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THE NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 7780

Tim Placey, District Governor, 2002-2003

SEPTEMBER, 2002

Governor's Notes



This month being New Generations Month, I thought I would reflect on the youth we have met this month in our travels. We traveled to Newry, Maine to the Sunday River Inn where the in-bound Youth Exchange students gathered for the weekend to attend their orientation session. They had the opportunity to get to know each other and to finish the necessary paperwork for their stay in the United States.

Bob and Cynthia Laux and Gladys and I joined forces to cook breakfast Sunday morning. Pancakes and sausage were the menu of the day. What an opportunity to get to know these wonderful young men and women! They were able to take advantage of hiking, swimming, a barbecue, and the time to just chat about themselves and their country. What a bonding experience for each one of the students. When they got ready to leave, one could see the success of the weekend in everyone's face. The hugs, kisses, and "see you soon's" from all of them were warm and touching. We are very fortunate this year to have a great group of young people in the program.



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President's Message

Focus on New Generations and Vocational Service

During September, when we focus on the rich variety of ways we can serve New Generations, let us keep in mind that today's young people are searching for meaning. We can help them in their search through two outstanding Rotary programs that introduce young people to our ideals of service - Interact and Rotaract.

We can also reflect more deeply on the needs of the younger members in our Rotary clubs. Are we doing everything we can to assimilate younger, newer members and make them feel welcome? Are we considerate of the financial and scheduling pressures on today's young professionals when we plan our club programs, fellowship events, and other activities? A little extra effort is well worth it, because we need younger members to keep Rotary strong and moving forward. New Generations will be attracted to Rotary only if they see something that they want to be a part of - a group of men and women actively dedicated to the ideals of service.

Turning our attention to October, when we focus on Vocational Service, we should remember that each of us was invited to join Rotary on the basis of our vocation.

When we accepted the invitation to join Rotary, we accepted the responsibility that goes with it: to represent our vocation to the club and to the community at large. An invitation into Rotary also gave us the opportunity to use our vocational talents to help others.



Because membership in Rotary is based on vocations, it is of the utmost importance that we practice high ethical standards in our business and professional lives. By doing so, we Sow the Seeds of Love with integrity and character, uplifting our vocations while serving as positive role models for young people. 🌱

Bichai Rattakul
President
Rotary International

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Who won the raffle? Who won the raffle? Who won the raffle?

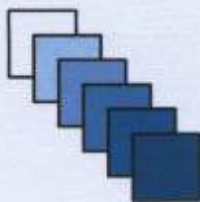
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Interact is doing very well this year. We have three new clubs starting up soon. They will be located in Bethel, Standish, and Rumford. Wouldn't it be great to have an Interact Club associated with every one of our clubs? What a great way to start New Generations Month in our year.

Rotaract has started at the University of New England again. This year is stronger than ever with 30 new members. This is an area on which we need to focus our attention. We have a lot of colleges, technical colleges, and universities in our area to build a great foundation for Rotaract.

The Rotary programs that we have for the youth of our world gives us a great opportunity to spread the word about Rotary. After all my friends, we have a legacy to leave to our children. 🌊

God Bless You All,
Tim



2003 Conference!

Join us at the 2003 District Getaway Conference to learn about Rotary, meet old friends, make new ones, celebrate this Rotary year and HAVE FUN! Complete the "early bird" registration form on page 9 and return it to PDG Marie Williams before November 14th for a chance to attend part of the conference for FREE!

Foundation Seminar

The Foundation Seminar will be held on November 14, 2002 at York County Technical College in Wells, Maine. Governor Tim notes that, in his travels, many of the big questions are about the Foundation. It would be great for every club to send their new members to the seminar as well as the older members. Everyone can use an update on what the Foundation is and does, and its importance to all Rotarians. Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming Foundation Seminar.

General Secretary's Memo

Preparing to celebrate a milestone: 100 years of Rotary service



Over the next two years, Rotarians will be preparing for one of the major milestones in Rotary history: our centennial celebration, which will be commemorated throughout the 2004-05 Rotary year. The RI Centennial Committee has met several times and developed some wide-ranging plans for promoting public awareness of Rotary and its century of service as well as stimulating participation by clubs and districts.

Here at the Secretariat, staff has begun working to implement these plans. A centennial section has been created on the RI Web site, and the first of three centennial promotion kits is being sent to all clubs this month. Prepared by RI's Public Relations Division, the kit contains many helpful tools for promoting the Rotary Centennial in your community. It also includes important information on the Rotary Club Centennial Community Project that each club is encouraged to undertake.

