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Membership



Fryburg Academy students received a visit from the GSE Team from Turkey. Pictured are: Peggy Mills of Fryburg Rotary; FA students Umran Altunkaya and Cengiz Altunkaya of Gaziantep, Turkey; Roger Mills of Fryburg; Phil Spurr of Center Conway, NH; Harun Aydin, Atilla Cumhur Basaran, Bilsev Catal, Cengiz Narin and Ceren Guler all of Istanbul, Turkey.

A Word from Governor Bob-

Well, it's been a busy October and November in the District for your talented yet humble Governor and First Lady. In the past two months we've made 13 Official Visits, attended several District Conference committee meetings and then held our District Conference; the Foundation Seminar; attended the five day Zone Conference in Cambridge Maryland; attended two Foundation Committee meetings, a District Finance meeting, a thank you celebration given by the town of Litchfield, a Bethel 30th celebration, a farewell dinner to the GSE team at Spring Hill, a South Berwick Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, and planned and held the Governors' Council Meeting.. Whew!! Needless to say, when you consider that every day at home means four to six hours of answering E-Mails, filling out surveys, tracking down clubs who don't report attendance on time or have overdue balances due to RI, and preparing for the next visit or meeting, there is little personal time left let alone time to write a monthly District Newsletter. So that's our excuse for not having written a Newsletter since the first of October, and we're sticking to it. As things begin to slow down after the middle of December we intend to get back on a monthly schedule.

The highlight of October was the terrific District Conference at the beautiful MBNA Conference Center in Northport. On Thursday night, we were entertained by the District youth exchange kids. The hit of the show was a young man from Romania who was a very good accordion player. He hadn't seen an accordion in a month and didn't have his instrument with him. One was found for him and could he play! Frankly, I've never been much of an accordion fan but I changed my mind after hearing him. I loved every second of his performance.

The GSE team from Turkey was the nicest group of people you could imagine. Bright, personable with a good command of English, they delighted everyone who were lucky enough to meet them, not only at the Conference, but as they visited clubs around the District.

Every event including the speakers and breakouts right to the sunrise service overlooking Penobscot Bay Sunday morning, was terrific. The young and talented ladies, Ms. DiGiulian and

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Ms. Bailey, sang and performed their way into everyone's heart. Their performance as part of the District 7780 cheerleading team at the Saturday night black tie dinner dance had to be seen to be believed.

Resources

Health & Hunger
Public Relations
Water

We thought rain was going to ruin everything, but the sun came out Saturday afternoon revealing the spectacular scenery that those of us who were involved in the planning at the facility had seen before. So many people have come up to me since to say how much they enjoyed the Conference; those who have gone to several have told me it was the best one they ever attended. Having been to several, I have to agree. By the way, pictures and a complete story on the Conference are now posted on the www.rotary7780.orgwebsite.

Youth Programs

Interact
RYLA
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Brad Jett video taped the Conference and is in the process of editing. There were some sound problems in a couple of segments that have to be fixed, but when they are, the plan is to offer a CD available for a nominal fee for all interested.

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If you missed the Foundation Seminar on November 20, you missed a good one. We had three Zone Foundation Coordinators as breakout speakers. They have years of experience in leading discussions and speaking on the Foundation. Roland Gagne, our District World Community Service Chair, talked on his recent trip to Armenia and explained how clubs can easily adopt a WCS project. In fact, he has several in the backlog that don't even need money, just people to volunteer to help do the paperwork, make phone calls etc. It was gratifying to see several people come up to him afterwards to offer to help.

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The highlight of the seminar was the featured speaker, Nicolas D'Onofrio, a 28 year old Exchange Student from General Pico, La Pampa, Argentina who attends the University of New Hampshire with a major in Communications. He spoke of his humble childhood and how his dream was to come to the US to study. When he heard that the local Rotary Club sponsored Exchange Students, he applied, never thinking a youth from a poor background could ever hope to be accepted by an organization full of "important, powerful people" such as there were in that Rotary Club. The rest of his talk centered on how grateful he is for all the opportunities he has had, and how strong his desire is to give back to people less fortunate than he. He took 30 minutes reminding us that the subject of his talk was what Rotary is all about.

