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THE NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 7780

Tim Placey, District Governor, 2002-2003

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Governor's Notes



Last weekend at the President-elects training in Nashua, N.H. I got a pit in my stomach as I watch Trisha talking with her presidents for the first time. I realized that it is almost over for our year. As hard as I have tried to slow the months down, it just cannot be done.

It has made me think about the things you all have done throughout the year and the excitement you have created to get things done. I will remember all of you for the commitment you made to Polio.

You have set the benchmark for others in our zone and the world. The first with club commitments in the world, and one of the largest goals in zone 31. If I might quote my fellow District Governor from District 7930, Dr. Victor Saldanha, writing in his latest newsletter: "Maine's District 7780 with 40 clubs is the first district to have submitted all its commitment forms and is leading the pack with \$334,000 pledged over 3 years, surpassing its goals of \$300,000. Congratulations to my fellow District Governor Tim Placey and his clubs for setting the pace and showing the way." My hat is off to all of you for such a great effort to rid the world of polio.

The work you all have done for the homeless and the hungry over the year has just been

heartwarming. So has the joy of families and people you have touched and who may never meet you. You all have made your communities better places by your involvement.

Many members are getting involved on the international scene, some for the first time. We used the entire allotment of District Designated funds, which is a first in the history of the district. That's \$51,000 used for the betterment of the world and our communities. We are a pioneer District for the World Peace and Understanding Scholars, which was a \$50,000 commitment. The PolioPlus Program also received \$10,000 from our District Designated Funds, so if you calculate everything, you have had one helleva year.

We have four weeks left before the report on Polio is due for the international convention. It is named "Over the Top, Down Under." It would be great if we could have two-thirds of our goal in by reporting time. Please, if you have any polio money, send it to Dan Mooers or Dave Moravick right away. Let's show the world what kind of Rotarians comes from District 7780.

I just want to say thank you for helping do God's work here on earth. My friends, you certainly are a touch of class. You have all worked hard and kept up with your profession too. The memories will be great and with tears of joy, I will always remember the year that went by too fast. *

God Bless you all,

Tim

Paul Harris Said ...

There was one thing wrong with those summer days in Wallingford; they were not half long enough. While the swallows were still circling around the old church tower, and play was on at its most furious pace, the summons was sure to come: "Boys! the hot water and soap is ready in the mop pail. Wash your feet, it's bedtime." But there was always the sustaining thought of the morrow with the breakfast of crisp fried potatoes, buckwheat cakes and maple syrup after the morning souse of hands and face in clear, cold running water from the spring.

About his young days in Vermont, from the book "The Founder of Rotary" by Paul Harris.



Lend a Hand

Introducing RI President-elect Jonathan Majiyagbe's theme for 2003-2004.

Please note the Editor's new email address:

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From the Maine Bar Foundation - An Introduction

Dear Rotary Clubs:

Maine Bar Foundation is an organization that funds a number of agencies providing free or affordable legal aid to Mainers in need. JAG, the Justice Action Group, headed by Federal District Court Judge Kermit Lipez and Maine Supreme Judicial Court Justice Howard H. Dana, Jr., has charged the MBF with developing and implementing a communications campaign aimed at reaching as many Maine citizens who qualify for those services as possible. The goal, in short, is to provide access to justice for all, regardless of means.

"It is the daily; it is the small; it is the cumulative injuries of [ordinary] people that we are here to protect... [I]f we are to keep democracy, there must be one commandment: Thou shall not ration justice!"

Judge Learned Hand

From the MBF Website: www.mbf.org

To that end, we have developed for your reference a list of participating agencies and the services and issues they address. We hope that this will assist you in two ways: 1) providing a quick, convenient way to access relevant information or opinions from the appropriate expert on any given issue that may arise from a news event or in the Legislature's deliberations, and 2) providing a handy index of speakers who can address the issues and needs of your specific audience of readers, listeners, or viewers, particularly if they are unaware of legal help to which they may be entitled.

We welcome your input into this process, and look forward to hearing from you at any time you or your members need information regarding access to justice for any Maine citizen in need.

