



The New Centurian

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*Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar,
President
Rotary International*

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Note: Clubs, please submit information to your AG by the 18th of the month.

The Newsletter of Rotary International District 7780

The Transition Has Begun! Remember Continuity!

Bob Laux, District Governor

Our Rotary Year has many great opportunities for education, fellowship and service. I vividly recall my year as President, so many great plans, things to do, projects to initiate! Then before I knew it the years end was upon me, and I had accomplished much, but certainly not all of my quests! Well being District Governor just means more to do on a bigger scale. Now is the time to reflect on your year, but orchestrate a smooth transition to those that follow.

If you've practiced "continuity" this year, the next several months will be a breeze. Your President-Elect is well prepared through PETS, anxious to begin planning and "all pumped up" over the terrific Assembly held

just last week! "Lead the Way" shouldn't have to wait until midnight on June 30th!

So what should you do for the next several months? Work with the incoming leadership to share what you have learned. Talk about realistic goals with members of your key committees, based on your experience. Talk proudly about all of the Clubs contributions to your community and the world. Talk about the amazing story of Our Rotary Foundation and the importance of Annual Giving. And by all means, let others know of your immense support of your incoming Rotary Club President and your intent to make his/her year the best it can possibly be! You are a proud member of Rotary International!

Humanitarian Efforts Are Desperately Needed – In Kenya!

Bob Laux, District Governor

There are many natural disasters around the world that demand the immediate response from Rotarians and other humanitarian organizations. Earthquakes in Pakistan, hurricanes in our Gulf Coast region, tornados in the Midwest, Tsunamis in the Asia and Typhoons in Australia. Unpredictable. Episodic. Disastrous.

But other disasters are preventable. I recently received a note from District Governor **Abdulhamid Aboo** of District **9200**. Some of you might recall **Hamid's** efforts to assist in getting a young Youth Exchange Student to us, and advised us on another returning student. I believe Governor **Hamid** is a decent and honorable Rotarian. When he attempted to describe to me the immense pain inflicted in a starving population of people from his country who have no food to eat, simply because there is not enough, I had a tough time. Although we have some people here who do have severely limited incomes and of course not enough to eat, not to these proportions. We in western Maine see it every day.

But not to the tune of thousands a day. Not for years. Not so many. Cynthia and I were honored to have been to Kenya, a country with sparse resources and immense needs.



The northeast corner of this country, the area hardest hit by famine, borders Sudan and Ethiopia, and has an ongoing famine of immense proportions. Mostly dessert. Little opportunity to fend for themselves.

Please consider a modest contribution to another Rotary District toward "**The Rotary Kenya Famine Relief Effort**". A little bit of money can go a long way. This Committee is being chaired by Rotarian **Kaushik Manek**, an AG and a member of the Rotary Club of **Muthaiga**, Nairobi. His email is mercheal@nbi.ispkenya.com. They can provide you with directions for sending funds. The District website is www.rotary9200.org, for additional information. Thank you for anything you can provide.

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Rotary Resources Afford Great Opportunity To "Spread the Word!" – Cynthia Moran-Laux

In case you were wondering "April is Magazine" month in our Rotary calendar. The "**Rotarian**" is the official magazine of Rotary International, offered in 30 additional languages and formats throughout the world, besides English. All Rotarians automatically subscribe to The Rotarian or one of the other magazines as part of membership. The Rotarian alone has a circulation of approximately 500,000. As Rotarians who are civic-minded business professionals, Rotary's editorial efforts are geared to address issues felt important by the RI Board of Directors, who certify each magazine. This unifies the common message to Rotarians throughout the world but still allows local editors to adapt their magazine to fit local needs.

"The Rotary magazines are of great importance for communication between Rotarians and the RI Board." According to our Manual of Procedure, these publications exist to further the purpose of RI and the Object of Rotary.

The Rotarian publishes features including: Management and Business, Finance, Health and Medicine, Travel and Lifestyle topics, Science and Technology, Social Issues as well as District and Club stories of interest.

