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Membership



A Word from Governor Bob

Well, a brand new Rotary year started July 1 for District 7780, a District brimming with new, freshly scrubbed faces, both at the club and District level. We've got lots of new Club Presidents, graduates of the annual PETS training in Nashua, ready to go forth and lead their clubs in Rotary projects greatness. We've got new volunteers in District jobs as well - past District Governors, past Presidents, and Presidents yet to be, all very talented people who are certainly great examples of "Service above Self"; for some of these District jobs demand hours of dedication throughout the Rotary year. I personally hand-picked every Chairman, every District Officer, and every Assistant District Governor from either personal knowledge or by questioning people who know them and whose judgment I respect. From what I have seen from performances so far, I have out done myself this time, even if I do say so.

We've come up with what I consider a really fun, challenging "Governor's Trophy Challenge" this year, (described in another part of this newsletter and in the District Directory) that will offer chances to compete for the Governor's trophy (yes, a real trophy that the winning President has to lug home) and win Certificates of Distinction as clubs compete in the areas of Membership, Attendance, Twin Clubs, Family of Rotary, World Community Service and Foundation Giving.

I thought a lot about including Club Centennial projects in the Governor's trophy, awarding points for what is judged to be the best project, or the most unique, or some such criteria, but the more I thought about it, the more I realized that Centennial projects that benefit the community is just what Rotary Clubs do; they shouldn't have to have an incentive. This Centennial Year is no ordinary Rotary year, it is a year to celebrate the 100th birthday of this most wonderful organization, and what better way than to do something needed and useful for one's community, as well as putting the Rotary name on it as a means of advertising Rotary's birthday and the wonderful work that it does.

I hope we can get everyone together for one final dinner celebration, where we'll strive to keep the boring speeches to an absolute minimum, maybe get some of our funnier Rotarians to tell some of the more hilarious stories of the past year, hand out some awards, including the Trophy, and just have one final fun "team meeting", before we all pass into the "Past" category.

And speaking of celebrating, I hope all of you will travel to Litchfield for Founder's Day on Saturday, July 23. There will be music, food, games and rides for the kids, as well as the dedication of the Hirem Shorey Memorial Family Research Center at the Litchfield town office. Activities for Founders Day are to be found in another section of the Newsletter.

Sunday, July 5, 2004 is the annual "Take a Swing at Homelessness", the baseball game at Portland's Hadlock Field. The game should generate more interest than ever, since the Seadogs are now a farm team of the Red Sox. Even if you can't make the game yourself, why not consider your club buying a block of tickets and sending some worthy kids to the game? That certainly would be in the Rotary Centennial spirit.

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Centennial President Glenn E. Estess Will Visit Maine for Rotary Founder's Recognition

July 23-24, 2004 - Founders' Recognition Days Celebration - Honoring Hiram Elmer Shorey

As part of the kick-off to the Rotary Centennial Year, RI President Glenn E. Estess, Sr. visits District 7780 and 7790 in Maine to honor one of the first four Rotarians, Maine native Hiram Elmer Shorey. The two days of events will take place in Portland, Maine and in Litchfield, Maine, Shorey's birthplace.

President Glenn will begin the visit on Friday, July 23rd by visiting the grave site of Philip C. Lovejoy, Rotary's second General Secretary and a native of Portland, Maine. A 10:00 a.m. memorial service at the Evergreen Cemetery in Portland will be presided over by current RI General Secretary, Edwin H. Futa. Following the memorial service, President Glenn and General Secretary Ed will unveil a new marker near Phil Lovejoy's grave which will note his service to Rotary and to commemorate Rotary's Centennial. Attending the Memorial Service will be the daughter of Philip Lovejoy and several of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. The Lovejoy relatives are traveling from Oklahoma and Illinois to be part of this ceremony.

Following the Lovejoy memorial service, the Rotary Club of Portland will be hosting an Intercity Meeting at Keeley's, 178 Warren Avenue, Portland, Maine. President Glenn will be the keynote speaker at the joint service club meeting. The program includes:

11:30 a.m. Social half hour,
12:00 noon- 1:30 p.m. Lunch and Meeting

The cost of the luncheon is \$21.00, and tickets are available only on-line. [Click Here to Purchase your ticket](#). A large crowd is expected and tickets are limited.. Rotarians as far away as Hong Kong will be attending this fellowship luncheon.

Following the luncheon, it's "ALL ABOARD" the Narrow Gauge Railroad at 2:30 p.m. for a short train ride to the Rotary Grove on the Eastern Promenade, where, at 2:45 P.M., President Glenn will be planting a Centennial Tree in honor of the Founders of Rotary. The tree planting follows the tradition of Paul P. Harris, who planted hundreds of Friendship Tree around the world.

