



# The New Centurian

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Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar,  
President  
Rotary International

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## The Newsletter of Rotary International District 7780

# RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar's Message

Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar made a pledge to bring Rotary into the next century of service by providing "continuity" and "cooperation". Calling continuity a new wind blowing in Rotary, Stenhammar announced that in the new year Rotary clubs and districts will carry on with the presidential emphases already in place: literacy and water management. Those emphases will include an additional focus of "alleviating hunger and improving the health and well-being of all who are deprived of these essential resources", he said.

The President said that Rotary International will continue to seek and embrace opportunities to cooperate with

other organizations in areas of mutual interest. He cited the excellent working relationship achieved through Rotary's successful polio eradication efforts, achieved in concert with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), among others. "We simply will never have the resources available to solve all the problems of the world. We must work cooperatively with others to achieve more."

The President then introduced the 2005-2006 Theme of "Service Above Self" the "the best logo ever created for Rotary International: our trademark, the Rotary wheel". "I am into recycling!" Stenhammar said.

## Welcome to a new "Class" of Presidents!

- Bob Laux, District Governor

Welcome 'New Centurians', a new "class" of Presidents ready to lead us into the next century of Rotary service! I am more than honored to represent District 7780 as your District Governor and stand ready to work along side each of you to make this year, the best of your life in Rotary!

You represent a new type of President in a changing Rotary world. For the most part you are working full time, but willing to invest your valuable time into making the world a better place because you believe in Rotary's ability to achieve results. For the most part, you are younger than past Presidents, have families or partners who share your values and interests, yet cherish the fellowship that comes from Rotary. And for the most part, you are a member of

Rotary because you believe, as I do, in the inherent benefits of affiliating with an organization with a strong code of ethics, like our Four Way Test. All of these attributes make you a different "class" of leader, one more interested in results than accolades. I commend you for your willingness to share your life, skills and family with Rotary.

The role of the district is simply to assist clubs. We know that the most important person in Rotary is the Rotarian and the most important leadership role is that of the Club President. Your district is available to offer advice, educational opportunities and encouragement for your good work in Rotary. Your district leadership team, along with Cynthia and I stand ready to help in any way we can. Together we can achieve amazing results.



**Ann Lee Hussey**, President of the South Berwick Rotary Club, was recently honored with Rotary International's highest honor, "The Service Above Self" Award, presented by **Dave Groner** on behalf of the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations Ann! Mr. Groner will be a featured speaker on the Foundation at the District Conference at the Balsams in September!



**Paul Gore**, President of the Rotary Club of Portland, was honored by the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (IFFR) for hosting a fellowship cruise in Portland harbor!

## Partnerships in Rotary – Cynthia Moran-Laux

Bob and I are so excited about this journey we are on. We have already had the opportunity to meet many Rotarians and their families. We have made many new friends and look forward to the many more we will surely make.

As the spouse and fellow Rotarian of the District Governor for 2005-2006 I have seen Rotarians and their families doing the hands on work of Rotary. I am amazed at the support spouses, partners and families provide. Time and time again, I have seen families working next to Rotarians at fundraisers and functions. I've seen families giving up Holidays and family functions to serve our communities both locally and internationally. Seeing a child of a Rotarian get up at 6:00am to work a pancake breakfast or work a car wash to

raise funds for an international project is inspiring.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for all you do and the support you provide. Without the families, partners and spouses Rotary International would not be the great organization it is and we certainly would not be entering our second century of service. Our Club and District activities and functions would not be as successful.

Bob and I are proud to serve along side such dedicated people during this incredible time for Rotary. I commend and thank you for the time you donate to our service organization.

Bring on the first year of the second Century of Rotary – Service above Self.

