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District Governor Trish with husband Ted and RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe
at the Rotary International Convention in Osaka, Japan, May 23, 2004

Final Word from Governor Trish-

It has been a great honor to serve the District this year. As I prepare to turn things over to our Centennial Governor, Bob Jacobson, I do so knowing that the Rotarians of this District, having distinguished themselves so frequently in the past, continued during the 2003-2004 year to embody our ideal of Service Above Self.

- Two of our leaders, Mike McGovern and Dan Mooers, were honored by Rotary International with Meritorious Service and Service Above Self Awards, respectively.
- We have a new club, the Breakwater Daybreak in South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, sponsored by the Casco Bay Sunrise Club.
- Seven local projects were awarded funds by the Rotary Foundation through District 7780's District Simplified Grants.
- Seven international service projects were awarded grants by the Rotary Foundation, with monies also awarded by District 7780.
- We held our first District Conference in the autumn, and held it jointly in Montreal with District 7930.
- Our District gained members.
- We were fortunate to have two dynamic GSE Teams—outbound and incoming with District 9550 of Northern Queensland, Australia.
- Four Interact clubs were chartered this year.
- Our participation in Youth Exchange is almost double.
- Rotarians' PR efforts were outstanding—with dozens of newspaper reports, press releases, and the broadcasting of Rotary programs on several public access cable channels all over the District.

It has been my personal pleasure to travel, to meet, and to engage so many Rotarians throughout our District. Ted and I were touched by the hand of friendship, extended by so many clubs, during our official visits. We were shown hospitality and courtesy wherever we went. I pass the reigns to Bob knowing that the Rotarians of 7780 are known in the Rotary world for their devotion to the avenues of service, and their commitment to Rotary fellowship. We had a fantastic "Lend A Hand" year, and, as we move into our "Celebrate Rotary" Centennial, I know our best days lie ahead.

Thank you all,

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**OUR GSE TEAM AND A NEW FRIEND****GSE Team Farewell PARTY!**

Our Farewell Party for the Australian GSE Team is on June 13. Everyone is invited as a chance to say goodbye to our new friends.

Sunday, June 13, 2004 at 5:00
Clambake Restaurant
Pine Point
Scarborough, Maine

Meet us in the designated dining room (follow the laughter!) The restaurant website is <http://www.clambakerestaurant.com/> - they serve a nice variety of food at moderate prices.

RSVP -- Let me know if you plan to attend and how many will be with you. I hope to see you there.

Regards,

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Saco, Maine 04072 USA
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District 7780 Chair GSE
District 7780 Chair Youth Exchange

****Directions****

From The Maine Turnpike (I-95) South

Take Exit 5 (Saco)

Once you are through the tolls, take your third right onto Route 1 North.

Travel 5 miles on Route 1 North.

At the traffic light, a dairy bar will be on your right.

Take that right onto Pine Point Road.

The Clambake Restaurant is located 3 miles down on the left.

From The Maine Turnpike (I-95) North

Take Exit 6 (Scarborough)

Once you are through the tolls, take a right onto Payne Road.

Stay on Payne Road until you arrive at U.S. Route 1. (approximately 3 miles)

At the intersection of U.S. Route 1, continue straight onto Pine Point Road.

The Clambake Restaurant is located 3 miles down on the left.

If you are staying in the Portland area:

Follow U.S. Route 1 South into Scarborough (approximately 3 miles)

At the intersection after RiteAid (on your left),

take a left onto Pine Point Road.

The Clambake Restaurant is located 3 miles down on the left.



Please join the Coastal Rotary Club of Brunswick Saturday evening, June 12, from 6:00 to 8:30 at the **Bowdoin Alumni House - Cram Barn** on Federal Street in Brunswick.

We'll have plenty of **Incredible Desserts** donated by impressive area restaurants and residents, our **Silent Auction** featuring a multitude of great items from wonderful area businesses and **Musical Entertainment** by Dave Bullard & Friends.

All proceeds to go to the **Rotary Foundation**. The Foundation has helped Coastal Rotary build an **AIDS Hospice**, provide **X-Ray machines**, an **infant incubator** and other support for the People of **Kwazulu-Natal South Africa**.

