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WILLIAM SKINNER DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISTRICT 7780 - 1998-1999

DISTRICT GOVERNOR BILL'S MESSAGE

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Our World Peace and Understanding Dinner was a huge success!! One hundred and seventy nine Rotarians from thirty two clubs gathered to hear about our Discovery Grant team's visit to Brazil and Honduras. Tom Keefe, President of The International Medical Collaborative Organization in Seabrook, New Hampshire told us about the wonderful work they are doing around our world and ways in which we in Rotary can assist them. *Our World Community Service Committee* is working with I.M.E.C. to make this happen.

We recognized: PRID Artemus Richardson of Exeter for his contributions to Polio Plus, by presenting him with a Polio Plus Pioneer Award. This award was given by The Rotary Foundation Trustees. PDG Craig Wellman was surprised by receiving the Citation for Meritorious Service Award for his many efforts on behalf of The Rotary Foundation. Craig is only the third member from our District to receive this award. PP Jaap DeJong and his wife "Rine" were recognized for their contribution to the Permanent Fund of the Foundation. Their contribution was the ninth largest in the world last year. Congratulations again to these three fine Rotarians from our District. I would like to thank PP Peter Johnson for putting this wonderful evening together for us.

On Saturday, March sixth our three CPR training sessions took place under the leadership of Sue Czarnionka, secretary of the Kittery Rotary Club. Please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter giving the details. Many many thanks to Sue for chairing this program.

We have a Discovery Grant team from the South Berwick Club who visited Mexico March 5-12, 1999, and another who are scheduled to visit Bosnia in March or April of 1999 from the Wells

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THE DGN NEWS CORNER BY MIKE MCGOVERN DGN

Carlos Ravizza Announces Theme for 1999-2000

This year we continue to serve with Bill Skinner and RI President Jim Lacy as we follow our Rotary dreams. Each March the incoming President of RI announces at the International Assembly the theme for the upcoming year. Carlo Ravizza, the 1999-2000 President has chosen "*Rotary 2000, Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity.*"

When incoming governors first heard this theme in Anaheim, California, the message was interpreted in many ways. Carlo believes it is time to ensure Rotary's success in the next century by being consistent with the core mission of service. While the core mission stays the same, we must adapt to changes in society and proceed with new approaches and ideas. Rotary 2000

cannot be the same as the Rotary of 1905, as we concentrate in providing services in new ways.

Credibility, according to Carlo, "means acting with honor in all our dealings". We may not agree with all of the rules of Rotary, but until any changes by the 2001 Council on Legislation, we must be loyal. We can be credible only if we are consistent in following through on what we say we are going to do.

Continuity is essential in any organization that changes leadership each year. Carlo Ravizza wishes us to continue until completion our fight for the eradication of polio. He wishes officers of Rotary clubs to continue projects begun by our predecessors. He wishes current officers to train and share information with future officers. Continuity is not doing everything as it has been done in the past. It is a spirit of working together on the core mission of Rotary.

My additional interpretation of the message of the theme for 1999-2000 is that for Rotary to advance in the next century we must find new ways of accomplishing service and world understanding. Our District must adapt within the framework of Rotary to make this a meaningful organization for the upcoming generations. District functions should provide service and fellowship opportunities that ensure that time is well spent. To this end, I will be appointing a Rotary 2000 Committee to review our by-laws and all our practices as a District. It is up to us to ensure the consistency of service in the future to enable Rotary to enhance its reputation as a credible organization and to ensure the continuity of Rotary. Additional information will follow in future issues.

