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Governor Bob welcomes attendees to the luncheon July 23, 2004 honoring RI President Glenn E. Estess.

## A Word from Governor Bob

Well, the big Rotary District 7780 news in July was the huge, successful Founder's Day event held Friday and Saturday in Portland and Litchfield, Maine. The events kicked-off with the gravesite service on Friday morning in Portland's Evergreen Cemetery for Philip Lovejoy, Portland native, who for 10 years was RI's second General Secretary. It ended with a Saturday afternoon of fellowship, food, rides, music and games for kids of all ages at the Litchfield Fairgrounds,

The Friday morning grave site ceremonies included a prayer service and a dedication of a stone to mark the grave site of Philip Lovejoy. Lovejoy's grandchildren attended and spoke lovingly of memories of their grandfather. He was an incredibly organized man who read several newspapers daily, cut out articles and filed them away under several subjects. He corresponded regularly with scores of friends, typing each letter on an old Underwood. When he traveled by train or car, he had a portable typewriter which he used to continue to type his letters. He traveled extensively after retirement, giving speeches all over the country, and indeed the world. When he died, he was on his way to New York to catch a boat for Europe for yet another speaking tour.

The morning ceremony was followed by the Friday noon Portland Rotary multi-club meeting at Keeley the Katerer on Warren Avenue. Several hundred people were in attendance to hear the Guest of Honor, RI President Glenn Estess make a Founders Day speech. This was the third in a series of three Founders Day events held and attended by President Estess this week, the other two being in Illinois. I had the pleasure of sitting between President Glenn and the Mayor of Portland. At one point, President Glenn leaned over and asked me if I had made any Official Club visits yet. I replied that I hadn't, as I had recently had a couple of knee operations and was just getting to the point where I could get around all right, and the Founders Day events had been taking a lot of my attention. He said, "Let me give you some advice." (it was almost as though he was a mobster saying in a gravelly voice "lemme give you some advice kid", although he is only a couple of years older than me.) "Always keep a card in your pocket with the name of the current Rotary Club you are visiting. Someone tried to give me that advice once, and I thought, what the heck, I will certainly know where I am, but sure enough, I was in a club one afternoon after visiting another club that morning, and I forgot and told them how wonderful it was to be in their fair city. Only trouble was it was the wrong city." I told him I would do that indeed, and I intend to. I sat back remembering that commercial showing the rock star in front of thousands of screaming fans shouting "Its great to be in Columbus" and the audience falling immediately silent. The lead guitar leans over and says "we're in Detroit. Columbus was last night". I decided I would indeed keep a card of where I am in my pocket where I can readily put it in front of my notes.

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At 2:30 PM Rotarians traveled to Rotary Grove, Eastern Prom, Portland for a ceremonial planting of the Centennial tree. I had the honor of joining President Glenn in shoveling in the first few loads of dirt. The tree was half planted, with plenty of space for dirt around the circumference, and a pile of dirt and a pile of mulch next to the hole. Muriel and I had been landscaping our lawn and gardens almost daily since April, and I have been shoveling countless copious amounts of dirt and mulch since then. So when I saw the dirt, I knew what to do right away. The President took a small shovel full of dirt and threw it in. Beside him, all I could see were these two piles. I thought to myself, "hmmm, should I mix the dirt with the mulch first, or just throw in a shovel of dirt, then a shovel of mulch. I wonder why they didn't mix the dirt and mulch first. Oh well, they must know what they are doing." I then began to attack the piles of dirt and mulch. I thought, "Boy, I wish I wasn't wearing a suit for this kind of work", when suddenly it occurred to me. "All I'm supposed to do is put in one shovelful. It's a ceremony, fool".

Sheepishly I managed to put the shovel down before I looked too much like an out of control tree warden. I scurried over to the trestle where we enjoyed a short train ride out to the marina and back on the old, restored narrow gauge railroad.

It rained all Friday night and threatened to ruin the events planned for Saturday, but the weather gods intervened and the rain stopped in the early morning. Saturday stayed cool with clearing skies.

At 10:00 AM in Litchfield, a brief memorial service with prayers given by Reverend John Hall, Pastor of the Plains Baptist Church, was held at the grave site of Hiram Shorey at the Plains Cemetery. At the end of the service, a beautiful stone marker was unveiled honoring Shorey as being one of the first four founders of Rotary. In attendance were Shorey grandchildren, who each took turns recalling anecdotes about their grandfather. They all recall him as being a very caring and sensitive man.

