



# CALL OF THE LOON

THE NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 7780

Tim Placey, District Governor, 2002-2003

FEBRUARY, 2003

## Governor's Notes



I would like to thank the people who inspired and put together the three recent District Events to help clubs toward their polio goals. The Cruise Raffle was put together by Tom

and Jane Noonan with much hard work. It was extra work for everyone, however it helped with every club's polio commitment. The bottle drive didn't bring in a lot of money but the publicity that Rotary received is priceless. Everyone in Maine should know there is a Rotary club in their community. My hat's off to you Tom Talbott. Bob and Cynthia Laux, with the help of the Bethel club, worked feverishly on the Ski for Polio Day with the Sunday River Ski Resort. I am very proud of all three projects because you people made a difference.

I haven't mention membership for some-time. We are presently fourth in membership increase in zone 31. Our commitment to membership is net 5 new members per club. We have clubs like Bridgton who have almost doubled their size. We also have other clubs who have done very well. Casco Bay Sunrise has added ten new members. We also have clubs struggling and if they would like help, please contact their assistant governor or myself. The more people we have in our clubs, the

more we'll get more done for the less fortunate. Remember people are our product and our mission and our belief is World Peace and Understanding.

Please set the evening of February 22, 2003 aside for the World Peace and Understanding Dinner. We are very fortunate to have Mark Maloney, aide to President-Elect Jonathan Majiyagbe, as our guest speaker. Mark and his family are coming to our District so we need to give them a warm District welcome. We will be recognizing the participating banks, WGME 13, Shaw's, Pepsi, and Quest Travel for their efforts to help eradicate Polio. I hope the clubs will turn out in force to say thank you.

Clubs who are working on International Projects should get in contact with Mike Nazemetz at [mnazemetz@yahoo.com](mailto:mnazemetz@yahoo.com). He will make arrangements to have a display table for your project. This year, we have used all the District Designated Funds, so show your projects off with pride.

Remember cocktails at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 with filet mignon, baked stuffed haddock, and a vegetarian meal for your selection. Sign up early with your Club President.

Glad and I are looking forward to seeing everyone there. \*

God Bless You All,  
Tim

## Three Southern Clubs Hosting Russians

A delegation of Russian business leaders is scheduled to visit our region from March 27 - April 14. The project, hosted by the Kennebunk, Kennebunk Portside, and Wells Rotary Clubs, is called the Productivity Enhancement Program (PEP), funded by the US State Department and run by the San Francisco-based Center for Citizen Initiatives.

Bob Card, President of the Kennebunk Rotary Club, explains that the mission of PEP is to provide crucial management training to Russian small business owners and entrepreneurs in order to help them develop a healthy market economy. "The intent is for the delegation to bring their new knowledge and experiences back home, creating a multiplier effect and helping to promote democracy and political stability in that country," he says. The focus of the group will be on the hotel and hospitality industry. Committees from all three Rotary Clubs are busy planning the educational and social events for the visit.

For more information about getting involved in the PEP Project, please call Bob Card at 967-2137.



Please note Governor Tim's new email address:  
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## Mark Daniel Maloney

Aide to the 2003-04 President  
International Director, 1999-2001

*Mr. Maloney will be the keynote speaker at the World Peace and Understanding Dinner on February 22nd.*



Mark Daniel Maloney is a member of the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney and Schuppert, LLC, in Decatur, Alabama,

practicing in the areas of taxation and agricultural law. He was graduated from Harvard College with a degree in history, and he received the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Vanderbilt University

and the Master of Laws degree in taxation from New York University. He is licensed to practice law in Alabama and in Illinois, has served as a member of the Alabama Board of Bar Examiners, and is an elected member of the Alabama Law Institute.

