



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 Changeover Dinner Isn't Only About Our Rotary

District! - Bob Laux, Billy Hobbs and Liz Cullen

June 29th marks the District's Annual **Leadership Changeover Dinner**, being held once again at Verrillo's in Portland, ME.

Recent conversations with a few Club Presidents suggested that this event was primarily for "District Leaders Only." That could not be farther from the truth. This event is a District wide leadership recognition and celebration. The Changeover Dinner provides an excellent opportunity for Club Presidents to celebrate their accomplishments with other Club Presidents. It provides an outstanding opportunity for the District to recognize Clubs who have done a superior job. And it provides an excellent vehicle to recognize individuals who have contributed to

making the District and the Clubs better than they found them.

Of course the Changeover Dinner is also about the transference of the District leadership from the current District Governor to the new District Governor, as well as key District leadership roles. The event affords the incoming District Governor to share his/her priorities for the coming year and carry the message of Rotary International's President Bill Boyd to the District.

We all look forward to seeing many of you at this exciting evening of fellowship and celebration. Contact event Chair PDG **Tim Placey** for more information.

RYLA Provides An Excellent Way To Transfer Rotary Values

On To The Next Generation! - Bob Laux, District Governor

Cynthia and I recently attended a very exciting morning meeting at the Rotary Club of **Scarborough**, Maine. This particular morning was a celebration of the **Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)** program, attended by both past and soon-to-attend RYLA students. What excitement!

District RYLA Chair **Joe Boyle** gave an excellent presentation about the importance of RYLA as a way of identifying emerging young leaders in our communities and long time local cheerleader **Jack Cowie** (the second of four Jack Cowies) of Scarborough, shared his continuing commitment to the program.

Most importantly, what RYLA does, like many of the other Rotary "Youth Programs" such as **Interact**, **EarlyAct**, **Rotary Youth Exchange** and **Rotaract**, is provide an excellent opportunity for Rotarians to transfer their experience and their values on to the next generation. And isn't that the responsibility of any generation? Isn't that the way we learned our current commitment to community, from those who taught us the

value of "Service Above Self?"

We all have a responsibility to make the world a better place and we know those ideals are in keeping with the overall objectives of Rotary. By including youth in our efforts we can provide an excellent example of what the world really is rather than what it is sometimes perceived it to be, based on what we see in our everyday lives. We have a responsibility to let our youth of today know that Rotary stands for people helping others, those more fortunate making life a little better for those who have less. If we ever have a chance of changing the incredible hatred between cultures, religions and countries, it will be through organizations like Rotary.

RI President **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar** at last year's International Assembly in Anaheim talked about this very issue. *"Like many others I have a dream. My dream is that every 17-year old become a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. If the world could achieve this, there would be no more wars! You would never shoot a friend!"*

Be Proud To Be A Rotarian!

Our One Millionth Paul Harris Fellow Is Close At Hand! – Cynthia Moran-Laux

Frank Devlyn, Past Rotary International President and Chair of the Rotary Foundation recently stated "we need 10,000 new Paul Harris Fellows for **The Rotary Foundation** to reach the milestone of naming its one millionth Paul Harris Fellow".

He is urging us to put our "hearts and minds along with our philanthropy to reach one million Paul Harris Fellows as well as the Annual Programs Fund goal of US\$105 million by June 30, 2006.

In order to name new Paul Harris Fellows we need to act quickly to meet the June 30th date. Consider naming your spouse, partner, children, grandchildren, parents, other family members, a special friend or prominent member of your community including a member of your club.

"Since the first Paul Harris Fellow was named in 1957, each \$1,000 Paul Harris contribution has significantly helped our **Foundation** accomplish the following:

- 37,000 Ambassadorial Scholars from 110 Countries
- 52,000 Group Study Exchange team members from 102 countries
- 180 Rotary World Peace Fellows from 50 countries
- 276 Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants in 74 countries
- 22,000 Matching Grant Projects in 166 countries
- 2 billion children immunized against polio
- 686 Individual Grants projects
- 406 grants for university teachers

- 772 District Simplified Grants in 57 countries

Achieving our one millionth Paul Harris Fellow is a significant way to end this first year of Rotary's second century of "service". Once this milestone is reached, one new living Paul Harris Fellow will be selected from each zone to represent the one millionth Paul Harris Fellow.

We have a great opportunity to not only meet this exciting goal but to continue doing the amazing work of Rotary, both internationally and locally. Many of our District Clubs have been able to do some incredible work through **Our Rotary Foundation**. As PDG **Peter Johnson** says, "*This is pretty cool stuff!*"

In part, I am "*Proud to be a Rotarian*" because of the opportunities the **Foundation** provides. I have personally been involved with **Foundation** projects both locally (District Simplified Grants) as well as internationally. DG Bob and I have traveled to Armenia and Kenya both to see the great work of **Our Rotary Foundation** and to identify new projects. I was also able to write a grant, following a Rotaplast trip, for a portable dental unit with the help of the **Fryeburg** club and the club of **Maldonado**, Uruguay along with Districts **7780** and **4980**.