After this ceremony, we climbed aboard buses for the short ride over to the Purinton Shorey Homesite which today looks very much like it did many years ago when Shorey left to seek his fortune in Chicago. Today it is the site of a small bakery, where bread and rolls are baked fresh every morning, and customers take what they want from the counter, leaving money in a small collection box. Outside the front door, a beautiful Historical Marker, supported on a pole so that the marker can be seen from the rural road, was unveiled, with some appropriate remarks by dignitaries. The Gardner Savings Institution was singled out and recognized for its continued support of Rotary and a \$5000 donation for the Shorey marker.

The bus then took us back to the Hiram Elmer Shorey Family History Center and Library, Litchfield Town Hall. There, Past Rotary International Director and South Portland-Cape Elizabeth Rotary club member Dan Mooers who conceived and implemented the entire weekend series of events, presided over the dedication of the beautiful stone monument in front of the entrance to the Family Center, and handed out plaques and certificates to all the Rotarians and citizens of Litchfield who donated so much of their time to bring the project to fruition. The Center itself is a beautifully renovated room, temperature and humidity controlled, with shelving for historic books, computers for research, and archiving materials for town records. Some on display are over 200 years old.

At noon, everyone went across the street to the Fairgrounds for an afternoon of fellowship and food. The Ashland, Maine club brought a beautiful pair of horses that drew a handsome silver and black carriage in which President Glenn and his wife and other dignitaries rode in to the Fairgrounds. Several Rotary Clubs donated food and their food wagons. Oxford Hills had their famous bean-hole baked beans which they started cooking the previous midnight; there was pop corn, cotton candy, a hotdog and sausage grill, grilled chicken by the Wells Club, fried dough, potato salad, strawberry shortcake and much more. For the kids, Casco Bay donated a giant slide, Kittery provided helium balloons, and the Oxford Rotary Club provided a castle moon bounce. There was a brief Tug-o-war between Districts 7780 and 7790, but it was over in a flash. 7790 was no match for the 7780 gorillas, though it was rumored that 7780 enlisted the services of a rather husky fellow from the town of Litchfield. 7780 was declared the winner before the judges could consider the 7790 protest. The afternoon events were topped off with the finger-snapping music of a local Country and Western Band.

The town of Litchfield is very grateful for the hundreds of hours put in by Chairman Dan Mooers to ensure that these ceremonies and events were a resounding success. Thanks also to President Glenn Estess and his wife Mary for spending two days here in Maine with us and helping us put the two days over the top.

Yours in Rotary,

Bob

## RI President Glenn E. Estess Gets Keys to the City!



Portland Mayor Nathan Smith holds up the Key to the City before presenting it to RI President Glenn Estess. Club Presidents Shirley Mooers, Irene Fitzgerald and Susan Brown of the Breakwater Daybreak, Westbrook-Gorham and Portland clubs, respectively, look on.

*From the Rotary Newsbasket*

Over the past week, RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr. joined hundreds of Rotarians at events honoring the four men who founded the world's first Rotary club in Chicago nearly 100 years ago.

Drawing attention to the values that have seen Rotary grow in numbers and geographical size beyond the wildest dreams of its founding members into a worldwide organization, Estess told audiences in the founders' hometowns that Rotary is based on the idea of taking positive action.

"There are few organizations that last 100 years. The fact that Rotary has reached this important milestone is a sign that there has been tremendous need for the things Rotary offers: fellowship and service," he said. "Looking forward, we must make Rotary appealing to today's business professionals."

At the first Founders Day event in Crestwood, Illinois, USA, on 19 July, attendees recognized the roles that Paul P. Harris and Silvester Schiele played in the birth of the world's oldest service club organization. A delegation from the Rotary Club of Terre Haute, Indiana, the town where Schiele grew up, participated in the day's ceremonies in honor of their famous son.

Harris, who originated the idea of seeking fellowship through rotating meetings in the offices of club members, was born in Crestwood in 1868. As an attorney in Chicago, he missed the cozy, small town relationships that he had experienced in his youth. Harris called three business associates to a meeting on 23 February 1905 and proposed that they should form a club to share "mutual cooperation and informal friendship such as all of us had once known in our villages."