BITS AND PIECES – PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

At the Dover Club, at the meeting during the week of Armistice Day (11/11), the Dover Club asked all the veterans in the club to stand up, and they list them in their weekly newsletter, the "Bing".

Kathy Wright of the Ogunquit Club collects stuffed animals for the Rotoplast kids. They get sent along with the "Wrap-a-Smile" quilts with the medical teams that go on the trips. Speaking of Ogunquit, the Rotary Club manages the Senior Meals Delivery Program, and members volunteer as drivers.

Once again, PDG Elias Thomas is making an NID trip to India Jan 2 through 19. This is his fourth visit, and they will visit the Taj Mahal among other places. The cost is quite reasonable. Anyone interested in joining the group should call Elias..

The Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary Club has its own program on Foundation giving, starting now and culminating on Feb 22, 2005, which is "write-a-check day". It is a build-up process which includes special bulletins, talks at the meetings, giving out the Centennial book to Paul Harris Fellows, using points to bring certain members up to \$1,000, etc. Their goal for 2005 is 50-55 members at \$100 each. Their Foundation Chair, Doug Tigert, an expert in marketing, believes completely in the Foundation and does a terrific job for them.

Condolences to John Evans whose father passed away this past weekend at the age of 90.

LETS TALK ATTENDANCE

It is becoming clear that one of the most important problems Rotary has is attendance, or more properly put, the lack of same. In rough numbers, there are about 25% of the clubs in our District that are 80% or above, 35 to 40% in the 70% range, and about 25 to 30% have attendances below 70%, a few in the 50% range or below. The overall average District attendance was 70% for July, 71% for August, 74% for September, and with incomplete figures reported, about 74% for October. It is true the numbers are probably skewed low because some secretaries are not getting and counting make-ups from activities that count as make up opportunities (see below), but more often than not, meetings in general are poorly attended. When members don't come to meetings, fellowship suffers; when fellowship suffers so do project activities. Without fellowship and fundraising, there are few reasons left for a club to exist. When 20% of the people do 80% of the work, and they see half the membership not in attendance,

there often is a sense of resentment toward those who are not pulling their share of the load. A few Presidents are beginning to pay attention and are becoming concerned, as several have brought up the subject to me. I doubt this is a problem that will go away soon. In fact, it probably is going to get worse unless clubs begin to do something about it.

At the Zone Institute, I heard two different speeches that touched on club attendance. In each speech, the speaker said something to the effect that we could look forward to some changes in the attendance requirements at the next Council on Legislation. It is unrealistic, they said, for Rotary to expect today's younger "busy, on-the-go" generation to make the current attendance requirements. Frankly, I found that difficult to understand. We ask each Rotary Club member to attend six out of every ten meetings. Three of those can be at another club. If they make up at another club, they have two weeks on either side of the missed meeting to have it count for that meeting. In addition, a meeting can be construed to mean any activity such as:

- Club Board meetings
- District Conferences and Assemblies
- Rotaract and Interact meetings
- Club Service projects
- Club sponsored community events
- Service Committee meetings (to which the member is assigned)

You even get credit for a makeup if you go to another club meeting, at the usual time and place, and for some reason their meeting is cancelled. As far as I'm concerned, if you can't make 60% out of those ground-rules, you either don't care or have personal or business priorities that simply preclude being a member. What can a club do about poor attendance? I have a whole discussion and set of solutions for this, and I would be happy to meet with any club who would like to get serious about solving this problem.

Several Club Secretaries and Presidents have asked about or do not know about the "85" rule. I quote from the Manual of Procedure, Article VIII, Section 2, subparagraph (b) of the Club Constitution states "A member's absence shall be excused if the aggregate of the member's years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club Secretary in writing of the member's desire to be excused from attendance and the Board has approved." Such a member SHALL NOT HAVE HIS ABSENCES OR ATTENDANCES USED IN THE COMPUTATION OF THE CLUB'S MONTHLY ATTENDANCE.

