



The New Centurian

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Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar, President Rotary International

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The Newsletter of Rotary International District 7780

The President Is Coming! The President Is Coming! Don't Miss Out! - Bob Laux, District Governor

District 7780, along with 11 other New England Districts, will host **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**, President of Rotary International for his only appearance in New England during his term of office. President **Carl-Wilhelm** will be the featured speaker at a "Rotary Club Meeting" on **Wednesday, March 8, 2006 being held at the Wyndham Westborough Hotel in Westborough, MA.** A reception with cash bar will be held from 5:00-6:45 PM, followed by dinner and the meeting from 7:00-9:00 PM.

Tickets are extremely limited, based on the number of Rotarians represented in 12 Rotary Districts. Governor Bob requested and was granted 50 tickets for District 7780 offering them first to Club Presidents who serve under **Carl-Wilhelm**, along with Assistant Governors. Tickets that are not reserved by

Club Presidents will be offered to other members of the District Leadership Team, and Past District Governors. A sold out event is certainly anticipated.

The responsibilities incorporated in the role of President of Rotary International are truly amazing. Being the official leader of 1.2 million Rotarians world-wide, with 33,000 Clubs in 170 countries carries with it the immense burden of leading Rotarians into the next century of world and community service. Carl-Wilhelm is truly an amazing leader with a proud history of Rotary service in his community and around the world. This great opportunity should not be missed.

For additional information and the few remaining tickets contact Governor Bob as soon as possible at bob@wildriverrealty.com or 207-824-4500.

"Club Leadership Planning" Will Lead Rotary Into The Next Century of Service - Bob Laux, District Governor

One of the inherent frustrations in Rotary, just like many other volunteer organizations, is the constant change in leadership positions. Just think how difficult it would be to run a company where the CEO changed every year, all regional representatives and branch managers were replaced likewise, every year. And one-half of your Board of Directors changed annually. That is the organizational structure of Rotary and in order to build a strong basis for continuity in leadership at the local Club level things need to change.

A few years ago, the RI's Board of Directors began a process of reviewing how Rotary works administratively at the Club, District and the International level. Most Club Board's are based on the traditional "Avenues of Service" (Vocational, International, Community and Club) plus the primary officers. Although the Avenues of Service

represent what Rotary does, they don't adequately reflect an effective administrative structure that provides effective long-term planning and continuity in leadership.

Over the past year, there has been a quiet transition at the District level moving leadership positions from the traditional to one more reflective of needed change, one that concentrates on five major areas: **Membership, Public Relations, Service Projects, The Rotary Foundation and Administration**, along with the traditional officers. The change has produced positive results in strategic planning and will be promoted in the coming year to clubs as "**Club Leadership Plan**".

The Rotary website (www.rotary.org) is an invaluable resource. For additional information log on and search for "Club Leadership Plan" for additional information.

Be Proud To Be A Rotarian!



January is Rotary Awareness Month! – Cynthia Moran-Laux

How do you answer the question – “What is Rotary?” Do you take the opportunity to tell that person about your Club and the international programs Rotary is engaged in, or do you feel you need a text book definition?

Answering the question “What is Rotary?” should come from personal experience. Rotary affects Rotarians in many different ways. To one Rotarian, Rotary is the impact a Group Study Exchange Team member had on his/her family. To another, visiting projects and Clubs in other countries elicits life changing experiences. For yet another Rotarian it’s simply what one does to give back to the community.

What ever your response is, it should be well prepared. It’s not hard between personal experiences and the wealth of information available on the Rotary International website to help others understand just what Rotary is all about.

Here are a few examples of what others are saying about Rotary:

“[Rotary has] proven how much can be accomplished when a group selflessly uses every

ounce of the political capital it has to help the world’s disenfranchised children.” – William H. Gates, Sr., Co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

“Rotary has the ability to organize campaigns to mobilize support for some of the worthiest causes that exist, and that makes Rotary a precious resource.” – Kofi Annan, Secretary, United Nations

“The volunteerism exemplified by Rotary International is an engine for renewal and change in every society – and it is the same volunteer spirit, rooted in compassion and a profound sense of responsibility to our fellow human beings, that offers so much hope for the future, beginning with children.” – Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, UNICEF

“I admire the Rotary promise to solve problems that destroy lives and trample dreams and human potential.” – Her Majesty Queen Noor Al-Hussein of Jordan

Take time this month to educate your community, friends and family about our great organization. Think about how you personally answer “What is Rotary?” Think about ways to include people in Rotary and encourage others to join Rotary. If you are truly **“Proud To Be Rotarians!”** getting others to value what it has to offer is an easy sell.

