Mac" Leask II has agreed to be with us for our Assembly on Saturday April 25, 1998. Mac is someone you will want your incoming officers to hear, and to learn from.

Interesting Rotary quotes from Institute Speakers - "A Rotary Club is relevant when it is doing something worthwhile, something needed in the community, something that nobody else will tackle". Cliff Dochterman, PP, RI.

"90% of the members in our clubs have never become Rotarians in the sense that they have never been to a District Conference, or an International Convention, and do not have a grasp of what Rotary does." Richard King. Rick is a Rotary Foundation Trustee, and will be one of our speakers at your PETS.

Your Friend in Rotary

Bill

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Michael McGovern Nominated as District Governor for 1999-2000



On August 16, 1997, the Nominating Committee of District 7780 met under the direction of its Chairman, PDG Dick Clark. The committee nominated Michael McGovern, PP of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth to serve as District Governor of District 7780 in the 1999-2000 Rotary year.

Mike was born in Portland, Maine and graduated from Deering High School in Portland. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Maine at Orono and a master's degree in Public Policy Management from the University of Southern Maine. Mike began his career in local government in 1978 as administrative assistant to the Town Manager of Cape Elizabeth, Maine. He became Town Manager of Cape Elizabeth in 1985 and holds that position today. He was honored as Maine's Manager of the Year in 1993.

Mike is past president of the Maine Municipal Association and the Maine Town City and Management Association. He has served on the Boards of Directors of the Greater Portland United Way, the Regional Transportation Program, the Portland Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the South Portland Cape Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce. He has served on several committees for the International City and County Management Association, the Greater Portland Council of Governments, and for

Cumberland County, Maine. He is a former chair of the Portland Area Transportation Planning organization. Mike was appointed to seven different State of Maine task forces and committees by Maine's Governor or by legislative leadership. He has also been active in his church serving his prior parish as Parish Council President and is on the facilities planning committee of his current church.

He has been a member of Rotary since 1986 when he joined the Rotary Club of South Portland - Cape Elizabeth. He is a past president of that club and has served on the District 7780 Rotary Foundation Committee. He has also served on the Home Hospitality Planning subcommittee for the 1994 Zone Institute and on the organizing committee for a District Conference. He served as Governor Area Representative in 1996-1997 and in 1997-1998. In 1996 he received a District Service Above Self Award. Mike is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation.

Mike is single and enjoys traveling having visited most European countries, China and Australia. He also golfs, enjoys reading and collecting old maps.

New Budget and Finance Committee Member for 1998

On August 16, 1997, the Nominating Committee of District 7780 met under the direction of its Chairman PDG Dick Clark. The committee nominated Robert Begin PP of the Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco to serve on District 7780's Budget and Finance Committee from 1998-2001. Bob served as a Governor's Rep from 1993-1997, has coordinated registration at many of District 7780's events at UNE, he has served the District in many ways over the years as well as his club. Please join me in congratulating, Bob!


• • • Information Wanted • • •

Several clubs have asked for information on the following: 501 C3 trust information and the cost of club officers and directors insurance. If your club has any information positive or negative on either or both of these, please contact DG Marie.

District 7780 Club Attendance For July

	Attendance %	Club	Members 6/30/97	Current Members	+/-
1	90.83	Oxford Hills		60	
2	88.24	Saco Bay		68	
3	84.7	Biddeford/Saco		95	
4	84.3	Kennebunk Portside		39	
5	83	Wells		49	
6	81.6	Bethel		37	
7	80.12	Freeport		39	
8	80	South Berwick		38	
9	79.2	Kennebunk		95	
10	79.17	York		64	
11	78.7	Boothbay Harbor		51	
12	77.78	Fryeburg Area		27	
13	77.5	Durham Great Bay		50	
14	77.25	Portsmouth		266	
15	77.03	Dover		84	
16	76.36	Rochester		73	
17	75.79	Newburyport		75	
18	73.37	South Portland/Cape Elizabeth		48	
19	73.22	Sanford/Springvale		50	
20	72.5	Portland		221	
21	72.4	Bath		62	
22	72.3	Hampton		53	
23	72	Brunswick		147	
24	70.8	Kittery		30	
25	68.2	Exeter		47	
26	67.74	Casco Bay Sunrise		31	
27	65.43	Rumford		48	
28	65	Scarborough		20	
29	64.85	Ogunguit		46	
30	61 tie	Westbrook-Gorham		44	
31	61 tie	Yarmouth		37	
32	NR	Bath Sunrise		24	
33	NR	Bridgton/Lake Region		34	
34	NR	Brunswick Coastal		15	
35	NR	Damariscotta-Newcastle		41	
36	NR	Seabrook-Hampton Falls		37	
37	NR	Somersworth		23	
38	NR	Windham		39	
39		TOTALS		2307	
40	Deadline for attendance reports is the 10th of the month. Please FAX or mail to District Secretary Pam Gray.				
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SEPTEMBER DISTRICT 7780 ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

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What is Annual Giving?