On Saturday, July 24, 2004, the venue changes to Litchfield, Maine, the birthplace and home of Hiram Elmer Shorey until he moved to Chicago to undertake a trade.

The events in Litchfield will begin with a 10:00 a.m. memorial service at the Plains Cemetery in Litchfield at the Grave Site of Hiram E. Shorey. President Glenn will unveil there a new marker at the Shorey Monument commemorating Rotary's Centennial. Joining President Glenn at this event will be two grandsons and a great grandson of Hiram Shorey, who are traveling from Washington State to be present.

Immediately following the memorial service, a Historical Marker at Shorey's Birthplace will be unveiled by President Glenn.

The brief unveiling ceremony will be followed by the Dedication of the "Hiram E. Shorey Family History Center & Library" at the Litchfield Town Hall. The History Center and Library is a Centennial Project of the Rotary Clubs of Maine. Litchfield, by the way, is located near the state capitol, Augusta, Maine, and is a very small farming community of about 2,500 residents. It has no Rotary club.

With all the formalities out of the way, President Glenn and Mary will board a 1905 Victorian Carriage for a ride from Town Hall to the Fairgrounds where, beginning at about 12:30 P.M., they will enjoy with the residents of Litchfield and with Rotarians from near and far a "Celebration of Rotary" and the Rotary Centennial at the Litchfield Fair Grounds, Plains Rd.. "A Family Day at the Fairgrounds" will bring back the friendship and fun of the early Rotarians. The Family Day will feature Bean Hole Baked Beans, barbequed chicken, hot dogs and sausage and other delicious food from around Maine prepared by different Rotary clubs and local organizations. There will be Fellowship, games, music, rides and fun for children of all ages. The focus of the Family Cookout will be on children, with a farm animal petting zoo, covered wagon rides, a castle moon bounce, a giant slide, water balloon toss contests, cotton candy, popcorn, helium balloons and a few rides

and games for the younger children. Live entertainment will fill the afternoon with music and the opportunity to share Rotary with a lot of non-Rotarians will punctuate the afternoon. There will be no charge for this event, although donations for food and rides will be accepted by the various involved clubs and organizations. Advance notification of planned attendance is requested.

Rotary Founders Day information provided by

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**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

2004-2005 Governor's Trophy Challenge

The purpose of the Governor's Trophy Challenge is to emphasize Rotary activities favored by the District Governor by fostering a spirit of competition among clubs. The club that attains the most points will win the 2004-2005 District Governor's trophy. The next four runners up will receive citations. The following comprise this year's challenge:

Sustaining Membership: The goal is for a club to end the year with the same members it has at the beginning. There will be two ways to achieve points. Each club that has a written plan to sustain its members and that puts the plan into operation gets 50 points. ADGs will observe the plan execution throughout the year and report to a District Committee that will pass judgment as to the reality of the plan.

The second way measures results. The Club with the highest percentage of retention will be awarded 25 points, second highest 15, third 10, fourth 5, and fifth 1. Exemptions will be made for members who physically move out of the club's jurisdiction and for a member's passing.

Attendance: 100 points each month a club meets or exceeds 90%. 1000 points to a club that averages 90% or over for the year. Club with highest attendance over 70% each month receives 100 points. The next four over 70% receive 10 fewer respectively. The highest for the year gets 500 points. The next four receive 50 fewer respectively.

Twin Clubs: Each club that establishes a Twin Club relationship with a club in another country will receive 50 points. To find a partner, clubs are encouraged to register for the Twin Club program by using the downloadable Twin Club Registration Form, or by signing up online via the Member Access section of the RI Web site. All twin club relationships must be reported to Rotary International by 1 December 2004, either by completing a downloadable Twin Club Report Form and sending it to RI, or through the online application in the Member Access section of the RI Web site. Read details on Twin Club considerations on the Rotary Web site.

Foundation Giving:

EREY – 100 points will be awarded to each club that attains 100% of PHF Sustaining Membership. Secondly, 75 points will be awarded to the club that attains 100% member contributions of at least \$25 to the Rotary Foundation. Finally, 500 points divided by the number of club members on July 1, 2004 will be awarded for each member who contributes \$100 to the Foundation.

Club Contribution: The top ten clubs that increase club Foundation giving by the most percentage over 2003-2004 will receive 50 points, each lower decreasing by 5. Club and individual contributions must be made so that they show on the May 15th Club Foundation Summary Report. (available on the RI Web site)

World Community Service: 100 points will be awarded for applying for and receiving a Matching Grant for a World Community project.