*District 7780, in concert with District 7930 are honored to welcome **Carolyn E. Jones**, first woman Trustee to the Rotary Foundation as our speaker for the **World Peace and Understanding Dinner**. This event will be held at the **Faro Gardens** on Route 1 in Hampton Falls, NH, on **Saturday, February 25, 2006**. What a great opportunity to hear from one of Rotary’s outstanding leaders!*

“World Peace and Understanding Dinner” – Welcome Back Carolyn Jones To District 7780! – Tim Placey, Foundation Chair

When you first meet **Carolyn Jones** her self-confidence and warm personality are readily apparent. She is an accomplished educator and legal professional, graduating from Stanford University with distinction and receiving her law degree from Yale Law School. She was an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alaska for 23 years before retirement in 1998. Carolyn served as the chair of the Alaska Bar Association from 1988-1998, a member of the Khabarovsk-Alaska Rule of Law Committee from 2002-2004 and on the Alaska Pro Bono Panel from 1990-1998.

Carolyn has received many honors including the Alaska State commission for Human Rights Award for distinguish-

ed and dedicated service and the Alaska Bar Association Distinguished Service Award. She was named over 149 other nominees as the “Volunteer of the Year” by the Russian Children’s Foundation. She is also a published author and her story of her experience as a Rotary volunteer in Russia was included in the 2002 edition of “Chicken Soup For The Volunteers’ Soul.”

Carolyn joined the Rotary Club of Anchorage East in 1987. Since then she has held many positions at the Club and District level, including District Governor of District 5010. She has been a President’s Representative to Districts in Italy, Canada, Slovakia and the USA; International Training Leader, delegate to two Councils of Legislations and served on

a variety of RI and Rotary Foundation committees including vice-chair of the World and Community Service Programs Task Force. Carolyn has received the *Service Above Self Award* and the Rotary Foundation’s *Citation for Meritorious Service Award*.

Recognizing her immense contributions President **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar** recently named Carolyn as the first woman Trustee to the Rotary Foundation. District 7780 in concert with District 7930, are truly honored to have Carolyn back as our featured speaker to the World Peace and Understanding Dinner on February 25th!

AG Club Highlights – Area 1 – Brad Jett

The Rotary Club of **Portsmouth** held its annual Christmas Tree Sale at the Lafayette Plaza in Portsmouth. President-Elect **Jerry Glynn** ran the event this year and the first shipment of trees and wreaths arrived from New Brunswick, Canada, on the day after Thanksgiving. All club members participate in this fundraiser, by either serving on the construction and unloading teams or by taking shifts to sell trees. **DG Bob** and first lady **Cynthia**, former members of the Club, took an afternoon shift on Saturday, December 3 – it was a busy shift and their help was much appreciated! Thank you Governor Bob and Cynthia! The last trees were sold on Friday, December 16 and while the final figures are not in yet, it looks like it was another successful fundraiser!

November was a time of mighty preparations by the Rotary Club of **Hampton** for the coming holiday season. **Joanne Nadeau** headed the annual drive for winter jackets, leggings, boots, mittens, hats, etc. for the Project Headstart kids and their siblings. These items were wrapped and distributed the week before Thanksgiving so that all children were properly dressed for New Hampshire's winter season.

AG Club Highlights - Area 4 – Keith Gosselin

The Rotary Club of **Biddeford-Saco** recently held their Annual Christmas Party for Kids on December 14th which was a huge success. The Biddeford-Saco Club also announced that April 2nd will serve as is annual TV Auction, which is a joint venture with the Rotary Club of **Saco Bay**.

The Rotary Club of **Saco Bay** recently held its Annual **Toys For Tots** Campaign, giving out over 5,000 toys and certificates valued in excess of \$87,000 to over 1,500 local families in need. This well orchestrated campaign is run by Rotarians Conrad Crepeau and Doug Hooper, with a great deal of Rotary and local community support. Governor Bob and Cynthia, along with Cynthia's mother had an opportunity to participate in this great event! Great JOB!

Poinsettias are a big hit in the community served by the **Hampton Club**. The people who buy these big gorgeous plants look forward to their sale every year. With the moneys realized from this sale, the Club then buys more plants, and Rotarians and their families distribute them personally to shut-ins and elderly persons who benefit not only from the gift of the beautiful plants, but also from a visit from their neighbors.

The Rotary Club of **Portsmouth Sunrise** recently presented a check to Governor Bob in the amount of \$7,144 toward Hurricane Katrina Relief and the Donor Advised Fund established by District 6200. The Club had already sent \$5,000 in Club generated funds to the Red Cross for Relief efforts! An amazing accomplishment and a clear demonstration of "Service Above Self"! Way to go!