Annual Giving is the cornerstone of the Foundation's funding efforts. Most Rotarians make their first contribution to the Foundation through a Club Annual Giving program. It is also an important vehicle for identifying and cultivating prospects capable of contributing major and planned gifts.

The Rotary Foundation's annual giving efforts have these primary objectives:

- * to attract and inform potential contributors;
- * to maximize contributions to the Foundation to support its program activities;
- * to encourage participation in Club and District Foundation sponsored programs;
- * to establish regular patterns of giving, possibly leading to major outright and/or deferred gifts.

Annual Giving involves more than just a fundraising appeal. It also includes:

- * establishing an annual giving goal;
- * promoting to Rotarians and others the many accomplishments of The Rotary Foundation;
- * educating Rotarians on the Foundation's operations;
- * motivating Rotarians to participate in Foundation programs.

It is through these activities that Rotarians gain a personal appreciation for the Foundation and a desire to support its programs through voluntary contributions.

Financial contributions result from:

- * individual giving;
- * special District and Club events;
- * a variety of special giving opportunities.

Annual Giving is the fuel that runs the Foundation's programs. Each year, clubs and districts set general giving goals, and each year Rotarians are asked to make a contribution to achieve these goals. This continuing support for the Foundation is called "Annual Giving". It is "Annual" because it happens every year, and because the money is used "right away".

Submitted by PP Dewaine Craig, Annual Giving Chair

1996-97 Annual Giving exceeds Goal!

Congratulations go to PDG Craig Wellman, PP Dewaine Craig, Annual Giving Chair and all Rotarians of District 7780 for a great job in contributing \$111,412.92 to Our Rotary Foundation, exceeding Governor Craig's goal of \$97,000.00!

Portsmouth receives Matching Grant

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have approved a request from the Rotary Clubs of Portsmouth, NH and Rio de Janeiro Sao Christovao, Brazil for a Matching Grant to help provide computer equipment and air conditioners for a new computer information classroom in Rio de Janeiro. The grant was made in the amount of US \$7,000.00.

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 Dick Clark has made some of his PHF credits available to Dover Rotarians to enhance Foundation giving. He will transfer \$250.00 in credits to anyone contributing \$750.00 to The Rotary Foundation, enabling them to name themselves or someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow.

DISTRICT 7780 FOUNDATION SEMINAR

Mark your calendars now to attend and to begin promoting attendance at 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.

News And Notes

Around District 7780

Clubs around the district are humming with plans for fall activities. Some of the hum:

The **Damariscotta-Newcastle Club** was pleased to hear that its nominee, Barney Olsen, has been selected as a District 7780 Ambassadorial Scholar. Barney, a recent graduate of Dartmouth, will be spending next year studying in Latin America. The club's membership committee has set a goal of reaching 75 members by their 75th club anniversary in 1999. The Twin Village Topics reports this as "a seemingly attainable goal if all members bring in .85 new members each!"

The **Kittery Club** is already planning a major fundraiser for December. They will sponsor a Christmas concert at the Portsmouth Music Hall featuring the outstanding Windham Maine Chamber Singers. Tentatively scheduled for Dec. 5th, the club will raise funds through ticket sales, corporate sponsorships and advertising. Sounds like a great event.

Major Anniversaries for 7780

The **Sanford-Springvale Club** is already planning its 75th Anniversary this coming May, and **Portsmouth** will be celebrating 75 years in March with a dinner dance. The **Kittery Club** will be having its 10th anniversary this year...sure to be a highlight of D.G. Marie's year.

The **Sanford-Springvale Twin Town Reporters** (motto: "All the news that fits") reports that their community service food drive's "macaroni and cheese kaper" was a rousing success, and that the next goal is for club members to bring in 200 cans of soup. The club's vocational service committee is planning to hold a club meeting at the VOC-ED

school. The club's golf tournament is coming up Sept. 24th.

