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HELLO TO ALL!!

It is almost impossible for me to believe that OUR YEAR, is one fourth over!!! There seems to be so much to do, and so little time.

As I write this we have only three more clubs to visit. It is very exciting to see you **FOLLOWING YOUR ROTARY DREAMS**, taking care of our inbound Youth Exchange, The Russian Fishermen, and our young people in the Friends Forever program. We are truly making a difference. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Many clubs have supported our District wide fund raising effort to provide free reconstructive surgery for indigent children born with cleft lip, cleft palate and other facial deformities, called Rotoplast. PDG Jim Labrie is heading up this effort. If you would like him to speak to your club please give him a call at 603-431-2600.

Club Presidents will receive this month, applications for **Children's Opportunities Grants**, and information about them. Several clubs have expressed an interest in these grants, and I hope they will apply. I would like to call your attention to a fine article about them, on page 15 of the October **Rotarian**.

October is Vocational Service month. President Jim speaks about this in his President's message on page 37 of the October **Rotarian**. One of the many things he mentions is mentoring of young people by Rotarians. I know many of our clubs are doing this very thing. What better way of helping our youth, **ROTARIANS, SHOWING THE WAY, USING THE FOUR WAY TEST AS OUR GUIDE.**

As we **FOLLOW OUR ROTARY DREAMS**, please consider submitting Your Rotary Dream directly to the Dream For The Future Committee, Office of the President, Rotary International, 1560 Sherman Ave. Evanston,

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THE DGN NEWS CORNER

It Takes Courage to Follow Rotary Dreams

This past month I spent quite a bit of time around the District and observed many aspects of service that is provided by clubs and individuals. As I have thought about what I have seen and heard, what has been most striking are the examples of courage that have been displayed.

About ten students have come from around the world to our District to spend time in strange schools and with folks who until recently were strangers. These high school age students left their families, their friends and most of their possessions for the unknown as they follow a Rotary dream. Clubs are hosting these students and have assumed much responsibility. A district committee made up of individual Rotarians has stepped forward to solve any problem that may arise. All of this takes courage.

John Whiteside, a new Rotarian with the Exeter Club, e-mailed me a while ago offering to develop a District web page. My plans were quite sketchy, but John met with me and said that he doesn't wish to wait until the new Rotary year next July to unveil the web page. He wishes to work with Bill Skinner and have the page ready by January. Three cheers for John. He certainly is following a Rotary dream with courage.

This month I plan to appoint six Rotarians to serve in the new position of Assistant Governor. My plan was to send out information on the new District Leadership Plan before actually asking anyone. At one club during a make-up I ran into **Mary Larned** of the Newburyport Club who I was planning to ask in October. Nonetheless, I asked early and she agreed to serve prior to even seeing the

position description. She is courageous in her dedication in helping all of us to follow our Rotary dreams.

There are countless examples of courage in our District. Peter Johnson of Yarmouth is coordinating a tour for the Russian Fishermen. Many clubs are hosting Irish school children. One club ordered 2000 Christmas trees trusting that they will be sold. Another tried theater night for the first time. As we follow our Rotary dreams, I will continue to be amazed by the courage that I see.

Nike

DISTRICT GOVERNORS MESSAGE CONTINUED

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Illinois 60201. You might want to have a brainstorming session at one of your meetings to discuss this.

Many thanks for all that you are doing, for your community, for the District, and for OUR WORLD.

Your friend in Rotary.

Bill

WELLS ROTARY CLUB

has moved as of September 28th
We are now having our meetings at

THE BULL & CLAW

just a bit further north on Route 1.

SAME TIME - MONDAY AT 7:30 AM

Please announce at your next 3 or 4 meetings.

