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April is Interact Month in Rotary. President Jim Lacy's message in the April Rotarian was about Interact and how important it is to Rotary. Interact started in Florida in 1962 and there are now 6,392 clubs in 97 different countries. As one Interactor from Nigeria said, "Interact allows students to realize that they can make a difference. Through community service, I feel like I'm contributing to the future." Please see the article in this newsletter reporting on our VERY GOOD District Interact Conference that was held Saturday, March 27, 1999 at the Newburyport High School. Many thanks to Mary Larned, her committee, and the N.H.S. Interact Club.

President Jim Lacy has just informed me that his representative to our District Conference will be Past Rotary International Director, James A. Speer and his wife, Jean, from California. We are very pleased that they are going to be here with us at the lovely Colony Hotel on the beautiful coast of Maine on June 3-6, 1999. Please make your reservations now to help us celebrate our accomplishments that we have all worked so hard to make happen as we FOLLOW OUR ROTARY DREAM.

Our Camp Sunshine organizer, PDG Craig Wellman is hard at work putting together our May 22-23 District Community Service Project. Please do what is necessary to have a good representation from your club for this weekend of work and wonderful Rotary fellowship. Talk to those who were there last year and you will not want to miss it.

Our World Community Service and Rotoplast committees are busy organizing and coordinating projects we have in progress by contacting PP Brenda Thibodeau, WCS or PP Bridget Burns, Rotoplast.

By the time you read this we will have just a little over two months left
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THE DGN NEWS CORNER BY MIKE MCGOVERN DGN

Reaching Goals

The focus of my monthly message customarily looks forward to the next Rotary year. It is easy for an incoming governor or an incoming club president to think more of July 1 and thereafter than to concentrate on the Rotary efforts of our predecessors. As I look at what Governor Bill and

the current club leadership has planned for the next few months, it is clear that there is still much to do in this Rotary year and all that is done will strengthen Rotary for the future.

Most clubs have goals involving membership growth or retention. Working on these goals must be a continuous effort. In late May, we will have a work project at Camp Sunshine. What better way is there to do good for children and to strengthen Rotary through the fellowship that will occur? Many clubs wish to have more Rotary awareness. You can send a photo to your local paper with a caption showing your members at Camp Sunshine. You can also use the photo in a brochure that you give to prospective members.

This is also the time to reach goals for the Rotary Foundation. As we see the many needs in the world during these turbulent times, it is crucial to support a foundation which is ours and which promotes long term efforts for world understanding and peace.

This past week, I completed one of my goals which was to make up at every club in this Rotary year. This was a tremendous experience and I encourage all Rotarians to try to make up at other clubs when they are unable to attend their own. You certainly see many interesting variations of Rotary and obtain many ideas to bring home.

One super opportunity to obtain ideas to take home is the District Assembly on April 24th at the University of New England. Wilf Wilkinson, a Rotary Foundation Trustee from Trenton, Ontario Canada, will speak and there will be over 20 breakout sessions to learn from and to inspire each other. See you all in Biddeford at the Assembly and again in May at Camp Sunshine.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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in this Rotary Year. Let us make the final push to meet our objectives in our communities, in Rotary Foundation support, as well as helping our friends in other parts of the world.

PLEASE PLAN ON BEING WITH US AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE AT THE COLONY ON JUNE 3-5, 1999.

Your Friend in Rotary,

Bill

"RYLA 99"

CAMP HINDS

SET UP DAY

SATURDAY,

JUNE 19, 1999

RYLA

CONFERENCE

SUNDAY JUNE 20 -

WEDNESDAY JUNE 23

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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

District Governor for 2001-2002

Finance Committee Member, Division A 2000-2003

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

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

Qualifications for Finance Committee Members include:

- * Must be a Past President of a District 7780 Club in Division A (Clubs in Dover, Durham-Great Bay, Exeter, Hampton, Newburyport, Portsmouth, Portsmouth Sunrise, Rochester, Seabrook-Hampton Falls).
- * Must be willing and able to serve as a member of the committee for the term.

Nominations in the form of a resolution as described in the Manual of Procedure must be forwarded to DG Bill prior to June 30, 1999. Please call him with any questions.

GOLF, ANYONE?