Individual Rotarians and Clubs are encouraged to submit information for consideration to the editorial staff, either via email or hard copy submission. The lead time for a story is 4-8 months. Recently District 7780 and the Rotary Club of South Berwick proudly noted that Club President **Ann Lee Hussey** was featured for her international efforts to eradicate polio. A few years ago, the Rotary Club of Bethel was featured with a back cover photo as part of Sunday River Ski Resorts fundraising efforts through "Santa Sunday", where the proceeds go to the Club's efforts in "Christmas for Children".

The Rotarian serves to remind Clubs of the possibilities that come through Rotarian as well as an excellent vehicle to share stories. I encourage all Clubs in the District to consider submission of articles to the Rotarian magazine, as part of your public relations efforts. Whether done through your local newspaper or Rotary International, it is important for others to see the great work you accomplish.

Be Proud to Be a Rotarian and share your stories with Rotarians worldwide.

Remember Rotary Foundation Deadlines!

Tim Placey, Foundation Chair

Many Clubs like to recognize special Rotarians or members of their community during end of the year ceremonies. It's not hard to find a Club member or community leader who provides "Service Above Self" through community or international service.

Clubs often like to recognize members through the presentation of a **Paul Harris Fellow**. Clubs have two ways to do this, either by making a contribution to the **Annual Program Fund** of the **Rotary Foundation** in the amount of \$1,000.00 and the submission of a **Recognition Form** (available on-line through the RI website), or by utilizing built up "Club Recognition Points" which are RF recognized prior contributions. This later amount is available through either the **District Foundation Chair**

or the **District Governor**. Regardless of how a Club wishes to proceed, it is important to recognize the enormous pressure put on **Our Rotary Foundation** toward the end of the year. Many Clubs ignore this pressure and are disappointed when they don't get their certificates on time.

Our Rotary Foundation can, theoretically, have tens of thousands of requests toward the end of the year. Subsequently, if your Club wishes to honor someone this coming June, don't wait until the end of May to submit the required information. Do it today, in April or early May, so you won't be sweating it out come presentation day!

Foundation recognitions are a great way to honor others. Don't wait and expect miracles from the Foundation. Simple planning can go a long way!



Our Rotary Foundation can and must make a difference. This young child resides in an orphanage in Armenia. She will not have a chance unless someone cares. If not you, who? Is that not our responsibility? Please support Our Rotary Foundation!



William "Bill" Boyd, President-Elect of Rotary International can be a very funny guy! At last year's Zone 31-32 Institute in Boston, President Elect **Bill** got "examined" by District Governor **Karein Ziegler** of District 7470 (New Jersey). The attire appeared appropriate as DG **Karein** is a "Doctor" of sorts, a clinical psychologist. (Not sure who really needs "treatment" given the attire!) President Elect **Bill** also gave a wonderful presentation at this year's Multi-District **PETS**.

AG Club Highlights – Area 1 – Brad Jett

At the Rotary Club of **Portsmouth**, plans are well underway for the club's Spring Fundraiser. This year, the club has decided to hold a Variety Show, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th at the Portsmouth High School. Vice President **Janice Wood** is in charge of organizing the event and she and her committees have lined up some great talent, including the Seacoast Repertory Theatre and the New England Ballet. The event will also include a bake sale, a silent auction and a Rotary Information area where Rotary awareness will be promoted to the public through videos, posters and other promotional items. VP **Janice** is also working on getting as many club members as possible involved in the show, with duties both before and during the show.

The Rotary Club of **Hampton** is gearing up for our annual "On-line Auction" with a start date of April 28th and ending May 12th. Be sure to go online to hamptonrotary.org during those two weeks and check out all the wonderful items available for bidding. It's really easy and, of course, will benefit many worthwhile charities.

Next, the **Hampton** Club is in the process of identifying a roll-up-your-sleeves and go-get 'um project to work on this spring. A committee has formed to identify a specific need somewhere in the four-town communities of Hampton, Hampton Falls, Seabrook, and North Hampton. We are **partnering** with other civic organizations that have made presentations to our club. With their help, we will assess and prioritize a project where we can get our fingernails

dirty and our paintbrushes cleaned and get to work to help in some worthwhile community endeavor. Tune in next month and find out the *who, what, and where*.

The **Hampton** Club continues to contribute to worthwhile causes that have come to our attention including: Scholarships to Project Headstart parents and donations to Village Pre-School, Seacoast Hospice, American Cancer Society, BSA Troop 177, and Families First Parenting for Prevention Program.

