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A Word from Governor Trish



Children at Jabulani, a self help center in South Africa

February is World Understanding Month. As we approach Rotary's 99th Birthday, we can be proud of the work Rotarians have done to further world peace. After all, this **is** Rotary International's number one goal. The Trustees of Rotary reinforced this commitment by establishing seventy annual World Peace and Understanding Scholarships at seven universities worldwide.

Although these young people will undoubtedly bring about change in our world, they are not the only ones with something to offer. It takes all people, of all backgrounds, at the grass roots level, to foster and achieve true understanding.

This is how, as Rotarians, we have an advantage. Through the Individual Grants program of the Rotary Foundation, Rotarians and their spouses can volunteer their time on a Rotary project in a third world country. Although this is a new program, I'm pleased to say we've already had some recipients in our own District. Four Rotarians from Coastal Rotary club in Brunswick recently returned from volunteering their time at an AIDS hospice (built with a Foundation 3H grant), at a self help center (partially funded by a Foundation matching grant), and at an orphanage. Reactions from these individuals ranged from "invigorating" to "eye opening" to "life changing."

It is through these human interactions that real progress is made. There are many wonderful international projects being sponsored by Rotary clubs in this District - clean water projects, revolving loan funds, solar ovens, help for orphans, the delivery of much needed medical supplies -and we still have over \$42,000.00 left to help a club achieve their dream of world service.

I urge you - if you have such a dream, make it happen through our Rotary Foundation. You will not only "Lend A Hand," you will bring us all a little closer to world understanding and peace.

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It's Rotary's 99th Birthday Bash & Foundation Dinner!! February 24, 2004

Start the Countdown to our 100th Year! Bring your whole club!

*Hear our special guest speaker talk about the power of our Rotary Foundation!
Meet this year's Outbound GSE Team!*

February 24, 2004

Verrillo's Convention Center, Portland, off Exit 8 of the Maine Turnpike

6:00 Cash Bar With Snacks
6:30 Dinner

Meal Choices: Chicken Kiev (in honor of our guest!) or Baked Stuffed Haddock
Cost: \$25 per person

Our Featured Speaker is the dynamic CAROLYN E. JONES, Past District Governor from Alaska, "From Rotary To Russia With Love." District 5010 is the largest Rotary district in the world, with clubs in 12 time zones, including Alaska, the Yukon Territory, Siberia, and all of eastern Russia.

Carolyn is a recipient of the Rotary Service Above Self Award and the Rotary Foundation Citation For Meritorious Service, as well as the Alaska Bar Association's Distinguished Service Award. Most recently, she was named with over 149 other nominees as a Volunteer of the Year by the Russian Children's Foundation - a nonprofit organization based in Moscow, Russia.

Carolyn has traveled to Russia 26 times in her service to Rotary - four of those visits as a Rotary Volunteer. Her story "The Children of Russia" was published in the July 2002 issue of The Rotarian and in "Chicken Soup For The Volunteer's Soul."

Come Join Us for a Night of Celebration And Information
Reservations Required - Prepayment Appreciated

Reserve your club's table now! Use our easy web registration at www.icofmaine.com/rotary.html or call 207-284-0085 – or email Scott@icofmaine.com. Make check payable to: Rotary District 7780. Mail your check to: Scott Simmonds, 20 Sofia Road, Saco, ME 04072



Children from the Eagle's Nest Orphanage, Tomsk, Russia.

PDG Carolyn writes, "Although the rules precluded them having ski poles because of their age, they were very proud to have their own cross country skis like the big kids."

2006-2007 District Governor Nominee Designate Named

The District 7780 nominating committee has selected the 2006-2007 District Governor Nominee Designate, Billy Hobbs from the Rotary Club of Wells.

Congratulations to Billy and thank you to all those who participated in the process.

Valentine's Day Dance, Ogunquit Rotary Club

The Ogunquit Rotary Club is sponsoring a festive Valentine's Day Dance February 14th in Ogunquit's Dunaway Center from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm. The Little Swing Band will be playing the music (a 14-piece band). Dress is informal or whatever you want to wear. Tickets are \$14 in advance and \$16 at the door. You can call or fax 207-646-6170 to reserve tickets. Come support our South African AIDS project!



