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WILLIAM SKINNER DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISTRICT 7780 - 1998-1999

DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL'S MESSAGE

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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Congratulations to our new leaders in the District and to those who will continue to help, as we work in our communities, and the world. Marie and her team have raised the bar for us, and have truly shown that Rotary Cares. I owe Marie a big THANK YOU for her support and guidance as I was preparing to be District Governor, and I look forward to a continued close relationship with Mike McGovern as he prepares for 1999-2000.

As I look at our schedule for the next few months it is truly exciting !!!

- * August - the arrival of our Youth Exchange students.
- * August 3rd, the District Governor visits begin.
- * August 9th, the first Friends Forever group arrives.
- * August 18th is the Membership Development Seminar at the Ross Center in Biddeford.
- * September 17th, the Russian fishermen arrive.

We are following Rotary International President Jim Lacy's request of helping our children with these activities, and I am sure that your clubs have your own projects for helping the children in your communities. To help us, the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have just announced that twenty million dollars is available for projects to benefit children. This is possible because of very favorable return on investments last year.

Just as Paul Harris and Arch Klump were dreamers, and persistent, we must continue to FOLLOW OUR ROTARY DREAMS as we go about our work this year. Do not be afraid to share your dream with another Rotarian. Perhaps the two of you can work together to make it come true, and at the same

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THE DGN NEWS CORNER

Greetings to all Rotarians in District 7780:

Congratulations to Bill and Lucy Skinner as they follow their Rotary dreams this coming year. It is an honor for me to be able to work with Bill as well as to begin preparations for 1999-2000. As I write this, I am at the Rotary Convention in Indianapolis with a short break before attending another session. Here in Indiana, I am struck by the internationality of Rotary, but I can also see that Rotary is a collection of communities.

The communities are those that we live in and serve through Rotary, yet we also have communities of interest. The task of a Club President is to find the communities of interest among club members while the District Governor seeks to identify communities of interest among clubs and

individuals in the District. Over the next twelve months, I plan to work closely with Bill to understand the issues and programs that bind us together. Bill will certainly continue and build upon the many programs that have been so successful during the years of service of Marie Williams, Craig Wellman and prior governors.

I have three special challenges this coming year. First, Governor Bill has asked me to work with Ed Brill of the Saco Bay Club to attempt to continue the fine work of Charlie Snow in providing active membership development and retention assistance to clubs. Second, I will be working with many of you to develop a new Rotary leadership plan for this District for implementation in 99-00. That will be the topic of my

space in the next newsletter. Third, I am now and will be seeking assistance from any Rotarian who would like to volunteer to help design and implement a District 7780 web page. I would like to get the page up and running during this Rotary year so that during Bill's year we can begin to see the potential of the page in serving as a forum for discussion and information among Rotarians in District 7780. It should also save District expenses in the long run.

In dosing, I look forward to working with Bill and with all of you.

Mike

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

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time you can enjoy each other's fellowship. Remember, it can be next door, across town, or on the other side of the world. Rotary has the framework, the network, and the experience to make your task easier.

Of course to do all the fine work we want to do, we must continue to add new members to replace those we lose, and to show a net gain

for the year. August is Membership and Extension month, and I urge you to send members of your club to the Membership Seminar that is being planned for Tuesday, August 18th, 1998 at the Ross Center, Biddeford, Maine.

Please have a safe and happy summer, enjoy Rotary, and continue to FOLLOW YOUR ROTARY DREAM.

Bill

WHERE'S DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL AND LUCY?