By the way, a club can often raise its attendance by simply ensuring members notify the club Secretary that they have attended a Rotary function listed above, therefore should get attendance credit.

By the way, while I'm bloviating, let me discuss meeting etiquette. Do you greet guests with a positive response? I went to a meeting once where guests were introduced and the membership ignored them, didn't even look over in their direction. At most clubs the members applaud or look over in their direction and say "Hello (name)!" If you are introduced as a guest at a Brunswick meeting, the whole membership stands up and sings a song of greeting as they come over to shake your hand. Believe me, you won't soon forget the experience.

Do you have members who carry their cel phones into meetings? At the District Conference we had a standing rule. If your cel phone rang during a session, you could count on making a \$100 contribution to the Foundation. I spoke at one meeting where a member's phone went off three different times during my talk. Each time he smiled weakly and left the room. Those of you who have heard my talk know that it gets somewhat intense and emotional. How would you like to be doing that talk and have a cel phone go off, not once, but three times? If you have a life or death situation where you must have your cel phone on, for heavens sakes, set it to buzz, or leave it with someone on the restaurant staff and have them come get you if it is an emergency. Or if it's that important, don't come to the meeting; but don't insult the speaker and make a fool of yourself at the same time.

Here is one for Club Presidents. How much time do you give your speakers? I ask for 30 minutes because I have found that is what I need to get my message across. Some speakers, I'm sure, need less time. Do you ask the speaker in advance what he needs, and then ensure he gets it? At one breakfast meeting I spoke at, I had asked for 30 minutes but the meeting went on and on. Finally I was introduced at 7:50. I naively asked what time did they go to, 8:15 or 8:30. (I couldn't believe my good fortune that I might actually get 40 minutes) The audience (the few who were left, many had scooted by that time) literally broke up in laughter. The answer was 8:00. With no prior warning, after having been assured I would get 30 minutes, I had to create a new talk that would fit 10 minutes. Here is the point. Unless he is running for office or is a

fundraiser, the speaker is doing you a favor. You need him a lot more than he needs you. You asked him to do you a favor by having him on your program. He may have had to get up early to drive 45 minutes or more to make your meeting. By cutting his time in half, you are insulting him. The world out there is full of people who speak at Rotary Clubs, and they communicate. When the word gets around that that is how you treat speakers, your pool of potential speakers will shrink dramatically. Not a good idea when you are trying to increase attendance by having better programs. I bring this example up because it didn't just happen to me by accident. Muriel met one of the members at a different meeting a few weeks later, and he said that the club does that to speakers all the time.

And speaking of scooters, (weren't we?) this is a new experience for me because I come from an evening club where we might have one or two members who leave the meeting early, but at practically every breakfast or lunch meeting I've seen, there have been several. Some have the style and grace to leave before the speaker is introduced, but you would be surprised how many simply get up in the middle of the speech and walk out. Virtually none give the speaker the courtesy of an apology beforehand, letting him know that he has to leave early.

THIS MONTHS EXAMPLE OF A ROTARIAN

Many people have heard me differentiate between a "Rotary Club Member" and a "Rotarian". Most club members (including me) are the former. Here is an example of the latter. It is an E-mail from Jeff Martin, Rotarian and Doctor in the Windham Club, reporting on his latest trip to the Dominican Republic, and I quote in part:

From: Jeffrey E. Martin, M.D. [jemartinmd@pol.net]

"A few thoughts on our recent mission trip through the "Partners for Rural Health" in the Dominican Republic .

As most of you are aware our club has been very involved in International Service projects for many years including our active Student Exchange Program, Interact involvement in Romania as well as our numerous medical relief projects in many countries around the world.

