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A Word from Governor Trish

Ted and I lost power for almost three days during the recent storm. At the same time, my car died. I grumbled about having no power and no car. Then I reminded myself that for us it was a minor inconvenience. For most of the world, it's a permanent condition. Many of us have heard the expression, "there but for the grace of God..." and I finish that statement by asking us to consider this stroke of luck or grace of God that allowed us to be born into one of the richest, most privileged societies on the planet and to be part of an organization that gives us the potential to make such a difference.

Our impact through Rotary is incalculable. For what we spend on pet food, we can save lives. Politics may change and regimes fall, but the Rotary wheel remains a constant reminder of our motto: Service Above Self. Children will live their lives and grow to adulthood thanks to unnamed Rotarians who gave their time, or their Foundation dollars to make sure they didn't die from Polio, or become blind, or had to live on the street because they were orphaned.

The few dollars a week it takes to make up a \$100 per year contribution to the Foundation is so little to us as to be almost unnoticed. Let's take that next step and give those funds to Rotary. You will never know whose life you'll save.

Meet Me In Montreal!

The Ten Top Reasons to Attend this Year's District Conference:

1. Enjoy fun and fellowship with Rotarians from across our District.
2. Learn about Rotary from Rotarians in another District: 7930, greater Boston.
3. Meet T.D. Griley, our President's rep., a great speaker and energetic Rotarian.
4. Take advantage of a favorable exchange to do your holiday shopping
5. Learn about two great Rotary programs for youth.
6. Enjoy a fabulous one-of-a-kind cabaret performance *and* an elegant evening of dining and dancing.
7. Interact with Ambassadorial Scholars from McGill University.
8. Meet and exchange ideas with members of a truly International Rotary Club.
9. Have a great mini-vacation in a beautiful foreign country, staying in a 4-star hotel.
10. Join Governor Trish Hunger in re-energizing your Rotary spirit!

**The October 31 District Conference is fast approaching.
Don't miss out! sign up today!**

October Foundation Seminars
6:30-8:30, Cookies and Coffee provided

A perfect opportunity for Presidents, Presidents-Elect, International Service Chairs, new members, and anyone else who wants to understand how to harness the power of the Rotary Foundation for their service projects. Bring your people and learn about the Foundation!

- Monday, October 20, Portsmouth Community Campus, 100 Campus Drive, Portsmouth
- Tuesday, October 21, Southern ME Agency on Aging, 136 US Route 1, Scarborough
- Wednesday, October 22, China Rose Restaurant, Old Bath Road, Brunswick
- Thursday, November 6, Norway Savings Bank, Route 26, South Paris Branch

Rotary Public Access Informational Session-
October 21, 2003 3:00-5:00PM

At South Portland City Hall, South Portland, ME

Learn how to use your local public access cable station to promote Rotary in your community. We are requesting that each club in the district send their PR Chairperson and at least one additional club member. See a live demonstration of equipment (usually available free of charge, and how to edit

Youth Programs

Interact
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and submit your footage for broadcast.

For questions, call PRID Dan Mooers, 207-767-7444, or email dwm@mooers-law.com

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News from Youth Exchange Students

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The following accounts are from two of our District's outbound students participating in Youth Exchange. Jake Director is living and studying in Japan for this year and Hannah Schraeter is spending her year in Bolivia. Not only do the Windham and Bath Sunrise Clubs get to learn through the eyes of these young people, by sponsoring a Youth Exchange student, they also have the opportunity to host a young person from another country and culture. Youth Exchange applications are being accepted during October. If you know someone who would be interested and who would benefit by the experience, encourage them to apply. Also encourage your club to host an inbound student for a year. It is a once in a lifetime, powerful experience, made possible through Rotary.

Administration Login

"As I have been here more than 2 weeks now, and this is my first chance to send an email, obviously there's a lot to tell, but unfortunately not a lot of time to do it. My host family is great. There is Mrs. Hasegawa, her husband, and 8 boarding house girls as well as a Swiss exchange student through AFS. Sometimes their grandchildren stay at the house too. My room has its own bathroom and sink which I can't complain about either. If you reach out of the front doorway, you have access to a coke machine. Maybe it's just me, but I think that's about the coolest thing ever.

School is great too. I enjoy school as much as I enjoy the weekends, which I wouldn't have thought imaginable in the US. Maybe that's because I don't have any homework here...I joined the basketball team here, and to my surprise they are the best high school team I have ever personally seen. Apparently they are the best team in the state which would explain it.

They've got two Yao Mings from China, and a guy from Mongolia who came here just to play basketball.

I went to Shariki a couple of Sundays ago, and saw the old host family and stuff, that was a lot of fun.

Anyway, the next email will have more detail, but it's been hectic and my time is up, so I will talk to you all later."