As the centennial approaches, the RI Archives staff have been receiving and fulfilling more requests for historical infor-

mation. They are also working closely with the author of the centennial history book, providing resource material and checking facts. As I write this message, we do not yet know the results of the contest to name the book, but to date we have received 3,000 entries.

Over the coming year, RI staff will be increasingly involved in carrying out the RI Centennial Committee's recommendations - from developing traveling exhibits to incorporating centennial planning into leadership training resources to promoting centennial activities to members as well as the media. Look for news of future plans and activities on the RI Web site and in upcoming issues of *Rotary World*, *The Rotarian*, and regional magazines. 🌊

Ed Futa
General Secretary,
Rotary International

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District Polio Eradication Campaign Committee

In The Beginning, There Was an Idea . . . The Story of the Start of the PolioPlus Program

by **Clifford Dochterman**
Past Rotary International President

Editor's Note: Normally the Polio Eradication column is written by Past RI Director Dan Mooers, chair of the District's Polio Eradication Campaign Committee. However, for this month's column, Dan asked his friend, Past RI President Cliff Dochterman, if he would share with us the real story of the beginning of the Polio Eradication program, from the person who was there. Here is Cliff's story, in his own words, exclusive to Governor Tim's newsletter.

Basically the story started with Rotary International President Clem Renouf appointing the first 3-H committee, in 1978. There were three of us who were asked to design a new program for Rotary which would enable Rotarians to engage in projects larger than could be handled by any single club or district. But, we realized that the "Health, Hunger and Humanities" program needed an "instant success story" to be sure the program was kept alive for the next year. It was being funded from money raised for the 75th anniversary of Rotary. Meeting hunger needs and providing basic education were long term projects.

So, we needed something which could be done quickly and would have a lasting value. Thus, the first project was a proposal from the Phil-



Cliff Dochterman and late RI Past President Paulo V.C. Costa (1990-91).

ippines to immunize six million youngsters against polio. The Philippines had one of the highest incidents of polio victims in the Pacific area. Dr. Benny Santos proposed the program and set the stage for a massive immunization, with Rotary securing the polio vaccine with a 3-H grant. We started it and completed the job right away. Soon, Rotary began other immunizations, largely as 3-H and matching

grants. We learned that massive immunization was a task which Rotarians could handle.

A couple years later, in 1981, we had the New Horizons Committee, which I chaired, to seek new directions and new horizons for the future of Rotary. Among many ideas the committee considered was one to encourage more polio, measles, whooping cough, and other im-

Why don't we make a gift to the children of the world...

munizations by club matching grants. The committee proposed that Rotary continue immunizations against childhood diseases around the world. But, at this point, I asked the committee, "Can't we think much larger than merely doing what we are already doing or just expanding our Rotary activities. Let's think about something way out on the horizon."

When asked what I had in mind, I replied: "We have a suggestion from Dr. John Sever, a Rotarian in the Washington DC area, which suggests Rotary expand the program of polio immunization for all children. Why don't we make a gift to the children of the world on our 100th anniversary of Rotary, by immunizing all the children in the world against polio?" The committee thought that was a good idea and it was added to the recommendations of the New Horizon's Committee. It went to the RI Board and they adopted it. It was a goal for nearly 25 years in the future—so nobody got too excited to get started. At that point we were so naive and ill-informed that we didn't know the tremendous work it would take to immunize all the children in the world!

By 1984-85, RI President Carlos Canseco decided that if we were going to immunize all the children in the world, we had better get a plan and get started. So, President Canseco invited Dr. Albert Sabin and Dr. John Sever and several international immunization experts to Evanston to discuss a plan. They said that it would take at least \$120 million and

we would have to immunize 500 million children. This is the first time the RI Board knew what they had actually approved when they adopted the New Horizons Committee Report. Rotary had never raised that kind of money and never taken on a world-wide corporate project. But we had made a commitment. In two years Rotary had raised over \$240 million.

Rotary leaders then went to the World Health Organization and announced that we were ready to immunize all the children in the world. They said, "No way. We are the health authorities in the world, we have the experts—Rotary is just a bunch of guys who go to lunch. You don't know anything about disease immunization." But when we said that Rotary has over a million volunteer workers in more than 160 countries, and besides we have \$240 million



Cliff Dochterman and Past RI President and current Trustee Chair Glen Kinross (1997-98).

in our pocket—Rotary was soon welcomed as a full partner. So, we were soon deeply involved in polio immunization!