## Your Rotary Foundation At Work! District 7780 Simplified Grants – Lee Patenaude

A District Simplified Grant (DSG) is a tool Rotary districts use to support short-term, humanitarian projects that benefit the community. District 7780 has available \$15,000 for DSGs this Rotary Year. *This funding is available based on our District Clubs' active support of the Rotary Foundation in past years and will be spent on worthy local projects in our district.*

District 7780 clubs are welcome to submit proposals for projects for consideration by the Governor and the Rotary Foundation Committee. *Projects that further this Rotary Year's goals in the areas of local Community Literacy/Education, Clean Water Supplies/ Health and Hunger alleviation or involving citizens with disabilities are especially welcomed. Clubs should actively look at their community needs and propose a project. We are especially interested in proposals from clubs that have not applied for these grants in the past.*

The District Simplified Grant Committee (DSGC) will act as the agent to collate and present these proposals.

The following is the DSGC schedule:

- DSGC solicit one-page inquiry proposals from incoming club Pres-Elects on June 30, 2005.
- Inquiry proposals (one page with cost estimate) due to DSGC August 15, 2005
- Send the proposals to: Lee Patenaude [pingg2@aol.com](mailto:pingg2@aol.com). Or 16 Amanda Drive, Topsham, Me 04086.
- DSGC advise clubs of finalists August 25, 2005
- Detailed proposals from finalists (to matching grant application level of detail) to DSGC by September, 2005
- Pick successful proposal(s) on September 23, 2005

For complete information on District 7780 District Simplified Grants contact either Lee Patenaude, Grants Chair (address above) or Tim Placey, Foundation Chair

## AG Club Highlights – Area 1 – Brad Jett

On May 20th, the Rotary Club of **Portsmouth** held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Entertainment Night at the Music Hall. Featured were the Shaw Brothers and Tim Sample, New Hampshire's Musical Ambassadors to the World and New England's premier native humorist. Funds raised have been designated by the Club to benefit higher education scholarships. For additional information contact Club President Karen Wendell.

The Rotary Club of **Portsmouth Sunrise** recently held a two day "Million Dollar Hole-In-One" Event. Just over 500 people participated in the event which raised an estimated \$25,000. The club will be making a donation from funds raised for two

organizations, A Safe Place and Families First. These organizations and others which support the club's theme of "Making a Health Home for our Youth", will be the beneficiaries of this year's club efforts. All club members contributed to supporting the event in one way or another. For additional information contact Club President Pawn Nitichan.

On June 16th, incoming president of the **Newburyport** Club Jay McGovern and his wife Susan hosted a reception at their home for 25 past presidents of the Newburyport Club. This "Celebrating the Past" reception was a new activity for the Club. For additional information contact President Jay.

Early in June, the **Exeter** Club helped to sponsor a fund raiser for a local elementary school and club members manned the water table at their 5K Walk/Run; members participated in the selection process and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Exeter Rotary Foundation to a graduating high school student; and acted as food handlers and servers at the annual banquet for the Special Olympics held at the University of New Hampshire in Durham. For additional information contact Club President Carroll Winch.

## AG Club Highlights – Area 3 – John Rainone

The Rotary Club of **Wells** is about to complete its DSG Project renovation of the Wells Harbor Gazebo Benches. (Photos attached) The old pressure treated lumber (six 2x4's on each bench) was replaced with Correct Deck Material on 74 benches. Included in the renovation was the relocation of the memorial plaques from the old to Correct Deck Material.

The Club is also about to embark on another project in town, the construction of a pavilion in the recreation park. This

project will be in part financed by the raffling of a Suzuki Motorcycle or \$5000, the winner's choice.

The Rotary Club of **York** will held its annual "4th on the 4th" Road Race on July 4th at York High School. Last year over 700 runners participated and over \$6,000 was raised for community programs of the Club. The Club was also featured in the York Weekly for their community service award and the Rotary Exchange Program.



## AG Club Highlights – Area 6 – Todd Doolan

The Rotary Club of **Brunswick** celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary in style with a gala auction and dinner dance on June 17<sup>th</sup> at Bowdoin College. In addition, the **Brunswick** club, in concert with the provisional **Topsham Expresso** Club, are gearing up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tour de Merrymeeting Bay 25 and 50 mile bike ride on Saturday, August 14. Information and applications can be found at [www.brunswickrotary.org](http://www.brunswickrotary.org).