Dear District 7780 Golfers,

Golf has been increasingly popular among many of the clubs in our District, both as a great social event and a lucrative fundraiser. I would like to develop a list of all the golf tournaments so we could have them in the District Governor's Newsletter, with the hopes of having each club sending one or more teams to the various tournaments. They would receive points for their scores. The team with the most points at the end of the year would win the Rotary Cup to be presented at the District Conference. The plans are just in the early stages for now. So if anyone in your club has any ideas or would like to get involved, please contact myself. In the meantime, please send the date for your tournament (if you host one) to District Governor Newsletter Editor Paul Thornfeldt, so he can print the date in the newsletter.

Kevin Finley - Bethel Rotary

P.S. Our tournament this year is June 14th, lunch at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m. More info to come.

FOUR WAY TEST **FOR "SCOOTERS"**

1. IS IT THE TRUTH
THAT YOU REALLY CAN'T
REMAIN UNTIL THE
MEETING ADJOURNS?

2. IS IT FAIR TO
WALK OUT ON THE
SPEAKER WHO IS GIVING
OF HIS OR HER TIME TO
INFORM OR ENTERTAIN?

3. WILL IT BUILD
GOODWILL AND BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS TO SLIGHT
YOUR GUEST AT THE
CLUB?

4. WILL IT BENEFIT
YOUR FELLOW CLUB
MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO
SEE YOU LEAVE EARLY?

News And Notes

Around District 7780

April arrives in a busy District #7780, with spring greeted by every club with news of scholarships and awards, gardens and clean-ups, golf tournaments and...

The **Sanford-Springvale** club held a recent meeting at the regional Vocational Center, and reports of its students, the programs, and the club's support for the center were all enthusiastic. The club begins April with a session billed as "S-S Rotary Presents The Facts -All that you ever wanted to know about Rotary but were afraid to ask". We admit to being just a *little* hesitant to ask about this event, since it is on April Fool's Day... but are hoping that a description shows up in the Twin Town Reporter to elaborate. At the end of the month, on April 30th, club members will gather for a pot luck dinner. And in between, planning is underway for both the golf tournament in June, and the Year 2000 club calendar.

The **Kennebunk Portside** club continued its partnership with a club in Sao Paulo, Brazil when three club members traveled there in January on a Discovery Grant to see and assess needs. One of the trip highlights was seeing young cerebral palsy patients making use of all the physical therapy equipment the Portside club had purchased for the local clinic in 1997 as part of its first project there. The travelers reported to their club and the district that the gratitude of doctors and parents there, the kids courageously working at their therapy, and the sight of the Rotary emblem on the wall of the clinic left them all speechless with chills and tears of joy. Thanks to the Porthole for including the team's report.

The **South Berwick** club was awarded a Discovery Grant and was expecting to travel to Cozumel Mexico in March. The club is also leading the way in its part of the district to host a Friends Forever group in the fall, and the **Sanford - Springvale** club will be assisting the effort.

The **Yarmouth** club joined **So. Portland/Cape Elizabeth** in March for a Bowl-A-Thon fund-raiser for the "Youth Alternatives" program... The Royal River Rotarian reports the Yarmouth club went from winning "Most Gutter Balls" last year to "Best Bowlers" this time out. The club also is planning a Barbershop Chorus event on May 22nd to raise funds for club singing lessons.. okay, okay... funds will actually go the school music programs. And rakes, axes and brooms come out in force for the annual neighborhood cleanup project in May.

The **Freeport** club hosted a joint meeting with **Yarmouth** in March, and both clubs are working together to organize a "Close To The Coast" road race on June 12th.

The **Exeter** club has hit the road lately, with a February meeting on-site at the Seacoast School of Technology, and the March 1st meeting at the Riverwoods Retirement Center. Club members will hold the 2nd annual Rabies Clinic event on 2 Saturdays in early April. Members were also special guests at the **Hampton** club's 30th Anniversary breakfast to salute Exeter's role in the club's founding.

And the **Hampton** club did have much to celebrate to mark their 30th year, with news that through their hard efforts, the Scholarship Fund goal of \$100,000 had been reached. The

club is now focusing on final preparations for their annual Auction, scheduled for May 4th.

The **York** club teamed up with their friends in **Kennebunk** to present the March 6th CPR training courses. Plans are underway for York's annual spring dinner dance.

The **Fryeburg** club finished up its flag project - the flags are flying! They've also started a Junior Achievement program in the local schools, and three boxes of books were donated for an international club project in Singapore. And a special Charter Night event is tentatively set for April 9th.