Mark is active in community affairs, serving as chairman and director of many civic organizations. A Rotarian since 1980, Mark is Past President of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, and served as Governor of District 686 in 1989-90. Mark also served as a national advisor to the Permanent Fund Initiative of The Rotary Foundation in 1996-99 and as a member of the Board of Directors of Rotary International in 1999-2001. He is currently Aide to Jonathan Majiyagbe of Nigeria, the President of Rotary International for 2003-04.

In 1986, Mark was the team leader of a Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange to Nigeria. Mark is a recipient of the Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award presented by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation. Mark is a Paul Harris fellow and a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation.

Mark's wife, Gay, is also an attorney at the same firm and also is a Paul Harris Fellow and a Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. Gay is Past President of the Rotary Club of Decatur Daybreak, Alabama, and served as an Assistant Governor of District 6860 in 1998-99. Mark and Gay have two daughters, Phyllis, age 20, a third-year student at Harvard College, and Margaret, age 18, a first-year student at Harvard College, both of whom are Paul Harris fellows. \*

## First Lady's Corner



Hello,

I have just returned home from a day at Sunday River Ski Resort watching the Ski for Polio Day. A beautiful blue sky day, colder than cold, I was bundled up so much that if I had fallen

down it would have taken all day to get up. Not being a skier myself, it was hard to figure why anyone would put themselves thru that agony, but 256 hardcore real men and women braved the cold and wind chill to make a fun and successful day on "the mountain" as Bethelites call it. Twenty-four clubs participated - where were you other 16 clubs - traveling from N.H. and Damariscotta and all points in between. By the end of the day when the last run was made and a check for \$15,600

was presented by Sunday River to District 7780, I could see why all of you were there. A great day for Rotary Fun and Polio.

Another cold fund raising weekend took place this month. The Maine clubs had a bottle drive. Sponsored by Pepsi, Shaw's, and WGME 13, the participating 21 clubs (again where were you other 9 Maine Clubs?) raised between \$4,000 and \$5,000 for Polio. Scarborough Club took first with Portland and South Portland-Cape Elizabeth a close 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Wow was I cold. Shaw's Westgate had to be the coldest, never got a bit of sun and wind whipping across the parking lot. So I can only imagine how you sturdy guys and gals that had to stand outside for hours at a time felt. Hope no one came down with the crud. Ginny St. Cyr was up to her shoulders in bottles and cans, probably still is, donations got ahead of them

on Saturday and when we left her on Sunday they had 40 bags to be counted.

Hey people, don't you have any warm weather fund raisers planned? This Sunday is a road race in Newburyport. Off we go, Liz Cullen promised me the best chicken soup in the world. Feed me and I am happy.

Next Saturday is a soft ball tournament (YUP SOFTBALL) in Dover. According to John Cogan, Tim is going to be the foul pole.

On Sunday, we are off to Oxford to a Ground Hog Day Cross Country Ski Day and more soup. Fun and warm clothes are the order of the day. \*

See you next month,  
Gladys





DGE Trish Hunter and her husband and fellow Rotarian, Ted Hunter



Waiting for the stuffed chicken

Bob Laux and Cynthia Moran-Laux, from the Bethel club, handle registration



### At the mid-year Presidents and Presidents-elect dinner



## Want to Swap Districts Tim?

by Robert H. Patten, PDG

On December 12th Governor Tim Placey completed his official District 7780 club visitations at his home club, Casco Bay Sunrise, a total of 40 clubs with one in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and the rest in Maine and New Hampshire.

A month earlier Governor Amos Derosier of District 7020 made his official visit to the St. Thomas East Rotary Club, U.S. Virgin Islands, one of 58 clubs scattered around 15 different Caribbean islands. For a makeup Stella and I attended the club meeting.

Governor Amos' territory was an amazing contract to Tim Placey's district, which could easily be covered within two hours' driving time from his home in Cumberland, Maine, to Newburyport to Fryeburg to Boothbay Harbor and every club in between. No hassle. Home every night as an option. Travel a piece of cake!