Tickets are just \$12 (children 5 and under are free) & are available at Indrani's in the Tontine Mall, or call Tom Cole @ 721-1000 or you may purchase tickets at the door.

Low Carb goodies will be available.

HISTORICAL PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD IN JULY

Rotary's rich history will attract much attention during the coming centennial year. To help clubs focus meeting agendas on the many fascinating aspects of Rotary's past, RI is developing a series of 12 PowerPoint presentations that will be available for download from the Centennial section of RI's Web site (www.rotary.org) starting in July. A new program will be made available at the beginning of each month through June 2005. Topics to be covered include RI presidents, Rotary's growth and expansion, the history of PolioPlus, and Rotary's contributions to world peace.

SEA SCOUTS RECEIVE CHARTER, FLAG

The newly formed Sea Scout Ship #12, organized to serve South Portland, Cape Elizabeth, and Scarborough, has received its official charter and unit flag.

The Rotary Club is the chartering organization. The Coast Guard is providing the site for the meetings of the Scout Ship as well as volunteer leadership and seamanship training. Sea Scouts, founded in 1912, is a co-educational program for young adults who love boats and the water, want to learn seagoing and leadership skills, work on a team, and have fun in the process. No prior experience is necessary. For more information on the Sea Scouts, contact Jonathan Widmark at the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts at 797-5252 ext. 23.



Holding Sea Scout Ship #12's new charter and official flag are (l to r): Jeffrey Gabrielson, president of the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club; Stephen Birmingham, "Skipper" of the Sea Scout Ship; Captain Patrick Trapp, Commander, Coast Guard Group Portland; and J.T. Dabbs, Scout Executive for the Pine Tree Council.

DECA Students Receive Rotary Support-Oxford Hills Rotary



L to R: Bruce Cook, Rotary Treasurer; Kelsea Pelletier, DECA Vice President; Kellie Sunderland, DECA Secretary; Alyson McKeen, President and Jack Richardson, Oxford Hills Rotary Club President

DECA officers recently received a check for \$500 from the Oxford Hills Rotary Club for their upcoming trip to the International Career Development Conference (ICDC).

The ICDC is a national competition to be held on April 30th-May 5th in Nashville, Tennessee. Students attending the conference are given the chance to compete against other DECA members from around the nation as well as Canada. A total of twenty DECA students qualified to attend this event. The money will be used to help pay for travel expenses.



Garden, Osaka Castle, Japan

South Berwick Rotary

by Helen Goransson, President Elect

When two of our club members (Bonnie Richardson and I) went to India for the Polio NID, we stayed with the incoming president of Delhi-West, Ashok Kontoor. We discussed in depth joining forces on a number of projects he will be doing during his year. We have an annual fundraiser in November, which is an auction and wine-tasting, and we would like to associate a good cause for this, so this year's is likely to be called something like "Deli Night for Delhi." We will give a presentation about the projects we will be supporting and our experiences in India and people will know that the funds will go to the various projects, which include:

- 1) Providing much-needed supplies and repairs to a home for former child-slaves who have been rescued from slavery and are given emotional support, counseling, care and housing, and training to ensure a brighter future for them. This includes mattresses and bedding,

revamping toilet facilities, kitchen facilities, and educational facilities. We call this the "Ashram Kukti Project" and Mark Little (an assistant governor of RI) of Norwich, England is also in a leadership role in this project and we are in contact with him, too, on this project.

2) Helping them establish a vocational center for poverty-stricken and educationally deprived women and children, providing education for children and training for their mothers in crafts, computers, and personal beauty care.

3) Funding various needed items in a center for the handicapped in Delhi (Amar Djoti), which provides services to handicapped children, training for care-givers of the handicapped, and rehabilitation and treatment for the handicapped.

4) Helping them establish a warehouse of disaster kits to be assembled by Rotarians for distribution to the needy in India when a disaster occurs.

After Ashok's year of presidency, he has planned a visit to South Berwick, ME to meet our club and talk about all the great work we will have done together. Mark Little, of the Norwich club, also plans to visit us and present the progress of the Ashram project in October 2004.