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Topics/Issues represented by MBF Providers:

AMHI Consent Decree Cases
Bankruptcy/Low-Income Clients
Blind: services/disability rights/education/discrimination/benefits
Bullying Prevention Education
Child Protective Services
Child Support Collection/DHS
Children's General Legal Aid
Children (Low Income) in Court/
Guardians ad Litem
Children in School/Special Ed.; Discipline
Children's Mental Health
Children with Disabilities
Civics Education
Civil Liberties/Constitutional Rights;
USA Patriot Act/War on Terrorism,
Citizen Oversight of Police Depts.;
School Vouchers, Mental Health
Issues in jails, Gay rights, Reproductive Rights
Community Mediation
Deaf, services, disability rights, advocacy
Disability Rights/Employment Issues,
MaineCare
Disability Rights: Housing/Public
Accommodations
Dispute Resolution
Domestic Violence
Earned Income Credit
Educational Advocacy/Special Ed./
Discipline
Elderly: Abuse/Exploitation
Elderly: General Legal Services
Elderly: Legislative Issues
Elderly: Long-Term Care Issues
Nursing Home/Assisted Living Rights
Elderly: MaineCare Estate Recovery/
Powers of Attorney
Elderly: MaineCare/Medicare Rights
Fair Housing
Family Law/Divorce/Child Custody/
Domestic Violence
Food Stamps
General Legal Assistance/Litigation
Health Law/MaineCare
HelpMELaw.org website
History of Legal Aid in Maine

Illiteracy/Civil Legal Issues
Immigrants/Immigration Law/Multilingual Services
IRS/Earned Income Credit
Job Training & Education
Judicial Branch Administration/Court Systems
Juvenile Proceedings
Law Students as Legal Aid Volunteers
Low Income Housing/Evictions/Unsafe Conditions/Rent-to-Own
MaineCare (formerly Medicaid)/
Prescriptions
Mental Health/Disabilities/in Hospitals & Jails
Migrant Farmworkers
Mock Trials H.S. Competition
Native Americans
Parents as Scholars
Peer Mediation in Schools
Poverty Tax Abatement; Property Taxes
Prescription Drug Programs
Prisoners' Civil/Legal/Health Issues
Pro Bono Legal Services Referrals
Pro Se/Limited Legal Assistance
Project Citizen/in middle schools
Social Security/Disability Benefits
Special Education/ Special Needs
Summer Institute for Civics Teachers
TANF
Tax Reform
Technology in Legal Services
Tenant/Landlord Issues
Town by town Legal Aid referrals
Unemployment Benefits
UMaine Law Students; providing legal services
Victim/Offender Mediation/
Conferecing
Volunteers Needed (non-attorney)
Welfare/Food Stamps/Job Training
Welfare Reform



The Wearing of the Green

by Bob Mitchell, Rotary Club of Exeter

Today is Saint Patrick's Day and for many people it is the one time each year that they "Wear the Green" – and maybe even drink a little green beer.

It's one of those traditions that's kind of fun and I expect many people that participate aren't really even quite sure why are what some of the symbolism stands for.

I hope that the same isn't true for the wearing of the Rotary Pin.

I will openly admit that I have been one that had fallen into the "tradition" of wearing my Rotary Pin just once each week, on Meeting Day. Now I don't want to be seen as one that has become overzealous, but I've started to wear my pin more often now.

No, I don't wear it on my pajamas, but I do try to make it part of my regular daily

apparel now. There are 3 reasons for this:

- 1) I am proud to be a Rotarian.
- 2) I want other Rotarians, from other clubs, that don't know me to know that I am one of them.
- 3) Finally, I am reminded of my early days in attending the monthly Roundtable planning sessions that the Boy Scouts hold for their Adult Leaders. When I first went there, I was "amused" by their somewhat hokey practice of having each Adult Leader wear a sting of beads around their neck. Every time they attended a Roundtable, they got another bead.

At least I thought it was kinda hokey – until I figured out that, if you had a question, there was a pretty good chance that someone with only one or two beads wouldn't know much more that you did, but somebody with a lot of beads – there was somebody worth asking for help.

Well I see the Rotary Pin in the same light. If somebody needs help, and they've seen you walking around with a Rotary Pin on, then they know there's a pretty good chance that you're somebody that will be able to help -- or will know where help can be found.

That's a good thing.

I encourage you to wear your Rotary Pin every day. Not to "show off" but to let it be known that you are someone who can help when help is needed. *



First Lady's Corner



Hello,

Another month has flown by and it is time to write another letter to you all. Do you think anyone would notice if this was all I wrote? I doubt it.