Over the past few years we have been involved with the U. of Southern Maine College of Nursing in their medical mission project in the Dominican Republic and have assisted them in collecting prescription medications to bring down to the people there. Recently the school has been running two trips per year with about 50 team members each trip, almost half of whom are nursing students. Most supplies and medications are obtained here and carried down with us (each participant is only allowed one personal bag... the other is for medical supplies). The group is divided into two teams and between the two teams medical care and health information is provided to about 2,000 individuals in 15 villages. The group provides invaluable service to these communities as we are the ONLY health care available for most of these people. The experience, as you can imagine, is priceless to those of us who have been privileged enough to participate, especially for the young people of the group.

Besides our medical mission work through this program, I was able to connect with one of the Peace Corps volunteers last summer in one of the little villages in the mountains which is a 45 minute walk from the nearest road. No electricity, no running water, with the entire population of 140 people living off the land. When I asked her what she thought we could do for a project she stated that the school teacher in the village wanted the children to learn about computers. This in a village without roads, electricity, water or many books for the school. The teacher wanted the children to be in touch with modern technology so they can go out in the world and compete with others! Teresa (my Peace Corps friend) found a grant program through the government for obtaining photocells for the school, but they needed to come up with \$200. Might as well have been \$2 million where the average daily wage is about \$2. She started fund raising in the community to get the ball rolling. And that's when we started our fundraising here, selling Dominican coffee, with part of the proceeds going to the medical relief effort and part of the proceeds going towards our projects in the village of La China. So now we have power to the school. We figured that pc's would be difficult and expensive to ship to the DR and bringing them up the mountain on a mule would be interesting. So why not see if we could obtain laptops? Turns out, a former first lady of Windham Rotary works for MUNIS and her husband, Mr. Windham Rotary himself, Don Drew, twisted her arm a bit and was able to obtain THREE laptops to bring down to the DR. So, last winter while they were vacationing near Puerto Plata Don and Meg brought down the computers as well as the \$200 for the photocells and gave them to Teresa. The community of La China was thrilled. One of the computers Teresa gave to Dr. Jose Echevarria, a local physician who has been instrumental in helping with the medical missions. So now he is connected to the internet and the latest in medical information.

In July 2004, Mark and I joined the team and headed down to the Catholic retreat center of Fusimana to participate in this summer's medical mission and to check on our Rotary projects there. The highlight of this trip for me was being able to spend three days in La China and experience, for a few days at least, how people live. This village of about 140 people was in the midst of terrible despair due to the recent death of a man from injuries received in an accident. At his wake another member of the village died from a heart attack and her daughter had a stillborn baby. Besides this trauma the woman who died was the sole provider for another daughter with Down's Syndrome. To top it all off Teresa's horse contracted tetanus from an injury to her foot and died. Needless to say I experienced an eerie stillness in the entire place for the time I was there, although I was glad to be there at the time to provide some meager support to my friend Teresa. Unfortunately, the dedication ceremonies for the new photocells and computer system were cancelled due to the village being in mourning over their loss. On the positive

side was the experience of living with these wonderful people for a few days - no electricity, no plumbing, no roads. To cook we would start a fire in the wood stove, go to the local colmado for food (can't store much of anything due to the ants, bees, lack of refrigeration, etc.) and buy just enough for a day or two... no BJ's here. And we, of course, had to hike up a mountain to the colmado. We did go to a supermarket in Puerto Plata where the selection was almost as good as a small supermarket here at home. However, the prices, for the most part were out of reach for the average Dominican, and imported goods were more expensive than what we pay here. Dishes are done after supper in a cement basin next to the outdoor faucet where water flows by gravity from a storage tank on the top of the hill. This is the same place where you wash your clothes by hand (took all morning to do part of the laundry) and where you wash yourself, the dog, the mud off your shoes, etc. The "shower" is a bucket shower with cold water (actually feels great in the heat and humidity of the DR). The bathroom is, you guessed it, an outhouse... although Teresa did a great job building her outhouse! Teresa, with help from the folks in the village, constructed her own home. All the cement for the foundation was hauled up by mule. All the wood was hand cut. The site for the house was prepared by hand by cutting away at the side of the mountain. Life is hard. However, these people have a sense of community that we have lost in our age of "convenience". These people share everything, their food, their personal property, their animals, their time, their labor, their joy, their sadness, themselves. Daily events are communal - washing clothes, cooking, working. They have a connectedness with one another that has been lost in our society. We don't wash clothes together at the basin outside with our friends, we throw them in the washing machine in the basement. We don't go to the corner store daily to buy our food and talk with the neighbors, we go to a large supermarket in another town where we don't know a soul. We don't work within walking distance from our home and talk with everybody as we go along... we drive in our cars and get road rage. We don't holler across the valley to our friend working in the next field or hear him singing or playing the tambor. We complain about the corporation we work for and listen to rap music with disturbing lyrics. We don't sit and talk at night by the light of a kerosene lamp. We sit mindlessly in front of the TV absorbing useless information from actors unconnected with reality. Life is good in the campos. We have lost so much by our technology and gained so much. So, the trick is, how do we help each other? How do we help the folks in the mountains "improve" their lot in life without ruining their lifestyle? How do we allow them to teach us how to live more in a way like them?