It was a very complicated itinerary for Amos Derosier from his home club of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to the most distant club 800 miles away, and the closest about 300 miles to travel. The island club locations ranged from the Bahamas off the

coast of Florida to St. Martin clubs in the Netherland Antilles off the coast of Venezuela. The approximate size of District 7020 territory is, more or less, one and one half million square miles of ocean, which is at times a breeding ground for violent tropical storms.

What do you think Tim? 58 clubs in ten countries and 15 Caribbean islands scattered over that much ocean? Travel probably involved commercial flights, inter-island ferries, and private yachts! A saving grace were the islands with the most clubs: Jamaica 20, Haiti with 11 clubs, and the U.S. Virgin Islands with 9. The lonely island possessing only one club was the Turks & Caicos Islands. According to the president of the St. Thomas Club, Brenda Armstrong, the various AGs take care of the visiting District Governor. Remarkably, Haiti, the poorest island in the mix, sported the second-most clubs in the district?

Let's see now, Tim, with English the most prevalent language, other spoken tongues were Dutch, French, and Spanish, with some patois thrown in.

If you were Governor of 7020, Tim

Placey, knowing how you like to fish, you'd be sure and bring your gear for some of the greatest fishing on the planet!

And, by the way, as we were leaving the club meeting the members were struggling to find a way to get to the District Conference to be held in Haiti. Regular commercial flights are only via Miami adding, more or less, to the "dogleg" an additional 1000 miles of travel. Inter-island commercial flights may ease the journey. Port au Prince has several hotels for the conference. Because the district is so widespread Armstrong says "the district assembly and PETS are also held the same week, with several social events and a host hospitality night scheduled.

"A back-up location is planned should the situation worsen in Haiti, but so far it still looks OK," concluded President Armstrong.

With the District Conference slated for May there's more to come. Stay tuned Governor Tim! \*

*Bob Patten is District 7780's historian as well as an inveterate traveler and maker-up.*

## Vocational Service

Liz Cullen, the district's Vocational Service Chair, wants to recognize each club's vocational service projects and publicize them. As your club completes a vocational service project, please complete this questionnaire. The goal is for all of us to learn from your experience.

1. What type of project is it? (Please mark all that apply and give a brief description)

- Vocational awareness \_\_\_\_\_
- Literacy problems in the workplace \_\_\_\_\_
- Vocational awards \_\_\_\_\_
- Opportunities for the disabled \_\_\_\_\_
- Career development \_\_\_\_\_
- Mentoring \_\_\_\_\_
- Unemployment assistance \_\_\_\_\_
- Job shadowing \_\_\_\_\_
- Working with retirees \_\_\_\_\_
- Junior Achievement \_\_\_\_\_
- Drug/alcohol abuse prevention \_\_\_\_\_
- Ethical standards? The 4-Way Test \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. What are the needs in your community that your project addresses? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Briefly describe your project, including how and when it began. \_\_\_\_\_

4. What have the results been to date? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Dates project began and was completed \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please include photos. Do we have your permission to use them in a district publication? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send all your information or any questions to:**

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## Bottle Drive For Polio and Mentoring

From Tom Talbott:

Hi everyone. In retrospect, that weekend we did the bottle drive was downright balmy!

Tim Placey has asked for the following, regarding the handling of the money. Please send your check, the full amount of what you collected from the bottle drive to:

David Moravick  
District 7780 Treasurer  
6 Heather Lane  
Biddeford, ME 04005

David will take 50% of what you send him and credit it to your club's Polio Fund, and then send the remaining 50% to the folks at Maine Mentoring. The final numbers are still coming in. Guess some folks drink slower than others. I tab the final take at just around \$9000 total. If you factor in 10% for the 15-cent wine bottles, I would estimate that we redeemed approximately 166,000 cans and bottles. That's quite a feat.

