



# The New Centurian

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## The Newsletter of Rotary International District 7780

### District Conference Achieves Goal! - Bob Laux, District Governor

*"Onward To A New Century Of Service!"* was this year's theme, but the outcome was a great learning opportunity, terrific fellowship and a simply outstanding event. Conference Chair **Ann Lee Hussey**, President of the Rotary Club of South Berwick and her Conference Team did an outstanding job! **Liz Cullen**, AG and DGN, enticed a terrific variety of Club's to show off their stuff with an amazing variety of programs and services being offered in their communities and around the world.

Rotary International President Representative Brenda **Cressey** touted the conference as a "huge success" with many "excellent learning opportunities" which exceeded Rotary's expectations for District Conferences. She and her husband **Dick**, formerly from Rumford, Maine, thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to "reunite friendships and make many new ones!"

Overall, 35 clubs had representatives, with 31 Club Presidents in attendance. There are so many Rotarians to thank who made such an amazing effort. The Conference Committee included: **Ann Lee, Liz Cullen, Rich Emerson, Rhonda Emerson, Chip Griffin, Marty Peak-Helman, Brad Jett, Carolyn Johnson, Judy Morin, Michael Nazemetz, George and Patty Rice, Phil Rinaldi** and **Heather Swanson**. But all those who participated in presentations, including topics like Interact, The Four Avenues of Service, Our Rotary Foundation, GSE Team, Youth Exchange, the ABC's or Rotary, Being a Club President/Treasurer and Fireside Chats deserve most of the credit. And **Dave Groner**, representing our Rotary Foundation, offered a very emotional evening with family and friends.

Lastly, I want to thank my partner Cynthia, my family and all you amazing Rotarians whose support made this a once in a lifetime opportunity.

### District Membership Seminar is October 22nd! Great Learning Opportunity - Bob Laux, District Governor

*"Everything you always wanted to know about membership but were afraid to ask!"* District Membership Chair and District Governor Nominee **Liz Cullen**, along with her excellent Membership Committee are jumping right into this year's event at York County Community College! Originally scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>, the date was changed to accommodate Rotarians planning to enjoy the long Columbus Day weekend.

Plenty of learning opportunities are in store for those in attendance. Membership breakouts are planned on *"Membership Recruitment"*, *"Retaining Members"*, *"Rotary and Fellowship"*, *"Fire-Side Chats"*, *"Rotary Ethics and Values"*, *"Exit Interviews"*, and many more.

Rotarians will be joined by Zone Membership Chair Ann Williams,

Membership recruitment and retention are a major focus this year by RI President **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar**. His goal is a "net one new member per club" as part of his Presidential Citation Award. District Governor **Bob**, always the "overachiever" wants Clubs to net 10% as a minimum to receive the distinguished "Governor's Trophy Challenge". Several Clubs are already in the hunt!

This event always serves as a great way for Rotarians to learn from each other while discovering the passion that keeps us truly unique. See you there!

## October, Vocational Service Month – Cynthia Moran-Laux

Rotarians are encouraged during October to focus on vocational service. Discussions can lead to projects developing ethical consciousness and an awareness of the vocational skills of each member.

Vocational service began with the founding of our organization back in 1905. Rotary membership relied on the classification system and still does today. It assures representation of members from a cross-section of a community.

“The second part of the Object of Rotary calls for Rotarians to apply high ethical standards in their businesses and professions, recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations and to consider their own occupations as opportunities to serve society.”

Initially, vocational service focused on personal contributions within the workplace but over time Rotarians expanded the definition by organizing career seminars and

vocational workshops. During the 1990's Rotary Volunteers and a program called “Rotary Fellowships” were formed under vocational service.

Clubs can accomplish vocational service in many ways: classification talks and tours of Rotarian's businesses, recognize vocational excellence and high ethical standards in the community, career development and vocation at work.

One of the key things that make Rotary truly unique is our commitment to the values or ethics inherent in our “Four Way Test”. This month will serve as a great reminder for Rotarians to renew this commitment in our businesses, Club activities and community service!

**Be Proud To Be A Rotarian!** You do make a difference!

Excerpts taken from RI vocational service page.