The **Westbrook-Gorham** club finished up its Fruit Sale in March, and held a collection for children's shoes for their club project to benefit a Latvian orphanage.

The **Boothbay Harbor** club's Rotary Star reported on a successful Valentine's dinner held by the club, and on a joint meeting in March with the local Lion's Club. Club members were busy in March with a blood drive and then their annual Rotary Basketball Tournament, with duties ranging from game-timers to fruit and baked-goods suppliers. The Vocational Committee presented the first-ever "Associate Of The Year" Award to show appreciation for a citizen who demonstrates leadership in the Rotary spirit.

The **Bridgton-Lake Region** club hosted an area meeting with Rotarians from **Fryeburg, Rumford, Oxford Hills** and **Bethel** to plan for the Group Study Exchange teams coming this spring. The **Bridgton** club has just completed the paper work on a matching grant for

RYLA NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT

We are very pleased to announce the RYLA 99 Graduate Facilitators!

In Alphabetical Order

Tara Bragdon, Durham-Great Bay
Jeannemarie Celentano, Durham-Great Bay
Carolyn Dube, Exeter
Sarah Foss, Exeter
April Glazier, Rumford
Erin Hankin, Exeter
Tom Hart, Portsmouth

TAKEN FROM THE MAINE SUNDAY TELEGRAM

MARCH 14, 1999

Q. *I read that the eradication of polio is expected by next year. I always understood that Rotary Clubs were involved in this worldwide effort, but that wasn't mentioned. Can you explain Rotary's role?*

A. Much of the impetus and money that has gone into quashing polio did indeed come from Evanston, Ill. based Rotary International. Polio vaccines developed in the United States in the 1950's and early 60's virtually rid the US and Western Europe of the disease by the 1970's. But only 5% of all Third World children were immunized by then, and polio continued to cut down millions. In the 1980's, a coalition of International agencies launched a plan to finally make the vaccines available to all children.

And that's where Rotary International came into the picture. In 1988, as the plan to destroy polio came together, Rotary raised \$400,000,000 to help it along. The Rotary money-which bought vaccines to immunize more than a billion children-has been a handy stick that Rotary has used to keep squabbling at a minimum among agencies, governments and experts as they struggle toward the goal. So Rotary indeed did play a major role, and a crucial one, to bring an end to the deadly virus.

Christopher Kotch, Brunswick
Daniel Kraus, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth
Eric Lang, Durham-Great Bay
Caitlyn Lynch, Dover
Seth O'Donnell, Dover
Jennifer Shamshak, Durham-Great Bay
Todd Sullivan, Windham

Alternates

Peter DeMartini, Bath
Stephanie D'Orsay, SP-Cape Elizabeth
Monique Levasseur, Yarmouth
Brian Lewton, Portsmouth
Jessica Martin, Bridgton-Lake Region
Stephanie Webber, Kittery

We are also pleased to announce the following Rotarians who have agreed to attend as Facilitators!

Shannon Aldrich, Portsmouth
Carol Aten, Exeter
Judy Bennett, Casco Bay Sunrise
Arthur Bradbury, Durham-Great Bay
Ellen Fitts Byrne, Scarborough
Lionel Ingram, Portsmouth
Kristen Martin, Kennebunk Portside
Bob O'Connell, Dover
Vinnie Pascucci, Exeter
Thane Pearson, Kittery
Eric Weinrieb, Portsmouth

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Remember Saturday June 19

9am to 5pm

**Rotary District Work Day at Camp Hinds in
Raymond Maine!**

Help us get camp ready for RYLA 99!

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Deadline for RYLA 99 applications is April 20.
Please mail with fees to

RYLA

PO Box 4632

Portsmouth, NH 03802

Please interview the students and invite them to a Rotary Meeting.

DISTRICT RYLA CONFERENCE

On Sunday, March 27, 1999, eighty-plus Interactors, Rotarians and high school Faculty advisors, along with PRID Dan Mooers, DG Bill Skinner, PDG George Cashman, PDG Marie Williams, DGN Mike McGovern District 7739 DGN Chris Fraser, and ADG (1999-2000) Jack Schraeter attended the first District 7780 Interact Conference held at Newburyport High School in Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Interact is a Rotary sponsored service club for teenagers between the ages of 14 and 18 or secondary school aged young men and women. Eleven Rotary Clubs from District 7780 and one from District 7739 were represented at this conference, and other Rotary Clubs in District 7780 and 7739 expressed an interest in finding out more about involvement in the Interact movement.