I would encourage members to consider naming a Paul Harris Fellow and/or making a contribution to **Our Rotary Foundation**. Becoming a sustaining member is a great way to support the great work of Rotary through **Our Rotary Foundation**. *Be Proud to Be a Rotarian - I am!*

GSE Team From District 7030 Finalizes Plans To Our District!

Final plans are underway for our District to finally receive the incoming **Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team** from **District 7030**. Their Team will arrive on June 1st with a departure date of June 30th. Many Clubs throughout the District have anticipated this "incoming" trip for over a year.

District 7080 was selected by DG **Bob** because of an acquaintance made in Bethel by a visiting Rotarian from Trinidad, attending NTL. **Bob**, **Cynthia** and **Ray Brathwaith** became friends in a very short time. Ray's repeated interest in expanding cultural awareness and support led to join efforts between District Governors. Rotary brings people together.

The incoming GSE Team members are led by Rotarian **Gerald Poppewell**, a

Tim Placey, Foundation Chair

retired Forensic Scientist from the Rotary Club of Port of Spain, Trinidad. He will be joined by **Bendan Lee**, a Veterinarian from St. Lucia, **Camille Gooding**, an Attorney from Barbados, **Christian DeMeillac**, a Marketing and Distribution Manager from Trinidad and Tobago and **Kedra Phillips**, an Account Manager/Personal Banking Officer from Grenada.

District 7030 represents 17 countries in the southern Caribbean beginning with St. Kitts south, as well as Guyana and Suriname in South America.

GSE Team District Chair **Steve Wight** has many Club and District events planned for the Team, including a "Send off party" open to the entire District at the **Changeover Dinner**, June 29th in Portland, the night before the Team leaves.



*Can the world really afford to leave a young child like this in an orphanage for the rest of his life? Who knows, he might be the next President of his country? **Is it not our responsibility to help? Our Rotary Foundation can and must make a difference.***

AG Club Highlights – Area 1 – Brad Jett

The Rotary Club of **Portsmouth** had two “Hands-On” projects on Saturday, May 13th. For several months, Past President **Ted Alex** and Past President and Assistant District Governor-Elect **John Hebert** have been hard at work lining up and organizing the two projects. The first will be at Ward Park where club members in conjunction with a local neighborhood group will plant trees, bushes and flowers and generally beautify the park. The second project will take place along Coach Rd in Portsmouth and club members, along with members of the Seacoast Land Trust, will pick up and dispose of trash and other items. In addition, there is also a family graveyard on the site and Director Emeritus **Carl Brage** will be in charge of the clearing and beautifying that area. About 30 club members will be involved and each participant will receive an official Rotary “Hands-On” Hat. Funding for the project was provided by the club’s William M. Cash

Committee, which is geared towards Hands On projects involving lots of club members. A hearty congratulations and thank you to PP Ted and PP John for their hard work and effort on behalf of the club!

The Rotary Club of **Hampton’s** “Service Project Committee” identified the who, what, and where of our “roll-up-your-sleeves and go-get ‘um” project to be completed before the end of this Rotary year (June). After much research in the four towns the Club serves, a need was recognized through a referral from Womanade (an agency who benefited from one of HRC’s many donations) that fit our feasibility and priority criteria. On a Saturday next month, our wonderful volunteers are going to assist a single-mom raising three young children in a local trailer park to make major repairs on the structure’s existing deck/stairs, paint the shed, and do some minor landscaping. This project will make a profound difference in this family’s life.

Once again, the **Hampton** Rotary Club sponsored another very successful Blood Drive for the American Red Cross.

Not to be left behind in the Fellowship Department, the **Hampton** Club has also formed a softball team, which will compete in the North Hampton Recreation Department’s program, thanks to the efforts of fellow Rotarian **Jon Rineman**. This team will get off the ground, literally (and hopefully), with practices, soon to be followed by “official” games. Fortunately for the opposing teams, skill and experience were not a prerequisite. Enthusiasm, however, was! There is no lack of this trait in any of our members.



