

Instead of the usual monthly newsletter which features erudite articles of serious import, inspirational columns, fascinating attendance charts, detailed reports of major Rotary achievements, and earnest exhortations to attend Rotary functions, we offer you this Spring edition. In it, you will find photographs from most of our clubs. These pictures demonstrate more clearly than words what Rotarians do best: share fellowship, have fun, and achieve wonders while doing so. This, as DG Peter would say, is "Great Stuff!"

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Peter C. Johnson,
District Governor

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To all the clubs that provided photographs for this special edition, thank you!



Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club



Upper left: Santa smiles with his helpers (Biddeford Interact students) at the Christmas Party held for local school children.

Upper right: The Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club hosts the Rotarians of Biddeford, England in October, 2001. The crowd takes time out from their three days of festivities to take a photo on top of City Hall.

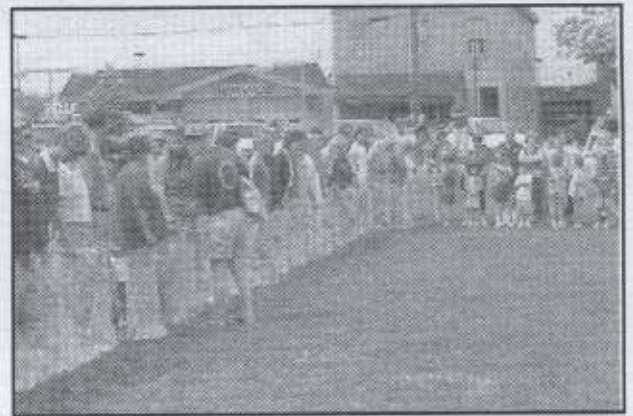
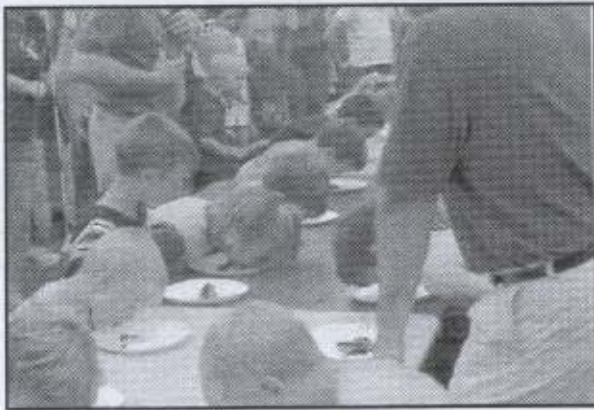
Left: Vanilza dos Santos de Silva (third from left) from Brazil thanks Biddeford-Saco Rotarians for getting her help at the Shriners Hospital in Massachusetts. Vanilza lost her arms in an electrical accident and was brought to the USA to be fitted with prosthetic arms.



Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club

Above: The Annual Auction, held on the first Saturday in August. Robert Foster, a professional auctioneer, donates his time. Their largest fund-raiser, this event brings in over \$20,000.

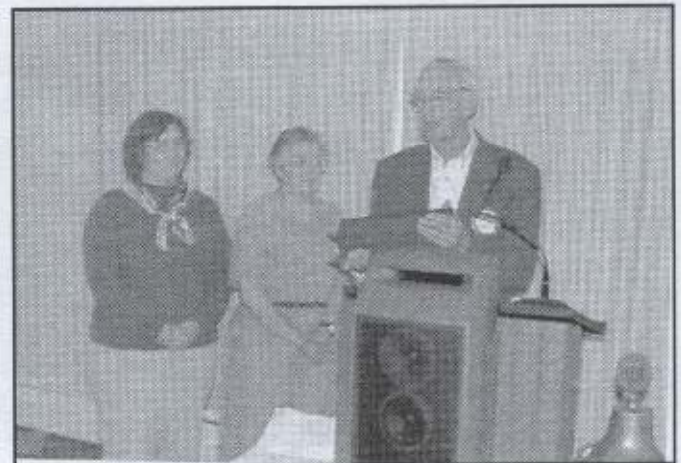
Right: The Annual Bowl Supper, held in partnership with The Watershed Center for the Arts. The artists make ceramic bowls, and people coming to the supper buy a bowl and fill it with soups and stews donated by area restaurants and Rotarians. Salads, breads, and desserts are also donated. Patrons take their bowls home with them.