4th Annual Rotary Ice Fishing Derby Fest and Air Show Windham Rotary Club

The Windham Rotary Club will hold its fourth annual Ice Fishing Derby February 21 and 22. Currently, there is ice on Jordan Bay and the frigid temperatures are continuing, so the event should go as planned. This year, in addition to the Derby, the event will feature an air show on Saturday from 11:00 am to 1 pm at Raymond Beach. Storm date is Sunday. Pilots will be asked to do a "fly-by" around the lake in addition to the many other air events planned. On Saturday, at 1 PM, there will be a Polar Ice Dip. There are already over 100 polar dippers signed up, but there is room for more! And if you're not into ice fishing or ice dipping, just come to see the professionally carved show sculptures!

Join your fellow Rotarians in some winter fun to benefit the Maine Children's Cancer Program, Camp sunshine, and the Inland Fisheries Department.

If you would like to join in the frigid fun, call 1-888-ICE-FLAG or <http://www.icefishingderby.com/>.

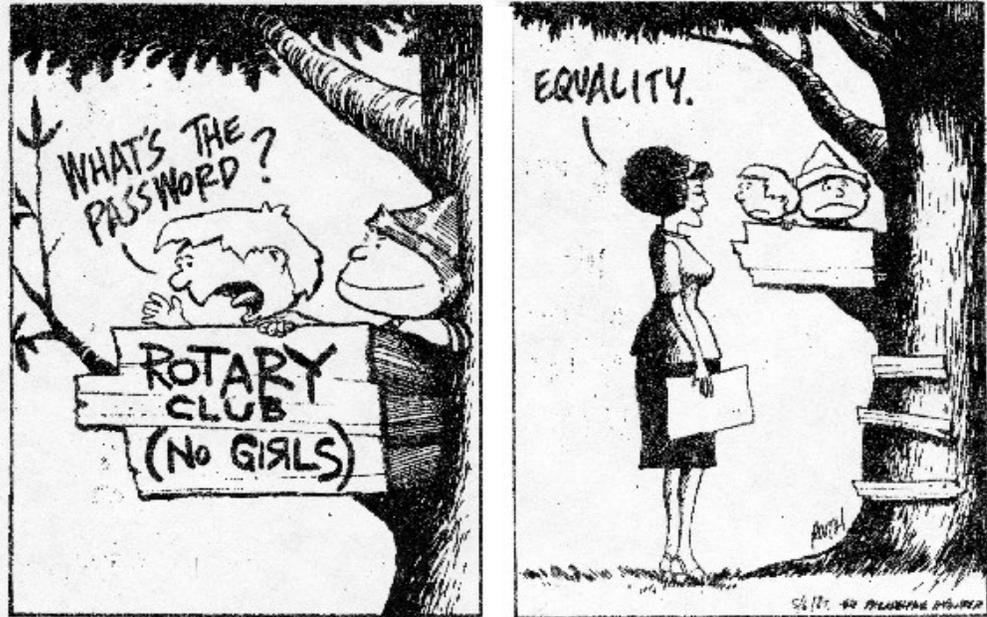
Notes from South Africa: An Individual Grant Odyssey

January 21, 2004

Today I visited Jabulani - a self help center. The people in this area...are hungry, live in poor conditions and, with the spread of AIDS, are dying. Jabulani gives them hope. It is a center for women to learn new crafts, a day care for their children and a school....also a place where the mothers and children can get a meal. I was moved by the children of Jabulani. They were fascinated by my camera. Every time I went to photograph one child - other children would jump in front of the camera. I toured the center which is a hodge-podge of small buildings on a hillside. Here they make products that are in need in the local area as well as some items for tourists. The products are sold and the women are able to earn a meager living. These products include crutches, candles, clothing, hand bags, mats, bread and infant sized coffins. While I was there, Sister Marco, the head of Jabulani, showed me a few large cases of shoes that had arrived. Later in the day I watched as one by one, mothers were called to the main office and upon leaving, each would have a new box of shoes for their children - they literally ran out of the office - they were so happy...

Excerpt from travel journal of Tom Cole, Team Leader, Individual Grant # 51362 Trip to Marion Hill Mission, Kwazulu - Natal, South Africa. The team of four from the Coastal Rotary Club of Brunswick volunteered for 12 days, courtesy of the Foundation's Rotary Individual Grant program for Rotarians and Rotarian spouses.