While it wasn't a huge money maker, it did provide some great exposure to Ro-

tary. It culminated last night [January 22] with some more promotion of Rotary on the WGME Mentoring telethon. Alan Cartwright, a member of the Portland club really opened the doors for this all to happen, and we really appreciate his generosity and spirit. It was also a great deal of fun for the members who participated, good fellowship.

So, thanks again everyone, for making this work. You all did a great job!

Tom Talbott



Enough already!



Bethel Rotarians Janet Black and Kevin Finley brave the winter elements for the Bottle Drive.

### Who's Doing What...

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.

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



Good morning everyone! I wanted to take a moment to thank you for everything you did in preparing and carrying out the local bottle drive effort at the Westgate Shaw's on January 11th and 12th! We hope that the Rotary was as pleased with the bottle drive results as the Maine Mentoring Partnership was. What a wonderful success! We look forward to working with all of you in the future! Thank you for supporting mentoring in Maine!

Sincerely,

Erin Whetham (United Way/Maine Mentoring Partnership)

## 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

### Application forms for 2004-05

Rotary Foundation educational programs will be available from district scholarships subcommittee chairs in November.

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.



## Who's the Editor?

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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!

## YOU'RE INVITED

Ogunquit Performing Arts has joined with the Ogunquit Rotary Club to raise money to eradicate polio. You're invited to attend a "Dance for Those Who Can't" to the live music of the 14-piece "Little Swing Band." This is a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 15th, from 7:30 - 11:30 PM, at the Dunaway Center, School St., Ogunquit, ME. Tickets are \$14 in advance, \$16 at the door, \$12 for seniors. BYOB, social dancing, dance demonstrations, light refreshments, and set ups available. A portion of the proceeds will go to our Polio Fund. Please contact Kathy Wright of the Ogunquit Rotary Club for further information (207-646-9814, victhouse@gwi.net).

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.

## Membership Development Success Stories

*From the Rotary International Website, a few ideas about membership development. This is the second installment of this article. Please see the November 2002 issue for the 1st installment. There will be additional installments as time and space permit.*

These items have been submitted by Rotary clubs and districts around the world. If you would like to receive further information on any of the ideas, you can contact the club president or secretary or the district governor involved. Their contact information can be found in the Official Directory.

If your club or district has any successful ideas to share, send it to us using the Membership Development Successful Strategy Database Submission Form.

Public relations is an important membership development tool. Some districts use a specific occasion as an opportunity to promote Rotary in their communities.

Some districts give a special recognition to the new Rotarian or the proposer.

- \* The governor of District 3160 (India) presents each new member with a "welcome certificate" that features an induction photo.

Some clubs and districts use special incentives and other motivational tools.

- \* The Rotary Club of Fairfax, Virginia, USA, has a membership development contest. The first prize is payment of one year's dues; second prize is one year of free club meals; third prize is one free meal.
- \* In addition to always having membership proposal cards available at each club meeting, the Rotary Club of Waco, Texas, USA, adopted a plan to award either Paul Harris Fellow recognition credit or US\$1,000 toward the cost of attending the RI convention as one of the club's official delegates to the first member who proposes and introduces a minimum of five new members into the club.

- \* The Rotary Club of Coimbra-Olivais, Portugal, used its club anniversary as a basis for growth. In recognition of its fifth anniversary, it brought in five new members.
- \* District 4160 (Mexico) offered a Paul Harris Fellowship award to any member bringing in five new members.
- \* District 5020 (Canada) suggests that Rotary clubs post a "family tree" to illustrate which members have or have not proposed new members.
- \* The Rotary Club of Edina, Minnesota, USA, supplies a US\$75 restaurant certificate each month to the member who proposes the most new members. At the end of the year, the winner for the year is named a Paul Harris Fellow.
- \* District 7250 (New York, USA) raffles off a trip to the district conference and convention from among those who have proposed new members during the year.

Many clubs and districts have developed their own membership development publications.