Now, with Rotary's involvement, the PolioPlus program has immunized over two billion children. Rotary has contributed \$500 million, and 99% of the children of the world are immunized. WHO has recognized that "polio would not be eradicated without the involvement of Rotary International. Rotary has provided the encouragement, the money, the manpower and mobilization, the commitment, and the vision to give a 100th anniversary gift to the children of the world." There are thousands of people who have contributed their money, their time, and their efforts to achieve a World Without Polio—all of them are important parts of the story. In a nutshell my friends, that is how it started.

Ryla Nostalgia

Our first RYLA Program (and historically speaking the only RYLA Program for then District 778 - the following year Rotary added "0" to district numbers) was held in June, 1991. It was initiated at the request of Governor Dan Mooers, and I was happy to be able to chair it along with fellow Dover Rotarian Phil Rinaldi.

It was obvious that this type of program, directed to our youth, could become a *hit*. We were particularly careful about the planning for the program, to insure its success.

Forty-eight participants spent two-and-a-half days at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. The facilities were terrific for the entire event. A professional program of leadership and self-improvement topics still left time for group discussions and lots of fun. We introduced the youngsters to the UNH "Ropes Course" which got the group involved in "trusting others" and "developing responsibility as a team member." This has since been used many times since by RYLA groups.

We allowed the parents to attend the closing program and have lunch with us. It gave them a chance to hear first-hand what their children had been involved in, so they too would see the benefits of the program. That proved to be a good idea.

Phil and I are very pleased with the way the program has been successfully continued and *grown!* It is a tremendous program directed to youth - our future leaders. ☺

Dick Clark
District Governor,
1993-1994



Bethel Welcomes Ambassadorial Scholar

Early in September the Bethel Club was pleased to host their Ambassadorial Scholar, Ms. Alex Gillies. Bethel was the first stop of her 18-visit schedule to various clubs and events to discuss her experiences of the last year. Gillies spent the year studying at the University of Ghana at Ghana, earning a Masters degree in International Studies.

She went to Africa as a member of the Ambassadorial Scholarship program, the purpose of which is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries.

While in their respective countries the scholars serve as ambassadors of goodwill from their home countries, and give programs to Rotary and other groups about their homelands.

While in Ghana she had the opportunity to do some traveling - to Cameroon and Mali for instance. She was able to take part in a Polio Immunization day, getting some hands-on experience. And she made many friends.

After Gillies finishes her Rotary duties, she plans to go to Washington, D.C. to look for a job that will return her to Africa.

from the Bethel Rotary Club Newsletter

YES! To Youth

YES! To Youth is a small non-profit committed to bringing together young people from diverse backgrounds into a positive environment where they may develop new skills, meet educational goals, and learn to solve problems through collaboration. We offer afterschool programs in Broadcast Journalism, Print Journalism, Computer Science and Robotics, and summer programs in Basketball and Media, all of which focus on experiential learning to develop skills and self-confidence. The educational aspect is designed to reinforce concepts learned in school, with a shift in emphasis from "acquiring" to "applying" skills in mathematics, english, science, and media communication.

We recruit students from all over Southern Maine, and have engaged over 1800

kids during our 7 year history, from 8 counties, 147 schools, and 70 towns. We use a variety of methods of recruiting to attract students from a range of backgrounds. Our teachers and coaches are all highly trained and certified.

YES! To Youth is always looking for community partners, and can work with groups in a variety of ways. We would very much appreciate the opportunity to speak to area Rotary Clubs in order to share more about how we work with youth and communities, and explain how we could work with your club. Please contact our office at 772-6644 (ask for Molly) to schedule a presentation to your group, get more information about our programs, or to recommend youth groups in your community who might be interested.

Historian's Corner

Name the past district governor who was reputed to have coined the expression "tougher than a boiled owl" when describing the characteristic of some people he has known.

The answer will be published in the next issue of *Call of the Loon*. The first Rotarian to call in to the Editor will receive a "trivia" prize.

Bob Patten, PDG
District Historian

October is Vocational Service Month

As business and professional leaders, Rotarians are well qualified to help the unemployed, students, and others acquire skills that are valued in the workplace. Many Rotarians already offer this assistance through club activities.

The RI Board has designated October as Vocational Service Month to encourage Rotarians to put special emphasis on their commitment to high ethical standards and to improving the quality of life for those with little formal education through vocational training.

During October, Rotary clubs might consider the following:

- * Giving vocational service awards that honor employees or public servants
- * Conducting a contest in which civic and commercial employees are rewarded for courteous service to the community
- * Inviting students to spend a day at the workplaces of Rotarians

The Programs section of the RI Web site offers resources for clubs and Rotarians looking to learn more about vocational service.