The Rotary Club of Brunswick

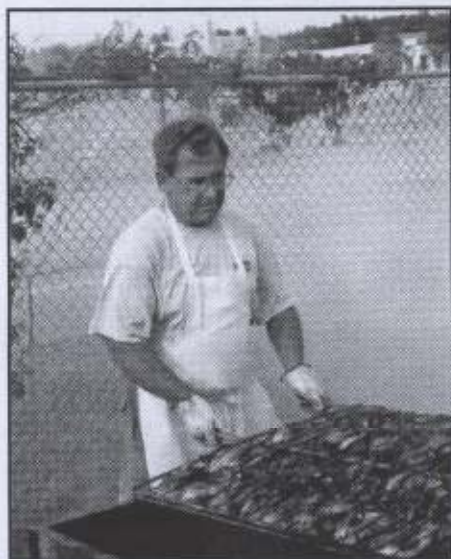
The Brunswick Club held "Rotary Games For Kids" on July 4, 2001, at the Brunswick Mall. Above: pie-eating (no hands). Above right: sack races for the not-so-young.

In honor of its 75th anniversary, the Brunswick Club created "Brunswick Pride," a plan by which the club and the town share the cost of creating plaques for historical sites. At right: Rotarian John Bibber presenting one.





Durham-Great Bay Rotary Club



Above left: Members of the Durham-Great Bay Club gave away 1200 pounds of turkey last Thanksgiving.

Above right: The club held an 18-hour relay race to raise funds for cancer research.

Left: The Fourth of July barbecue

Below left: Allison Field, President of the Exeter Club, presents a donation for adult education.

Below right: Friends Forever visiting Exeter in October, 2001.

Exeter Rotary Club





The Rotary Club of Freeport



Above: The Freeport Rotary Club put on an Appreciation Dinner for the Freeport Fire & Rescue and Police. All Freeport Rotarians brought a special dish to serve. At the top: Rotarians hard at work in the kitchens.
Middle: A scene from the dinner.

Below left: Workers prepare to handle the telephone banks at last year's Hampton Rotary Auction. James Barrington sports his top hat in the background. He served as master of ceremonies at the live televised event. (Bids were even made for his hat!) Below right: President John Dowd presents a donation to the Hampton Gazebo Committee. Recipient Rich Correll is a Rotarian and the architect for the Town Gazebo.

The Hampton Rotary Club





The Newburyport Rotary Club

Above left: President-elect Jimmy Andriotakis hosts the Newburyport Club's annual chicken barbecue during the town's Yankee Homecoming Week. The Barbecue involves the entire club — they cook and serve hundreds of dinners. Above right: Thousands of children and adults line the streets of Newburyport for Rotary's Annual Santa Claus Parade. Santa arrives by Coast Guard cutter and then rides through town in a carriage pulled by the Rotary Club Sleigh Team.

Ogunquit Rotary Club

Left: Each year the Ogunquit Club participates in the Town Recreation Department's Spring Fling, a local talent show to raise money for summer camp scholarships. The "Ogunquit Rotary Players" are shown on stage in their own rendering of "Guys and Dolls." Below left: Ogunquit's annual "2-Cent Sale" is always a popular event and the club's biggest fund-raising event.

Below right: Members lend a hand at the American Lung Association Seacoast Bike Tour.





The Rotary Club of Bath



Above left and right: The Bath Rotary Club's major fund-raiser for the year. The Golf Tournament is in its eleventh year. The Club expects to net \$11,000, most of which will be dedicated to the Bath Area Food Bank/

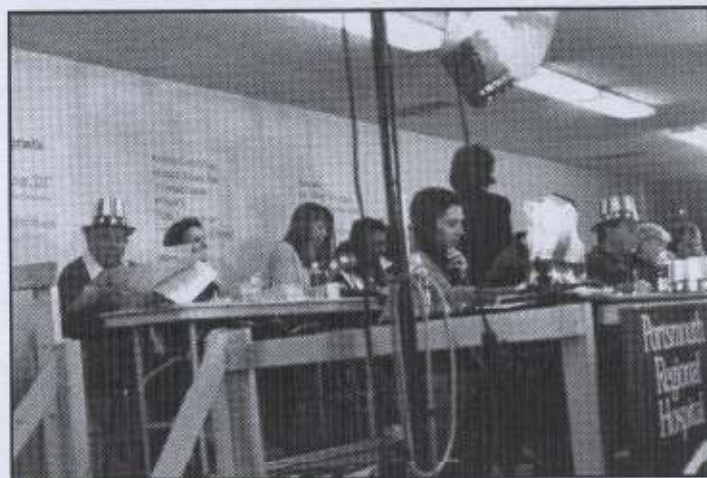
Left: Terry Hodskins from the York Rotary Club, originator of the "Wrap a Smile" quilt project for Rotaplast, visited the Fryeburg Area Rotary Club and picked up 50 quilts handmade by Fryeburg and Conway area quilters. Terry is pictured at the left with Peter Malia, President of the Fryeburg Area Club, and area Rotarians and quilters.

Below: The Senior Christmas Party, hosted by the Rotary Club of Kittery in December, 2001. At the left is one of the senior entertainers at the party.