August 3 - Rumford RC

August 4 - Bethel RC

August 5 - Oxford Hills RC

**August 6 - Bridgton-Lake
Region RC**

August 7 - Bath Sunrise RC

August 10 - Brunswick RC

**August 11 - Damariscotta-
Newcastle RC**

August 12 - Freeport RC

**August 13 - Boothbay
Harbor RC**

August 14 - Portland RC

DISTRICT 7780 CLUB ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE

Attendance %	Club	Members 6/30/98	Current Members	+/-	
A	B	C	D	E	
1	91	Windham	35	35	
2	89.58	Bath Sunrise	24	24	
3	88	Kennebunk Portside	40	40	
4	87.5 tie	Boothbay Harbor	47	47	
5	87.5 tie	Freeport	32	32	
6	86.7	Fryeburg Area	24	24	
7	86	Oxford Hills	60	60	
8	85.2 tie	Biddeford/Saco	83	83	
9	85.2 tie	Somersworth	17	17	
10	85	Damariscotta-Newcastle	41	41	
11	82	Kennebunk	93	93	
12	81.3	Bethel	35	35	
13	80.21	Bath	63	63	
14	80.1	Kittery	23	23	
15	79.48	Saco Bay	67	67	
16	77.1	Ogunquit	42	42	
17	75.98	South Portland/Cape Elizabeth	53	53	
18	75.5	Durham - Great Bay	50	50	
19	75.32	Dover	90	90	
20	75.2	Exeter	48	48	
21	74.49	Portland	211	211	
22	72	Yarmouth	38	38	
23	71.6	Newburyport	72	72	
24	71.57	Sanford/Springvale	59	59	
25	70	Hampton	61	61	
26	69	Brunswick	145	145	
27	68.3	Westbrook-Gorham	41	41	
28	67	Rumford	43	43	
29	66.6	Brunswick Coastal	15	15	
30	nr	Bridgton/Lake Region	25	25	
31	nr	Casco Bay Sunrise	28	28	
32	nr	Portsmouth	272	272	
33	nr	Rochester	79	79	
34	nr	Scarborough	25	25	
35	nr	South Berwick	42	42	
36	nr	York	65	65	
37	nr	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	31	31	
38	nr	Wells	52	52	
39		TOTALS	2271	2271	0
40	Deadline for attendance reports is the 10th of the month. Please FAX or mail to District Secretary Phil Rinaldi.				
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News And Notes Around District 7780

A new Rotary year begins, and congratulations go out to all the club presidents, officers, directors and chairs for their leadership. Have a great year! In this column we'll try to pass along ideas and accomplishments from clubs around District #7780 that might set off your thinking, start a new project, stimulate a partnership or lead you to a new contact in the district. Most material will be drawn from your club bulletins, so please make sure someone in your club does send them *regularly* to the address at the bottom of the page - we want to share what you're up to! And feel free to drop us a line anytime you want to give us more information about a special project, program or even a nice club tradition!

June bulletins were reporting on changes in command, and summaries of the year just completed. We hear that several incoming Presidents have taken the initiative to meet once a month to promote their clubs working closer together. For the first joint function, the Rotary clubs of York County are getting together for "Rotary Night at the Theater", to see a performance at the Arundel Barn Playhouse on July 9th. For more info, check with Gail Arnold @ 967-5481.

The **Bath Sunrise** club has a nice tradition of having a member offer a toast each week to another Rotary club somewhere around the world. Recently toasts have honored clubs in Great Falls, Montana, Bath, NY, Nashua NH and Seattle OR. The club's annual chicken BBQ was held on July 2, and grants went out to this summer's Performances In The Park, and to Friends Forever.

The **Brunswick** club members take turns giving the invocation at each meeting, and also hold

regular Spouse's Days. A large group of volunteers pitched in to help with Fourth Of July On The Mail, to give Rotary a higher profile in their community. Past-Presidents of the club are being sought out to take on leadership roles on committees this year, and everyone's working on their "Meals and Deals" coupon book, a major fundraiser.

In late July, PDG Marie and Past First Spouse Bruce are hosting a "Thank You" picnic for the **Kittery** club, for all their help during Marie's DG Year. Members completed a busy year by hosting a BBQ for the RYLA group. The club moves on to a new year with a recent open discussion about its fundraisers, and a focus on membership growth.