DISTRICT 7780 CLUB ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

Attendance %	Club	Members 6/30/98	Current Members	+/-	
A	B	C	D	E	
1	89	Windham	35	35	
2	86.8	Exeter	48	48	
3	85.21	Saco Bay	67	71	4
4	85	Kennebunk Portside	40	38	-2
5	83.04	South Berwick	42	44	2
6	82.5	Fryeburg Area	24	24	
7	82	Oxford Hills	60	63	3
8	81.5	Bethel	35	30	-5
9	80	Newburyport	72	72	
10	79.9	Kennebunk	92	97	5
11	79	Damariscotta-Newcastle	41	43	2
12	78 tie	Kittery	23	23	
13	78 tie	Ogunquit	42	42	
14	76.5 tie	South Portland/Cape Elizabeth	53	53	
15	76.5 tie	Yarmouth	38	37	-1
16	76.04	Bath Sunrise	24	22	-2
17	73.92	Portland	211	207	-4
18	73.53	Dover	90	86	-4
19	73.1	Brunswick	145	137	-8
20	73	Boothbay Harbor	47	46	-1
21	72.76	Rochester	79	77	-2
22	71.96	Durham - Great Bay	50	49	-1
23	71.82	Portsmouth	259	258	-1
24	71	Scarborough	25	23	-2
25	70 tie	Wells	52	49	-3
26	70 tie	Hampton	61	59	-2
27	69.39	Sanford/Springvale	59	57	-2
28	68.33	Rumford	42	43	1
29	67.8	Bath	63	58	-5
30	63.3	Westbrook-Gorham	41	43	2
31	62	Brunswick Coastal	15	15	
32	55.56	Casco Bay Sunrise	28	29	1
33	nr	Biddeford/Saco	83		
34	nr	Bridgton/Lake Region	25		
35	nr	Freeport	32		
36	nr	Portsmouth Sunrise	25		
37	nr	Seabrook-Hampton Falls	31		
38	nr	Somersworth	17		
39	nr	York	65		
40		TOTALS	2281	1978	-25
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News And Notes Around District 7780

September newsletters reported successful RYLA gatherings and a wonderful interaction between live action Rotarians and life-skills-building youths. DG Bill continues his visitation schedule and membership recruitment, coupled with attendance encouragement, is on many agendas.

And the Russians are here as witnessed by their well documented activities.

We were saddened to learn of the **Derry** Rotary Club's fire which destroyed their annual fund raising auction storehouse but a tip of the hat to the many Rotary Clubs who pitched in to make up the deficit, including the **South Berwick** Rotarians who delivered their donations so that "Derry Rotary Club members (will be) able to follow their Rotary Dream".

Brunswick's Merry-meeting Messenger reported the joint meeting with Bath planned for Oct 26th and the successful Brad Terry and Polish student jazz concert fund raiser.

Two Lions roared their approval with a giant check for the joint fund raising golf tourney with **Damariscotta Newcastle**. Next project is selling fruit. To encourage attendance the editor suggests expanding the listing of makeups periodically to encompass more geography (i.e. the state of Maine). They also include a copy of their financial statement and a

quarterly program schedule to better inform the members.

A history of **Dover's** Service for Youth was an insert in the *Bing*. It cited a student loan program in the 20's to facilitate attendance at UNH and a "search for talent" scholarship program starting in '48. Their support of youth programs now encompasses many areas of Rotary service including RYLA, Scouts, in-school services, and other recreational activities. Another feature insert allowed PP Grant Davis, a 50 year Rotarian, to share his remembrances of the Dover club history and a district conference at Wentworth By The Sea and, later in '59, at the Mt Washington Hotel for \$18 a day.

Russian Fishing Exchange visitors were highlighted in a series of bios in the **Durham-Great Bay Dinghy** and they have raised the Happy Buck to an advanced art form. No wonder DG Bill likes to get out of town.

The Fryeburg Fair is the major fundraiser for **Fryeburg** as they populate the Potato Booth. They're also mounting a New Member Challenge with information on classifications and a letter of introduction to prospective members. Makeups are also getting attention and publicity.

The best club plan of any of the district's 39 clubs presented to

DG Bill was that of **Kennebunk** as reported in the *Bunk*. It was fun to read about the members who gave classification talks.

Planning for auction fundraising was reported in the **Kittery Gateway** and the guest speaker's remarks on Eliot's Adult Education program were quite educational.

The *Powderhouse* of **Exeter** emphasized attendance in a variety of ways including a report from the club secretary on statistics and awards for 100% and notoriety for below 60% attendance. An editorial followed likening attendance with integrity and the Four Way Test. One of their projects is restoration of gravestones in a local historic cemetery and the report with pictures and names was great. They also planned a foliage cruise, club retreat and will be selling tickets to the Leddy Center's Magical Christmas show 12/6.