The Fryeburg Area Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Kittery





The Portsmouth Rotary Club

Above left: Presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow Award during our annual Disability Awareness Meeting.

Above right: Portsmouth Rotarians manning the phone bank during our Annual Rotary Winter TV Auction. This year we raised over \$52,000.00!

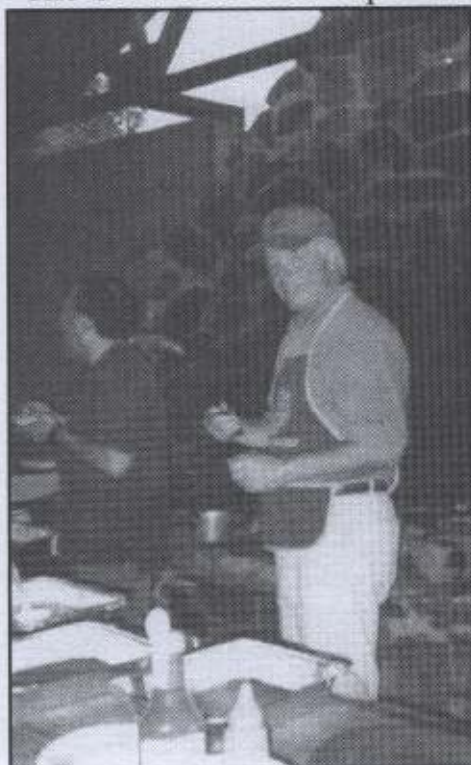
Right: Portsmouth Rotarians forming an assembly line to produce over 1000 dinners at our annual Rotary Chicken Barbecue held in conjunction with our annual Thunder Chicken Road Race.



The South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club

Far right: Charter member Bill Stanton from the South Portland Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club was a 40-year Rotarian. He was active right up until the month before his death last fall. He truly embodied the "Spirit of Rotary."

Right: President-Elect Rick Dobson cooking at our annual Lobster/Clambake.





The Rotary Club of Kennebunk

Above left: Kennebunk Rotarians help stabilize the home of a mentally-challenged senior citizen, along with town employees led by Rotarian Town Manager, Barry Tibbetts.

Above right: Santa distributes gifts to disadvantaged kids at Children's Christmas Party (funded by fines and happy dollars ... \$3000 raised yearly).

Right: Santa at the annual Senior Citizens' luncheon.



Windham Rotary Club



The Windham Rotary Auction had plenty of food and drink and a large variety of items to sell. The auctioneer (above) sold everything that was not nailed down. In all, a great fund-raiser for the club.

Saco Bay Rotary Club



Members of the Saco Bay Rotary Club plant trees to be used as a border for the "Children in Crisis" Center in Biddeford. The trees were donated, dug up, moved, and replanted by Saco Bay Rotarians.



The Portland Club

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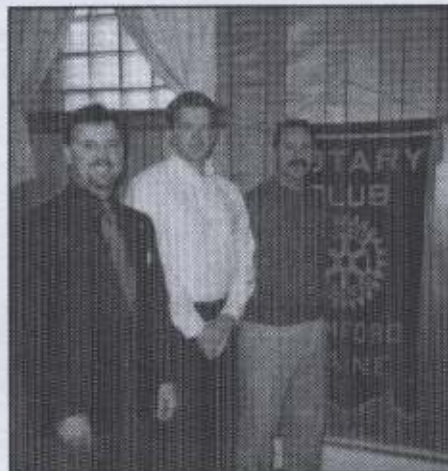
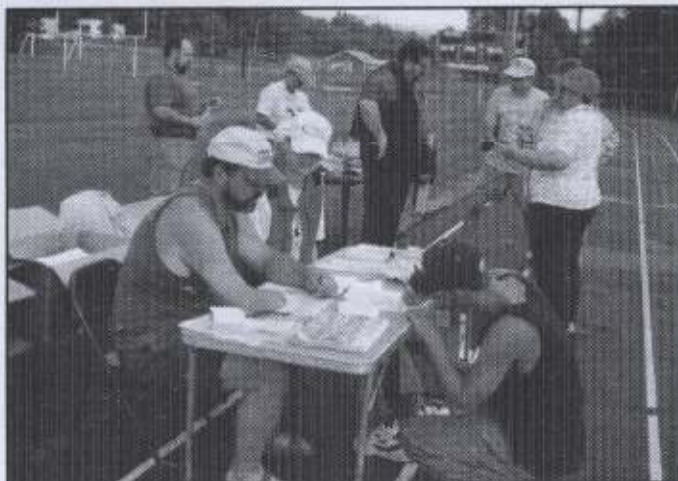


These pictures from Trelew, Argentina, show the joy the Portland Club, with assistance from the Freeport Club and the club in Trelew, brings to hearing impaired children and adults. Donated hearing aids are reconditioned, delivered, and fitted by a team of audiologists, enabling these children to hear sound for the very first time.