- \* District 5170 (California, USA) has developed an outstanding publication, We Care, that details a program of club support for its members, visitors, and guest speakers.
- \* District 5730 (Texas) promotes its Mentor Program for New Rotarians. This program outlines steps to guide a new Rotarian through the first year of Rotary membership.
- \* The Rotary Club of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, produced a publication called What's in It for Me? This compact leaflet is given to potential members and gives them an idea of which prominent members of the community are members of the club. It lists recent speakers at club meetings, area companies that are represented in the club membership, and local service projects.

- \* The Rotary Club of West Springfield, Virginia, USA, developed the "Buddy System" to increase attendance and club involvement.
- \* Rotarians of the Rotary Club of West Chicago, Illinois, USA, pass out business cards to potential members. The cards have the Rotary emblem and the words "Be My Guest" at the top as well as the day, time, and location of the club's meeting and a blank line for the member's name. The cards serve as an invitation to attend a club meeting at the club's expense.
- \* District 9600 has developed The Grow Campaign, which outlines a complete membership development plan for recruiting and retaining members.

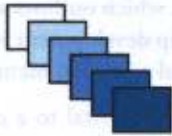
Communication is vital to a club's success and clubs must listen to their new and current members alike.

- \* Members of the Rotary Club of Evergreen, Colorado, USA, wanted more "Rotary value" for their time and dollar. As a result, the club changed its meeting time from evening to morning, cutting the cost of the weekly meal in half. The meeting place was moved to a more central location, and meetings now end promptly at 8:15 am. Attendance jumped from approximately 60 percent to about 80 percent, with a 34 percent increase in net membership during the first six months after the switch.
- \* The Rotary clubs in District 1660 (France) ask new members to revise a district brochure called How They Perceived Rotary. The revised publication is then distributed to all clubs in the district. \*



## Softball Anyone?

Jeff King, of the Newburyport Rotary Club, is talking about starting a softball league! Are you interested? Do you want to play some softball, get some exercise, and socialize with other Rotarians you might not otherwise meet? He's tossing around some ideas about whether to join District 7930's league, or to form a league here in District 7780. If we form our own league, Jeff thinks it might be a great idea to challenge 7930 to a game! Inter-district softball - what a great idea! Give him a call: 978-465-4434 (office), or on his cell-phone: 978-479-8307. \*



## A Fund-Raising Idea

Dear Rotarians,

InkBank "The Originators of Cartridge Recycling Fundraising Programs" is pleased to announce that with the help of Rotary clubs like yourself, we can help preserve planet earth and raise money for your club at the same time. Did you know that this year alone there will be over 1 billion printer cartridges consumed and only 13% of those cartridges will be recycled? That means that over 800 million cartridges will be thrown into landfills this year, equaling almost 100,000 Ford Explorers in weight. With your help we can cut down on the number of cartridges being thrown into landfills, and since empty printer cartridges are the most valuable post consumer recyclable in the world, we can help your club raise a significant amount of money simply through recycling.

### HOW MUCH ARE CARTRIDGES WORTH?

75% of all printer cartridges are recyclable and you can earn from \$0.50 to \$11.00 per cartridge, depending on type, for every cartridge turned in through the

InkBank program. [Please note: two small inkjet cartridges, measuring less than 3 inches square can be worth more than a 36-gallon trash bin of aluminum cans.]

### HOW DOES THE INKBANK PROGRAM WORK?

We work hard to make the InkBank Program as easy as possible for you. First there is absolutely no cost to your club to participate. We provide all of the promotional materials and recycling boxes to you at no cost. When your box is full of cartridges, we send UPS out to pick up the box. When we receive the cartridges we will sort and test them and then immediately send a check out to your club. This program is just that simple.

### HOW DO WE COLLECT CARTRIDGES?

Collecting cartridges from Rotary members becomes easy, due to the structure of the organization. All it takes is for one person to make an announcement at the weekly meeting, to make their fellow Rotarians aware of the InkBank recycling program, and provide a drop off point for

cartridges. Rotary members will be encouraged to collect the empty cartridges from their places of work as well as at home and simply drop them in the InkBank box. Members will also be encouraged to pass on the good word to other local business's to help support their clubs InkBank program.