**Tosham Expresso's** provisional club

hosted its "First Annual Pot Luck Supper" on June 24<sup>th</sup> for Rotarians and potential Rotarians alike. It is hoped to finalize this club in the coming months.

Last month the Rotary Club of **Freeport** hosted both its 10<sup>th</sup> annual "Close to the Coast" 5 and 10k runs and its annual "Passing the Gavel" diner at Past President Joe Rotundo's home. Joe and Dr. Jim Hendricks were both named Paul Harris Fellows in gratitude for their many years of service.

*Carolyn Jones, first woman Trustee of the Rotary Foundation, will speak to our District "World Peace and Understanding Dinner February 25<sup>th</sup>."*



## Rotary International District 7780

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*The Rotary Club of Bethel honored Rotary's Centennial by offering the Town a clock. "Leaving a Lasting Impression" was a project initiated three years prior to the event. The dedication coincided with Rotary's birthday!*

## AG Club Highlights – Area 7 – Chip Griffin

**Damariscotta-Newcastle** club has just donated \$5,000 for the local Teen Center's kitchen and other projects, and the club on June 7 held one of several meetings away from its clubhouse, at the Teen Center to observe the progress and continuing needs. Mark your calendar for August 5-7 for the club's Mid-Summer Festival at the Lincoln Home on the banks of the Damariscotta River in Newcastle.

**Boothbay Harbor** club has held its golf tournament on June 12 and its boat cruise on June 16, while Damariscotta-Newcastle held its cruise on the same boat out of Boothbay Harbor on June 28 for its annual turnover event.

**Boothbay Harbor** held work parties for its Scout Hall, built and owned by Rotary, on June 23 and held a work party on June 25 for its centennial amphitheater project in collaboration with the local YMCA. June 26 to July 3, three Boothbay Harbor Rotarians (Frank Helman, Marty Peak Helman,

and Chip Griffin) along with two Casco Bay Rotarians (Rhonda Emerson and Mary Jo Cross) traveled to Safe Passage to monitor a matching-grant project and to help the children of the Guatemala City Garbage Dump.

**Bath Sunrise** club held its annual chicken barbeque during Heritage Days on July 1. A Bath Sunrise Rotarian, Lisa Martin, from June 24-30, headed back to Mexico for the second time this year to celebrate the Netza school's graduation and its 10th anniversary. This project has received lots of Rotary backing and is another ongoing project.

**Bath Noontime** held its golf tournament on June 22. On June 7 it celebrated another successful completion of a home, as part of its House Project dating back to 1972. Bath Rotary collaborates with Bath Vocational and Bath Housing, giving vocational students a house to build with Rotary dollars, and sold as workforce housing.

## AG Club Highlights – Area 8 – Bobbi Steele

The Rotary Club of **Oxford Hills** will hold their annual joint Auction and tent sale with Kiwanis on July 8 and 9. A good "preowned" car will be auctioned off each night along with specialty items and gift certificates from area merchants and residents. The Rotary food trailer will be serving their "wicked good" fries, burgers, hotdogs, and drinks. Under the Rotary tents at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School on the Norway- South Paris line along Rt. 26. Contact Person: Steve Galvin 743-7859 ([npctv@megalink.net](mailto:npctv@megalink.net))

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this box and ruin their diets? Get a copy of this in every box of delicious San Francisco Chocolate Company truffles. Packaged in a Rotary wheel box for \$10. Profits are dedicated to clean water projects. Contact person: Roy Earle 527-2828 or email [norska@megalink.net](mailto:norska@megalink.net)

The Rotary Club of **Bethel** held its two biggest annual events, less than one week apart! Both the annual "Rotary Cup Challenge" golf tournament and the "Yard Sale and Auction" took place Monday to Thursday, yielding over one-half of the annual budget. Both projects were extremely successful! For additional information contact Rotary President Steve Wight.