Portsmouth's Log addressed the issue of membership by noting the need to grow to keep from dying. Attendance was also reviewed but, of course, it's always an incentive to attend the annual lobster-lunch bake over looking the Piscataqua River. Their new member-sponsor's social sounds like fun and a good way to break the ice. It looks like they're finally joining the other District clubs in the Happy

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Buck department and have an internet artist's registry for local artists.

The *Windjammer* from **Portland** lists all of their jobs each week, including salad table monitor. They have a series of Winterfest meetings coming up in Nov; find out more on their web page - www.ime.net/portlandrotary Their hearing aid donation "Listen Up" project will benefit 86 people in India. By the way, what is a Social Auction?

"Rovarians"? That's the **Rochester** Reporter's designation of those who make up. One of the ongoing neighborly actions accomplished by the club was assisting the Rochester Housing Authority provide an elderly tenant with furnishings.

Golf tournaments are popular with most District clubs and **Saco Bay** is no exception with a Tri-City event. Their "First Annual" Yard Sale will be held at Saco's Village Inn on Oct. 17th and they invite all to contribute to it with items or purchases. The *BayWatch* editor throws in a few tricks to grab reader's attention including inserting obscure words and awaiting the questions. She also is getting good material from ROTI (Rotarians on the Internet). The Black Hat Club consists of members who have sponsored at least two new members. The list of 10 tips from the District

7780 Membership Seminar on how to attract new members is very useful.

Sanford-Springvale's *Twin Town Reporters* tells of the joint meeting with **South Berwick** and the club's participation in the Community Expo. They also have community awards. In encouraging makeups they need to be advised of the new two-week rule! Their review of the requirements of club membership was very helpful including participation in the major fundraisers - Calendar sales, Acton Fair and Golf Tourney.

South Portland/ Cape Elizabeth monthly staff a soup kitchen, are forming a speaker's bureau and they reported on their sponsored GSE team members.

Yarmouth runs a Haunted House during Oct. The review of activities in the *Royal River Rotarian* was enlightening ("Board meeting today. Issues? Questions? Requests? All are welcome. Board meetings are fast and efficient. Well, they're fast. See an attempted dictatorship in action!")

Thoughts of the Month (**Kennebunk**) "Virtually every important action in life involves educated guesswork. Too few chances reliably translate into too few victories." - Thomas W. Hazlett (**Kittery**) "Life invariably has

its values if we will but find them. They are not in bank accounts nor in other possessions." - Paul Harris

Quote of the Month (Portland) "Life is like tennis. He who doesn't serve well usually loses in the end."

Rotary Info of the Month (extrapolated)

(**Saco Bay**) "Rotaract" is a Rotary sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30, which undertakes projects to assist their local communities and to advance international understanding. "Interact" is a Rotary sponsored service club for young people ages 14-18, carrying out at least two service projects annually with the members planning, financing, organizing, and executing these projects. "Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)" is a Rotary sponsored leadership training program for young people 14-30. Participants attend an all expense paid, three to ten day workshop focusing on leadership and professional development topics of interest to their specific age group. "Rotary Youth Exchange" students ages 15-19 go abroad for an academic year or an extended period of time utilizing host families with the visit coordinated by Rotarians.

- compiled, this month, by John R. Wheeler, courtesy of Mary Jane Peabody.

Thanks for continuing to send your club's bulletins to Mary Jane Peabody, 6 Sherman St., Dover, NH 03820

VOCATIONAL SERVICE AND ROTARY

by Artemas P. Richardson

The strength and effectiveness of a Rotary club are in large measure derived from the diversity of its members, each of whom has a unique vocational background. Because of that vocational diversity, the club represents - in microcosm of the community it serves, and because of that vocational diversity, the club is singularly equipped to bring a special expertise to the solution of any project or problem facing its community. Each Rotarian, furthermore, has an opportunity and a responsibility to dignify his or her business or profession by making sure the other members of the club understand the scope of its activities, and each has an equal responsibility to his or her business or profession to make sure it follows Rotary's ethical standards. Knowing other members of our vocation throughout our district, region or country, we can assess who might make a significant contribution through Rotary, and if we know of such a person in a community whose Rotary club doesn't include our vocation among its classifications, we are amiss if we don't let that club know of such a candidate. We are denying Rotary an important member, and we are denying our vocation a voice through Rotary. As individual Rotarians, we can offer unique vocational counseling to the young people in our communities - in schools, in scout troops and in vocational fairs. Are you making your unique classification serve Rotary,

your club, your community, your business profession?