Do you know how many cartridges your office goes through in a year? Did you know that a real estate office of only 5 people can easily go through a hundred cartridges a year? Take a minute to think about how many cartridges you and your office use, how many cartridges are being used in your office building, and how many cartridges are being used at your fellow Rotarians places of work. As you can imagine; the numbers begin to add up quickly and hopefully you will realize that your club truly can make a difference through recycling.

To learn more about the InkBank Program or to get started ... please contact Adam Jackson at InkBank 603-502-2627, or email [adam.jackson@inkbank.com](mailto:adam.jackson@inkbank.com). \*

## World Peace and Understanding Dinner

Saturday, February 22nd, 2003

Verrillo's

Happy Hour 6:00 pm

Dinner 7:00 pm

The Featured Speaker will be  
**Mark Maloney, Rotarian, and aide to  
RI President-Elect Jonathan Majiyagbe**  
See your club president for  
sign-up information.



## A Compassionate Passage to India

By Jesse J. DeConto

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SOUTH BERWICK, Maine - You'd never guess by looking at her that Ann Hussey contracted polio some 48 years ago. She walks with a slight limp and wears a lift in her shoe, but she has witnessed much greater damage the disease can do if left untreated.

On Wednesday, Hussey will embark on her second trip to India in the past two years. She and thousands of other Rotary Club members will canvass the South Asian nation to vaccinate Indian children against the polio virus. Sixty-five of the volunteers are from the United States and Canada, and the vast majority are Indian nationals.

Polio causes muscular paralysis and can be fatal. Eighty-five percent of polio cases occur in India, and the disease still remains in Afghanistan, Egypt, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan and Somalia.

"You can't walk down the street in India and not know that polio is there," said Hussey. "You'll see kids that are so crippled that they walk bent over, and they actually walk on all fours."

The virus infected Hussey when she was 17 months old.

"I had just started to walk," she said. "I was given medical attention very early. ... Through several surgeries and the leg braces, I've progressed quite thoroughly."

In the 1950s, Hussey said, Americans battled polio by avoiding places where it might spread, such as public swimming pools. But much of India lacks adequate sanitation infrastructure, and disease can be spread through the public drinking water supplies. People may carry the polio virus even if it doesn't paralyze them, enabling the disease to spread within a particular village before Indian health officials can combat it.

"Most parents don't report it unless their child comes down with the paralytic form," Hussey said. "The quicker you can

get medical attention, the less long-term damage."

Early treatment mitigates polio's impact, and prevention is even better. That's why for the past 18 years, Rotary International has teamed with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the United Nations Children's Fund. These organizations collaborate on the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which aims to rid the world of polio by 2005. After Rotary began immunizing for polio in 1985, the number of cases worldwide decreased from 350,000 in 1988 to 483 in 2001.



*Ann Lee Hussey, a veterinary technician in Rollinsford, was infected with polio when she was 17 months old. She will travel to India this week with South Berwick Rotary Club members to administer oral polio vaccines to children. Seacoast Online staff photo by Rich Beauchesne*

Four times each year, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative attempts to immunize every Indian child against polio, even if they've already had the vaccine. Each child needs to take it at least four times before age 5.

"As a child, your immunity doesn't last as long as if you were an adult," said Hussey. "They try to vaccinate every child that exists at the time."

She first went to India in January 2001. At the time she wasn't yet a Rotary member, but her husband, Michael Nazemetz, was then president of the Rotary Club of South Berwick and had belonged to the club for more than a decade. Nazemetz is the veterinarian at Village Veterinary Clinic in Rollinsford, N.H., where Hussey works as a veterinary technician.