On 20 and 21 July, the Rotary Club of Carlinville, Illinois, hosted events honoring Gustav "Gus" Loehr, the mining engineer in whose 711 Dearborn Street office the first Rotary club meeting took place. Loehr left his hometown of Carlinville for Chicago in 1886 at age 22.

Portland and Litchfield, Maine, USA, were the venues for the third Founders Day event, held 23-24 July, honoring Hiram Shorey. The chairs for the Founders Day events (listed in the order events were held) were Ted Gifford, of the Rotary Club of La Grange, Illinois; Robert A. Stuart Jr., of the Rotary Club of Springfield, Illinois; and Past RI Director Dan Mooers, of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine.

At all the events, Estess encouraged attendees to make Rotary stronger in its second century of service by focusing on finishing the job of eradicating polio, Rotary's top priority, as well as fostering membership recruitment and retention, participating in The Rotary Foundation's Every Rotarian, Every Year effort, and sponsoring projects that

reflect the 2005 presidential emphases on health concerns, literacy, the family of Rotary, and water resource management.

Read more about [Rotary's founders](#) on the Web, or read the official history of Rotary, A Century of Service: The Story of Rotary International, by David C. Forward.



#### A Day in the Life of the First Lady - July 21, 2004

*(Before our Rotary year begins to intensify, here's a little about Governor Bob and Muriel.)*

I was getting lunch when the Governor asked, "Do you want to do an article for the August District Newsletter? You are the First Lady you know." I inquired as to how much time I had. His answer was until next Monday. Thinking ahead to the next three days filled with Rotary activities, I decided to write it this afternoon.

We finished lunch when the Governor informed me he was going sailing on our sailboat, "The Muriel B", with Carr, our summer neighbor from Houston. But, he said, "I'll dig up that dead bush for you before I leave." "FINE," I replied. I waved to them as they sailed off on this beautiful summer day.

Sitting at our patio table, I decided to take out the weeds in the flagstones. I am an avid gardener and very active in our local garden club. Our dog is looking out the screen door, waiting for it to be opened so he can escape. My cat, Miss Mugsy, is next to me purring, and my favorite radio talk show host is on the radio. While weeding, I reflected on my surroundings. There is the Governor's lobster boat, the "Christina J", named after his oldest granddaughter, bobbing at its mooring, lobster traps, some 300 of them, and buoys everywhere, plus cars, motorcycle, truck, trailers, skis, which can be found here and there.

Then, there is this cottage where we live. It is situated on a point, looking out at Linekin Bay, 50' from the water, in Boothbay Harbor. To the south, we are a stone's throw from Cabbage Island, Negro Island and Sprucewold. On a clear day, standing on the rocks, we can see Ocean Point. To the north, we see East Boothbay. This house was the Governor's parents' summer home, and later he winterized it, and together we did all the landscaping. We moved here from Fairfield, Connecticut, thirteen years ago. Both of us had taken early retirement from Fortune 500 companies. We have three pets; two cats, Miss Mugsy, a very fat tiger cat, Leona Helmsley, a brown Maine Coon cat, and little Jake, a mostly black Cocker Spaniel. (Bob was known as "Jake" during his 28-year military career.)

It's almost four o'clock when the sailboat sails up to the dock. I shouted down, "How was your sail?" "Just great, we sailed half way to Squirrel Island – not much wind, but good conversation." I moved to another area at the back of the property and thought about a quiet evening at home. I was buried under a big straw hat, weeding, when Carr came by and said, "We are all meeting at Sharon and Al's tonight for a glass of wine and a tour of their new house." "FINE", I said. So much for a quiet evening at home. Our friends were returning to Houston tomorrow, so this would be our last chance to be with them this year. I said to Miss Mugsy, still at my side purring, "Sometimes the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray." At hearing the word "mice", Miss Mugsy's ears perked up. PURRRRRRRR. Did she say FINE?

First Lady's "Thought for the Month" – Always be fair, impartial and diplomatic to all. A deep sense of right and wrong will lead you to seek justice, and compassion causes others to look to you for advice. Always be loving and giving.