## Rotary's Great Ambassadorial Scholarship Program – Roland Gagne, Annual Giving Chair

This month's Rotary Foundation thought to share with your clubs is about **Ambassadorial Scholarships**. The Rotary Foundation began in 1917, but didn't become a major component of Rotary until founder Paul Harris's death in 1947. Upon Paul's death, more than \$1 million was contributed in memorial gifts. Shortly thereafter the first program of the Foundation was established: Fellowship for Advanced Study-the forerunner to the now-popular **Ambassadorial Scholarships**

program. The Rotary Foundation's **Ambassadorial Scholarships** program is one of the world's largest privately funded international scholarship programs for university studies. Since 1947, approximately 37,000 students from some 110 countries have studied abroad. Did you know that film critic **Roger Ebert**; journalist **Bill Moyers**; and **Sadako Ogata**, the former UN High Commissioner on Refugees were Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars?

## Are You Ready For The Rotary Leadership Institute? – Marie Williams, District RLI Chair

simply the best way for Rotarians to gain both the skills and expertise in Rotary. Participants in the RLI are invited by their Clubs to attend. The program is designed for Rotarians who are future leaders, identified as those who will move into Club leadership roles.

RLI is conducted as Parts I, II and III, each held over separate days in various locations throughout the Northeast. Rotarians are

required to take each part sequentially and after completion, graduate courses are offered at various locations.

For additional information contact District RLI Chair Marie Williams at [mawilliamspdg@comcast.net](mailto:mawilliamspdg@comcast.net) or visit the RLI website at [www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org).



**PDG Trish Hunter** rode along with husband Ted, participated in a “Ride of Your Life” exhibition run September 11th during the IHRA North American Nationals in Epping, N H. At the event 20,000 people learned that Rotary clubs in District 7780 are accepting donations for Katrina Relief efforts. **Trish** was recently appointed as Chair for the Districts Katrina Relief Efforts



Rotary Clubs and their members are provided with many learning opportunities during the year, each designed to enhance the knowledge base and skills of Rotarians. The District Conference, District Membership Seminar, District Foundation Seminar and District Assembly all are intended to provide new skills to Rotarians. The **Rotary Leadership Institute** (RLI) is truly one underutilized method of enhancing Rotary Leadership skills. It is

## AG Club Highlights – Area 1 – Brad Jett

Members of the Rotary Club of **Portsmouth** recently enjoyed their Annual Member Appreciation Lunch on the scenic banks of the Piscataqua River. The Club prepared a Lobster Bake, which included lobsters, steamers, hot dogs, corn, vegetables and watermelon. New members came early to help with the set up and attitude adjustment, assisted by adult beverages. Camaraderie and fellowship was the order of the day! The weather was spectacular and the club was honored with the presence of our AG Brad Jett.

In September, the Rotary Club of **Hampton** worked on organizing two of their major end-of-summer events – their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Seafood Festival Road Race and their participation in the ever popular Seafood Festival. Results

indicate a huge success for both events! *Cocktails* seemed to be the lay of the land at the **Hampton** Club throughout the month.

Fellowship was shared by members at a *Cocktail Party* hosted by **Joan and Rich Correll** in their home. This gave the Club an opportunity to come together in a very different venue and enjoy the company, drink, and food (shared hors d'oeuvres) of their fellow Rotarians and partners.

Rotarian **John Nyhan** also hosted a *Cocktail Reception* at his beautiful Victoria Inn for District Governor, **Bob Laux** and his wife **Cynthia** this month. John's hospitality, food, and drink were enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended

## A Few Pictures From A Memorable Event!



Photos from Heather Swanson!



*Members of the Rotary Club of Casco Bay Sunrise enjoyed an evening of Fellowship at a recent Seadogs Game in Portland! This "Party Hardy" group always seems to have a great time!*



*Talk about Public Image! The duties of maintaining this great Rotary Wheel have been shared for over 55 years between the Rotary Club's of **Kennebunk** and **Saco Bay**!*



*A great cause for celebration! Members of the Rotary Club of **Kennebunk** celebrated two new Paul Harris Fellows, presented to Past Presidents **Ron Quake** and **Dick Sharood**, presented here by Past President **Earle Patterson** All our past presidents are Paul Harris fellows, except for one (and we're working on him, you can be sure!)*

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## Rotary International District 7780

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*Long-time Rotarian **Larry Townley** is honored as "Volunteer of the Year", awarded by a joint committee made up of The Rotary Club of **Damarriscotta-Newcastle**, the local Lions Club and members of the community at large. Pictured on the left are the Lion Club President next to, **Larry Townley**, **Janice Sprague**, widow of long-time Rotarian **Neil**, for whom the Annual award is named, and Club President **Wilt Jones**. After hearing District Governor Bob's official visit talk on literacy efforts in Kenya, **Mr. Townley** offered his \$500 award to the St. Francis Secondary School for Girls in Kiptere, Kenya. **This amazing gesture was matched by the Club!** Pictured on the right are Governor **Bob**, Sister **Michael Marie Laux**, recently retired from years of service in Kenya, being presented with a check from President Elect **Gary Speers** and President **Wilt Jones***