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The Governor's Official Visits for October

Brunswick		
Monday	10/07	2:00 pm
Westbrook		
Tuesday	10/08	11:30 am
Freeport		
Wednesday	10/09	7:00 am
Ogunquit		
Thursday	10/09	12:00
Kennebunk		
Thursday	10/10	12:00
Scarborough		
Tuesday	10/15	7:00 am
Boothbay		
Thursday	10/17	6:30 pm
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth		
Wednesday	10/23	6:15 pm
Bath Sunrise		
Friday	10/25	7:00 am
Bridgton		
Thursday	10/31	7:30 am
Windham		
Thursday	10/31	12:00

Liz Cullen, District 7780 Vocational Chairman, has several ideas for clubs regarding Vocational Service. October is Vocational Service Month, what are you doing? If you're really stymied, give her a call for ideas for your project.

1. What's your club's favorite vocational project; when will you do it?
2. Please send a report, long or short, with or without photos, to Liz Cullen, after your event (see last page of this newsletter for a form to fill out).
3. She'll edit a special publication, listing all the projects and including the club reports.

First Lady's Corner



Our "Rotary Adventure" continues at breakneck speed. This month has sped by and we are still having the time of our lives. We have been on the road day and night making "official" club visits, cooking break-

fast for the youth exchange at Bethel, and participating in giving Paul Harris Fellowship for birthdays and anniversary honorees. The latter was a couple married sixty years. The club presented a Paul Harris to the spouse. She was almost speechless and in tears. It was a very touching moment, making a sixty-five mile trip worthwhile.

We attended the Kennebunk meeting for the official drawing of the Polio Cruise Raffle. Congratulations to Windham

Rotarian Lori LePauloue and her partner Mark Eliason. Off they go to the warm Caribbean.

We even have managed to go on a fishing trip with another Rotary couple. No way to get out of talking about Rotary. I think they wore their Rotary shorts under their waders and the Rotary Pins on the fishing vests. You guys have gotta get a life.

Since this is tourist season in Maine, a lot of our visits have seen Rotarians from out of state but there are many Rotarians that come to Maine for the summer and attend meetings weekly. They are introduced as visitors each week, except in one club. The Fryeburg Club gives these summer residents a badge with the classification of Summer Residents and involves them in the everyday activities of the club. It makes these visitors part of the Rotary community. Perhaps this is something that would work in other areas of our district. Perhaps other clubs are already doing this - if so - boo hiss to Gladys.

I bet I missed a great garage sale in Bridgton, but my kids don't share my love of them, and since they came to spend the weekend with us, I had to pass it up. Next year. I am sure we have missed some great times at other clubs. Just can't make them all, but don't give up on us. Let us know what's going on out there.

We are preparing for our trip to Williamsburg Virginia next week for Zone 31-32 Institute. Tim is going to be on a discussion panel. Me - he feeds - so I go along. Will see old friends and hopefully meet new ones. Tell you more about it in October.

My food tip of the month, did you know that you could freeze potato chips? Not that chips last long enough to freeze in this house, but yup you can. The potato lady told me so. 🍷

See ya next month,
Gladys

Important Dates and Deadlines

15th of Each Month:

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

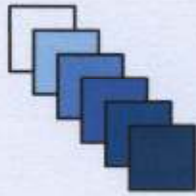
November 14th:

Foundation Seminar, YCTC

October 26th:

New Generations Organizational Meeting
9:00 am until noon, YCTC

The deadline for Rotarians to nominate a non-Rotarian or organization for the 2003 Rotary Award for World Understanding and Peace is 1 November; forms are available from RI World Headquarters at (847) 866-4494, international offices, district governors, and the RI Web site.



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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.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF KITTERY, MAINE IS CELEBRATING ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

You're invited to the celebration on Friday, October 18, 2002, at Yoken's Restaurant, Route 1, Portsmouth, N. H.

Social Hour at 6 PM, Dinner at 7 PM.

You and your guests are cordially invited to join with us at a buffet dinner to celebrate this special event. In addition to celebrating our charter anniversary, we will be presenting Paul Harris Fellow Recognition to a non-Rotarian for service to the community. Entertainment by Back Bay Four Barbershop Quartet from Portland, ME. Tickets are \$40 per person.

If you have any questions, or want a reservation form e-mailed to you, please contact Lezlye Shea (days 603-436-3557, home 207-439-1441, or e-mail lezshea@aol.com).

Make checks payable to "Rotary Club of Kittery" and mail with reservation form to:

Rotary Club of Kittery; P. O. Box 678, Kittery, ME 03904.