Below left: The registration table for the Rumford Rotary Race. Below right: "Focus on New Members" left to right: Eddie Paterson, President Elect, Casey Crampton, President, and new member Steve Zadakis.

The Rumford Rotary Club





The Rotary Club of Scarborough

Top Row: The Senior Citizen/Teen Lobster Clambake. This is an annual clambake held in August to celebrate the senior citizens and the youth of the community. The pictures, from left to right, show the seniors enjoying their lobsters, the teens (RYLA) serving the seniors, and two Rotarians (Harry Page and Richard Murphy) preparing the lobsters.

Second Row: The "Scary Hayride" This is an annual community activity supported by the Rotary Club. The pictures, from left to right, show a circulating clown; Rotarian Mary Jane Thibodeau with her husband Paul and daughter Clarissa; Rotarian Al Cowie helping to load wagons; Rotarian Bernie Kelly's wife, Sandra, Rotarian John Murphy, and Rotarian Jack Cowie, Jr., dispensing free popcorn; and Rotarian Marty Joyce III with one of the "scary folk."

Third Row: Scarborough's "SummerFest 2001" and Annual Tree Sale. At SummerFest, Rotary has a tent where strawberry shortcake, soda, and ice cream are sold. The club also has a tent for the club's raffle, which had \$10,000 in prizes (Grand Prize: a 14-foot aluminum fishing boat with an 8 horse power mercury outboard motor and trailer). The pictures, from left to right, show Al and Jack Cowie selling raffle tickets; the Grand Prize; Rotarian Mary Jane Thibodeau being congratulated on winning the Grand Prize Fishing Boat; and three pictures of the Annual Christmas Tree Sale.

Fourth Row: Far left: New members inducted into the club since July 1, 2001. Middle: RYLA 2002 Facilitators. Right: First and Second Quarter Students of the Quarter from Scarborough H.S. and Scarborough Middle School.

The Rotary Club of Somersworth

Top: The Somersworth Club is "Proud of our exceptional speakers, including United State's Senator Bob Smith, senior Senator from New Hampshire."

Below left: "Proud of enabling the Taifa Foundation Songea Academy (*in Tanzania*) to have a water well, with the contributions of both local and Rotary Foundation funds."

Below right: "Proud of our exchange student Thomas Kuchorz of Bücheloh, Germany, Rotary District 1950."

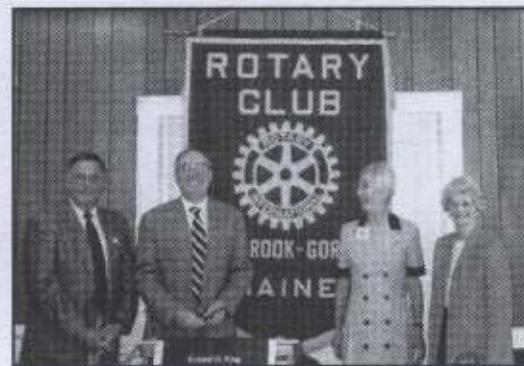


The Rotary Club of Westbrook-Gorham

Bottom left: The Westbrook-Gorham club is now meeting at the Westbrook Vocational Center on Tuesdays at 11:30. Culinary Arts students prepare and serve the lunches as part of their education.

Bottom center: District Governor Peter Johnson welcomes new member Judy Reidman in August, 2001.

Bottom right: from left to right: Henry W. Saunders, Rotarian; Dr. Peter Hoff, President of the University of Maine; Jane Beever, President of Westbrook-Gorham Rotary; Marjorie Saunders. Henry Saunders brought Peter Hoff to speak at the Westbrook-Gorham meeting of September 11, 2001.





The Yarmouth Rotary Club

The Yarmouth Rotary Club participates annually in the Yarmouth Clam Festival.

Above: The 2001 Clam Festival Parade, featuring members of the "Grill Drill" (left), and DG Peter transporting a dead grill (right).

In March, 2001, Yarmouth Rotarian Bill Dunn traveled with Rotaplast to Cumana, Venezuela. He served as a sterilization nurse in the operating rooms. The picture at the right shows Bill with local nurses.



District Governor Peter's Closing Comment

My only disappointment with this publication is that some of our clubs are missing from it — not for lack of activity, but for lack of available photos. One of the truly great joys for me this year has been the opportunity to experience and learn about the incredible number of accomplishments of our Rotary clubs. This year has also been a constant reminder that Rotarians are people who care about others, and, even more importantly, act upon that concern.

And we have a superb opportunity to celebrate these successes and learn even more when we gather at

The District Conference
May 17 & 18
Portland, Maine

REGISTER NOW!!!

(See your club President for the registration form.)