**Celebrate Rotary's
Founder's Days**
with RI President Glenn E. Estess
on
Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24, 2004

Friday, July 23, 2004, at Noon
Intercity Meeting
with RI President Glenn E. Estess
hosted by the Rotary Club of Portland
Portland, Maine
Keeley the Katerer
178 Warren Avenue, Portland
Seats are Limited, Reserve Early

SIGN UP ON-LINE TODAY
Space is LIMITED

Join President Glenn
and members of the Portland Club
following the meeting for the planting
of a Centennial Tree at the Rotary Grove,
Eastern Prom, Portland, Maine

**COME ONE
COME ALL**

Fellowship, games, music, rides
and fun for children of all ages

Saturday, July 24, 2004
FOUNDER'S DAY
with RI President Glenn E. Estess
honoring Hiram Elmer Shorey
Maine native and one of the first four Rotarians
Litchfield, Maine
10:30 A.M. Memorial Service, Plains Cemetery
Grave Site of Hiram E. Shorey
11:00 A.M. Dedication of Historical Marker
Shorey's Birthplace
11:45 A.M. Dedication of the Hiram E. Shorey
Family History Center & Library
Litchfield Town Hall
(A Centennial Project of the
Rotary Clubs of Maine)
12:30 P.M. Celebration of Rotary and the
Rotary Centennial
Litchfield Fair Grounds, Plains Rd.
"A Family Cookout," featuring
Bean Hole Baked Beans and food
from around Maine

Unusual Guest Contest Winner (photo coming)

Lezlye Shea of the Rotary Club of Kittery reports:

"Our guest was 'Rocky,' a young donkey. Rocky is the adopted child of Rotarian Frank Clark and his wife, Ruth. They adopted Rocky after his mother rejected him.

"Frank has paid many happy dollars for Rocky's progress from bottle feeding to real food, and other antics that Frank and his wife decided we should 'meet' Rocky. He lives mostly in the house (a very nice house in Kittery Point) along with assorted birds and a dog. Rocky is a very lucky donkey to have parents like Frank & Ruth."

A New Look at the 4-Way Test

By Will Monsell

The Damariscotta-Newcastle club was recently treated to a very special program by students from the Coastal Christian School in Waldoboro, who were competing in a Rotary 4-Way Test speech contest. The students were accompanied by Principal Dennis Light and their English teacher Pam Townsend. This was the first time that a Rotary 4-Way Test speech contest was conducted in Maine.

The Rotary 4-Way Test is one of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics. It was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, the 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions: Of the things we think, say or do: 1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Three students from Coastal Christian School gave their speeches using the 4-Way Test to apply to special societal problems. All made eloquent presentations, substantiating their personal beliefs. Two of the students, Jason Skidgel and Danielle Armstrong, chose abortion as a topic, both making the case for being pro-life. The third student, Derik Barnes, chose the problem of steroid and drug use in major league baseball, arguing the case for regular testing of all pro ball players.

The results of the contest, judged by Robert Bouchard, Russell Thayer and William Murdock, were as follows:

- First place went to Jason Skidgel, a senior who will be attending Olivet Nazarene University in Illinois, where he will be a double major in radio communications and youth ministry. Jason received the first place trophy and a check for \$250 plus a sheet cake decorated with the Rotary Wheel and an inscription about the 4-Way Test. The cake will be shared with his classmates at school.
- Second place went to Danielle Armstrong, a junior who plans on majoring in psychology and religion in college. Danielle received the second place trophy and a check for \$100.
- Third place went to Derik Barnes who received a trophy and a check for \$75.



SOME VERY WITTY WOMEN

From Our Historian, Bob Patten, PDG

The Rotary Club of Portland presented an "All Women" meeting on May 7th to honor the 17th anniversary of women in Rotary. It was organized by past president Roxanne Cole and featured as a speaker the Wells Club's woman pioneer in the Rotaplast effort, Bridget Burns. Among other women mentioned in the ditty is former club president Loretta Rowe, 1998-1999.

As part of the agenda past-president Peggy Wescott created a parody on the entry of women into the Rotary world. It was a take-off of the Beatles' song "Yesterday." The song brought a standing ovation by the club members.

"A Witty Ditty"

(Sung with apologies to the Beatles' "Yesterday")
by Peggy Wescott

created at the request of PDG Bob Patten

Rot-a-ry...Just a Bunch of guys 'til Eight-y-Seven
When Jud-ges said, "You'll Not reach Heaven
til You let Chicks join Rot-a-ry."