Yours in Rotary,

Muriel Jacobson

**A TIMELY GIFT—Marjorie Osgood of KeyBank officially turned over the deed to the plot of land at the corner of Maine High, and Mechanic streets to the town of Bethel last week. The plot will be the site of a new 15-foot-high, two-sided post clock that will be installed this fall. The clock is a project of the Bethel Rotary Club. Club members and outside groups have so far contributed about \$5,000 to the effort. Here, Osgood presents the deed to Town Manager Scott Cole. Walter Hatch, who is coordinating the clock project for the Rotary Club, is at right.**




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### The Rotary Club of Brunswick Wants YOU!!

Brunswick Rotary challenges your club as well as the new District Leadership Team to raise money for the foundation while having a great time!

As part of the Rotary Androsocoggin Days (August 14-15, 2004), a special new event has been started. Rotary Androsocoggin Days Bobbing Boxes!

RAD Bobbing Boxes is a team building exercise. Teams will build a boat out of cardboard and tape in advance. You may decorate it (highly suggested) with non-toxic paint. Then on Sunday, August 15th you and your team will paddle, row, or limb propel your vessel around a 600 yard course on the Androsocoggin River attempting to win! Entry fees (after expenses) paid by Rotary Clubs will be forwarded to the Rotary Foundation in each club's name. Perhaps you would like to get members of your clubs to sponsor the team in a grand effort to promote the Rotary Foundation early in the year?

Please see the attachment and call or email me (Alice Bean Andrenyak - 729-6313 H) with questions. There will be a workshop for building boats on July 29 th for those who wish to attend in Topsham!

Team building and raising money for the Rotary foundation! How great is that?

Early registrations are best!

Alice Bean Andrenyak, Past President  
Rotary Club of Brunswick  
[alice@ggbean.com](mailto:alice@ggbean.com)

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**The Androscoggin Hand Powered Regatta is now known as  
ROTARY ANDROSCOGGIN DAYS August 14 & 15, 2004**

**Register NOW!**  
[Annual Regatta 2004-Registration](#)

**We'll see you in August**



Laurie and Fred Stanton with PDG Bob Patten and his wife Stella. Fred Stanton is Rotary International General Secretary Philip Lovejoy's grandson. Philip Lovejoy was the second General Secretary of Rotary International and served during and after World War II. He is buried at Evergreen Cemetery in Portland. A memorial service was held on July 23, 2004, and a new stone was dedicated by the current General Secretary, Ed Futa, and RI President Glenn E. Estess, Sr. RI Director David Linette and his wife Penny were also present.



**Breakwater-Daybreak Club Charter Night**

**September 11, 2004**

**\*With Special Guest: Past RI President Rick King\***

President Shirley Mooers has announced that the Breakwater Daybreak Club of South Portland/Cape Elizabeth, sponsored by the Casco Bay Sunrise Rotary Club, will hold it's official Charter Night on September 11, 2005.

The event will take place at the Marriott Hotel in South Portland. More information will be available as it becomes known. Any question, please feel free to e-mail ([smooers@wilbursmith.com](mailto:smooers@wilbursmith.com)) or call Shirley, 871-1785 (w) or 799-7290 (h).



*Need a makeup?*

***The Rotary Club of Augusta*** will move to a **morning** meeting.

Tuesday 0715 AM  
Lauria's by The River ~ Restaurant & Pub  
51 Water Street (Rear)  
Augusta, Maine 04330



DGN Billy Hobbs, serving as Aide to RI General Secretary Ed Futa at the Inter-City Lunch, July 23, 2004



***Scott Simmonds, Youth Exchange Chair writes:***

We are in full swing! Our outbounds are getting ready to leave! Our inbounds are getting ready to arrive!

**Outbound Students, Districts 7780 & 7790**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Bar Harbor     | Sydney - Brazil |
| Bath Sunrise   | Austin - Japan  |
| Belfast        | Tyler - Bolivia |
| Biddeford Saco | Rebecca - India |
| Brunswick      | Ryan - Chile    |
| Camden         | Linn - Japan    |

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Freeport             | Jesse - Ecuador     |
| Portland             | Lindsey - Turkey    |
| Portsmouth           | Andrew - Argentina  |
| Saco Bay             | Matt - Ghana        |
| South Berwick        | Meredith - Romania  |
| Unity                | Lori - South Korea  |
| Unity                | Tracey- Belgium     |
| Ogunquit / Searsport | Zack - Romania      |
| West Bay             | Micah - Czech Rep   |
| Windham              | Elizabeth - Finland |
| York                 | Jessica - Peru      |