The Rotary Club of **Exeter's** members are currently working hard pre-selling geraniums for their "Third Annual Geranium Sale", which will be held on May 26th to benefit the Boy Scouts and CASA. For additional information contact Club President **Carol Winch** at cwinch@cambridgetrust.com.

AG Club Highlights - Area 2 – Liz Cullen

The Rotary Club of **Newburyport**, MA held its "Annual Chef's Table Dinner" at Nicholson Hall on March 30th. This very special event featured an opportunity for participants to learn cooking techniques from the areas top ten restaurant Chefs. Each of the ten restaurants represented provided appetizers, a salad course and an entrée for an intimate group of ten. The Chefs prepare and serve dinner "table side" and demonstrate their unique style and culinary secrets.

During the cocktail portion of the evening, a silent auction was conducted with the support of the **Interact** Club. A portion of the proceeds from the auction helped to support some of the many Interact Club community activities.

This event is one of the Club's major fund raising efforts with proceeds going to Rotary projects in the greater Newburyport area and international club efforts. The event was limited to 100 participants and was a huge success. For additional information contact Event Chair **Susan Christ**.



AG Club Highlights - Area 3 – John Rainone

The Rotary Club of **Kennebunk Portside** celebrated its 15th Anniversary on March 4th. With well-wishers from surrounding clubs, reminiscences from

several Past Presidents and a delicious meal with entertainment, it was an evening that really exemplified the fun and fellowship part of Rotary. One of the highlights was, with the assistance of D.G. **Bob Laux**, the awarding of Paul Harris Fellowships to six members, bringing their total to 23, well over half the Club. Portside's newest Paul Harris recipients pictured here include **Cornelia Stockman, Michelle Dow, Sandy Bisson, Ron Karalus** and **Judy Morin**. Another recipient **Karen Fox** was not present. Six of Portside's Charter Members are still very active.



The Rotary Club of **Portsmouth** President **Karen Wendell** honors a special group of Rotarians who went to the Town of Nochixtlan, Mexico to construct several water cisterns. The group included coordinator **Lynn-Del**, PP **Neal Ouellett** and his wife **Darlene**, **Charles Bourdages** and his wife **Holly Zurer**, **James Peterson** and **Becky Neis**.

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AG Club Highlights – Area 6 – Todd Doolan

The Rotary Club of **Brunswick Coastal** applied for a matching grant to provide water wells and a water storage facility for the residents of Northern Uganda. Brother **Francis Blouin**, a long-time **Rotarian** and part-time resident of Alfred, ME, spoke to the club last summer about his visit to the Morungatuny Camps in Uganda. He told the club that despite his prior experience in the 3rd and 4th world he was appalled by the conditions that he saw; people near starvation, living in thatched roof huts, poorly clothed, if at all. The residents of the camps were displaced from their homes by the notoriously brutal Lord's Resistance Army. Now, after nearly 20 years of conflict the people have no homes to return to and are permanently displaced to the area.

Their greatest need is water. Nearly 40% of the children die before the age of five, largely related to drinking polluted water. Br. Francis reports that the current drought in East Africa is adding to the limited supply of water. He says that the death rate has dramatically increased, with many suicides particularly among women as they cannot tolerate watching their children die. The requested wells would provide water for a population of up to 50,000. For additional information contact Club President **Mary Tenant** at 207-725-7915 or mtenant@clinic.net

Representatives from all of **Area 6** were in attendance to welcome our newest member, The Rotary Club of **Topsham Espresso**, into the fold at the District Assembly on April 19th. DG **Bob Laux** presented the Club Charter to President **Fred Burgess** and Secretary **Alice Andrenyak** as Topsham's 19 members along with the Assembly's other 250 or so attendees cheered on. Special thanks to PDG **Tim Placey** and the Rotary Club of **Casco Bay Sunrise** for helping to make Rotary in **Topsham** a reality.