OH MY GOD!...Hell, dam-Na-tion what's a Boy to do?
We've Al-ways been the Ver-y best
Just Liv-ing 'the Four-way test'

**But, Then, Girls are Pret-ty, and Oft-en Friend-ly, Too
Some are Real-ly Clev-er...we
Might learn a Thing or Two

(yeah! yeah! yeah!)

So, it seems – Wom-en Joined the Club and As it went,
Both Sex-es were soon Quite content
We Were ac-Cept-ed Gra-cious-ly

Love-liness...Charm and Beau-ty both we Of-fered You
And Ac-tual-ly you Know it's True,
We've Meant a lot to Rot-a-ry

**In the end, you Wel-comed us,
Taught us Lots we Nev-er Knew
In reTurn we Know we've brought
Life and Spice, and Spunk to you

(God knows you

Need-ed it!)...Now we're Al-most done with Lar-ry's year.
A-Noth-er Prez will Soon appear
A-gain, a Wo-man Takes the helm

So far, Three...Rowe and Cole and Wes-cott,
We've done Good
You've Kin-dly helped and Un-derstood
The Vir-tues of our Wom-an-hood

**Now, it's Su-san Brown
And we Know you'll Wel-come Her
She's Great, Or-gan-Ized
Smart and Pret-ty Wit-ty, Too

(Get Ready, Guys)

Gentlemen: All us Wom-en mem-bers Give a cheer,
We've Done a lot since eight-y-seven
When you Wel-comed us to "Co-ed heaven"
It's nice...to be in Rotary...(slowing down)...we're
All the Same....in Rot-a-Ry.

Capital letter denotes strong beat (hum along, you'll see)
Hyphen mid-word means changing note mid-word
Underline means stay on the same note

** means the middle-tune in the song (again, hum along...)



Heian Shrine Garden, Osaka, Japan

Your Club and Literacy in Review

As this is my last article for this Rotary year on Literacy, I feel it is important to review the importance of Literacy and the role your club can and is playing in helping alleviate this worldwide problem.

Why should your club get involved in Literacy?

- An estimated 25% of the adult population is functionally illiterate
- The need for assistance in making our communities or our business workforces more productive
- To assist fellow community members achieve higher goals with their lives
- Remember literacy providers for the most part are grass roots organizations, volunteers with limited resources to carry on this very valuable work
- As Rotarians, our role is to improve life in your community, our country and the world

How can you and your club do this?

- Seek out your local literacy providers to find out their needs of support
- Perform a club analysis to determine how your club should get involved
- Don't be afraid to ask other clubs what they are doing and copying their ideas, such as –
- Donating a book to the local school libraries in your guest speakers name instead of giving the guest speaker a pen or coffee mug
- Providing bookmarks with summer reading lists on them that are distributed by the local schools
- Reading to students at the local schools or libraries
- Mentoring students and adults in the need of assistance
- Produce a Literacy Cookbook as a fund-raiser. Help those with difficulty reading or seeing by encouraging others to buy this book as a donation to these people. This book is geared toward the limited reader and individuals with eyesight impairment.
- Work with your local literacy committee or help start one in your local community in conjunction with the local schools and library
- Get public service announcements on your local radio station or cable TV channel telling people where they can go for help
- Put up posters promoting literacy and stating where they can go for help

Keep in mind people that are illiterate are often ashamed to admit it so be sure that they are given the privacy, confidentiality and encouragement they need to come forward.

Please keep up all that you are doing to promote literacy in your community, our country and the world as you continue to Lend a Hand and Celebrate Rotary.

Marie A. Williams
District 7780 Literacy Promotion



Scenes from La Romana
Bridgton Lakes Region Rotary Club's ongoing relief work in the Dominican Republic



Bridgton Lakes Region Rotarians Julianne Forbes & Edna Fadden welcoming guests to the May 15th "Taste of the Lakes Dinner & Silent Auction"

Bridgton Lakes Region Rotary Club raises \$14,000!

President Emma Bodwell writes, "We had a FABULOUS & SUCCESSFUL "Taste of the Lakes Dinner & Auction. We netted over \$14,000 and gave 1/2 to Habitat for Humanity".