The conference was designed to highlight and celebrate the accomplishments of the present Interact Clubs in our District and to raise the level of awareness about the enormous potential of Interact for the Rotary Clubs who are currently involved. These two themes were continually reflected in the days events that focused upon opportunities available in the areas of world and community/school service. Seminars were presented by District 7780 Chairs Brenda Thibodeau, *World Community Service*, Karen Dunfey, *International Youth Exchange*, Shannon Aldrich, *RYLA*, as well as NHS Interactors Jenn Parker and Caitlen Kneram, *School and Community Service*. Participants were able to learn about and discuss on a first hand basis the exciting events that are going on in our world today that directly benefit people on local, district and world wide levels.

General Assemblies presented information about forming and sustaining Interact Clubs, the types of activities that are possible with Interact and the many ways in which District 7780 can become a true Interact District. Participants

were able to talk with members of active Interact Clubs, gather information about starting a Club and share expectations for the future with young men and women who are not only the leaders of tomorrow, but are in reality, future Rotarians.

Significant outcomes of this conference included the overwhelming message that this event needs to continue and perhaps even become a joint venture with District 7739, that more District level activities need to be done and that more communication among and between members of Interact Clubs needs to be fostered. DGN Mike has agreed to continue DG Bill's commitment to Interact and to include an "Interact page" in his newsletters.

For more information about Interact and its tremendous potential for your Rotary Club, contact District Interact chair Mary Larnard: W-978-465-4440; H-978-388-1905; F-978-465-2198; or, larnard@Seacoast.com.

Ambassadorial Scholarship Applications Available

Applications for the 2000-2001 Study Year, brochures and other information will be available at the 1999 District Assembly on April 24th. Allocations of SHARE funds as selected by the District Foundation Committee provide for one Ambassadorial Scholarship to be awarded for the 2000-2001 study year. All Rotary Clubs should encourage qualified students to apply, conduct an interview process and select the best possible applicant by June 15, 1999. Completed applications are due to Scholarship Chair PDG George Rice by July 15, 1999. All applicants will be interviewed and the successful recipient and alternate will be selected on August 14, 1999. Completed applications must be received by mail by July 15, 1999. Please mail to PDG George Rice, P.O. Box 8, Norway, Maine 04268.

Rotary Dreamers Welcome

Don't miss this opportunity for some fun in the sun and surf...
come join us at the Colony Hotel and...

Dance to a big band sound



Find inspiration from our own
globetrotters



Explore the museums, shops and byways of Kennebunk and
Kennebunkport ...



Coastline ...

and mark refuge



Work up an appetite on the course ...

and court.



Come celebrate our banner year...

Register now!

June 3rd - 6th

NEW ROTARIANS

Bath - Frederick B. Hinkel
Peter P. Lizanecz

Damarascotta-Newcastle - Ian W. Drewette
Peter M. Farrell

Exeter - Mark S. Cross-Powers

Hampton - Brain Goetz
Raymond Letouriveau

Thomas H. Wallace - Charles F. Withee

Kennebunk Portside

Rees Falkner - Tina Clark

Portland

Barbara M. DiBiase - Dawn Graffka

Robert B. Rand - Susan Rowan

Pamela R. Smith

Portsmouth

Paul Armstrong - Janet D. Carter

Charlotte Hubbard - Peggy Wade

Saco Bay - Alfred B. Hills

Stanley W. Mozden

Sanford-Springvale - Kenneth R. Grant

Wells - Magdalene (Dale) Came

• UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS •

Saturday April 24th

District Assembly

Saturday, May 1st

Salvation Army - Camp Sebago Clean Up

Saturday and Sunday May 22nd-23rd

Camp Sunshine District Community
Service Project

June 3rd to the 6th

District Conference

The Colony Hotel, Kennebunkport, Maine

June 19th - RYLA Work Day

June 20th-23rd - R.Y.L.A.

Hands on project in Romania

SPEAKER FOR YOUR CLUB

Pam Weeks Worthen, Executive Director,

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ABC Quilts is a not for profit organization in Northwood, N.H. providing quilts to at-risk babies and children. Also providing a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program. Pam can be reached at W-603-942-9211 or H-603-868-5026

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