Reservation deadline is October 9, 2002

Polio Facts

Q. WHO WON?

A. Here it is! The big scoop on who won the Grand Prize in the raffle for the Caribbean Cruise! Kennebunk hosted the drawing, as the club selling the most tickets. The winner was Mark Eliason, partner of Lori LePauloue of the Windham club, who also gets a cruise for two because she sold the winning ticket! The raffle grossed \$37,011.00 towards polio eradication.



Q. What forms of recognition will be accorded to Rotarians contributing to the Polio Eradication Campaign?

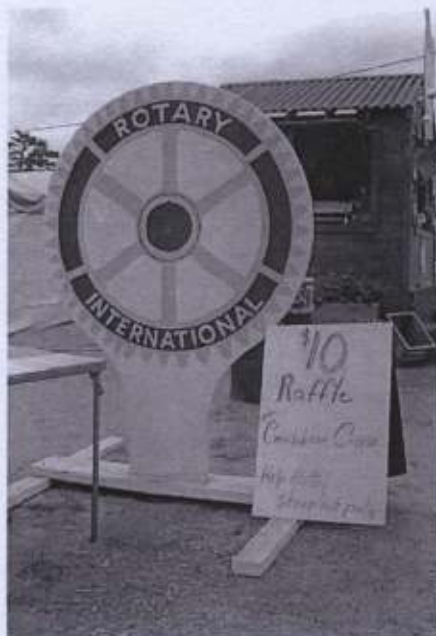
A. All currently applicable forms of recognizing contributions to The Rotary Foundation apply to Campaign contributions, including Paul Harris Fellowships.

Q. Will Polio be eradicated by 2005?

A. The world is on track to achieve a polio-free world by 2005. The greatest hurdle to clear in the race to reach the last child is funding. Together, the public and private sectors need to raise US\$275 million immediately. To achieve eradication by 2005, a full agenda of work has been defined and is outlined in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative Strategic Plan 2001-2005 produced by the WHO.



Who's Doing What...



The Sanford-Springvale Club sold raffle tickets at the Acton Fair...



and chicken livers, but we think that's another story!

Rotary Club of York

The York Rotary Club hosted two Comedy Nights recently and raised about \$750 for the Polio Campaign. President John Rainone wishes to thank individuals from the Kittery, Ogunquit, and Hampton clubs for attending.

Anita Fazio, a Rotarian and owner of Fazio's Restaurant in York, worked with the comedy group, TRATCo (The Reasonably Affordable Theatre Company) to offer the shows for the benefit of Polio Eradication. The York Rotarians donated their time to work as bartenders and servers so the restaurant did not have to hire staff for the evenings.

A portion of ticket and restaurant sales were donated to the Polio Campaign. Rainone said, "Our club members came together in a very short time frame to put on these events." Obviously not too short a time for his doughy club.



Ginny St. Cyr takes a break during...



the Sanford-Springvale club's park cleanup.

Rotary In Pictures

Jim and Jo celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 5th. After 28 years in the Air Force, retiring as Chief Master Sargent, with Jo ever faithful at his side, Jim worked at Dartmouth College as manager of their guest quarters for several years. He again, "retired" to Bethel and became the Golf Professional (PGA Certified) at the Bethel Inn, operating the course and serving as the primary instructor for many years. He is still active in golf, often posting rounds below his age of 84.



Jim is a charter member of the Rotary Club of Bethel (1974), serving two terms as President, Past Foundation Chair, current Club Historian and still remains very active in many of the club's community projects. He is an active member of the American Legion in Bethel and an Usher with Our Lady of the Snows in Bethel. Jim and Jo still drive to Florida each winter where Jo is an active volunteer with the Red Cross and a medical clinic. In the past, Jo was very active in assisting Rotary with community projects.

Bob Laux
Rotary Club of Bethel



District 7780 Conference - May 22-25, 2003



The Grand Summit, Newry, Maine Early "Bird" Registration Raffle

Drawing to be held on November 14, 2002, at the closing of The Rotary Foundation Seminar

First Prize: Two nights free at the District Conference (\$200 Value)

Second Prize: One night free at the District Conference (\$100 Value)

Third Prize: One lunch & dinner Friday at the District Conference (\$75 Value)

Registration Fee: \$45.00 per person

Rotarian Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ *Work Phone:* _____

Number attending: _____ *Guest/Rotarian's Name:* _____

Registration Fee Paid: \$: _____ *Received by:* _____

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Vocational Service Month

October is Vocational Service month. Our district is kicking off a plan 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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