



# CALL OF THE LOON

THE NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 7780

Tim Placey, District Governor, 2002-2003

DECEMBER, 2002

## Governor's Notes



I just want to say thank you for all you do for Rotary and the love of the people in your communities. It certainly has been a great year watching the clubs perform to the degree of excellence needed to get the job done.

With the New Year coming, we need to look toward our ski day at Sunday River. We need to look toward selling ski tickets to those we know and don't know. Remember every \$40 ticket you sell goes to your club's goal. I need your help with this project. For more information, please contact Bob Laux at (207)-829-3456.

As so many of you know, The Maine Children's Cancer Program is very near and dear to my heart. On February 5, 2003, the Casco Bay Sunrise Club is having its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Beer & Wine Tasting & Silent Auction. There is great food, fellowship, and good spirits. The tickets are \$25 a person or \$35 a couple. I invite all of you who might be able to come to join me for a great evening. It is a great time to take a mid-winter break from the hum drums. The best part of it is all the money raised goes directly to the kids in the program. \*

God Bless You All,  
Tim



\* **SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITION**  
\* (i.e. short and sweet!) \*

## First Lady's Corner



Guess I wasn't the good girl that I should have been; here I am at it again this month.

It is 12:30 a.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am sitting in by the tree writing by the light of a Byers Choice street light feeling very melancholy. Bet you are saying she doesn't have much of a life. Maybe you are right. This year as a District Governor's spouse, Rotary is my life. As one District Governor put it, "It has consumed our lives."

We have been witnessing the good of Rotary at its best this Christmas season. You do so much throughout the year, but during December you shine in your community involvement. We visited Senior Citizens' homes, wrapped gifts at an Alzheimer's facility, attended tree lightings, town parades, dinners for seniors, 5<sup>th</sup> grade music festivals, and caroled at nursing homes. It's what makes everyone of you so special. Now see, I really do love you Rotarians.

We finished up our "official visits" with Casco Bay Sunrise, Tim's home club. It obviously was planned that way and meant a lot to Tim as they have done so much for Tim even if they haven't realized it. When he has been adrift, they have been his anchor and have kept him steady.

One thing tho, they really need to sing once in a while. Rich, maybe you could lead a round of "God Bless America." Have a Happy New Year and all of you take care. \*

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## Important Dates and Deadlines

### 20th of Each Month:

Articles, information, pictures, updates for the monthly district Newsletter

### 15th of Each Month:

Attendance Reports Due to the District Secretary

To ensure your club's listing in the 2003-04 Official Directory, return the data form that was mailed to club secretaries in October within two weeks after the election of officers. The annual meeting for the election of club officers is to be held no later than 31 December.

## Change of Venue

As of December 5, the Rotary Club of Saco Bay will be meeting at the Captain's Galley, 168 Saco Avenue, Old Orchard Beach, ME 04064.

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We gratefully accept articles about your clubs and their doings, news about Rotarians working in their communities, special projects, district committees, information that impacts Rotary and Rotarians, stories about issues big and small, letters to the editor, photographs, and just about anything else you can think of. Send it along!

## Nominations Sought for District Officers

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

### District Governor for 2005-2006

### Finance Committee Member, Division A 2003-2006

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 7 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 and otherwise to carry out the duties of District Governor.

Qualifications for Finance Committee Member 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 and Somersworth)
- Must be willing and able to serve as a member of the committee for the specified term.

All nominations must be in the form of a resolution of the club adopted at a regular club meeting as described in the Manual of Procedure. In addition, candidates for District Governor need to provide a picture and biographical sketch of both their personal and Rotary background. All nominations must be forwarded to DG Tim prior to January 15, 2003. Please feel free to call him with any questions relative to the process.

You are cordially invited to join  
Casco Bay Sunrise  
at its  
5th Annual

Wine Tasting and Silent Auction  
Wednesday, February 5, 2003, 5:30 pm  
at DiMillo's Restaurant  
in Portland



Take part in our huge silent auction and our raffle table.  
Taste many beers and wines, partake of DiMillo's seemingly  
endless buffet, and, if you're lucky, find a diamond  
in a champagne flute.

All proceeds go to Maine Children's Cancer Program.

Call Jim Bouchard at 871-6111 or Mike Walker at  
774-1260 for further information.



## Who's Doing What...

### **Don't forget the bottle drive! Has your club scheduled coverage for the redemption location in your area?**



*(From Tom Talbott, chairman of the bottle drive)*

Here's a good one. The best one liner I have heard so far: As I wrapped up my announcements for the week at our club meeting, including a reminder of the upcoming bottle drive, one of our members pointed out that Shaw's Supermarket has a separate entrance for redemption. Jim Fletcher, who is the minister at State Street Church here in Portland, was at the podium about to introduce our guest speaker. Jim quickly observed that in spite all his years in the ministry, he

was completely unaware that there was a separate line for "redemption," but would look into it right away!