What caused this rush of insight for me? I was able to spend some time, not observing life, but participating in life as it is lived in the rural DR. Wouldn't it be great if others could experience the same thing? Wouldn't it add to somebody's vacation experience if they were able to hike or take a mule up the mountain... stay with a family... wash clothes... cook their food... work with the people... even for just a few days? I think so. Teresa has looked at ecotourism as being a viable means to a better economy for this area without damaging it... it would provide access to the outside world and its financial resources to the people of La China while providing access to La China to the outside world. Wow! What a great idea! Rotary is always looking for a Vocational Service project. What better way to work within this Avenue of Service than with a project such as this. How do we pursue this? I'm not sure... however, I, as the Windham Rotary La China Development Project Committee :), have given the remainder of our coffee funds to Teresa to be put towards a development project there. Perhaps we can assist in building housing for tourists... obtaining good tack for the horses or helping to purchase additional horses/mules... work on advertising/marketing. Wouldn't it be great to have a team of folks go down to La Chinato help build a B&B... Dominican style?

Jeff

PS- don't forget to check out our web page at: www.geocities.com/prhdr1/

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That's all for this month. For those of you who I won't see soon, I hope you have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or just plain Happy Holidays, and to all, a great and giving New Year.

DG Bob

RI president declares directors-nominee for 2006-08

*By Vukoni Lupa-Lasaga
Rotary International News*

At the 2005 RI Convention in Chicago, new Rotary International directors will be elected from among the membership of clubs in zones 3, 8, 10, 12, 16, 26, 31, and 34 to serve a two-year term in 2006-08. As of 1 December, RI General Secretary Ed Futa had received no proposals of challenging candidates in all but one of those zones.

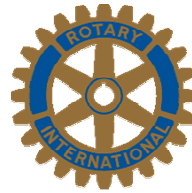
In accordance with the RI Bylaws, RI President Glenn Estess Sr. has declared the following seven candidates who face no opposition to be the official directors-nominee from their respective zones: Yoshimasa Watanabe, Kojima, Okayama, Japan (Zone 3); Ian Riseley, Sandringham, Victoria, Australia (Zone 8); Örsçelik Balkan, Istanbul-Karaköy, Turkey (Zone 10);

Kjell-Åke Åkesson, Hörby, Sweden (Zone 16); Donald L. Mebus, Arlington, Texas, USA (Zone 26); **Michael K. McGovern, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA (Zone 31)**; and Milton O. Jones, Dade City, Florida, USA (Zone 34).



Congratulations RIDE Mike McGovern!

(that's Rotary International Director-Elect)



Portsmouth Rotary Project Honored by Zone

Portsmouth Rotary's "Friends Forever" project was chosen by the Rotary Zone 31-32 Honors Committee as an "Outstanding Accomplishment" by a Rotary Club, individual, or District over the past 100 years.

Friends Forever is a peace project targeted at two of the most troubled nations in the world: Northern Ireland and Israel. From its start in 1986, it has provided life-altering experiences to just under 1,000 teens from both sides of the "divide": Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland; Palestinians and Israeli Jews in Israel.