Jake

"Hola de Bolivia!

One week! I have survived! and very well I must add. Things are really starting to fall into place. Today I got a Spanish Teacher for about a month which is all I will need I think, and it is coming all so fast and my English is getting worse and worse. Oh well. I had a pretty good first week of school, working each day with the 3,4,5th grade school plays in Spanish and with 1,2 grade art. The children are so sweet and very helpful with vocab such as glue, paint, paper, help, and so on. Dance is very popular here as you can imagine and everyone moves so beautifully.

For the anniversary of my school (collegio tipuipiya) each grade does a dance. It is very professional with costumes that are made for each person and everything. The theme this year is movies and my class voted on Batman, so I am a seductive gangster, in a sort of slutty female tux. It's interesting, but the choreographers are so good and I find my dance background very helpful as it is so present in their lives as well. It also feels good to be rehearsing everyday for a performance.

Also last week we had a big celebration for my papa's factory. He is the first factory owner to be certified by some European people for quality merchandise as well as excellent factory facilities and treatment of workers. SO it was pretty fancy. The Minister of Economics of Bolivia, named Jorge Torrez, (came). I had the pleasure of talking to (him) for about 1 hour about Bolivia and the history of the economic state and the vast growing poverty of just the past 3 years. It was very very interesting.

Everything here is beautiful all the time, from the eucalyptous (my favorite) trees that surround my school to the way the sun shines on broken glass people stick on top of the walls around their house to keep robbers away. Oh and the nicest thing yet was last Sunday was a no car day for the entire city. It was just bicycles. It was so nice. I went with a few friends and they showed me everything in the city without having to abide to the crazy driving they do here. I am also finally adjusted to the altitude and eating times, such as lunch at 2:30 and dinner at 8:00. This weekend I think we will go to Santa Cruz and so on and so forth. I hope all is well and give a big Hannah Hello to the changing leaves and smell of frost for me!"

Love, Hannah



Youth Exchange Students Rafting Trip with Lynne & Bob Schott, Oxford Rotary

Rotary Leadership Institute In Lewiston, ME

Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, is the site of the November 15 Rotary Leadership Institute training session. The purpose of The Rotary Leadership Institute is to provide an educational opportunity for Rotarians identified as potential leaders by their club presidents. Each club president is asked annually to nominate club members as potential club leaders (not necessarily future presidents) in the years ahead. Courses are given for the nominees to foster Rotary knowledge and leadership skills. It is hoped that these courses will also motivate the participants to be enthusiastic, creative and dedicated Rotarians.

Those attending the total of three course days for their full duration receive a recognition of completion. Course methods reflect the most innovative and participatory methods possible. Methods will include discussion groups, role-playing, problem solving workshops, group planning exercises, etc. Lectures are limited.

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The 4-Way Test in Action

The Exeter Rotary Club, as one of its annual fundraisers, holds an Apple Sale, each fall. The following is well grounded support for the project from President Bob Mitchell.

Did I hear someone say apples? This is - for me - one of the most successful and satisfying "events" in our Club's rotary year. This is the fundraiser that I always hold up as an example when I attend District events. To me it really passes the 4-Way Test.

- It is certainly the TRUTH - every dollar raised goes to Scholarships.
- It is FAIR to all concerned - this is one fundraiser where everyone is fully involved and the Chair doesn't get stuck doing all the work.
- It builds GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS because it really is fun for all concerned - and it gives us a real chance for direct interaction with the community.
- It is BENEFICIAL to all concerned - the contributors get something they want and can use; we have fun; and the beneficiaries get an opportunity to change their lives for the better.

Think as your club prepares for its next fundraiser or event. Does it pass the 4-way test - and do your members and those participating know it?

Classification Talks

A great way to learn more about our members and our communities is through Classification Talks. The following is an excerpt from the Oxford Hills Rotarian Reader.

Alison McCrady gave her classification talk, all about The Wonderful World of Solid Waste. As supervisor of the Norway/South Paris landfill and transfer station, she was happy to announce that this week she sent three truckloads of hazardous waste to Auburn for disposal. 120 communities participated in hazardous waste week. She reported that recycling for Norway/South Paris now stands at 37.5%, exceeding the state standard of 35%. This means that the area's recycling is now essentially paying for itself. The big expense faced locally is closing the present landfill. The state has gone from 149 little landfills to seven large ones, which are closely regulated by the state.

The next big step in recycling is to move the effort to the individual level, with each person being aware of the toxic components of their personal trash, such as mercury from thermometers, PCBs from fluorescent light ballasts, and fluorescent bulbs themselves. As of 2006 the state has banned disposal of certain electronics with picture tubes.