*Rotarians from around the District pitched in to help the “Annual Cleanup Day at Camp Sebago”, a camp run by the Salvation Army. Pictured here are Rotarians from **Westbrook, Portland, Kennebunkport** and **Wells** who reconstructed a tent platform as part of the day’s efforts! Truly “Service Above Self” in motion! Thanks for making a difference!*

AG Club Highlights - Area 2 – Liz Cullen

Two members of the Rotary Club of **Durham-Great Bay** recently traveled to a small farming community in Pacaembu, Sao Paulo, Brazil. The Club learned of this community through a Youth Exchange student who attended the high school in their community. In Pacaembu, 95% of the people earn less than \$500/month, of those, 75% earn less than \$150/month. The Club hopes to raise funds and submit a matching grant application through the Rotary Foundation to help with several projects including a local hospital, an elderly home for poor citizens and a much needed child care center. The people visiting Club members met, were hard working, happy and proud. Family and community are very strong in this part of the country and central to their way of life. Their observation of Rotary in Pacaembu is that it is an entire family way of life. Wives of Rotarians formed a group called “Friendship House” and son’s of Rotarians are honored and given a special role in each club. The Club looks forward to making a difference in a community where the need is so great.

AG Club Highlights - Area 3 – John Rainone

Ten members of the Rotary Club of **Kennebunkport**, aka “the Portsiders” again participated in their annual “Get a Job Day” for the 8th graders of Arundel’s Mildred L. Day School. As 14-year olds, many are on the verge of entering the world of work. Sharing their own experiences, Portsiders showed the students how to and how not to conduct themselves in a job interview. Students then became guinea pigs performing their own interviews.

“Berri’s to Bush’s and Back for a Big Brunch” as part of “Be Well Kennebunkport” and a District Simplified Grant, 12 “**Portsiders**” kicked off the program by walking from member **Berri Kramer’s** house to Walker’s Point and back for breakfast. Club members wore pedometers obtained in conjunction with the Maine Wellness program, setting an example for the community and the Club. The **Portside** Club has many health related events, as part of “Be Well Kennebunkport”.



*“Get a Job Day”, with **Kennebunkport** Club “Portsiders” meeting with Mildred L. Day School students!*

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Welcome to Rotary Topsham-Expresso!

*Our newest Club to join District 7780 is the Rotary Club of **Topsham-Expresso!** On April 19th the 41st Club of the District became Chartered at the District Assembly. On May 1st, the Club held a community event at the Highlands in Topsham. Current President **Fred Burgess**, Secretary **Alice Andrenyak**, PDG and Governor's aid to the Club **Tim Placey**, PDG **Bob Patten** and DG **Bob Laux**, joined in celebrating the inclusion of 21 new members to the District! Congratulations to those involved in bringing about this wonderful addition to our District and the family of Rotary!*

AG Club Highlights – Area 6 – Todd Doolan

Members of the Rotary Club of **Freeport** completed a Pure Water fact-finding mission to Honduras in April. Six Interact students from the Freeport Interact Club journeyed to Honduras with **Curt Combar**, President Elect of the **Freeport** Club, **George Crockett** of the **Portland** Club, and **Ken Toner**, Past President of the **Freeport** Club. The main accomplishments of the trip were to learn more about the Pure Water for the World filters, to install filters in one village, to initiate relations between Santa Barbara, Honduras, Rotary and the local government, and to draft a matching grant totaling close to \$150K to provide Pure Water filters, installation, and training for 1,875 families in the villages surrounding Santa Barbara. To further the cause of raising the necessary funds for the matching grant, the town of Freeport has adopted Santa Barbara as a sister city. During the trip, the mayor of Santa Barbara returned the favor and adopted Freeport as a sister city.

Representatives from all of **Area 6** were in attendance to welcome our newest member, The Rotary Club of **Topsham Expresso**, 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.

Members of the Rotary Club of **Brunswick Coastal** recently painted the reception and main office areas at the Oasis Health Center in Brunswick. The clinic provides free medical care to uninsured, low income residents of the Mid-Coast area. The club also presented the staff of the clinic with computer equipment purchased with funds from a District

*Freeport **Interact** students **Elliott Townsend**, **Ben Turkel**, **Will Field** and **Kelso Davis** prepare to install a Pure Water filter by transporting the filter and supplies down a long trail to a remote home in San Julian, Honduras. These Interactors joined members of the Rotary Club of **Freeport** on this amazing venture!*

The **Brunswick Coastal** Club was recently notified by TRF that their grant application to provide water wells in Uganda had been approved. In partnership with the Rotary Club of **Entebbe**, the grant will provide water for up to 50,000 residents of the Morungatuny Refugee Camps in northern Uganda, as well as providing funds for a water storage tank in addition to the hospital/dispensary being funded by the German government.

The Rotary Club of **Brunswick's** April 15th performance by "The Capitol Steps" was a resounding success, one they hope will become an annual event! The Club netted about \$20,000 to commit to our community, national and international projects. A "repeat performance" is already scheduled for the Capitol Steps at the Merrill Auditorium for next year, April 7, 2007.