As many of you know, the **Saco Bay** club lost one of its guiding spirits with the sudden death of Charlie Snow on June 1st. The Bay Watch reported poignantly on the club's memorial to Charlie, and captured the inspiration and love that the club gained from his friendship. Both the Saco Bay club and the **Biddeford-Saco** club awarded "Charlie Snow Memorial Scholarships" in his honor.

The **Portsmouth Sunrise** club got off to a great start with their well-attended Charter Night. Members are planning regular "business meetings" throughout the year to better their focus as a club. Speaking of focus (groan), the club has already started taking photos of club events to create their club's event picture board. Maybe it comes from meeting near an airport, but the bulletin's "Local Make-Up Opportunities" lists Chicago... (Tuesdays at 12:10). What a cosmopolitan bunch!

The **Damariscotta - Newcastle** club had a great annual sunset boat trip as part of the Windjammer Festival. Grants were recently made to the Boy Scouts and to the Parents Resource Center. Members will be active in the July 10 & 11 celebration activities for the Damariscotta Sesquicentennial, and helping the local library by doing all the cooking for the library's fundraiser on Aug. 7th.

The **Portsmouth** club holds its Chicken BBQ and 5K Road Race on Aug. 6th, and is looking forward to the arrival of Gabrielle, incoming exchange student from Ecuador. A major club project this year will be the planning and construction of an outdoor family ice skating rink.

Here's a new angle on a familiar program...instead of having students come to one meeting at a time, the **Freeport** club hosts several high schoolers as "student club members" for an entire semester. At the end of school, this year's student members expressed how much the opportunity had meant to them, and expressed their hope that the program is continued.

The **Rochester** club had a big hit with their food booth at the Lilac Fun Fest, and sent a team to Camp Foss for a June clean-up day (despite the wet weather) to get the YMCA girls camp ready for the season.

The **Sanford-Springvale** club ended the year with the giving of \$10,000 in college scholarships, delivering children's books collected by the club to the local food pantry, and holding a major spring clean-up of Rotary Park.

The **Kennebunk** club celebrated the year end (for the 48th

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More News And Notes Around District 7780

consecutive year) with a club outing on Kennebunk Pond, complete with great food, horseshoes, boating, swimming and fun. A community pancake breakfast, and then helping with their high school's Project Graduation brought the year to a close. The club's chicken BBQ is coming up on July 24th.

The **Bethel** club got busy in mid-June, when a local campground was flooded. Club members helped to cope with the damage, retrieving picnic tables and other items during the evacuation. As a result, the club is considering forming a "calling tree" so that members can communicate more quickly when needed.

The **Hampton** club made a donation to Big Brothers/Big Sisters from the proceeds of their successful auction, as well as to the local group who maintains the North Hampton Gazebo, and to Habitat for Humanity.

The **Portland** club will hold its annual club lobster bake on July 29th at the Baxter School on Mackworth Island. The club's service fund provided nearly \$24,000 in student loans this year, and gave a grant to the Landmarks Trust for their Portland Observatory restoration project. Plans are being made for the club's incoming exchange student, from Hungary, arriving in August.

The **Windham** club held a special dinner meeting recently in honor of the visiting Romanian Rotarians from Ramnicu Valcea, who are part of the Carl Miller Discovery Grant.

The **Fryeburg** club had to postpone its big canoe race due to the raging river, and is hoping to hold it in late Aug. or Sept. We'll keep you posted!

The **Yarmouth** club is heading up the district's project of hosting a delegation of 10 Russian fishing industry executives scheduled to arrive on Sept. 17th. If you can help with host homes, contacts in the local fishing industry or Russian translators, please contact the Yarmouth club. The club is also hosting incoming exchange student Antonio, from Brazil, this year.

Many of our clubs stress the importance of building club membership. The **Ogunquit** club recently included in the Ocean Breeze the simple, step-by-step procedure for members to propose a new member, followed by an actual membership proposal form, blank and ready to be filled in. A good, common-sense way of inviting its members to share Rotary with others.