Kittery Fire Truck to go to Honduras

When a fire breaks out in Yoro, Honduras, townspeople form a line, passing along buckets of water to extinguish the fire. The antiquated technique usually does not stop a fire from seizing whatever is in its path.

All that will change after Oct. 10, when a 1969 model fire engine from Kittery will be airlifted to Yoro, a town of 20,000 residents who live without paved streets and without fire engines. "It's an outstanding thing," said Kittery Fire Chief Dave O'Brien. "This is an opportunity for a small town that has nothing to start providing fire service.... I'm so happy that it's going. It's about time."

While the idea of a New England town lending a helping hand to those less fortunate may seem like a simple decision for Kittery residents, the decision was discussed for two years, with many residents appearing at Town Council meetings angered by the idea of donating a truck worth more than the \$1 it was originally going to be sold for to the town's Rotary Club.

After the meeting, the Rotary Club's international projects chairman, Pam Gray, received calls from residents offering monetary support - 10 citizens at \$1,000 each. Gray said in an interview Wednesday the final ends have been tied and the engine will be brought from South Berwick to Pease on Monday Oct. 6, and flown to Yoro.

"The whole mission of Rotary is basically to help those people in need, and although we do a lot of local projects within community and country, there is a huge need outside of the country," Gray said. "There are huge areas of the world who have nothing and for \$1,000 we can help a lot in a community almost the same size as Portsmouth."

The number of residents in Yoro is similar to Portsmouth, but the way of life is very different, according to Durham resident Bill Skinner, who has visited the little burgh in the northern part of Honduras four times. Skinner was visiting the country with a church group a few years ago, and while walking into the town to purchase cement and reinforcement materials, noticed a familiar symbol.

"I discovered a Rotary Club there," Skinner said, noticing a flag hanging from the side of a building. Skinner is a Rotarian in Durham. Introducing himself to a few of the residents, Skinner became interested in the community and has since helped with medical aid, as well as supplying a garbage truck to the area. When Kittery advertised its obsolete fire engine, Skinner contacted Gray. And the rest will be history in two weeks.

By Elizabeth Kenny
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The Kittery Fire Truck, bound for Yoro, Honduras

RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards A Tradition of Youth Service in Scarborough

The Scarborough Rotary Club has for the last 5 years taken great pains to create a RYLA AWARDS Program for the Town of Scarborough. It all starts on January 15th of each year with the notification to the town via the local newspapers, and the Guidance Office at the Scarborough High School. The Rotarian in charge of RYLA for the Scarborough Club seeks recommendations from the past RYLArrians, teachers, coaches, etc. When a recommendation is received, the individual student is sent an invitation to apply for RYLA.

We set the deadline for applying at March 1st. Last year we had 34 applications. Once the applications have been received, we set up an interview schedule for each applicant. The RYLA Committee is made up of 6 to 7 Rotarians. We also have a rating system built on 21 questions that are asked. Ten points is the top rating for anyone question. A perfect score would be 210 points. We also try to involve some RYLArrians in the interviewing process as their input is quite remarkable, even though they rate tougher than the Rotarians rate the students. The top ten (10) students by point ranking are then chosen to attend the RYLA conference in the 3rd week of June. In order to introduce the chosen ten students, we hold a Introduction Meeting for them along with their parents at one of our regular meetings where they are introduced to the Club membership. We always make sure that we have one or two Rotarians at Camp Hinds when the students arrive for RYLA.

Why? The Scarborough Rotary Club has made a commitment to these young people and we want them to know that we will be there for them. We celebrate the successful completion of RYLA in October, usually the 3rd meeting of the month. Here we again have the now RYLArrians and their parents to our breakfast meeting. We show a RYLA SLIDE SHOW from the June meeting of RYLA at Camp Hinds. It is important to note that at both the April and October meetings, we have the Principal of the Scarborough High School

and the appropriate member of the Guidance Department. We also try very hard to have the District 7780 Governor, Governor Elect, Asst Governor, Lionel Ingram, RYLA Chair, Joe Pace, Admin Chair, Ryla, and Shannon Aldrich, RYLA to also attend. At both the April and October meetings, the entire meeting is RYLA. RYLA, RYLA.

The publicity we get from the Scarborough Current and the Scarborough Leader helps the club to be greater recognized in the Community. I think that it is important to note that the Scarborough Rotary Club goes out of its way to seek out all good applicants from Scarborough. That includes Scarborough High School, home schooled, Scarborough students attending Chevrus, McAuley, and or Waynelete schools.

Jack B. Cowie, Jr.

RYLA Chair, Scarborough Rotary Club

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I'll bet you didn't know that you can now shop at home, in the office, for the holidays or whatever and get credit for every purchase with the Rotary Foundation. We have established a great new program through igive.com! Just register, identify your cause as "Rotary Foundation District 7780" and every time you make a purchase, the Foundation gets a small percentage! Wow! Great program! I have bought office supplies, gifts, travel tickets and even golf balls! If you have any questions, please give me a call! I'd be happy to come to your club to provide a presentation how it works as well!