Women in Rotary



Pictured is a national media cartoon 17 years ago when Rotary doors were open for women. Future issues of The Loon will feature great stories reported by our District 7780 women (and men!). It has been 17 years of great impact on our clubs.

District Historian Bob Patten is looking for stories about women in Rotary. This year marks the 17th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that allowed women into Rotary. He's already received a few responses:

"It's funny you should ask...' was the opening sentence of a woman Rotarian in our district. Couples in Rotary...'We joined Rotary in 1999 when we were asked to join by a fellow church member...' These are two responses I have received. Send, too, your Rotarian couples histories. The Boston Globe issue of 6/25/87 featured a headline '24 women inducted into Rotary Club' of Boston. Who was president of the club at that time? None other than Kirk Kelsey who is now a member of the Rotary Club of Portland! Fascinating stories. And we do need your responses. I hope for a deadline of March 1. Please join the parade of our proud history."

Bob Patten, PDG, District 7780 Historian

Reach Bob Patten at: pattcape@aol.com or call him at 207-799-3819.

Business Ethics Part III - "Whistleblowers" - Falmouth Rotary Club

Join Falmouth Rotary Club on February 23rd at 5 pm at the Portland Country Club for Part III of its series on Business Ethics presented in collaboration with the Falmouth/Cumberland Chamber of Commerce. If you liked Part II 's multi-club meeting on the 4-Way Test with Roger Wold, we think you will enjoy Part III. Gerry Giordano, Falmouth Rotarian and Harvard MBA, was part of a panel at Yale School of Management in January with Sherron Watkins from Enron. He will lead the discussion on "The Price: the Tony Santino Case." Patricia Ryan, Executive Director of the Maine Human Rights Commission, will outline Maine's Whistleblower laws. Please pre-register with Clare Moss at 781-3686. Our nominal registration fee will benefit FRC's Afghan women and children's projects.

from the Rotary Newsbasket

Membership reporting is now easier

Club secretaries and presidents can report new members, change membership information, or report a member termination using either the Member Access section of the RI Web site or by downloading the Membership Data Form. Using the Member Access feature, direct real-time membership updating can be done, ensuring that RI's database is updated immediately and eliminating service interruptions.

For those who prefer to fax or mail in membership updates, the Membership Data Form can be downloaded from the Membership and Club-District Support download centers. This form replaces three other forms:

- Report of New Member Form
- Report of Member Terminated Form
- Report of Data Change Form

Because club secretaries and presidents can update membership information on-line, the Membership Data Form is no longer a writable PDF. This change should help save Rotarians money as writable PDF forms require clubs to purchase Adobe Acrobat Approval in order to save the forms. Member Access is a cost-free and immediate alternative to a PDF writable form.

Rotary Leadership Institute, Portsmouth, NH Saturday, March 20, 2004

Anyone seeking to learn more about effective leadership is invited. See your club President for more information.

"Whether we do much or little in the way of public work, it is apparent that there is a large and unique field of usefulness in Rotary. Possessing as we do red blood in our veins, it is fair to assume that we shall not be indifferent to the welfare of the communities in which we exist; nor unwilling to lend a hand to the doing of those things in the interest of the public which come within the proper sphere of our activities."

**From President Paul P. Harris's "Annual Report"
published in *The Rotarian* magazine in September 1912
Paul P. Harris - Rotary's Founder**

Ninety one years later, an RI President from a different continent, from a different background and in a different time uses the same words as Paul Harris to define the work of Rotary. Such a simple term, "Lend a Hand," and yet it carries so much meaning, whether used in 1912 or in 2004, about the work of Rotarians.

Past RI Director, Dan Moers,
Rotary's Global History Fellowship Vice Chairman,
RC of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA



New Daybreak Rotary Club in South Portland

The newest Rotary club in District 7780, the Daybreak Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, (provisional) meets at 7:15 am every Wednesday at the Betsey Ross House, 99 Preble Street, South Portland. A continental breakfast is served. For more information, contact Shirley Moers @ 207-871-1785.