The Rotary Club of **Exeter's** Annual Poinsettia Sale and Annual Christmas Auction were both great successes. On Christmas Eve club members continued the long tradition of lining the main streets of Exeter with over 1,000

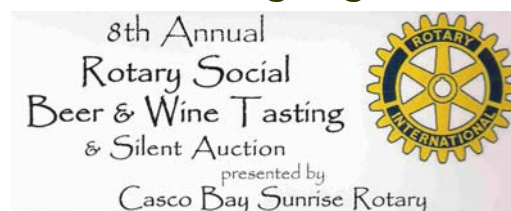
luminaries (small bags of sand with a candle). The lighted candles at dusk are always a spectacular sight.

Jay McGovern, President of The Rotary Club of **Newburyport** seems to bear an uncanny resemblance to Santa Clause in this photo taken at the **Newburyport Club's Annual Santa Parade**.

About 3,000 people attended the parade, which has been a fixture in Newburyport's annual holiday festivities for many years. After parading around town with an ample supply of Rotarian elves, reindeer, costumed characters and helpers, Santa then threw the switch on the City's Christmas Tree!



AG Club Highlights - Area 5 – Rich Emerson



Mark your calendars for the **Second Annual International Food Festival**, coming April 8th to South Portland. This event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of **Breakwater Daybreak** of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth and is destined to be a District favorite!

The Rotary Club of **Casco Bay Sunrise** will hold its **8th Annual Rotary Social Beer and Wine Tasting and Silent Auction** on February 1st at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant in the Old Port in Portland. This is truly a great event with annual proceeds in excess of \$25,000 benefiting the programs of the Maine Children's Cancer Program! Traditionally, Rotarians from near and far flock to this sellout event. For additional information contact President **David Caron** at david@malonecb.com or AG Rich Emerson at 207-775-3496 or via email remerson@cpaforme.com

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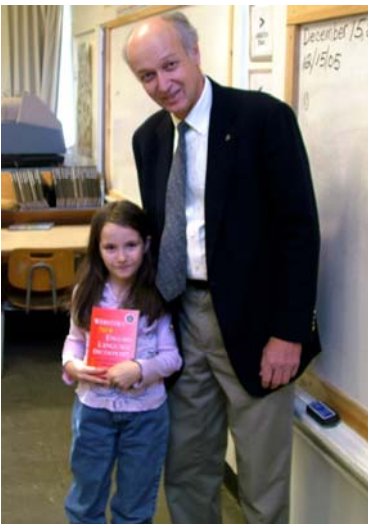
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*The Rotary Club of Brunswick's President **Dave Fuller** recently presented the dictionary given to their Club by **Governor Bob** and **First Lady Cynthia** to **Faith Robshaw**, a very bright 3rd grader at the Coffin School in Brunswick. Faith was thrilled to receive this gift. Many District Clubs have taken the initiative to promote literacy by providing dictionaries to area third graders! Do you remember who gave you your first dictionary? I'll bet **Faith** will remember forever!*

AG Club Highlights – Area 6 – Todd Doolan

The Rotary Club of **Freeport** has just completed a very busy Holiday Season. In addition to our annual Christmas Tree Sale, Freeport Rotarians adopted and shopped for a very large family in need through the local Holiday Helpline program. In addition, the **Freeport Club** also celebrated a successful year at a Holiday Celebration at Ron McGranahan's Freeport Clipper Inn.



The highlight of the month was a visit by **Fran Combar**, Past President of the Rotary Club of **Sauquoit, NY** (District 7150). Fran presented a surprise Paul Harris Fellowship in honor of his son, **Freeport's President-Elect Curt Combar**. It was a very touching presentation.

Last November, **Mary Ellen Stypinski**, acting as a representative of the Rotary Club of **Brunswick Coastal**, was pleased to present Mt. Ararat Junior, **Patrick Hyde** with a Personal Digital Assistant (PDA). Patrick's teacher, **Joe Furrow**, suggested that Patrick would benefit from owning a handheld organizer.

Patrick, who has advanced computer skills, is living with spina bifida and has daily challenges resulting from his disabilities. Furrow proposed that local Rotarians might help by supplying the device which would enable Patrick with reminders to follow his routine.

Mary Ellen, a substitute teacher at Mt. Ararat, spoke on the behalf of the request to the Rotary Club, which enthusiastically



Mt. Ararat High School Teacher, Joe Furrow, Patrick Hyde, Mary Ellen Stypinski, and David Dubreuil

supported the project. **Mark Costa**, past President of the Rotary Club, contacted **Mike Murphy** of EPRO Engineering & Consulting who offered a Palm M500 Series PDA for Patrick's use. **Dave Dubreuil**, an educational technician who assists Patrick, notes that the tool has enhanced Pat's school experience. The PDA will serve to improve Patrick Hyde's future.