Everywhere we go people say to me, it is almost over. Aren't you glad, or, you must be relieved to have only a few months left. I can honestly tell them that no I won't. It has been fun, it has been grueling at times, but fun.

After all where else could I eat my way into 15 pounds at all the breakfasts and lunches?

Where could I hang over a bridge watching rubber duckies floating by while we got a parking ticket?

Why else would I have let Tim bid on auction items that we didn't need but the proceeds went to a good cause? Now I can put them into a garage sale!

What would I have done if I missed standing in 8 inches of snow watching Rotarian nuts playing softball game for polio?

Then there was standing in subzero weather sorting bottles, freezing my body and soul for a cause.

How about sitting up half the night with my friend "Pepcid" after gobbling down much more chocolate than I needed, or up to my elbows in lobster juice because I love lobster.

I loved getting up at 4:30 to serve pancakes at a breakfast on Sunday morning.

How about joining a group singing Christmas carols at a nursing home and having

tears brought to my eyes as I watched a little joy in old people's eyes?

How would I have found the time to knit 20 hats for cancer patients at Maine Medical Center or three baby sweaters for no one in particular?

Above all else where would I have had the chance to travel three states and meet so many wonderful people?

So I guess as you can tell, no I won't be glad that it is coming to an end, and I wouldn't have missed it for the world. *

Love to all,
Gladys



MCCP Day at the Sea Dogs

Please join the Sea Dogs and the Maine Children's Cancer Program for a great game of baseball and to celebrate the accomplishments of the Strike Out Cancer In Kids program. MCCP Day at the Sea



Dogs is April 26, with the game starting at 1pm. The Sea Dogs are taking on the New Haven Ravens, and it promises to be a great day. Tickets are on sale for \$2.00 each (normally \$6.00), and you can get them by contacting Christi Chase at (207) 871-6274 or chasech@mmc.org.

Speakers Bureau

Several months ago Scott Simmonds of the Rotary club of Biddeford-Saco introduced a website that can help clubs find

speakers, www.greatponificators.com. Scott started the site to help groups find presenters and presenters find groups.

Scott reports the site is now new and improved. "I was having trouble keeping up with the listings. I hired a programmer and poof, automated list handling. Speakers enter their info and it's instantly available. Groups seeking speakers can now search for topics or browse the whole list."

Try the listing again and encourage your members and speakers to use the resource.

Interact Around the World



The Interact Club of the Potchefstroom High School for Girls in South Africa celebrated the first World Interact Week by holding a "Granny of the Year" competition and lunch.

The Interact Club of Indo English School is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rourkela Mid-Town, India.



Members of the Interact Club of Commonwealth High School in San Juan, Puerto Rico, helped to decorate a senior citizens' home as part of the club's World Interact Week activities.



Brian Masterson (left) and Ben Lievertz, members of the Interact Club of Decatur High School, Indianapolis, Ind., USA, participated in the club's house-painting project.



The Interact Club of Cidade Do Ago, Volta Redonda, Brazil, held a children's benefit during World Interact Week.

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.

The District Assembly will be held at York County Technical College on April 22, 2003. This is a terrific opportunity to learn more about Rotary and other clubs in your district. The day is short, packed with info, and fun!



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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!

The Russians Are Here!

by Bob Card, Rotary Club of Kennebunk

The Russian delegation is here, staying with us until April 13th, 2003. Eleven businessmen and women from the hotel and hospitality industry from various cities in Russia are led by a facilitator, Natasha Ivanova, and an interpreter, Marina Kopinec. They come to us under the auspices of the Center for Citizen Initiatives (CCI), a non-profit organization based in San Francisco, which has arranged visits like this for over 18 years with the guidance and support of the U.S. State Department.

The program, called PEP or Productivity Enhancement Program, has the objective of providing training and expertise in this vocation by local owners and managers, in an attempt to support their Russian counterparts in the continued development of democratic institutions and a sustainable free market economy. In addition to on-site training at different hotels, inns, B and Bs, and restaurants from Portsmouth to Portland, there will be seminars and presentations provided by

faculty and administrators at UNH, UNE and YCTC.