Congratulations Wells Rotary Club! **Wrap-A-Smile makes January 2004 Family Circle Magazine!**

Interact Conference, April 3, 2004

The Annual District Interact Conference will be held at Westbrook High School on April 3 from 8:30 am to 3 pm. The Westbrook Rotary Club is handling the facilities, Biddeford will be working on the program details, and Fryeburg was also at the meeting and will be helping. The committee will be contacting every club soon to see what each can contribute. If anyone wants to help with the program please let the committee know.

The draft outline of the program is as follows. Registration will be from 8-8:30. The introductory session will be at 8:45, and the first breakout sessions will be at 9:15. You will choose 1 of 3 sessions to attend. There will then be a break for refreshments and another breakout session. Around 11:30 there will be a general session and then lunch. Following lunch will be a couple of more sessions and a wrap-up session.

If you have any ideas you would like to see implemented or you think would help, please contact me or any of the committee members when they get their info out to you. It is imperative that I get officer information, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers as soon as possible or the committee will not be able to contact your members! So far only a few clubs have sent their information.

Yours in Interact,
George Bartlett
Windham Rotary

Excerpt from letter to Tom Wilbur, Youth Exchange Outbound Chair

Hi Everyone,

I've been having such an amazing time lately I'd forgotten to write again! Christmas and New Years here we're both filled with a lot of fireworks, and too much food...For New Years, I went with a group of eight of my friends to a town about three hours away, Samaipata, in the mountains. We rented the most beautiful cabin in the mountains for the night! It was nice to see mountains and trees for a change instead of being in the city as usual!

School starts up again the first week of February, and the 22nd-25th of February is Carnava! Of course I'm really looking forward to that! My Spanish has progressed so much during my time here, now I have trouble finding the right words when I have to speak in English! This Sunday my Rotary Club is taking all of the exchange students on a 10-day trip around Bolivia. We'll be going to Cochabamba, Tarija, Sucre, Potosi, and La Paz! Thankfully, all by plane instead of the bus. In March, my sister Corey is coming to visit and I'm sure she will love it just as much as I do!

Other than that, I've just been having fun with my friends and hanging around! I've really gotten to know the city well and I feel very at home. The only problem now will be getting me to go home!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season! Keep in touch!!

Casey

Establishing a Literacy Program in Your Club

A good way to start generating interest in your Rotary Club for promoting literacy in your community is to invite an expert on the subject to be a speaker at your club. Contact your local superintendent of schools or your local library to get the name of the persons or organizations that are trying to promote literacy in your community. If there is no one in your community, contact a neighboring community.

Most clubs opt to throw their support behind an established program. If you wish to initiate your own literacy efforts there are some preliminary steps you need to do first. Find out what programs are already in place, to avoid duplicating the services of other agencies. By networking with literacy organizations and civic leaders, your club can determine the most effective use of its resources and target the specific segment of the community it wants to reach.

Just like other Rotary projects, you will want to establish criteria by which the progress and success of your literacy effort can be evaluated. For example, if your club wants to organize an adult literacy class, factors such as how many volunteers participate, how many students complete the training as well as the level of improvement in their literacy skills will all need to be considered.

From the very beginning, you must recognize that a successful literacy program is a long-term commitment. It doesn't end June 30th! Check with the incoming presidents to see if this is something that they will continue to support in their Rotary year. Be sure the financial support needed is in the club's budget for the following years. The club should be prepared to continue this project well beyond the current year.

Don't overlook the contribution that your local Interact Club can give as well as some partners of the Rotarians in your club. Your literacy efforts can help change the world. Who knows but the person you help to be more literate could become a future leader in your community, state or our world! **Lend a Hand** and make a difference in the lives of generations to come.

Marie A. Williams
District 7780 Literacy Promotions

Boothbay (Soup) Bowl Night (and You Don't Need Your Own Bowling Shoes!)

Several people have asked when is the annual Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club Bowl night. This year it will be the last Thursday in March, 3/25. The entrance ticket gets you access to a long table full of soups of every kind. You get to keep the bowl - gorgeous pottery made by local artists. You can purchase extra bowls for a nominal fee. If you are interested in warming up the winter with some Rotary fellowship, let me know so we can be sure to have enough room for our out-of-town guests.

Bob Jacobson, DGE



Retreat Scholarship Available for Rotarian

A life-changing opportunity is currently available for one Rotarian (or spouse of a Rotarian) in the district and it could be you!