"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.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS ENJOY A WEEKEND OF SKIING

The Seventh Annual Ski Weekend hosted by the Oxford Hills Rotary Club was once again acclaimed as the highlight of the year by the Rotary youth exchange students.....and once again the magic of the Oxford Hills Rotary Club was evident, as the biggest snowstorm of the year took place while the students were here for their busy weekend. The following students: Aneli, Angela, Antonio, Gaby, Marcelo, Ognjen, Sebnem, Sly, Lera and Zlatko all enjoyed their fellowship in the

Oxford Hills. Their busy weekend activities included attending school at the all new and beautiful Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School on Friday, night skiing at Shawnee Peak on Friday night and a full day of skiing on Saturday at Mt. Abram. Before heading home on Sunday, the club was host to these outstanding students for a Sunday morning brunch. These students were all proclaimed possible Olympic contenders by Rotarians Ron, Ed, Rick, Bob, and John who were on hand the entire weekend for skiing guidance. Fighting to see who would host these students for the weekend....were Paul, Dave, Perry, Suzie, Frank, and President Dave. Huge Rotary smiles were abundant the entire weekend and the members of the Oxford Hills Rotary Club look forward to creating another successful ski weekend next year and another huge snowstorm!!!!!!!

(The preceding was written without prejudice by weekend coordinator Frank Shorey and edited by PGT.)

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News And Notes Around District 7780

Mary Jane Peabody has given me the opportunity to sub for her this month and it's fun to see (again) how others inscribe their events on the parchment of modernity. It's great to see how fund raisers differ in the various clubs and to what use we put our money to. A recent observation at a gathering of non Rotarian friends brought pause when they asked what Rotary did do? In the discussion it became apparent that because we do so much in the community we need to better tell our story of how much improved the community is because of our good works. Noted in most of the newsletters are the many ways Rotarians raise money and the many good works this funding accomplishes.

In the **Boothbay Harbor "Star"** this dilemma is addressed with their weekly recounting of "How we have helped the community to-date this Rotary Year" followed by a list of charities served.

Brunswick's "Merrymeeting Messenger" program speaker noted that Bowdoin college has 16 full time and 16 part-time coaches in its athletics department where the emphasis is on using athletics to teach vs entertain.

Casco Bay sent us an invitation to their "first

annual" (oxymoron?) charity Rotary Social.

The **Dover "Bing"** included the hand written thank you notes from the Christmas Seniors Project. Included later was a review of their club investment policies and how they maximize available funds for their charitable work.

Durham-Great Bay's "The Dinghy" came through with two wonderful quote's in the same issue: the treasurer reminding to "pay dues early and often" and the stock broker annual review summing up with "Now is a good time to invest if one is careful and looks for bargains" (when have they not said that?). I did notice their good taste when they had their 12th Anniversary Celebration at the local winery.

Hampton's "Coast Lines" is full of mind filling goodies from the quote of the day: "Courage is not the absence of fear but the ability to proceed despite it" to a very comprehensive and entertaining review of the speaker's topic: his 125 year old cooperage (wooden barrel manufacturer). Remember, One bad apple may spoil the barrel; however, the barrel is never at fault. The world's largest barrel is outside the Redhook Brewery and dodged by NHANG planes coming into Pease. The

Spaulding and Frost plant and museum in Fremont sounds like a fun visit.

The monthly publication of **Kennebunk Portside, "the Portside Porthole"**, covers a lot of territory in piece of paper. During the month of January they had some great talks about medical advances for the less urban population, courtesy of Maine Medical, and then showed what happens to delinquent fine payers with a talk about Adult Community Corrections. They also mirrored other clubs with a comprehensive Club assembly.

Newburyport's "The Bulletin" editor is one of the most relaxed on record and a tribute to the profession. Example: "Frank Bell led us in song #32, 'Carolina in the Morning'. Since there were no song books on the tables, everyone made up the words". However this was their 2nd song of the day!

Portsmouth's "Log" features pictures, courtesy of their digital camera equipped editor, which revealed the first of the Presidential Candidates Lamar Alexander — a professional speaker by any standard. They also noted preparation for their annual TV auction and annual Lifetime Achievement Award nominations request. A member who now resides in Florida forwarded a request for support for nominating Paul Harris as one of the top

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100 people of the century.

Portland's "The Wind-jammer" reminded members of the fund raising Portland Dine Around Card, sold by a local charity, and included info on its web site <http://www.ime.net/portlandrotary>. The club also showed their skill running Portland's Winterfest, a comprehensive community event. Their listing of the "Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions" guidelines should be must reading for all.