The delegation will be hosted for the 17 day visit by the Rotary Clubs of Kennebunk, Kennebunk Portside, and Wells, as well as different families in the area who are interested in sharing and learning about each others' customs and culture on a personal level. Through everyday contact in individual homes and participation in a variety of social activities, we hope to provide our visitors with not only a rewarding insight into our business practices, but some enriching experiences about our lifestyles, our backgrounds and who we are as American citizens living in this 21st century.

Thank you for your interest in this program, and we hope you'll be able to come and extend your own personal welcome to our Russian guests.

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

Making a Difference

The Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club is just completing the construction of a handicapped bathroom as a community project for a gentleman who has Muscular Dystrophy. We were able to do this project through the assistance of funding from a number of community sources such as Western Maine Realtors Association. Much of the labor and materials were donated, and as a result a \$25,000 project cost approximately \$10,000 (club cost \$300).

We are very pleased with this project. Although we are not carpenters or understand many handicapped regulations we are able to make contacts and put the project together. This gentleman is now

able to live in his own home and is very thankful that Rotary and the community has assisted him. *

Dick Enright
Rotary Club of Bridgton-Lake Region
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The Rotary District 7780 Conference

The annual Rotary District 7780 Conference will be held Thursday through Sunday, May 22-25, 2003 at the Grand Summit in Newry, Maine. There will be many opportunities for fellowship, learning, networking, and fun. Some of the planned events include a barbeque on Thursday evening, a memorial service on top of the mountain Saturday afternoon, a sockhop Saturday night (appropriate attire optional), and a golf tournament Friday afternoon. Michael Miclon, comedien and juggler, will be our entertainment on Friday night. The closing plenary session will be held Sunday morning at brunch.

Our luncheon on Friday is a special one, as almost half the cost of the meal will be donated to the local Rotary clubs to pass on to area food pantries. In addition, please bring children's books to be donated to area shelters. Dress for the entire weekend will be business casual.

We have many exciting speakers lined up, as well as interesting meal sessions and breakout sessions. As always there will be exhibits, raffles (a daily 50-50), and a silent auction to benefit the Rotary Foundation. The GSE team will be with us Friday morning. Among Saturday's features will be Youth Exchange, RYLA, Interact, and Maine Mentoring.

The attached form is your registration form for meals and for the conference overall. Hotel reservations are on the enclosed separate sheet, and reservations for special events like the golf tournament and events put on by the hotel (ATV trail rides for example) can be made at the hotel. There are bicycles, canoes, and ATVs available for rent, hospitality rooms, and a gym. Candid photos will be taken throughout the conference.

Once again the entire conference will be à la carte, allowing you to pick and choose what meals, events, and days you'd like to attend.

Please note that registrations will not be accepted without payment. Forms are available from your club president. Please return to: Marie Williams, PO Box 142, Kittery Point, ME 03905. If you have any questions, please call Marie at home 207-439-3761.

*It's a Small World
Friends are Forever*



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Mr. Tim Placey, District Governor
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Dear Mr. Placey:

The Casco Bay Sunrise Rotary Club would like to submit the enclosed change to the bylaws of District 7780.

Specifically, section 304 "Foundation Committee" subsection 304.2 "Appointment," we propose a change to the term of the Foundation Committee chairperson to be 3 years commencing July 1, 2003. This proposed change is in keeping with Rotary International's directions for this committee position.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Richard Emerson
President
Casco Bay Sunrise Rotary

A vote on this proposal will be taken during the Council on District Legislation, which will be held during the District Conference in May. Please see the following pages for the relevant changes and information about voting rights during the Council meeting.

Proposed Change to District Bylaws

Section 304 – Foundation Committee.

304.1 Composition. The Foundation Committee shall consist of four Past District Governors of Rotary International and four past presidents of district clubs each of whom shall be willing and able to serve and is a member, other than honorary, in good standing, of a district club. The Past District Governor whose term on the Foundation Committee is expiring shall serve as Chair of the committee. The past club president whose term on the Foundation Committee is expiring shall serve as vice-chair of the committee.

The Foundation Committee shall consist of nine members. One member shall be the committee chairperson who shall be a past district governor. Three other past district governors shall serve on the committee and five other members shall be appointed to the committee based on their commitment to the Rotary Foundation as demonstrated through program participation and/or financial contributions.

304.2 Appointment. The incoming District Governor shall appoint one Past District Governor and one past club president to four-year terms each to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of terms of service. No member of the Foundation Committee may be appointed to a successive four-year term after serving a full four-year term. Subject to the foregoing limitations, the District Governor also shall fill by appointment any vacancies occurring on the Foundation Committee by reason of death, resignation or removal.