Coastal Rotary of Brunswick is sponsoring a full scholarship for one Rotarian to participate in a four-day retreat with Two Roads Maine. Started by Dave Hyde following his experience with prostate cancer, Two Roads Maine serves not only those with life-threatening illnesses but also those who find themselves at any crossroads in life. Through immersion in nature and the practice of openly sharing the human experience in community, Two Roads Maine supports people in discovering the healing they need to guide them through challenging transitions.

We all know someone whose life has been touched by cancer or the death of close friend or family member. Two Roads offers the gift of time and community in beautiful locations around the state of Maine and select other locations. All non-personal gear is provided, and trips are supported by experienced staff. Trips are offered throughout the year with a range of activities that offer moderate physical challenge to no physical challenge. Participants span all ages and backgrounds. The scholarship recipient can choose the trip that best suits his or her interests and availability. For brochures, applications and more information, please contact Jenn Barton @ 443-3265 or by e-mail at uluka2000@yahoo.com after February 17th. We hope to match the lucky winner with a trip this coming summer or fall!

Commemorative Stamp for Rotary's 100th? Your Help Is Needed to Make It Happen!

On Rotary's 50th Anniversary, the US Post Office issued a special commemorative stamp. However, despite this being our 100th Anniversary, the Citizens Stamp Advisory Board has twice declined to recommend the issuance of a Rotary Centennial stamp.

Below is information from Past Rotary International President Cliff Dochterman concerning a joint

resolution that is being introduced in the United States Congress to gain approval of a Rotary Centennial Stamp. All of us can help in this effort. Please take a moment and contact our U.S. Senators and Congressman and urge them to co-sponsor this resolution and support its passage. It is a fitting tribute to the work Rotary has done to eradicate polio and its 100 years of service around the world. Certainly the country in which Rotary started should be the primary Centennial Stamp.

Dan Mooers

The latest draft of the resolution (*to approve a Rotary Centennial stamp*) is being introduced by Congressman Brad Sherman, a Democrat of San Fernando Valley, California (both his parents were Rotarians.) He is seeking additional congressmen to join in sponsoring the resolution. We want members from both sides of the aisle. If you have any congressmen or women who might join in this resolution, it would be great. Ryan Donovan is his chief of his office staff and has been very helpful. We have gone all around the hoops with the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, which has turned down a Rotary Centennial Commemorative stamp because they say that their current policy is not to recognize civic organizations or service clubs. Thus, we are going through Congress. It is a very long shot -- but the only one we have left. (For your information, Jerry FitzSimmons is our key person on the Rotary Fellowship of Stamp Collectors who has been helping on this. Many other countries are putting out Rotary Centennial stamps -- but US, where Rotary started, has said "no".)

Any help will be appreciated.

Best regards,
Cliff Dochterman
Past President, Rotary International



Frosty the Snowman makes an appearance at Scarborough Rotary's Turkey Bowl

Discounted Tickets to Fleet Center Events

The Rotary Club of Boston has developed a relationship with the Fleet Center and is able to offer discounted tickets for special "Rotary Days." These special discounts are available to all Rotarians and family members, and you can make the arrangements directly, as indicated below. Several upcoming events are listed with prices and contact information.

DISNEY ON ICE

Opening Night - Thursday, February 12th at 7:00 pm. Loge seats are \$10.

Friday, February 13th at 7:00 pm. Loge seats are \$15.
 Tuesday, February 17th at 5:00 pm. Loge seats are \$20
 Wednesday, February 18th at 5:00 pm. Loge seats are \$20
 To order your tickets email or fax: Adam Lattanzi at 617-624-1839 (fax) or email:
rotary@fleetcenter.com.

BOSTON BRUINS

Monday, February 23 at 7:00 pm - 1st Annual Rotary night with the Boston Bruins. Come celebrate the 99th Anniversary of Rotary International, Boston Bruins vs. Florida Panthers. Rotary discount save 50% on the \$54.00 and \$44.00 balcony seats. That's just \$27.00 and \$22.00 for balcony seats. To order your tickets email or fax: Adam Lattanzi at 617-624-1839 (fax) or email:
rotary@fleetcenter.com.

Here is a link to a website that has the information:
http://www.rotarynepets.org/nepets04/rotarynite_fleetcenter.html

CELTICS

Friday, March 26 at 7:00 pm - vs the New Jersey Nets at the Fleet Center. Rotary discount is buy one get one free. To order your tickets email or fax: Steve Markos at 617-523-3805 (fax) or email:
rotary@celtics.com.