The articulate editor of **Exeter's "the Powder-house"** captivated me right off with his opening sentence in a December issue: "Writing letters from Santa turns out to be a difficult activity for the overly educated and intellectually preoccupied mind". The task itself seems daunting but a great Rotarian opportunity to help a charity while using their intellectual capacity. He, like a few other clubs, summarizes his Board minutes for all to appreciate. Also, his pictorial prowess showed DG Bill in action honoring a Polio Plus Pioneer Awardee and the luminary display in the downtown.

The **Oxford Hills "Rotary Reader"** announced a \$ for Scholars Chinese Auction to get rid of unwanted Christmas presents and raise a few bucks. Their annual dinner was catered by Trolley house with a Mystery Theater as entertainment – all for \$15! Listed in an issue is a summary of the organizations receiving cash and non-monetary donations in the past year. And if we all couldn't use the reminder they list the Criteria for Awarding Rotarian of the Year.

It was good to see the quality of The **Rochester "Rotary Reporter"** hasn't diminished since I was editor in the 70's. Their fundraisers include Candle Pins for Cash and Shots for Tots. Their creative effort at improving attendance is to put the names of all 100%ers in a hat at the end of the month for a weekend away drawing.

So. **Portland/Cape Elizabeth "Two Lights"** shared their successful support of Fort Williams over the years including a picnic shelter, flagpole, and restoration of the FW Pond. Their annual Rotary Bowling Classic raises \$\$ for Literacy Volunteers – a special

concern as we're reminded by Dr. Seuss to read with our children more often.

Yarmouth's "Royal River Rotarian" noted in it's 1/11/99 "Rotary Minute" that it was 1978 when the RC of Duarte CA challenged RI by inviting 3 women to become members. The rest is history. The program the day this was reported was "Maine Women's Fund" promoting the well-being of women and girls in Maine. Rather fitting.

"Twin Town Reporters" of Sanford-Springvale joined other editors in reporting on the District travels of RYLA leader Shannon Aldrich. Their calendar sales have netted \$200,000 for the Scholarship Fund.

The color printer of the **Scarborough "News-letter"** is eye-catching as is their comment from "Rotary World": for Rotary to take advantage of its opportunities for growth, Rotarians must first "listen, listen, listen" to the community.

The **"Weekly Bulletin" of the Damariscotta-Newcastle Club** caught my eye with its "Coffee Grounds and Other Drippings" – a potpourri of information

1999 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD TO SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH

The Colony Hotel - **KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE**

REGISTRATION PACKAGES WILL BE SENT TO EACH ROTARIAN

CALL LINDA PANDOLFI AT 603-772-7474 FOR INFO

DISTRICT 7780 CLUB ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

Attendance %	Club	Members 6/30/98	Current Members	+/-	
A	B	C	D	E	
1	100	Casco Bay Sunrise	28	28	
2	98	Wells	52	41	-11
3	88.69	Bath	63	59	-4
4	88	Freeport	32	32	
5	87	Kennebunk Portside	40	41	1
6	84	Windham	35	37	2
7	83.33	Bath Sunrise	24	24	
8	83	Boothbay Harbor	47	53	6
9	82.16	Durham - Great Bay	50	49	-1
10	82.08	Fryeburg Area	24	27	3
11	82	Oxford Hills	60	62	2
12	81.35	Saco Bay	67	68	1
13	80.6	Biddeford/Saco	83	71	-12
14	80.2	Newburyport	72	74	2
15	79.98	South Berwick	42	48	6
16	79.3	Kennebunk	92	94	2
17	77.85	Rochester	75	76	1
18	76.7	Exeter	48	48	
19	75.96	Sanford/Springvale	59	60	1
20	75	Damariscotta-Newcastle	41	43	2
21	75	Kittery	23	26	3
22	75	South Portland/Cape Elizabeth	53	49	-4
23	74.3	Bethel	35	33	-2
24	74	Scarborough	25	26	1
25	71.6	Brunswick	145	132	-13
26	71.08	Portsmouth	259	262	3
27	71	Ogunquit	42	43	1
28	70.64	Rumford	42	44	2
29	68	Bridgton/Lake Region	25	26	1
30	68	Portsmouth Sunrise	25	31	6
31	66.74	Portland	211	207	-4
32	66	Brunswick Coastal	15	15	
33	64.1	Westbrook-Gorham	41	44	3
34	62	Hampton	61	59	-2
35	61.41	Dover	90	81	-9
36	60	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	31	20	-11
37	54	Yarmouth	38	40	2
38	NR	York	65	62	-3
39	NR	Somersworth	17	18	1
40		TOTALS	2277	2253	-24
41	Attendance figures are due in to the District Secretary by the 10th of each month.				