The **Bethel Club's Betheltarian** (motto: "Busy As Beavers") reports that the club held a two week special collection to help out a friend of the club - the Bethel Inn's blind piano player recently had a stroke, so everyone pitched in to help.

The **Bridgton-Lake Region Club** teamed up with a local bank in August to sponsor a blood drive, responding to their community's low blood supply. The club also held their first annual Duck Race, featuring over 200 yellow, pink and blue duckies bobbing down Stevens Brook. Plenty of prizes and spectators added to the enthusiasm, and over \$600 was raised for local charities. Anyone travelling to the Fryeburg Fair Sept. 28 to Oct. 5th should stop by the "Rotary Roller" for a baked potato with your choice of toppings.

The **Bath-Sunrise Club** has a club member offer a toast at each week's meeting. A nice tradition! They also have an ongoing food drive for the local food bank. Other recent projects include running the parking detail for the Maine Festival and providing all those hungry Camp Sunshine volunteers with breakfast on Sept. 7th.

The **Hampton Club** celebrated summer by having a club get-together at PP Ben Moore's house... they've recently held a blood drive, and are holding their 5K roadrace Sept. 6th. Congrats to the Hampton Club for unanimously voting to host a Rotary exchange student next year!

The **Seabrook-Hampton Falls Club** recently donated \$600

collected from Happy Bucks and Fines to the Seacoast Visiting Nurses. The money will provide immunizations for needy children in the local area. Last year the club raised over \$1,000 for PolioPlus.

The **Bath Club** runs a "Paul Harris Club" - each year participants contribute \$200 and then as the funds accumulate, they hold a drawing to determine which participant gets the privilege of naming someone they admire as a Paul Harris Fellow.

Quick Notes: The **Biddeford-Saco Club** celebrated Rotarian Son and Daughter Day at their regular club meeting on August 27th. And the **Dover Club** is promoting better attendance by holding a drawing from among members who have perfect Sept. attendance. The prize: free lunches during October!

Quotes-Of-The-Month:

"One joy scatters a hundred griefs"

-Chinese Proverb

From The Kittery Gateway

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

-1997 Old Farmer's Almanac

From The Saco Bay BayWatch

Fine-Of-The-Month:

Kennebunk member Chris Audley was fined for arriving at the club's Boathouse Restaurant meeting place by boat... Sgt.-At-Arms Jim Keating, using Paul Revere's "One if by land, two if by sea" rule, levied the \$2 fine on Chris, then felt it necessary to fine everyone else in the club a dollar each, for having come by land,

From the Kennebunk Bunk

Brunswick, Boothbay, Exeter, Kennebunk Portside, Newburyport, Ogunquit, Oxford Hills, Portland, Rochester, Rumford, et al:
We want your news! Send bulletins!

Get in print by sending your club bulletins to: M.J. Peabody, 671 State Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Thanks!

Camp Sunshine Weekend - September 6 & 7, 1997

by PDG Craig S. Wellman

Rotary District 7780 Camp Sunshine Project Chair

Did you see the News the other night??? We were on every Channel - 6, 8, 13 and 51!

If you didn't happen to catch it, you missed seeing Rotarians from all over District 7780 working together at Camp Sunshine to SHOW ROTARY CARES. Over 400 Rotarians and family members participated in one of the greatest events ever held in our District! A huge "Thank You" to all who supported this wonderful project.

Camp Sunshine is a camp for critically ill children and their families that has been running for 4-6 weeks for several years through the courtesy of the owners of Point Sebago in Casco, Maine. With the construction of an indoor facility, Camp Sunshine will be able to run year-round.

Physically, our chore was to shingle the outside walls of the 23,000 square foot Family Activity Center, but more importantly, we created the media event that kicked off a \$3.5 million fund raiser for the completion of the year-round facility at Camp Sunshine. To date \$2.5 million of the \$6 million price tag for this year-round expansion has been raised. We not only shingled the entire building,

but had it stained, as well, by the end of the weekend!

The moment of greatest pride came when Larry Gould, founder of Camp Sunshine, unveiled a template for a brass plaque that will adorn the building, which recognized for all posterity, the contributions of the men and women of Rotary District 7780.