Family of Rotary: Bonus points up to 50 will be awarded to each club that designs and implements a "Family of Rotary" plan. The number of points awarded will be decided by committee as reported by the ADGs. Read details of the "Family of Rotary" concept on the Rotary (www.rotary.org) or District (www.rotary7780.org) web sites.



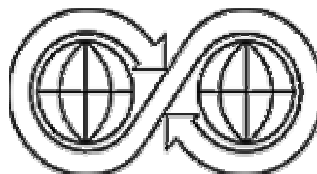
District First Lady Muriel Jacobson and her winning entry

Fryeburg Rotary 1st Annual Car Show

June 27 was a bright and sunny day, just the sort of day to roll the 63 Caddy convertible out of the garage and make the long drive from Boothbay Harbor to Fryeburg to enter the first annual

Fryeburg Rotary Car Show. The competition was thin in the 1962 to 1964 category, but "Her Nibs" won first place, beating out a very clean 62 Ford Fairlane and a very nice, black 64 T-Bird. It was a very nice event with some very interesting cars, music and great people who brought their cars from Vermont, New Hampshire, New York and other "away" places.

Bobbi Steele-Marotta, President of the Fryeburg club, and her club members did a great job for their first attempt, and we look forward to next year's event.



Focus On

World Community Service

Our World Community Service Chair this year is Linmaria Riotta, of the Bath Rotary Club. In civilian life she is a mortgage lender, and is a retired Army veteran, who as a Major on active duty, was in charge of managing the procurement of supplies and setup of army field hospitals, something like MASH units but much larger. In other words, her professional life has consisted in getting things done. That is why we are pleased to have her enthusiasm and can-do attitude in heading up the District World community Service efforts.

I'd like every club to initiate a WCS project, with a matching grant, no matter how small, because the pride and enthusiasm of the club members that result from doing one is tremendous.

Lin will be available to educate key people in your club – President, WCS Chair, and Director of International Service. She'll be making a presentation at the District Membership/WCS Seminar in September, 2004, and she'll be available to speak to your club whenever you wish.

Specifically, she'll help you:

- Identify a project
- Determine its feasibility
- Make the appropriate contacts in the host country
- Find the project resources
- Define the timelines for the interim and final reporting requirements for the project, be it a Matching Grant, SHARE District Designated Funds (DDF), Individual Grants.
- Serve as a technical advisor for international service grant applications, and provide a pre-submission review

She also intends to publish a calendar of critical international service deadlines, and maintain a District database of current projects supported by District clubs and encourage them to partner with each other in supporting these projects.



Blane Immunization Grant:

Studies show rich and poor skip immunization

According to a CNN story posted July 6, 2004, unvaccinated children--children who's parents refuse to get them vaccinated, rather than are unable to do so---"tend to be white, to have a mother who was married...had a college degree and...to live in a city".

Several studies show that there are two barriers to full vaccination -- a lack of medical care among the poor, and affluent, educated people who question the need to vaccinate their children.

In 2001, more than 2 million babies were not fully vaccinated, and 17,000 were not vaccinated at all

Blane Community Immunization Grants help clubs and districts in the United States address this problem. Any club can apply for a one time grant of \$1000 to publicize or otherwise help immunization efforts of children and adults in their community.

Check out information about the Blane Immunization Grant at:

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/grants/blane/index.html>



from the Rotary Newsbasket-



G8 nations reaffirm polio eradication goal, recognize Rotary's work

During the G8 Summit last week in Sea Island, Georgia, USA, world leaders reaffirmed their commitment to taking all of the necessary steps to eradicate polio by the end of 2005 and recognized the important contributions Rotary International has made to the eradication effort. A statement issued by the White House summarizing planned G8 action through the end of 2005 communicated that the G8 "welcomed and recognized the special contribution made by Rotary International to the [eradication of polio](#)."

The group urges governments of the six polio-endemic countries and nine countries in which polio has now spread to take stronger steps to contain and destroy the polio virus so that the initiative's goal can stay on target.

The spearheading partners of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) — the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and UNICEF — issued a statement applauding the political engagement of G8 leaders and officials to keep up momentum on all actions needed to achieve a polio-free world.

The initiative also emphasized that it looks forward to working closely with the G8 and other donors to identify additional sources of funding to scale up immunization activities in west and central Africa.

The goal of the Polio Eradication Initiative, the world's largest public-private sector partnership, is to interrupt wild poliovirus transmission globally by the end of 2004. The number of polio-endemic countries has been reduced from 125 when the initiative was launched in 1988, to six, and the number of annual cases of polio has dropped from 350,000 in 1988 to 784 last year.