• CPR SATURDAY IN CHARLIE SNOW'S MEMORY •

THANK YOU to the following Rotary Clubs for participating in CPR Saturday, held on March 6: YORK, KITTERY, BIDDEFORD-SACO, KENNEBUNK, KENNEBUNK PORTSIDE AND SACO BAY.

A total of 94 CPR cards were issued, which is an outstanding response. Rotary Clubs provided volunteers, refreshments, t-shirts and promotion. Cable 13 and Fox 54 covered the event in Saco and the York County Coast Star covered the event in Kennebunk.

Southern Maine Medical Center and Southern Maine Health Center coordinated CPR instructors and training supplies as well as

developing promotional materials. A special thanks to Peggy Belanger for her efforts.

The CPR SATURDAY was held in Charlie Snow's memory. Charlie was a Past President of the Saco Bay Rotary Club who died suddenly and unexpectedly from heart disease this past year. We wanted to honor Charlie's memory by helping to save lives through CPR and Early Heart Attack Care training.

We would like to reduce deaths due to heart disease by planning an annual District 7780 Heart Awareness outreach. If you or someone you love has been touched by heart disease or if you have any other interest in helping to plan this event, please contact:

Sue Czarnionka, Past President, Kittery Rotary Club at 207-363-0831.

Thanks to all who helped with this year's outreach!!

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Club. We look forward to their reports, and ways in which we might be of further help in these countries.

PP Mary Larnard and her committee are busy putting together our first District Interact Conference which is scheduled for Saturday March 27, 1999. I hope your club is going to be represented.

Please check the listings of coming events and make sure your club is represented in these opportunities of service to others, and to enjoy fellowship with other Rotarians.

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

Your friend in Rotary,

Bill

HOW DO WE STACK UP?

Many Times we meet our goal or come close to meeting our goal, but do we really know how we stack up with other Districts in our vicinity.

In order to compare our District to others, let's use the 15 Districts in Zone 31 encompassing New England and part of New York. In 1997-1998, our per capita giving was \$47.96 per member, which was rated 2nd in the Zone. Our past, current and incoming Rotary Leaders attend a Rotary Institute each year, which includes Leaders from Zone 31 and 32 encompassing the northeastern United States. Of the 32 Zones represented at the Institute, District 7780 ranked 10th in annual fund Contributions in 1997-1998

NEW ROTARIANS

Boothbay Harbor - Judith L. Collins
Mike Powers

Brunswick - Connie Chapman

Damarascotta-Newcastle - Alan C. Davis
Wilbur P. Fiske

Ogunquit

William Connelly

Portsmouth

Gene F. Doherty
Donald V. Rossella

Rochester

Edward S. Davies
J. Dean Talley

Sanford-Springvale

Carelton E. Gunn

Saco Bay - Diane Leblanc

David R. Wilson

Scarborough - Bernard Kelly

Claudette M. Townsend

South Portland-Cape Elizabeth

Kevin Kismore

Marc M. Muttu

• UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS •

March 19th and 20th

1999 Northeast Multi-District
President Elect Training Seminar

Saturday, March 27th

District Interact Seminar

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

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