Special thanks go to the leadership of those Rotarians who ensured the success of this wonderful project:

PDG George Rice - Oxford Hills
Judy Bennett - Casco Bay Sunrise
Lee Hansen - Wells
Ron Raymond - Oxford Hills
Linda Wasgatt - Windham
Ken Toner - Freeport
Dick Legarde - Biddeford-Saco
Jack Schraeter - Windham

On a personal note, I would like to recognize DG Marie Williams for signing onto my uncompleted project, and making it a top priority for the beginning of her rotary year. Thank you, Marie, for believing in BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH ACTION AND VISION and truly SHOWING THAT ROTARY CARES.

Ambassadorial Scholar Chosen

by PDG Craig S. Wellman, Chairman

Rotary District 7780 Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee

The Rotary District 7780 Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee met all day on Saturday, August 23rd at the Brick Store Museum in Kennebunk, Maine to interview nine candidates. The 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.

The committee was very impressed with the credentials of each of these nine outstanding applicants. Their personalities, outlooks, ambitions, experiences, and attitudes all exemplified the Rotary theme of world understanding and peace. It was impressive to have so many wonderfully qualified candidates.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Brick Store Museum for allowing us to use its meeting room free of charge for the day.

I would also like to thank the Rotary Clubs who took this opportunity to sponsor an applicant for the Scholarship. Mr. Olson was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle. Ms. LeClerc was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Fryeburg. Other District Clubs who sponsored candidates were: Portland, Oxford Hills, Exeter, Durham-Great Bay, Newburyport, Sanford-Springvale and South Portland-Cape Elizabeth.

The District AS Committee members are PDG Craig Wellman, PDG George Cashman, DGD Michael McGovern, PDG Richard Clark, PDG George Rice, PP Richard Erickson, and PP Donna Coombs.

(The biographies for Barnaby Olson and Wendy Ann LeClerc will be published in the October DGNews.)

Durham-Great Bay to Host Fall Feast and Auction

The Durham-Great Bay Rotary Club has announced plans to sponsor a Fall Feast and Auction on Friday, September 26 at the Frank Jones Center in Portsmouth. All proceeds from the event will benefit scholarship programs and community charities in Durham, Lee, Newmarket and Madbury.

The evening's activities will start off with an open cash bar and silent auction

at 6:00 PM. A dinner buffet featuring tenderloin of beef, seafood newburgh and chicken teriyaki will follow at 7:00 PM. Background music will be provided by Ben Baldwin and the Big Notes. Following dinner, a live auction will cap off the evening.

Tickets are priced at \$60.00 per couple and may be purchased from any Durham-Great Bay Rotary member or call Bill Wilson at 1-603-749-4042 or Dave Van Allen at 1-603-868-7513.

"The program is patterned after an event held in the fall of 1996, which was the club's most successful fund raiser for the entire year" said Bill Wilson, chairman of the event. "It's a great value for attendees and it's a fun evening and it all benefits local scholarships and charities," Bill stated.

The Durham-Great Bay Club was chartered in 1986 and currently has 50 members.

Membership Seminar

by Charlie Snow

Membership Development and Retention Chair

On August 12th, I got the shock of my life. DG Marie, DGN Bill, Saco Bay PP Ed Brill and I put on a Membership Development and Retention Seminar for the Clubs of District 7780 at the Ross Center in Biddeford, Maine.

The shock came when we had 27 Rotarians representing 17 Clubs in the District come to the hour and a half presentation. Now, I don't know about you, but to me, I can find a hundred reasons to not go to a Rotary workshop on a beautiful late summer evening. But it appears that the Clubs are getting the message from DG Marie that membership growth is very important if we are to continue to do all the good things we do for our fellow human beings.

It also appeared the "Service Above Self" was very much in evidence because of the attitude that these Rotarians brought to this seminar. They were very sincere in wanting to find ways to bring in new members and not lose our current members. I think we were able to provide some new ideas and re-hash some old ones and I hope we instilled a little enthusiasm about the subject that will be with us always.

In the July Governor's Newsletter, the clubs current membership levels are listed. My Club (Saco Bay) has already brought in two members--how is your Club doing? Let's keep those numbers on the positive side and make a pledge that no Club will end the year in the negative.

In closing, I want to thank Marie, Bill and Ed for helping put on the seminar; the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club (and especially Anita Findlen Cramer) for providing the space; and a special thank you to all who attended.

District Directory Corrections

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TIDBITS . . .

The Rotary Club of Kittery will be celebrating its 10th anniversary on Saturday October 18th, at the Officers Club at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine. All are invited to attend. Club Presidents and Secretaries will have further information.

The Rotary Club of Newburyport is providing advanced notice that they will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary on May 23, 1998.