In the words of a highly respected youth worker in Belfast, Northern Ireland, "*Friends Forever*" *builds bonds of trust and friendship in just 2 weeks that take us 2 years any other way*"

At the same time, it has enabled numerous adult friendships and attitude changed amongst parents in both Northern Ireland and Israel, as well as tremendous increases in understanding and hope for supporting Rotarians and their families here in the US.

Congratulations, Portsmouth Rotary and Friends Forever!



Exactly two months have passed since I wrote my last article for the Lobster Trap District Newsletter. So let me tell you what's been going on since then. The mallards are back for their cracked corn. The leaves have fallen and the Governor is in the process of serious raking. Thanksgiving has come and gone. Hope you had an awesome one. During the heavy rain/windstorm that evening, our dingy broke away from the float. At low tide the next morning Governor Bob retrieved it in our cove nearby. Yes, he is still lobstering.

In early October we drove to Clinton, CT, and saw the Governor's two granddaughters, and then onto Port Washington, MD, for a two-day reunion with past military friends who have a seven year old yellow Lab and a three month old Chihuahua.. Seeing them together is quite a sight, but think of this – our friends also

have over 1000 pieces of Belleek china. I was overwhelmed thinking of my two lonely pieces at home. GOOD MEMORIES - Smithsonian Air and Space Museum located near Dulles Airport, the new WWII Memorial on the National Mall, the Iwo Jima Memorial, and a delicious dinner in Alexandria, VA, where I lived so many years ago.

Cambridge, MD, was next for the Rotary Zone Institute - great fellowship and renewed many friendships. On my birthday, it was dinner with other District Governors and First Ladies at a well-known restaurant in St. Michaels. One DG at our table said that he only tells Club Presidents the date he will be at their meeting. Otherwise, more than half will be absent when he speaks!

During the Zone 31 Centennial Honors Program, Governor Bob had an opportunity to shake hands with RI President Elect Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer. "What did you say to him?" I asked. "From one full-blooded Swede to another, best wishes for a successful year!" he said. To myself I thought, perhaps he should have mentioned some of the sayings that are in and outside our house. For example, "Thank God I'm Swedish!", "Living With a Swede Builds Character!", "Not only am I Perfect, I'm Swedish too!", "You can Always tell a Swede, but You can't tell 'em much!", "I'm not Opinionated, I'm Just Swedish!", and "Parking for Swedes Only, All Others Will be Towed. City Ordinance 2214!"

Then there was the District Conference at MBNA's breathtaking location, Point Lookout in Northport, ME. It was an outstanding one, and of course the best one I've attended! My favorite activity, even with a broken toe, took place Saturday night -- The Global Gala Banquet (what a program). Weren't those youngsters with the pom-poms terrific? Sherry Rand of the Hampton Club is selling the Pom-Poms. For prices call Sherry at 603 964-3399. Then there was dancing to the music of drummer Eric Andrews' Band. At the end of the evening, Governor Bob went out on the dance floor and saluted Eric, President of the Ogunquit Rotary Club.

They could have danced all night - Kathy, Judy, Heather and Carolyn, members of the Kennebunk Portside Rotary Club. That Club's motto is: Lusty Women, Great Looking Men, and all the Food is Above Average. They should change the first line to "Lusty Women and the Swingers!"

FOR A SMILE At a Kittery Rotary Club potluck dinner, I learned that the wife of one of their members raised a donkey in their home, from ten days to six months old. I read in the Kittery Rotary Club Newsletter, called the Gateway, a bumper sticker quote that I really relate to -- "How many roads must a man travel down until he admits he is lost". The best part of the supper was the "special dessert" they cooked up for Governor Bob. Knowing that we have two cats and "Leona Helmsley" is his favorite, a couple of the girls found a recipe on the Internet for a cake dessert that resembles a kitty litter box complete with the appropriate "#2s". Gambling that the #2s were really Tootsie Rolls, the Governor hesitated not a moment and dove right in with the supplied kitty litter scooper. Below is a picture of President Jeff risking a bite after the Governor had led the way! Only a couple of people were in on the gag, and several women complained of the smell as they spotted the cat box in another room!