Hope everyone had a great holiday! I will send out another email shortly just to go over final details, but it looks like we're all set. And, yes, I will look into that one question about a separate entrance for "redemption," so that the banners are in the most effective place. Thanks everyone, Happy New Year!

Tom Talbott (Rotary Club of Portland)

Here are some projects undertaken by individual clubs and businesses in our communities to raise money for the Polio Eradication Campaign.

The **Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club** will donate all the proceeds of its yearly calendar sale to the PEC. The calendars are \$25 each, and have historical photos of the club's home area.

The **Scarborough Rotary Club**, with the help of one of their members, Joanne Christie, is encouraging their members to become sustaining Paul Harris Fellows. The first ten that so do, and designate the first three years to the PEC, will receive an additional \$100 from Joanne's gift.

The **Oxford Hills Rotary Club** will hold a cross country ski event at Carter's Cross Country Ski Center. The "Groundhogs

Against Polio" day will be Sunday, February 2, 2003. Participants will be given breakfast at the main lodge, then can ski, snowshoe, or hang out at the lodge, and then will go on to warmup huts for lunch and snacks. Tickets will cost \$12.95, and include food and skiing. All the proceeds will go to the PEC. Early registrants will be given pledge sheets for fund-raising. Contact the Oxford Hills Rotary Club.

The committee has designed and produced several signs which can be used by Rotarians in their business windows, or on desks, or as displays. Please check with your area PEC coordinator for availability. There are a number of sizes which should suit every need. In addition, the chair and the designer can work with you to personalize your signs.

Among our events for the district is a Ski Day for Polio at Sunday River (see opposite page). The date will be Friday, January 24th, 2003. Sunday River and the American Ski Company are allowing Rotary to sell *as many* tickets as we possibly can. *All* the funds raised from ticket sales will go towards the Polio Eradication Campaign. Tickets will be \$40.00 for a full day of skiing. A promotional video has been produced, and was presented to the clubs, via their PEC chairs, at the Foundation Seminar on November 16th. Posters and signup sheets were included in that package. **REMEMBER! Every \$40 ticket sold is \$40 toward your club's polio goal. Each ticket sold makes reaching your goal that much easier.**

Please email (or send by snail mail) all information about your PEC events to the Editor. Why not reach as many Rotarians as possible?





# Ski Day To Eradicate Polio



Join us for a fun-filled  
day at Sunday River!

Friday,  
January 24, 2003

Tickets must be purchased through a Rotary club  
member. Price includes full-day ticket and  
participation in Rotary events for the day!

**Ticket price - \$40.00**

(100% of ticket price will benefit  
Rotary International's  
Polio Eradication Campaign.)



Photo: World Health Organization



Photo: World Health Organization

See the Rotary club member  
in this business for tickets!

Sponsored by Sunday River Ski  
Resort and Rotary District 7780.



**Sunday river**  
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## Rotary In Pictures



reception area, a crafts room and a reading room. The above photo of the official groundbreaking doesn't show a physical foundation for the senior citizen center, but it does show a human foundation; that is, how well organized the Senior Needs Committee is and how much support this project is receiving from the local community. (From Bernie Wideman, Wells Rotary Club)

The Wells Rotary Club has applied for one of the district's \$1,000 community grants to help build a new senior citizen center. The club has given the Wells Senior Needs Committee \$12,500 in seed money so that they could apply for various federal loans and grants in order to build the 5,000 square foot center.

With the seed money in the bank, the Senior Needs Committee, which is a non-profit outfit having nothing to do with local government, was able to get a federal block grant for \$250,000 and a federal loan (through the U.S. Department of Agriculture) of \$300,000. In addition, including Rotary's contribution, the committee has raised \$132,000 locally. The owner of the land where the senior citizen center will be built has donated the land (valued at \$150,000) to the committee.

The committee had a formal groundbreaking ceremony Nov. 21 and plans to begin construction in the spring. The fundraising goal for 2003 is \$205,000, which will be used to begin paying off the USDA loan and to operate the senior center for one year after it opens - sometime next fall. The building will have a dining room, function room, computer stations, a commercial kitchen (capable of being used by Rotary), an office and

From the Rotary Club of Manchester, NH. That club, in conjunction with other clubs both in and outside their District, will be sponsoring a 24 HOUR RELAY for raising funds to send to the Polio Eradication Campaign at the Rotary Foundation. At left is Doug Barry, vice president of the Manchester Club and in the center is Michelle Strout, committee chair of the 24 Hour Relay. Elias Thomas III is on the right. They are looking over one of the several posters which were plastered on walls of buildings, etc., throughout all of India, urging everyone to bring all children under the age of five for immunization, January 21, 2001. Elias will be leading the GSE Team to India from January 6 thru February 16, and while there, the team will be participating in another NID. In addition, Ann Hussey Nazemetz, member of the Rotary Club of South Berwick will also be flying over to India to join fellow Rotarians for the NID.



Santa Sunday Check Presentation -  
Bethel Rotary Club