### Inbound Students, Districts 7780 & 7790

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|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bar Harbor           | Julia - German - F             |
| Bath Sunrise         | Schiau - Romania - F-17        |
| Belfast              | Junior - Venezuela M           |
| Biddeford Saco       | Amer - Bosnia - M-16           |
| Brunswick            | Luly - Colombia - F-17         |
| Camden               | Pierre-Antoine - France - M-17 |
| Freeport             | Moe - Japan - F-16             |
| Portsmouth           | Laura - Finland - F- 17        |
| Saco Bay             | Felipe - Chile - M-17          |
| South Berwick        | Thiago - Brazil - M-16         |
| Unity                | Laura - Mexico - F- 16         |
| Unity                | Laurie - Belgium - - F-18      |
| Ogunquit / Searsport | Johann - Philippines - M-16    |
| West Bay             | Gabriel - Spain - M-17         |
| York                 | Jayeti - India F-17            |

Have a great year, everyone!



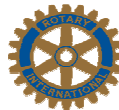

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### Shop Online-Help the Rotary Foundation!

It's fast and **easy**-

Register to shop at <http://www.iGive.com>  
Designate "Rotary Foundation, District 7780" as your charitable cause.

Any purchases you make from hundreds of vendors, including LL Bean, Land's End, HSN, The Golf Warehouse & Priceline, will donate a percentage to Foundation Giving!



What's up with...the Rotary Bell?



**A Rotarian writes:**

**The Rotary Bell, seems to be very important. It is rung at the beginning and the end of a meeting. It seems to be an object that ought to be owned by every club (especially a new club). There are 5 Centennial Bells going around the world and it is a great honor to have one pass through your club and to ring one of them.**

**What is significant about the bell? I have searched the RI website, the new centennial history book, and I can find no reference to the beginning of the Rotary Bell or what is significant about it.**

**Can you help?****From PRID Dan Mooers:**

As nearly as I can figure out, the following is the beginning of the Rotary bell tradition.

Starting with Winnipeg in 1911, the New York club began presenting a silk American flag to each club outside of the United States. These flags marked the promotion of cordial relationships between the clubs of other countries, New York, and the other Rotary Clubs of the United States. In 1919, a New York member, on a planned visit to London, presented the Rotary Club of London with a special New York Club banner, which he designed and made. This became the beginning of the practice of the exchanging of club banners.

In 1921, the New York and London clubs held a membership attendance contest. The winner would receive a ship's bell from the loser. Had New York lost, they were prepared to send a bell from a fireboat. However, they won. The prize, a bell from the British auxiliary warship, "Patrol No. 20." The London club mounted the bell on oak timber from Admiral Nelson's flagship, "Victory," and presented it to New York in 1922.

The New York club began immediately ringing the bell to call their meetings to order, and ringing it at the close, to dismiss the meetings. Less than four years later, a bell began showing up in the Russell Hampton catalog for Rotarians.

The story of the bell does not end here. The "Patrol No. 20" bell was stolen from the club's equipment during a fire in the Colonial Room at the Roosevelt Hotel in 1978. If you ever attend a NYC meeting, they still ring a bell, and not one from a Rotary supplier. The current bell was also given to New York by the Rotary Club of London, in 1992. Also from a British ship, the "H.M.S. P20," a submarine chaser, London President Ken Standish presented it to the Rotary Club of New York on June 17, 1992.

***Stumped by a question about Rotary? Send it along to PDG Trish at [thunter@championnetworks.com](mailto:thunter@championnetworks.com), and she'll get it answered.***

***So you made it to the end...***

**and what do you see? Another request!** Got any great pictures? Memories that would make a terrific Rotary story? Letters to the editor? Was one of your club's speakers especially good? Did you top all records in your latest project? Let us know! We'll put it all in the newsletter and make sure everyone knows about it.

Call or email Trish Hunter, 725-8903 x518 [thunter@championnetworks.com](mailto:thunter@championnetworks.com)

Each edition goes out during the first week of the month. So it's not too early to start thinking about the next issue!

**Golden Rotarians Honored**



**Rotarians with 50 or more years of service to Rotary are honored by RI President Glenn E. Estess during his visit for RI Founders' Days. Congratulations to all these "Golden Rotarians"!**

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