Has your club held a competitors' day program, where each member strives to bring a guest from a competing office, shop or store to a meeting? Has your club sponsored a vocational tour in its community, opening offices and shops to citizens of the community, just as many towns open historic homes or gardens to the public to enlarge the public perception of the community's assets? Has your club made an in-depth survey of its members' vocations and avocations? Does it know who can bring to a meeting a product they produce or a film showing the product's manufacturer? Does it know the language capabilities of the members and how this may relate to their vocations or hobbies? - Is it aware of their travel experiences throughout the world? Does it know who has brought home pictures or artifacts to share with the members or the community? Has it made the 4-Way-Test meaningful to the community? Does your club recognize outstanding contributions of citizens through their vocational services?

For Vocational Service Month, there is no limit to the multitude of ways the clubs and individuals can enlarge the use and understanding of the vocational talents we embrace. Rotary, and we Rotarians, are very rich because of our vocational assets.

ROTARY FOUNDATION SEMINAR

9:00 AM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1998

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND, BIDDEFORD, MAINE

Who should attend? - President, Pres-Elect, VP, Foundation Chair, International Committee Chair, and mostly importantly any Rotarian seeking a better understanding of The Foundation, its Programs, and its Finances.

Cost - \$10. **Closing Time** - Noon. **Registration Deadline** - Monday, October 19th

CALL PETER JOHNSON AT 1-800-451-0369 OR FAX TO 207-774-9684

Name and Club Position, Please!

• WARNING! •

General Secretary of Rotary International, S. Aaron Hyatt has asked that I include in my newsletter a warning to all the clubs in the District to be careful of any solicitation you receive that requires money to be advanced or bank account numbers to be provided.

While Rotarians are a trustworthy group, not all people claiming to be Rotarians are actually Rotarians. Caution must be used on all requests. This also applies to people presenting themselves at Rotary clubs and claiming to be a relative or a Rotarian and ask for financial assistance due to an emergency. We are also reminded that no club can make a financial solicitation of other clubs without the approval of the RI Board, which is rarely given. As with all unsolicited requests, clubs are free to ignore them.

FOUNDATION FACTS

Paul Harris Fellows:

637,859

Foundation Benefactors:

37,694

Major Donors:

2,004

Data as of May 31, 1998

**ARE YOU ONE
OF THESE?????**

WAYS OF GIVING TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

What are some of the ways you and your Rotary Club can support the efforts of Our Rotary Foundation?

Some clubs designate the profits derived from certain fundraisers specifically for The Rotary Foundation.

Other clubs designate a portion or percentage of their internal budget for contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

Some clubs designate their fines, Happy Dollars, or assessments as Foundation donations.

Some clubs place containers on the tables for voluntary contributions to Our Rotary Foundation from members and guests.

And then there is always the opportunity for each of us to write a check for any amount and contribute to Our Rotary Foundation. An opportunity to contribute to a worthy cause knowing that the total of our contribution will be used for the purpose intended and not be diminished by administrative expense.

District Directory Corrections

Page 18 - Sarah Luck, Chair GSE
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Portland - George Crockett

Thomas Hennessey

Helen McGuinness

Portsmouth - Michael Harris

Lori Lander

Julie Vogt

Rochester - Chris Turner

Yarmouth - Deborah Nelson

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS

Saturday, October 24, 1998

District Foundation Seminar

Wednesday, November 11, 1998

WCS team leaves for Romania

Tuesday January 12, 1999

Joint meeting of Presidents and
Presidents-Elect

Saturday, February 27, 1999

World Peace and Understanding
Dinner

Saturday, March 6, 1999

CPR Outreach

Saturday, March 27, 1999

District Interact Seminar

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