Congratulations, Bridgton Lakes Region Rotary!



Freeport President Claudine Miller

FREEPORT ROTARIANS CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

On May 19th, 64 members of the Rotary community met at the Falmouth Country Club to celebrate 20 years of service to the greater Freeport community.

Over these past 20 years, Rotarians have contributed more than \$250,000 to local and international service projects. Currently, the club supports fifteen local and nine international projects.

Outgoing president Claudine Miller and treasurer Linda McMahon were honored for their service to the club's work by being awarded the Paul Harris medal.

Old-timers Paul, Bill and Bill, Jr. Bennett and Audrey Johnson spoke of the "good ol' days". Newest members Jimmy Hendrix and Leanne Barschdorf shared valued memories and humorous events of their membership years.

In-house comics Gordon Glover, Larry Giddings and Bob Hanson shared their comedic repertoires. Dr. Dave Dickison, advisor to the high school Interact Club presented the group's new charter to enthusiastic applause. Incoming president Todd Doolan welcomed and introduced the district governors, past, present and to come; Messrs. Tim Placey, Robert Jacobson, and Bob Laux, respectively. In special recognition of the event, Tom Wilbur of Wilbur's Chocolate Factory made individual chocolate medallions for each of the guests.

The Club looks forward to the next 20 years of service.



The new Freeport Interact Club receives its charter



William (Bill) Reny was a happy man when the project was finished. The photos on this page are of our club members and others working on his house to install 17 new windows. Not only will this save on his heat for next winter but, he had many windows that could not open to get that sought after Maine breeze in the summer.

Celebrate Scarborough Rotary's "Lend A Hand" Community Service Project: Rebuilding Together



Yarmouth Rotary Club Fishing Tournament to Benefit Local Nonprofit Organizations

The 13th Annual Royal River Striper Tournament will be held August 7 & 8. Hosted by the Yarmouth Rotary Club, proceeds of the tournament will benefit two local organizations:

Maine Alzheimer's Association - a nonprofit organization providing services to more than 30,000 Maine people with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

Yarmouth Rotary Club - supporting a variety of community service projects locally and internationally.

This year more than \$8,000 in cash prizes will be awarded for stripers and bluefish.

In addition to the Striper Tournament for adults, there is also a Children's Tournament (ages 12 and under). Prizes will be awarded for the three largest mackerel and bluefish.

Entries for adult or children's tournament must be received at Royal River Boatyard in Yarmouth by 10:00 a.m. on August 7th.

For information about the Tournament, please visit the Yarmouth Rotary Club's web site, www.yarmouthmerotary.org or call Deb Nelson at 207-846-0955.



Join Fryeburg Rotary For their 1st Annual Antique Auto Show!

JUNE 27,2004, 10:00 TO 2:00

Fryeburg Fair Grounds

General Admission \$3.00

**Auto registration begins at 9:00AM--\$10.00 FOR REGISTRATION
MUSIC ALL DAY
TO REGISTER: CONTACT ROGER OR PEGGY MILLS AT 207-935-7853
OR E-MAIL RogerPeggy@Adelphia.net**

A Word from Ted-

I first want to thank each club that Trisha and I have visited during Trisha's tenure as District Governor. It was an honor to meet so many wonderful Rotarians focused on service above self and so willing to lend a hand not only on official Rotary business but also to ourselves during our visit. The hospitality shown helped make Trisha's year as District Governor extremely enjoyable for both of us.

We are both looking forward to a more relaxed schedule in the upcoming year and also looking forward to providing the new Head Honcho with the contents of the trunk of our car, the contents of many boxes behind Trisha's desk, many flags, manuals, and other Rotary "stuff" that he will need and utilize throughout his year. We are looking so much forward to this that I have decided to stay on, at Bob's invitation, as an Assistant Governor for his term as well.

Please continue to email or call me in regards to any promotional activities your clubs are undertaking if I may be of assistance. I am usually in the office during work hours and for the next several months may be found at selected events in New Hampshire at New England Dragway where I would much enjoy some Rotarian company between elimination rounds.

Again, thank for an enriching experience as "First (and last) Spouse" of soon to be Past District Governor Trish.

-Ted Hunter

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