PRID Dan Mooers, one of several Rotarians who recently spent time reading with 1st grade children at the Kaler School, South Portland

from the Rotary Newsbasket

Council on Legislation passes per capita dues increase

For a week in mid-June, 529 delegates from 70 countries converged at the Chicago Marriott Downtown in Chicago, Illinois, USA, to debate and vote on more than 400 legislative proposals aimed at keeping Rotary's 31,000 clubs worldwide and their service projects relevant to their communities as the organization enters its second century of service.

Of the proposals approved during the triennial meeting that opened on 13 June, the one that will have perhaps the greatest effect on Rotary clubs is the RI Board of Directors' request to increase per capita dues by US\$4 per year over a period of three years. Approved during the 16 June session, this is the first increase in dues since 1995.

Among other highlights from earlier deliberation was item 04-18, enacted to allow attendance credit for a 30-minute interactive club Web site activity. Proposed by the Rotary eClub One of District 5450, Colorado, USA, this legislation is expected to increase activity at Rotary cyber clubs participating in two pilot projects, as well as other Rotary club sites.

While acknowledging the value of the Internet on that vote, the Council struck down another technologically related proposal, item 04-09, requesting the RI Board to consider encouraging clubs to use new communication technologies.

Peter A. Smith of District 7820, Canada, expressed relief that this item was rejected. "This piece of legislation would probably help Rotary clubs and districts in [technologically advanced countries] become more efficient," he said. "But it would have hurt Rotary in regions like Africa, which do not have the required communication infrastructure."

When asked to comment about legislation that they thought would help Rotary in Africa, Pierre Sende of District 9150 and Nelson Kawalya of District 9200 singled out item 04-170 (passed on 15 June): "To request the RI Board to consider allowing the formation of districts with a minimum of 40 clubs."

"Currently many districts in Africa, like mine, are geographically a big challenge for district governors and members alike," said Kawalya. "If the Board approves, this legislation could pave the way for constituting districts that are more manageable in size and easier for a district governor to tour."

The Council approved two items related to the RI Strategic Plan: one providing for a strategic planning process for RI and the other endorsing the plan's goals and objectives. The Council also passed a proposal to increase the number of Rotary Foundation Trustees from 13 to 15 and a proposal to "provide that the general secretary shall be the only officer to receive compensation." "The Council has made some very significant decisions, like the adoption of the strategic plan, which will give direction to Rotarians in this new century," says David M. Villanueva of District 3850, the Philippines. "The increase in dues will be tough for clubs in developing countries like mine, but I think Rotarians will manage. We've made some decisions which address the issue of transparency. It is good to let our members know how revenues are being spent. That way we

can justify decisions like dues increases."

Eileen Gentilcore of District 7250, USA, was especially enthusiastic about the opportunity the Council on Legislation created for delegates to bring diverse perspectives to the table. "This to me was an opportunity that we used very well. There were a lot of thoughtful items put forth, and the delegates did a very good job of understanding and reconciling many positions arising from different national and religious backgrounds," she said. "Was I disappointed that certain items I preferred didn't get passed? Yes. But it would be wrong to look at the Council as a win-lose situation. Every district gained something."

Bharath Kumar Reddy of District 3160 (India) reflected on the importance of the meeting. "The beauty of the Council on Legislation is that from time to time it allows us to review, update, and change our rules so that we cater for the growth of Rotary everywhere. Almost all the resolutions [passed] will benefit clubs in my country."

To view the results from the entire week, visit the page dedicated to the [2004 Council on Legislation](#) on Rotary's Web site. A book of all adopted legislation will be sent to every club within two months of the close of the Council. Barring opposition from 10 percent of the clubs, Council actions take effect on 1 July. A new Manual of Procedure incorporating the changes will be published later this year.

-RI Web Editor Dean Golemis



Last year's winners of the kid's race, Rotary Ramble



DAMARISCOTTA-NEWCASTLE ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle is holding its fourth annual Rotary Ramble on July 17.

Adults and children are invited to participate in a canoe and kayak race on Pemaquid Lake on Saturday, July 17. There will be races of 5 miles and 10 miles plus a 1 mile fun race for youngsters 12 and under.

All participants will receive a T shirt and be eligible for prizes. Registration costs \$10 and for children under 12, the entry fee is \$5.

This fourth annual Rotary Ramble is conducted by the Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary Club. This year the event is sponsored by the Camden National Bank, The Trading Post in Wiscasset, and Hannaford Supermarkets.

Spectators are welcome. Food will be available.

The event will be held at the State Boat Launch on Route 1 in Nobleboro, just

north of Damariscotta. Registration is from 9:30AM to 10:30AM. The race begins at 11AM. Bring chairs and watch the activity on the lake. Paddling is fun, so come and bring your family and friends to this scenic lake near the coast.

If there are any questions please call Will Monsellat 563-6123.

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So you finally 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

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