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

Saturday, March 27 at 12:00 pm - Rotary Day with the Harlme Globetrotters. Loge seats starting at just \$10. Also available on Sunday, March 28 at 1:00 pm. Loge seats are \$22 and \$17, balcony seats are \$10.

Bring your camera because The Fleet Center will open their doors to Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Earlyactors, families, and friends at 11:30 am for a private 1 hour pre-game Globetrotter University. This is an exclusive opportunity for the Family of Rotary to interact with some of these world-class athletes.

CHAMPIONS ON ICE

Sunday, April 4 at 4:00 pm - Rotary Day with Champions on Ice featuring Michelle Kwan, Sasha Cohen and many other world-class skaters. Rotary discount ticket prices are just \$75, \$40 and \$20. To order your tickets email or fax: Adam Lattanzi at 617-624-1839 (fax) or email to:
rotary@fleetcenter.com.

These Rotary events at the Fleet Center are a great opportunity for you to share Rotary with your families, friends, and prospective members, as well as business associates - all at a great discount. You can also customize these events as fundraising activities for your club.

Rotary Foundation: A Historical Perspective

In 1916-17 Arch C. Klumph of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA, served as President of Rotary International. His Rotary vision: An endowment to fund the association's good works into perpetuity. The result: The Rotary Foundation.

"The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with the full meaning of the spirit of Rotary as expressed in our Objects and with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity."

- The Rotary Foundation, THE ROTARIAN, April 1929

Tigers and Kings National Immunization Day To India

Hosted by Elias Thomas, PDG

**For all interested Rotarians, spouses, and friends of Rotary
February 18 - March 3, 2004**

In 1999, more than 100,000 Indian Rotary members and their families joined the government of

India in immunizing more than 130 million children against polio on a single day, signaling the largest public health event ever in the world. On February 22, 2004, the members of this trip will participate with Indian Rotarians and their families, first in promotions and then distribution of polio vaccines on National Immunization Day. By joining this event, American Rotarians will have a close experience of the India that most tourists never see.

The geological history of the Indian sub-continent has produced an incomparable diversity of ecosystems. These include the world's highest mountains, arid deserts, great flood plains, cloud forests, swamps and scrublands. Many Indian jungles are thick and dense - predators as well as their prey depend on stealth, camouflage and surprise rather than numbers or speed. For this reason, tracking these animals is an unforgettable thrill. The Ranthambhor Wildlife Reserve offers stretches of open grasslands as well as lightly forested hills, making it easier to spot elusive predators like the Tiger.

Our tour after the NID offers a grand panorama of the Indian wilderness as well as the fabulous art and sculptures that this ancient civilization has produced. The tour also presents many of the amazing, colorful facets of life on the streets and in the countryside that make up the ever-changing, ever-lasting kaleidoscope of India.

This hopefully will be the last National Immunization Day against Polio in India, and I am pleased to be leading a group to participate in this life-saving event, as well as to see the splendor of India.

Yours in Rotary service,
Elias

Elias Thomas III
Past District Governor ~ 2000-2001
ethomas@metrocast.net

Congratulations Freeport Rotary Club!



Sponsor of the new Interact Club of Freeport

District 7780 DDF Watch!

Governor Trish started the year with \$63,722.95 in DDF funds for Matching Grants. So far, the following applications have been sent to the Rotary Foundation:

MG 50836 A grant to help establish a Revolving Loan Fund for organizations and groups of people caring for AIDS orphans in Kisumu, Kenya. DDF Committed: \$10,000.00

MG 51389 A grant to provide a mobile x-ray machine for the Radiology/Ultrasound Department of St. Mary's Hospital, in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. DDF Committed: \$4,318.00

MG 22838 A grant to provide a clean water to an orphanage in Romania. DDF Committed: \$7,000.00

That leaves **\$42,404.95** remaining in DDF funds.

Please submit your Matching Grant applications to the Grants Coordinator, Tom Stypinski. email: jtstypinski@gibbscox.com



photo by Tom Cole

**School children wave goodbye to the Rotarian volunteers from
the Coastal Rotary Club of Brunswick**

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