Every three years commencing in 2003, the incoming district governor shall appoint a past district governor to serve as committee chairperson for a three year term beginning July 1st of that year. Any vacancy in an unexpired term of the chairperson shall be appointed by the district governor for the unexpired term only and the appointee shall be a past district governor at the time of the appointment. The remaining eight members of the committee shall have four year terms. In order to transition to staggered terms, all previous appointments to the committee shall expire on June 30, 2003 and the incoming district governor in 2003 shall initially appoint three past district governors with terms to expire on June 30, 2004, 2005 and 2007. Of the remaining five members, individual terms shall expire on June 30, 2004, 2005, 2006 and two shall expire on June 30, 2007.

304.3 Duties.

- a. The responsibilities of the committee shall be: i. Working closely with the District Governor in the promotion of all matters pertaining to the Rotary Foundation; ii. Receiving from Rotary International all information and application forms pertaining to Rotary Foundation scholarships and disseminating them to all district clubs in a timely manner; iii. interviewing club-sponsored candidates for international scholarships and other Rotary Foundation awards and submitting the appropriate number of finalists to the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation; iv. answering questions from district Rotarians and clubs about the Foundation programs, development, contributions and Paul Harris recognition, and contacting the secretariat staff to clarify policy and obtain information; v. providing the leadership for district Group Study Exchanges; vi. promoting all programs of the Rotary Foundation through regular suggestions for the District Governor's Newsletter and, when possible, through formal news releases to the media; vii. promoting active participation in Rotary Foundation Month (November) among the district's clubs; and viii. Assuming the responsibilities for any subcommittee not properly functioning.

The duties of the District Foundation Committee and its subcommittees shall be as set forth by the trustees of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. If the trustees have not set forth responsibilities for a subcommittee, the responsibilities of that subcommittee shall be as agreed upon by the District Foundation Committee.

- b. ~~Eight~~ Seven subcommittees shall carry out the work of the Foundation Committee: i. ~~Development~~, Annual Giving; ii. ~~Development~~, Major Gifts/Planned Giving Permanent Fund; iii. Foundation Information; iv. Scholarships; v. Group Study Exchange; vi. Grants; vii. Alumni; ~~viii. Major projects~~. The District Foundation Committee Chair shall, each year, act as chair of the Scholarship Subcommittee and the incoming District Governor shall, in consultation with the incoming Foundation Committee chair, designate a Foundation Committee member to act as chair of each subcommittee. Additional district Rotarians may be appointed each year by the incoming District Governor to serve on the subcommittee.

Section 404 – Council on District Legislation.

404.1. Composition. The Council on District Legislation shall be composed of:

- A delegate from each district club, which shall be its president or a member, other than honorary, in good standing of the club, appointed by the president. Any district club with membership of more than twenty-five, excluding honorary members, as of the last day of the month preceding the month the conference is held, as reported to the district by the club secretary, shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional twenty-five members or major fraction thereof, excluding honorary members.
- Each Past District Governor who is a member, other than honorary, in good standing of a district club.
- The District Governor who shall serve as Chair unless unable to so serve, in which event the most recent Past District Governor present shall serve as Chair. The Chair may appoint a parliamentarian to act as an advisor in all matters of parliamentary procedure. The District Secretary shall act as secretary of the Council.

404.2. Meeting. The Council on District Legislation shall meet during the District Conference at a time designated by the District Governor. The meeting shall be open to attendance by all Rotarians, and any Rotarian may speak to any issue under consideration.

404.3. Agenda. No fewer than 30 days prior to the Council on District Legislation, the District Governor shall forward to each district club president and to each Past District Governor, a tentative agenda of matters to be considered at the forthcoming Council including without limitation:

- The composition and terms of reference of the Nominating Committee for District Governor.
- Election of the district representative and alternate to the Rotary International Council on Legislation in those years in which such Council meets;
- Any other matter upon which any elector has demanded a poll, including but not limited to:
 - All resolutions proposing amendments to these bylaws;
 - Any other resolution proposed by a district club or the District Governor.