That winter, Hussey was one of only a few volunteers who operated a vaccination station that treated nearly 600 children in a single day - National Immunization Day. Rotary set up hundreds of these stations all over Delhi, India's largest city. Other volunteers traveled into rural areas to administer the oral vaccines door to door.

This year, National Immunization Day is scheduled for Feb. 9. On that day, Hussey will vaccinate children in Ghaziabad, a city just outside Delhi.

Earlier in their trip, Hussey and the other Rotarians will each deliver a suitcase full of new clothing to donate to the Sisters of Charity, a Roman Catholic order that operates homeless shelters and an orphanage in India.

"It's something that you can do and actually make a difference," she said regarding her trip. "That's a pretty good feeling to walk away with."

Hussey said the vaccination program has had to overcome resistance from Indian religious leaders who suspect the West-erners of trying to sterilize their people through the medicine.

"One of the biggest obstacles to eradicating polio in these countries are some of the religious beliefs," she said. "There's a lot of mistrust in this world, you know."

Hussey said the reasons for her trip are not only to immunize children and observe the effects of polio but also to learn more about Asian religions such as Islam and Hinduism. She also wants to learn more about Indian culture through some sightseeing.

"One of our stops is the Taj Mahal," she said.

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## Exchange Students Sing and Decorate!

from Nancy Hawes:

*Two of the exchange students (Thiemo and Rodrigo) wrote a song about the exchange students. They had a joint birthday party Saturday night [January 11] hosted by the Wells Rotary club at the home of Beth and Anthony Cilluffo. (Performed by Rodrigo and Thiemo. Not all rights reserved.)*

I'm here to tell you the story, Of how I met all these friends,

It happened really really fast, and it changed our lives forever.

We left our home countries in the summer of 2002

We came to state of Maine to have an adventure alone.

We are the exchange students from all around the globe,

We have just one mission, To bring peace to the world.

We met in the beginning and became friends right away,

Although we live far apart, we are always close in our hearts.

South in York is Pancho, up there in Wells is Būrin,

In Saco is Joseph and in Cumberland Mariami, yeah,

In Kennebunk is Priscilla, Barbara is there too,

Rodrigo is in Bath, Marlen and Astri are in Gardiner.

In Camden are Ekta, Eira and Madi,

In Belfast is Thiemo, or "Tea" and Alona, yeah

Cătă is in Unity and at last far far away,

Is Chesa in Bar Harbor and we are all spread in Maine.

We don't know where we'll go, We don't know who we'll meet,

In a very little time we came, we've been, and we'll go

Our friendship will last forever even if we don't meet again,

It will be in our memories, we will never forget.

That we've been to Sunday River Inn, Hiked the mountains to the peak,

Water rafted in the Forks, and traveled as sardines, yeah,

Then we sailed in Bar Harbor, visited the islands around.

We went to Cadillac Mountain, and are during a chick flick, yeah.

We've been to Wilbur's of Maine and ate lots of sweets,

Then we went to L. L. Bean, and had a Breakfast of hunters, yeah.

Nancy took us to Boston, Shopping and riding the subway,

And the night we spent at her house was really much fun!!

(Yes it was...) REALLY MUCH FUN

(That's what being an exchange student is about)

REALLY MUCH FUN



**Fun with helium.**  
Thiemo (Germany; Belfast)



**Fun with frosting.** Burn (Turkey; Wells) and Megan Pelletier (York to Chile, 2001-02)

## Rotary In Pictures



We're blessed with many men with the heart (and girth!) to play Santa Claus for Dan Mooer's grandchildren. Guess who?



Only in Maine! (Seen at the presidents/presidents-elect mid-year dinner.)



President Rich Emerson, Rotary Club of Casco Bay Sunrise, presents the club's check for Polio Eradication, in the amount of \$5,000, to Governor Tim.

## Rotary In Pictures



**THANK YOU  
SUNDAY  
RIVER!**

**\$15,600 for  
Polio  
Eradication**



**More pictures next issue!**