



# CALL OF THE LOON

THE NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY DISTRICT 7780

Tim Placey, District Governor, 2002-2003

MAY, 2003

## Governor's Notes



Tim and Glad have left for Australia, to attend the International Conference, and to tour the country. They'll be back near the end of June, and both will have columns in the last issue of the *Loon*. In the meantime, Tim and Gladys left a message with your editor:

*To all who attended the District Conference: Thank you so much for coming! We thoroughly enjoyed it, and had a grand time. We hope you did too.*

*Love you,  
Tim and Gladys*



## The Rotary District 7780 Conference, Sunday River, Bethel

*It's a Small World  
Friends are Forever*



Governor Tim presents George Cashman, PDG (Newburyport) with a plaque commemorating his 50 years of perfect attendance and 50 attended district conferences. Wow!! Congratulations George!



## Around the District



Leo Couture was awarded recently for his many years of service to the Rochester Rotary Club. Leo decided to step down as Secretary, after serving in that capacity for 28 years. He joined Rochester Rotary on November 1, 1966. He served as Club President from 1970-1971. He has had perfect attendance for 33 years. He is a very dedicated Rotarian and looks forward to continuing his involvement with the club. He and his late wife, Lucia, are both Paul Harris Fellows. He has turned over his secretary duties to Claire Bisailon.



Bethel Rotarian Rick Mowery and his wife Peggy were recently feted as the Bethel Club bids them a fond farewell as they continue their life's journey in Florida.



The newly formed Bethel Interact Club celebrated its first year with the Bethel Rotary Club and received their pins. This Interact Club is comprised of students from both high schools in the area - Telstar Regional High School and Gould Academy.



Like father, like son. Dr. Michael Liberti is the 2002-2003 President of the Bethel Club. His son Anthony Liberti, a senior at Gould Academy, is 2002-2003 President of Bethel's new Interact Club.





At a recent Bethel Club meeting and on behalf of the District Exchange, Maryvonne Wheeler and Cathy Newell accepted the ceremonial \$5,000.00 check from District Governor Tim. These two Community Assistance Program grants, each \$2,500.00, go to the District Exchange for fuel and medical assistance and vocational assistance.



Jim Bouchard from the Maine Children's Cancer Center and Casco Bay Sunrise Rotary recently surprised Bob and Cynthia Laux with an award recognizing their contribution to and support of the Maine Children's Cancer Program.



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Bene Farnard from Belgium recently visited her Rotary host family in Bethel. The Dan Hart family hosted Bene several years ago and she visited with the Harts and the club in between finishing law school and returning home to Belgium.



Wells Charter Night Banquet, Friday, May 9. Governor Tim awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship to non-member Laurie Bassett (at left and below). (Although she's not a member of the Wells club, Laurie has helped with a number of activities, even going as part of a Rotaplast team to Central America. She also has developed and maintains the club's website. Her husband, Bill, is a member of the Wells club and is also a Paul Harris Fellow.) The club received its charter in 1986.





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## Important Dates and Deadlines

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### 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.



## Who's the Editor?

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## GSE 2004

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The Group Study Exchange Team has just returned to India following a great visit to our District. By most accounts it was a terrific experience for the "New Delhi Five."

It's time now to start planning for next year's GSE program with District 9550, Queensland, Australia. District committee chair Scott Simmonds has put together a fifteen minute presentation on the GSE program - inbound and outbound. At your club meeting program he'll discuss how the GSE program works and how your club can participate by sponsoring team members to go to Australia or by hosting the team members that will visit our district next spring. Call Scott at 207.284.0085 or email Scott@icofmaine.com for information on when he can visit with your club.

## Registration at the Conference

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# Thursday Night Barbeque



Listening avidly to Maine humorist, John MacDonald



Dessert!



Our hero, the cook!!



# Banners, Awards, Thanks and Hugs



Guess who's in residence?





# Displays





Seen Around





# Very Special Guests





# Sergeants-at-Arms (or "just call me Pedro")



# On the Links





# Group Study Exchange and Youth Exchange

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# Who Says Rotarians Can't Dance?



The king and queen of the hop!

## Bon Voyage...

It's a Small World  
Friends are Forever



and Thank You Marie!!!

Sow the Seeds of Love