*You and your fellow **Rotarians**, in cooperation with other health related organizations, have raised **over \$600 million dollars** toward the eradication of polio from the face of the world. You have immunized **over 2 billion children** against this dreaded disease! **Please keep up the great work!***

Plans continue for the Rotary Club of **Yarmouth's 10th Anniversary Gala** to be held at the **Valhalla Golf Club** in Cumberland on **Saturday May 20th**. In addition to celebrating Yarmouth Rotary's first 10 years, the Club will also recognize 10 community leaders as Paul Harris fellows in gratitude for their community service. Cocktails start at 6pm with dinner to follow. Tickets are \$35/pp and can be purchased by mailing a check to the Club at PO Box 468, Yarmouth, ME 04096 or calling President **Maura Halkiotis** at (207) 846-9036.

The **Yarmouth Club's** grant application with the Rotary Club of **la Comercial, Uruguay** has been approved. **The Rotary Foundation** is matching \$6,500 along with \$5,000 in **District Designated Funds (DDF)** to buy a bus to transport students to school in Santa Clara de Olimar, Uruguay. A special thanks to **Jane Lindahl** for bringing our two clubs together and thanks to all of you who donate to **Our Rotary Foundation**. Now you can actually see your money going to work! **Yarmouth** Rotarians hope that this is the first of many matching grant projects for their club.

The Rotary Club of **Brunswick** enjoyed smashing success with their **"Capitol Steps"** fundraiser on April 15th. The nationally known political satirists put on a hilarious performance attended by Rotarians from around the District and emceed by former Maine Governor **Angus King**. Proceeds will be used to fund **Brunswick** Rotary's many local and international projects.



Centennial Rotarian!

John Heyl, proud member of the Rotary Club of **Boothbay Harbor** will celebrate his 100th birthday on April 26th! This amazing man gave a terrific talk to his Club on April 21st which honored John with several gifts and a **Paul Harris Fellowship**. John still drives, hikes, reads prolifically and continues his active participation in Club activities. John has been a **Rotarian for 68 years!** AG **Chip Griffin** gave an overview of John's many accomplishments and described him as **"a brilliant and resilient Rotarian!"** Thank you John for your **100 years of life and a lifetime of Rotary service!**



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AG Club Highlights – Area 7 – Chip Griffin



The Rotary Club of **Damariscotta-Newcastle** had a great leadership month with **Gary Speers** our President Elect having an energizing trip to PETS to meet RI President Elect **Bill Boyd**, with a pre-PETS warm up at the New England Multi-District gathering to meet RI President **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer**. Club VP **Carol Ransom** and **Joe Kindred**, Foundation Chair 2006-2007, attended The Rotary Leadership Institute. Our world traveler, **Doug Tigert**, is back from Asia. He visited the two "pure water" Club projects, in addition to make-ups at the Rotary Clubs of **Bangkok South** and **ChiangKam, Thailand**. He inspected the Ban Hauk School and Ban Khao Khok School where the water systems are installed. For \$2,000 per school, 200-400 children get clean, safe drinking water for the next 10 years. Upon returning, Doug spoke to the club and conveyed the heart felt thanks from our friends in Thailand.



The Rotary Club of **Boothbay Harbor** President **Bill Bailey** presents the "Red-E-Fox" costume to Lincoln County Commissioner Chairman and fellow Rotarian **Ken Honey** (right). First responders wear the costume when they visit elementary schools to teach children the importance of the 911 response system. The \$2,600.00 costume is part of the Rotary Club's ongoing "**Hometown Heroes**" program, in which it honors local first responders and raises money to help them do their jobs better.



Addressing his home Club of **Boothbay Harbor**, 100 Year Old Rotarian **John Heyl** gave wonderful recount of "things that have changed during my lifetime!" John remembers corsets, steam cars, horse drawn public coaches and a close call with a barn fire! Family and friends joined the club in a great celebration to honor John on April 21st.



Members of the Rotary Club of **Bethel** teamed up with the local Interact Club members to serve up pancakes, eggs, bacon and other choices at the club's annual March "**Community Country Breakfast**" held in Gould Academy's Ordway Dining Hall. This popular "fellowship" and community event is also held in the fall, the Sunday after Thanksgiving!



Our Rotary Foundation does make a difference! Matching grants, scholarships, polio plus, 3-H grants, GSE teams – all happen because of you! Won't you consider helping to make the world a better place! You matter, Our Rotary Foundation matters!

"Accept the responsibility of leadership as an honor, a privilege, a chance to do something for someone else."

Sister Michael Marie