Brunswick also supported former exchange student (to Chile) **Ryan Fischer** in his Brunswick High School senior service project to help poor children in Guatemala (Safe Passage) by providing personal hygiene materials and \$100. Ryan spent two weeks in Guatemala in April and is going back for three weeks this summer. Keep up the great work Ryan!

The **Brunswick** Club's tsunami relief project in Sri Lanka continues to proceed. TRF sent \$23,250 to the Club's project account in Sri Lanka to further the project's mission of providing livelihood restoration and economic diversification to the fishing village of Duwe Modera. Approximately \$40,000 of \$75,000 has been committed to date.



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AG Club Highlights – Area 7 – Chip Griffin



Members of the Rotary Club of **Damariscotta-Newcastle** were indeed **“Talking Trash”** and dressed for action, part of their annual Roadside Clean-up Crew. They actually compete for the number of bags collected along with the “most exotic piece of trash found.” Pictured here are **Savannah Poole, Ann Poole, Gary Spears, Phil Congdon, Doug Tigert, Don McClure, Steve Burton** and **Wilt Jones** (taking photo), who receive club make-ups for the effort. In total, 10 Rotarians participated in the day’s event. Not pictured were **Linda Brunner, Bill Covington** and **Dirk Poole**. Everyone appeared to really appreciate the “Armani-type” vests ordered for the occasion. Maine’s fresh crop of black flies also enjoyed the day!

The **Damariscotta-Newcastle** Club recently added an additional six Paul Harris Fellows, making the annual total of ten for this year! 33% of the members are now Paul Harris Fellows! Way to go! The Club is also putting its DSF Grant to good use with needy 14-16 year old teens who have never filled out a job application. As part of the Club’s efforts they are certifying teens to go job hunting for summer jobs with portfolio in hand! Great efforts yield rewards!

“There is no limit to what a man can do, if he does not care who gets the credit.”

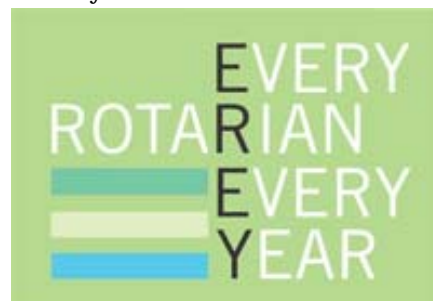
Small sign over a small house in India, as noted by Mike Webb, RIBI Vice President

Both the Rotary Clubs of **Damariscotta Newcastle** and **Boothbay Harbor** will participate in their annual “changing of the gavel cruise” in Boothbay Harbor on Tuesday, June 27th. Rotarians and guests will board the “Pink Lady” at around 5:00 PM for a cruise around the harbor. For more information and to sign up, contact either incoming President **Gary Speers** of the **Damariscotta-Newcastle** Club or **Marty Peak Helman** of the **Boothbay Harbor** Club. (They need an accurate count to make sure they have enough life jackets!) This annual event is always a good time!

Will the real Inspector Clouseau please identify yourself? The **Damariscotta-Newcastle** Club’s “Decedent Dessert & a Movie Night” event was fun, fun, fun. Our President-Elects wife, **Judy Speers**, went beyond the call of duty and deserved the “hero of the republic” award for decorations and organization. A few Inspector Clouseau look-a-likes were finally unmasked and it all went to raise funds to worthy causes.

The Rotary Club of **Bath Sunrise** held its annual “Spring Yard Sale” on Saturday, May 6th under beautiful sunny skies. The Club thought last year’s yard sale was the best ever grossing over \$700...until this year with record profits of over \$800. Yard Sale CEO, Brian Beckman, was quoted as saying, “Next year we will top \$1,000...I guarantee it!”

The **Bath Sunrise** Club is now looking forward to its biggest event of the year, the annual “Chicken Barbecue” which will be held on Friday, June 30th in Library Park in Bath. This is always the first day of the Bath Heritage Days and is an event you do not want to miss! Please contact someone in the **Bath Sunrise** Club if you would like tickets.



Please Support Our Rotary Foundation!

“Rotary’s timeless principles promote ethical practices, and the business community needs Rotarians – not just as positive role models but as tireless advocates for what is the truth and what is fair to all concerned. To me, this Rotary pin is an emblem of integrity. It could become a symbol of leadership, a symbol of trustworthiness and dignity.”

Past RI President Bhichai Rattakul, 2/05



“The world needs determined fighters against diseases like polio, cancer, or AIDS. The world needs more caring volunteers, eager and prepared to help their fellow human beings. My fellow volunteers, the world needs more Rotarians!”

Glenn W. Kinross, Past RI President, 2/05

Why not ask a friend to join Rotary? Why are you keeping this amazing organization the best kept secret in the world? Why are you so selfish about sharing all this great organization we call Rotary has to offer. Ask a friend today!