• Group Study Exchange Kicks Off -- On To Fabulous Finland •

Finland. Conjures up Scandinavian images of seafarers, reindeer, Lapps and blonde heads. But it is also the home of the noted architect, Eero Saarinen, and frequent host to diplomats in search of peaceful solutions to our world's problems. Maybe that's because Finns, independent only since 1917, have had their share of attempted dominance by their larger neighbors, Sweden and Russia, and prize peace and their freedom today.

This will be the destination of our next Group Study Exchange (GSE) team in April. We say "our" because this District project is only done to the required standard when each reader of this newsletter takes on some level of commitment to act in support.

First, a little background. Each year, Rotary Districts around the world assemble small teams of non-Rotarian professional and business people, and exchange these teams for, normally, a month long stay. During that time, team members visit their opposite professional numbers, learn how the country's government, economy, education, etc. function, and stay with a succession of Rotarian families.

So, each District plays two roles in GSE: it assembles a team to travel, and hosts the exchange team. To assemble a team, we ask every Rotarian in the District to think of men and women of their acquaintance established in business or the professions who could profit from such an exchange and would welcome the opportunity to be considered. You should encourage them to complete an application (available from every club) and return it to the club where they reside or work before the **NOVEMBER 1** deadline.

Many professional and business organizations would certainly consider the time away a good investment for one of their employees. But they won't unless a Rotarian (YOU?) shares the news with them. Feeling a little short on facts about GSE? Every club president (and, by the time you read this, his or her International Service or Rotary Foundation chair) has a small brochure describing the most salient features of the program. Additionally, the District GSE Committee members can help you make a presentation. If you regularly receive this newsletter, you also have a copy of the District directory. The Committee members are listed on pages 20 and 21 (the Committee is that large precisely to ensure that one member is local to you for this kind of assistance).

Put them to work.

We will be running public service announcements in media outlets throughout the District. That will raise awareness. But the best candidates have come to us from personal contact with Rotarians. We will be interviewing in mid-November. Please use the next few weeks to good advantage; help us find OUR team to Finland.

Finland - a nation of scenic beauty and friendly people. A land rich in forests, lakes and farmlands with beautiful expanses of unspoiled wilderness. Bordering Sweden and Russia, it is a blend of Western and Eastern cultures, and there is one sauna for every 4.5 Finns!

Surely you know someone who would qualify for the once-in-a-lifetime experience of a GSE trip to Finland next April. Qualifications for non-Rotarian team members are generally that they be U.S. citizens in good health who are open-minded, enthusiastic about their vocation, and not family members of a Rotarian. Preference is given to candidates in the 25-40 year old range. Team leaders must be experienced Rotarians in good health with communication and leadership skills.

Rotarians and Guests "Dance On" for Friends Forever

The 1st Annual Friends Forever Charity Ball was held on July 17th and over 75 dancers attended. The 11 piece Northeast Swing Band provided the evening's music for the dancing and listening pleasure of all. Rotarians in attendance included DG Marie and her husband Bruce, Durham-Great Bay President DeJong and Hampton President Ann. PDG Jim and Ellen Labrie were joined by representatives of the New England Language Center and their guests from St. Petersburg, Russia. The evening raised \$3,750 for Friends Forever. Some of the funds from the event have already been applied toward the Friends Forever group from Israel which is currently in Portsmouth for their visit. When last seen, they were preparing to get high on life utilizing the High Ropes course at the Browne Center of UNH. Judging by the smiles on their faces, I'd say the trip was on the right track.

Special thanks to all that attended and especially Sandy Tucker, Tony Frangos and Peter Billipp for their help bringing this event together.

A Special Thanks

As you know, my father passed away on August 5, 1997. My mother, brother and sister and their families, Bruce and I and our family cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of love, support and expressions of sympathy that were extended to all of us. The phone calls, cards, notes, flowers, plants, offering of masses, donation to the American Cancer Society and the Rotary Foundation in my father's memory, Rotarians attending the visiting hours and the funeral mass were overwhelming. You all hold a very special place in our hearts. My brother best expressed how we all feel when I introduced him, my mother and sister to yet another Rotarian - **"You people are wonderful!"**

Marie

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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In error, it was reported that Russell Cox was a new Rotarian in the Brunswick Club. In fact, Russell passed away a few months back. Russ was a PP and a Paul Harris Fellow and served on the Rotary Foundation Committee for several years.

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