404.4. Voting. Each club delegate shall have one vote. Each Past District Governor shall have voice but no vote, unless elected as the representative of his club. The Chair shall vote only in the event of a tie. Presence of delegates from a majority of district clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast shall be required for approval of any matter considered. If no District Conference is held or a quorum is not obtained at the Council on District Legislation any matter that otherwise could have been determined at such Council may be determined in a ballot by mail in accordance with the current Rotary International Manual of Procedure.

A letter of Appreciation

February 28, 2003

Good morning Governor Tim,

Just a few minutes ago, I reviewed the video I received a few days ago that includes the various public service announcements entitled "Giving Maine Promise." What a way to begin this day, the 98th birthday of our organization!

We are certain the efforts and organization to get WGME, Shaw's, the Boy Scouts and others involved to have people bring bottles and cans to raise funds for Rotary's PEFC and the Long Creek mentoring facility were Herculean. Most importantly, in my opinion, the pride of Rotarians in their organization has been raised beyond expectations that shall produce results in the future we can only imagine. Please extend congratulations and a thank you to WGME, Shaw's and Rotarians involved with the project on behalf of Rotary International.

Tim, we are well aware of the tremendous and exciting events taking place during this year in your district. We are very appreciative. Again, we would appreciate you personally thanking the banks and other businesses supporting Rotary and the polio eradication fundraising campaign on behalf of the North American Committee and Rotary International. We ask this of you as the Rotary officer in your area and the simple fact that we cannot possibly express appreciation to the many Rotary leaders and businesses around the world who are supporting Rotary programs with great leadership and commitment.



The polio eradication fundraising campaign has given all Rotary leaders this year many opportunities to reach out to their local communities to tell our story, termed the "public image" of Rotary. You are leading your clubs that are planting seeds for more service to potential newer members who see the value of membership. Your efforts have been a model of what Rotary can never have enough of - team leaders and team players. Take a bow - you earned it!

To all the Rotary leaders in District 7780, and to those who personally participated in our fundraising campaign, please extend our sincere appreciation.

Louis Piconi
2000-01 RI Vice President
Chairman, North America Committee
Polio Eradication Fundraising
Campaign

Rebuilding Together - Volunteers Needed

Rebuilding Together * Greater Portland was founded five years ago with the goal of rebuilding homes in the Greater Portland area for those who cannot afford necessary repairs. On one day a year tradespeople and volunteers work together, in selected homes, to build access ramps, put in new windows, put on new roofs, paint, tile, fix, repair, and replace.

In 2002 the organization's work was valued at more than \$100,000. On that Rebuilding Day, April 27, 2002, over 150 volunteers and tradespeople worked on 14 homes in the Greater Portland area.

This year's Rebuilding Day will be on April 26, starting at 7:00 am and continuing throughout the day. As always, volunteers and donations are needed and

welcome. There have been 30-35 applications for work, of which the organization will choose 12-15. Last year there were so many volunteers that the group was able to also do yard work and lawn and garden improvements. Some of the sponsors for the 2002 Rebuilding Day were Banknorth Group, Fleet Bank, Maine Association of Realtors Foundation, Neil and Gunter, Inc., The Home Depot. These are just a few of the organizations providing funds and donations for the Rebuilding Day.

Brendan Rielly, president of the organization, says it best, "...we can all appreciate the vital necessity of a warm, safe and secure home. For too many in the Greater Portland area, this necessity is beyond

their grasp. Together, we can help our neighbors live in warmth, safety and independence once again."

Remember the day, April 26. Many things are needed: trucks, tools, and skilled tradespeople; donations of supplies, materials, and contributions; and, of course, volunteers! Call 207-791-3529 to help out! *

Rotary In Pictures



Here's a photo that Wells Rotarian Joe Carleton took of fellow Wells Rotarian Terry Hodskins' car, bulging with quilts for our Wrap-a-Smile program.

As you know, the Wrap-a-Smile program provides handmade, small quilts for the infants and children undergoing cleft lip and cleft palate repair in the Rotaplast program. Terry, a quilter, came up with the idea for Wrap-a-Smile and has received handmade quilts from all over the U.S. and from abroad. To date, she's collected more than 1,000 quilts and has already shipped more than 800 with Rotaplast teams. Fellow Rotarians help with the packing and shipping, and the club funds the expenses. The program is a good example of a Rotarian getting a good idea, getting the backing of a club, and going with it.

Bernie Wideman, President, Rotary Club of Wells