After attending the 30th Anniversary of the Bethel Rotary Club, we stayed at the Inn at the Rostay, since we had First Dog with us and they accept pets. Innkeepers Kathy and Al Thrall are natives of Litchfield, CT, almost my hometown. Kathy, Sgt-At-Arms at the Bethel Club, has a collection of bears which she sells, and Al is Breakfast Chef. If you want a collectable bear and a great breakfast, stop there.

Prayer at every table at the Scarborough Rotary Club -- "Be present at our table Lord. Be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless, and grant that we may feast in fellowship with thee."

I echo Governor Bob in wishing every one a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Yours in Rotary,
First Lady Muriel



[Citation for Meritorious Service Awarded to PDG Tim Placey](#)

[The Citation for Meritorious Service is provided to only one Rotarian in each District for](#)

Exemplary and significant service to the Rotary Foundation. One Rotarian from each district may be recognized with the Citation for Meritorious Service by the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation each year.

During October's District Conference, this honor was awarded to PDG Tim Placey for his outstanding contributions to our Rotary Foundation; including his donation of \$50,000 from his DDF funds to help start the Rotary Peace Scholar program, and the surpassing of his Polio Eradication funding goal of \$300,000. Under Tim's leadership, District 7780 raised over \$350,000 for Polio Eradication, and that number continues to climb.

The Rotary Foundation's Meritorious Service Award couldn't have been given to a more deserving recipient.

Congratulations PDG Tim!

Bethel Rotary Dedicates Centennial Clock



November 12, 2004

Dear Selectmen:

To commemorate the upcoming 100th Anniversary of Rotary's founding in 1905, our club members wish to make a significant, lasting contribution to the Town of Bethel. We, therefore, donate to you on this day Electric Time Co.'s classic E. Howard Post Clock Replica located on land which Key Bank has generously donated to the town. We hope that it will be a landmark enjoyed by both residents and visitors for generations to come.

Janet C. Black, President
Rotary Club of Bethel



The meeting location of the South Berwick Rotary Club has changed:

Meetings held at Spring Hill Lodge, Pond Road, South Berwick, ME 03908
for Breakfast, Thursdays at 7:15AM

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Kittery Rotary Club Location Change

Effective Tuesday, January 4, 2005, and until further notice, the Rotary Club of Kittery will be

meeting at Bob's Clam Hut on Route 1, next to the Kittery Trading Post, while their current meeting location undergoes extensive renovations. The club will not meet on December 28, 2004.

Please address any questions to Leslye Shea
lezshea@aol.com

START YOUR NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT!!!

January 2 through January 19, 2005

Join Rotarians & friends in India...

Including National Immunization Day for Polio Eradication

Past District Governor Elias Thomas III from District 7780 invites you to join him for this historic event, and to tour the JUNGLES, TRIBALS, TIGERS & KINGS in the VERY HEART OF INDIA

Traveling to India for his fourth visit, Elias has also arranged for you to stay with local Rotarians in their homes while in New Delhi, during the time of the District Conference.

Experience the sights, sounds and culture and see some of the wonders of one of the oldest civilizations. Special visits to the Taj Mahal in Agra, the Amber Fort in Jaipur, the Red Fort, India Gate and the Gandhi Memorial in New Delhi, stay in a 14th Century Hill Fort, and a jungle lodge in Khana National Park.

Total package includes round-trip airfare from New York's JFK Airport, train and bus transportation, hotel accommodations (double occupancy) and some meals. Requirements include current valid Passport, Visa (which will be arranged prior to departure), your sense of adventure and your heart. Guaranteed to be life changing and life enhancing.

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Gandhi said: Be the change you wish to see in the world.

And finally.....



Bethel President Janet Black on Santa Sunday at Sunday River which raised \$1770.00 for Bethel Rotary's Christmas for Children

See you Next Year!

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