The **South Berwick** club sent a group of volunteers to help the town celebrate its annual Strawberry Fest, and is settling into its new meeting place at the S.B. Community Center - we hear they have great breakfasts!

Golf Tournaments Coming Up:
Damariscotta-Newcastle: July 11
Hampton: tentatively Aug. 5th
Casco Bay-Sunrise: August 13th
Rochester: August 25th

Correction-Of-The-Month

In the last "News and Notes" column, this reporter made the false assumption that the Dover club's Bing must have gotten its name from the successful bingo game they run weekly. *Not so!* A wonderful history of the Bing along with a reprint of a 1925 bulletin (long before bingo!) came in the mail, bringing the real story... the Dover club's first president, David McIntosh, headed a business school in the

era of carriage typewriters, which would remind the typist with a bing of the bell to return the carriage at the end of each line. The history recounts that "the sound of the bell became Rotary's weekly reminder to return again, to reflect upon or recall some of what happened, to be a wake-up call... Bing it was from its first weekly printing, and Bing it is today!" A great story that we were glad to hear!

Excerpt-Of-The-Month:

from Ogunquit's Ocean Breeze's regular feature, Howard's Words of Wisdom. "When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant."

Fine-Of-The-Month:

from the Dover Bing:
"Sgt.-At-Arms noted that 4 members were late. However, their loquacious lawyer Tom D. pointed out that our usually late President started on time today, so it was his fault. Pres. Kerry was assessed \$4."

Quote-Of-The-Month:

from the Yarmouth Royal River Rotarian: "A nature lover is a person who, when treed by a bear, enjoys the view."
-Anonymous

Happy-Dollars-Of-The-Month:

from the Yarmouth Royal River Rotarian:
"from Peter J. for the fact that we are no longer the youngest club in the district, thanks to the Portsmouth Sunrise Club."

from the Fryeburg Messenger:

"Merri B. is celebrating 14 years of marriage. Bill G. is celebrating 32 years of marriage. Joe C. woke up at 2:00 am with a scratching sound in the walls."

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ROTARY FOUNDATION NEWS

JULY, 1998

"FOLLOW YOUR ROTARY DREAM"

As the 1998-99 Rotary year begins with enthusiasm and new energy, we all need to focus on Governor Bill's Rotary Foundation Annual Giving goal, and develop a plan within each club that will ensure achievement of our District Goal. District 7780 can only be as successful as the sum of the efforts of each Rotary Club. All 39 clubs need to develop a plan to support the annual Giving Goal of District 7780, implement a plan to achieve that, and form a contingency plan to cover unexpected shortfalls. The time to begin this action plan is now, early in the Rotary year. Let's all help Governor Bill reach his goal of \$118,000 and to name 78 new Benefactors. We can do it if we start now.

1997-98 Annual Giving

As of 31 May, annual Giving reached \$90,860. Another nearly \$20,000 has been contributed as restricted and endowment contributions, bringing total contributions to \$119,760.

Foundation Facts

Paul Harris Fellows: 633,205

Foundation Benefactors: 37,216

Major Donors: 1,980

Data as of 30 April, 1998

ARE YOU ONE OF THESE ?????

Governor Bill has asked me to provide a page of Rotary Foundation News each month. I need help! If your club has a special Foundation fundraiser, receives a Foundation Grant, has a ceremony to recognize the naming of Paul Harris Fellows, Sustaining Paul Harris Fellows, Foundation Benefactors, or Major Donors, or any other news relating to Our Rotary Foundation, please feel free to share it with other clubs and Rotarians via this Foundation News Page. Please submit it as follows:

George Rice, PDG

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Norway, ME 04268

Or by FAX @ 207-743-8884

Follow Your Rotary Dream

Contribute to Our Rotary Foundation

So others can realize their dream

RYLA CONFERENCE HELD JUNE 25-28

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference was held from June 25-28 at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine. The newly revised 4-day program graduated 76 students from all over the district. District participation was at 90%! RYLA experienced every type of weather imaginable, except for snow. The facilities included sleeping in two person tents on fairly shaky cots and some unique latrines. The Boy Scouts were very helpful in training the Rotary Facilitators during April and May. We built 3 new initiatives for the Boy Scouts to add to their summer program including a See-Saw, All Aboard and Toxic Waste. Conference attendees were broken into ten LEGS (Leadership Experience Groups) and given both mental exercises and physical initiatives to complete as a team.