As District Governor, you never quite know what to expect during an "Official Visit", especially when you combine a Provisional Club like the Rotary Club of **Topsham Expresso** along with characters like **Alice Bean Andrenyak**, Past President of the Rotary Club of **Brunswick** and **Fred Burgess**, President of **Topsham Expresso**. Pictured from the left are Tim Placey, PDG and Extension Coordinator, Rotarian and First Lady Cynthia Moran-Laux, Fred, Alice and DG Bob. It is certainly the spice of life that keeps us going. Thank God it was Halloween!

AG Club Highlights – Area 7 – Chip Griffin



Members of the Rotary Club of **Bath Sunrise** are applying their fines and happy dollars in the next few months, as well as collecting school supplies at the door to aid the Rotary **Individual Grant** team trip to Zihuatanejo, Mexico for 11 days of service helping the local Netza Indigenous School and others and to screen the vision of over 400 children. Pictured above is **Lisa Martin** at the Netza School last November. For information contact Lisa Martin [389-2124](tel:389-2124) lisa@lsiabmartin.com.

The **Bath Sunrise** club's annual "Death By Chocolate" event is scheduled for Feb. 18th, 6:30 - 8:30pm at the Hyde School with live music from the Morse High Jazz Band.

The Rotary Club of **Boothbay Harbor** conducted a "Carol Sing" on Dec. 22. Over 25 Rotarians, spouses, guests, children and grandchildren participated. After a meal of hamburgers, hotdogs and lots of homemade Christmas cookies, the group departed in 2 minibuses (courtesy of the YMCA), and brought spirited singing to patients at St. Andrew's Hospital and residents of St. Andrew's Village. A good time was had by all. The **Boothbay Harbor** club started a new tradition of caroling to shut-ins on the Thursday night before Christmas, part of a 66-year tradition of being known as "the singingest club in the District"!

As a result of District Task Force Chair **Carolyn Johnson's** recent Club talk on **Literacy**, the Rotary Club of **Damariscotta-Newcastle** formed a Committee on Literacy which includes community involvement from the library, "Youth Promise" and the Superintendent of Schools. Additionally, after a Foundation talk by **Tim Placey** and **Roland Gagne**, \$3,000.00 was donated by club members to the **Foundation/PolioPlus** which will be matched with DDF and RF funds to yield a cumulative \$7,500.00



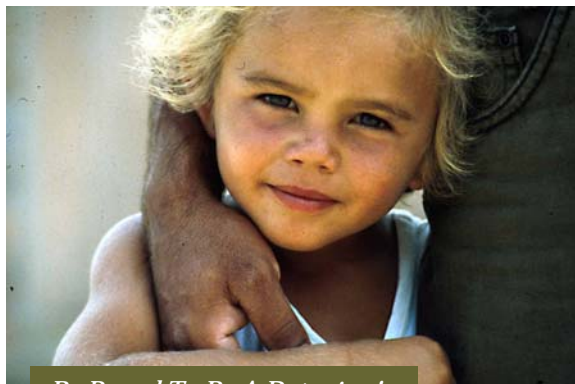
The Rotary Club of **Damariscotta-Newcastle** recently held a "**Potluck Dinner**" to welcome new members who have joined over the past year. The event provided a great social, and an educational opportunity about RI and the Club's history. Club Historian and 45 year Rotarian **Steve Burton** called it "one of the best Rotary functions (he) ever attended". Six new members were inducted in the past month, including **Bill Covington, Peter Drum, Bob Duke, Bob Maynes, Doreen McGary, and Steve Sozanski**.

AG Club Highlights – Area 8 – Bobbi Steele- Marottta

Members of the Campton Classic Golf Tournament, an annual golf event held at The Bethel Inn and Country Club, donated \$2,000 to the Rotary Club of **Bethel's** "Christmas for Children" program. "This very generous contribution from Mike Tamasi and his fellow golfers from the Campton Classic was a large reason why we reached our goal of \$12,000 for the Christmas for Children program," said **Steve Wight**, President of the **Bethel** Rotary Club. The number of children grew this year to 180 and such contributions made if possible to grant the wishes of area children and families. The Campton Classic is a golf group from Campton, NH that has been coming to the Bethel Inn for their annual tournament since 1995. "We're excited to help support the children of the Bethel community this holiday season." said Mike Tamasi, organizer of the Campton Classic Golf Tournament. Wight is pictured here with **Diana Polli** and **Brad Jerome** of the Bethel Inn. Polli is also a Rotarian.



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Can anyone really look into these eyes and say "No?" Won't you please consider a contribution to **Our Rotary Foundation**? Please join **Governor Bob and Cynthia** and make your pledge to save and change lives! For a link, please see the District WebSite at www.rotary7780.org