Bob Laux, DGN, 207-824-4500, bob@wildriverrealty.com

Guatemala Safe Passage

When Hanley Denning graduated from Bowdoin College in 1992, she was not thinking about underprivileged children in the third world. She was pursuing a career in teaching and social work. That was until she visited the Guatemala City dump. "It was one of those experiences that takes your life in a direction you never imagined," she said.

She saw hundreds of adults and children scavenging through garbage from the 2 million residents of the Guatemalan capital for food and/or scrap materials they could sell to support their families. None of the children went to school, condemning them to a life of dump picking, like their parents. Ms. Denning saw a way to break the poverty cycle for the children through education, and started a school. "I realized, how little it took to make a difference in Guatemala", she says.

Hanley Denning was a young student pursuing a master's degree in social work, and attending a Spanish language immersion program when she made her first visit to the Guatemala City dump. "It was one of those experiences that takes your life in a direction you never imagined," she said. She saw hundreds of adults and children scavenging through a noxious mix of industrial waste, commercial garbage, and household refuse from the two million residents of the Guatemalan capital, looking for food, or scrap materials they could sell, to support their families. "I was so upset, I couldn't stop thinking about it."

Hanley decided she had to do something. She was given the use of a small vermin infested building at the edge of the dump, cleaned it, and with the help of a friend began serving bread and beans lunch for the children. She discovered that none of them went to school because their families couldn't afford the cost of books and uniforms, so she started the Safe Passage program as a way to provide the children with an education, social supports, and a way out of a lifetime of poverty.

Safe Passage now employs 16 Guatemalans as teachers and social workers for more than 325 children ages 5 to 16, at an annual cost of \$300 per child. "I realized how little it took to make a difference in Guatemala," says Hanley. She plans to stay with Safe Passage at least until the first children she helped can graduate. She dreams that one day the children she is helping will run the program. But today her greatest reward is the pleasure of seeing the children having a chance to be children again.

Ms Denning recently shared her story with the Rotary Club of Portland. Certainly this is a story of service above self, people working in the spirit of Rotary, though they may not (yet?!) be Rotarians themselves.

Portside Rotary Receives Grants for Two New Local Projects

Area youth, seniors, and victims of domestic violence will be the beneficiaries of two new service projects created by the Kennebunk Portside Rotary Club. The two projects have received funding from the Rotary District 7780 through its Simplified Grant Program.

One project will provide mentoring, job interview training, support and business attire for victims of domestic violence to help them gain employment and self-esteem. Portside Rotary is a long-time supporter of Caring Unlimited, a community organization dedicated to ending domestic violence, which will be its partner in this project. The \$2,500 grant will fund training materials, makeover services, and clothing for 10 individuals.

The second project builds upon the clubs ongoing commitment to youth and seniors in the community. It will involve eight grade students at the Mildred Day School in Arundel in the creation of a new picnic and barbeque area at the school and an event for senior citizens at the new picnic area. The project will give the students a valuable learning experience and both groups will benefit from an opportunity to interact. The grant includes \$2,200 for construction materials and supplies for the cookout.

Portside Rotary meets at the Community House in Kennebunkport (across from the Post Office) every Tuesday morning at 7:15am. New members are always welcome. For information, visit <http://www.kennebunkportsiderotary.org/> or call Carolyn Lambert at 985-8151.

Governor's Visits: October

Fryeburg	Tuesday, October 7	(7:30AM)
Windham	Thursday, October 9	(12:15PM)
Ogunquit	Wednesday, October 15	(12:00PM)
Casco Bay Sunrise	Thursday, October 16	(7:15AM)
Portland	Friday, October 17	(12:15AM)
Rochester	Monday, October 20	(12:00PM)
Dover	Wednesday, October 22	(12:15PM)
Kennebunk	Thursday, October 23	(12:15PM)
Kittery	Tuesday, October 28	(7:30AM)

Nominations are Due by January 15, 2004 for:

District Governor, 2006-2007

Finance Committee Member, must be from a club in Oxford or York County.

Forms will be posted on this website soon.

*Interested parties contact Nominating Committee Chair,
PDG Bill Skinner, lskinner@nh.ultranet.com*

Dirk Brunner, Lobster Chef Extraordinaire & Clambake Specialist, at the recent festivities thrown by President Linda Brunner for the Damariscotta Newcastle Rotary Club.

Also in attendance were spouses of deceased members, Rotarian kids, and several dogs who kept vigil by Gov Trish's steak with a hopeful eye. Thanks to the generosity of the hosts and the help of the club members, a good time was had by all!



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