Camp Hinds offered RYLA both low and high ropes elements. Even with the inclement weather the Camp Hinds staff made sure that everyone had a chance to try the high ropes and zip line. Community Service activities helped to clear brush from

the trails and fill in holes in the road damaged by the ice storm. 76 strangers came on Thursday and 76 new friends left on Sunday. The RYLA committee is looking forward to a long term relationship with Camp Hinds. It looks like RYLA has finally found a home!

Rotarians PDG Marie Williams (Kittery), Dick Crabtree (Portsmouth), Shannon Aldrich (Portsmouth), Lionel Ingram (Portsmouth), Arthur Bradbury (Durham-Great Bay), PP Judy Bennett (Casco Bay Sunrise), PP Ellen Byrne (Scarborough) Al Cowie (Scarborough) and Russ and Mary Jo Youngs (Portsmouth) came to facilitate the event and work with the students full time. Part time helpers included Ann Burke (Exeter), Tom Higgins (Hampton), Mike Green (Hampton), and Sandy Buck (Hampton). PP Bill Holt (Portsmouth) and PP Tom Byrne (Scarborough) and Lt. Cmdr. Claire Bloom joined us as presenters. RYLA graduates Marissa Maddock, Sarah Foss, Erin Hankin, Sarah Donahue, Jennifer Shamshak, Tara Bragdon,

Jeannemarie Celentano, Eric Lang, Matti Gurney, Ben Wheeler, and Tom Hart came to assist the Senior Rotary Facilitators. One of our Youth Exchange students, Andrea Viquez-Rojas from Costa Rica also attended and assisted with the administration of the program.

RYLA "99" is just around the corner! The dates for next year are June 17-20, 1999. We are currently looking for Rotarians to serve on several committees including Administration, District Motivation, Program, Facilities and Donations. We are also lining up next year's Senior Rotary Facilitators and we expect to need at least a baker's dozen. All Club RYLA Chairs are asked to contact us at

RYLA

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**FLASH! - THE SEPTEMBER CAMP SUNSHINE DISTRICT
WIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT HAS BEEN
POSTPONED TIL THE SPRING OF 1999 DUE TO DELAYS
IN CONSTRUCTION!**

AUGUST is MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MONTH

**JOIN US AT THE MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR ON
AUGUST 18TH AT THE ROSS CENTER IN BIDDEFORD, MAINE.**

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING! THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING!

Peter Johnson reports that plans for the visiting Russian exchange are going well. (For those not yet aware, the District is hosting 11 Russian fishing industry managers and their two interpreters) Committees are meeting to firm the plans for how best to showcase our fishing industry practices to our guests. As it stands now, they will arrive in Portland Thursday, Sept 17, spend the next eight days in the Portland area, move to the Brunswick-Bath-Boothbay area Saturday, Sept 26, and then on to the Portsmouth area on Sat. Oct 3, returning home from Portland, Sunday Oct 11.

There are three identified needs still outstanding:

1. Opportunities still exist for host families in all areas, but slots are filling fast.
2. A few small costs have arisen (e.g. touring on the UNH research vessel will cost \$255). Especially if your Club is not participating as a host, let Peter know if you might be able to help with similar expenses.
3. Most critically, having the use of a 15 pax van, either for the entire three weeks, or one week in each area is of high priority. If you have car dealerships who might enjoy the publicity, please let him know ASAP. Find him at 207-846-6526(h), 800-451-0369(w), or petyar@aol.com

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