## AG Club Highlights – Area 6 – Todd Doolan

The Rotary Club of **Brunswick Coastal** continues to sponsor a Rotary "Service Above Self" Quilt For Aids. For the past several years the **Coastal** Rotary Club has worked with other District 7780 Clubs and our local community organizations to help fight AIDS and its devastating effects in South Africa. The purpose of the quilt is to help raise awareness and promote ways of helping, both here and abroad. Interested community businesses, organizations and individuals donate \$250 to sponsor and produce a foot square patch that will become part of our Rotary Quilt for AIDS.

All funds will be used directly in either local community AIDS prevention projects or to help the AIDS orphaned children of South Africa via ongoing **Coastal** Rotary projects. For further information contact President **Mary Tennant** at 207-725-7915 or [mtennant@clinic.net](mailto:mtennant@clinic.net) or **Tom Stypinski** at 207-729-3172 or [jstypinski@yahoo.com](mailto:jstypinski@yahoo.com).

On July 20 of this year Past President of the Rotary Club of **Brunswick Coastal** **Mark Costa**, had the good fortune of meeting RI President **Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar** while making up at the Rotary Club of **San Juan, Puerto Rico**. **Mark** and **Carl-**

**Wilhelm** spoke about **Brunswick Coastal's** interest and contacts in China. "I told **Carl-Wilhelm** that we have some valuable contacts in China through our current club President, **Mary Tennant**, and that we were investigating how best to utilize them to promote Rotary in China." It turned out that China is of great interest to RI as well. **Mark** came away impressed with **Carl-Wilhelm's** desire to help. "The whole experience reinforced my sense of how right Rotary is for channeling my desire to help others. Meeting **Carl-Wilhelm** and being able to discuss China with him, even if only for a few minutes, underscored how Rotary so excels at connecting the dots and providing the networking so necessary to getting things done."

The Rotary Club of **Freeport's** Resolution to make Santa Barbara, Honduras, a sister city was unanimously approved by **Freeport** Town Council. Santa Barbara is the focus of the Rotary Club's *Pure Water for the World* project. Making this project an official project of the City of **Freeport** lends increased credibility to the raising \$55,000 to provide all 533 families in the villages and hamlets of Santa Barbara with their own water purification capacities. **Freeport** Rotary will

also be sending delegations to Santa Barbara to assist in the distribution of the filtering units, and to train families in the maintenance of the units. Freeport high schoolers will work with indigenous personnel, along with Pure Water and Peace Corps personnel, to educate families in preventive health activities. In this sister city relationship, **Freeport** is looking for the development of opportunities for families to share experiences and expertise.

The Rotary Club of **Brunswick** was very active at this years District Conference. President **Dave Fuller** led a breakout session outlining the club's Tsunami relief project in Sri Lanka to rebuild a coastal fishing village in partnership with the Rotary Club of **Colombo**, Sri Lanka. Past President **Juliana L'Heureux** also led a breakout "Rotary and Teenagers." Julie highlighted how her Club has forged a relationship with the Brunswick Teen Center which dates back to 1944. Because of Rotary's fundraising efforts and the active involvement of the Brunswick Rotarians the Teen Center is flourishing!

## AG Club Highlights – Area 7 – Chip Griffin

The Rotary Club of **Bath Sunrise** will host its annual *Latin American Fiesta Dinner and Silent Auction*, on Friday night, October 7, from 5-7 PM, at the Bath Senior Center. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. The Netza School Project for over 400 indigenous children in Zihuatanejo, MX and several Nicaraguan families will be beneficiaries of this event. **Bath Sunrise** has just donated \$2,000 to the Katrina relief effort and last week gave \$500 to "The Sharing Foundation". The club bestowed departing **Phil Helgerson**, a valued Rotarian for many years in community and international activities, with another Paul Harris Fellow Award, as well as a surprise party.

The Rotary Club of **Boothbay Harbor** celebrated the purchase of a 15-person van for the children of the dump at "Safe Passage" in Guatemala City. This was accomplished with the club's donation of \$2,600, but also due to the very generous contributions of \$1,000 each from the Rotary Club of **Freeport** along with both the Rotary Club of **Bath** and **Bath Sunrise, District 7780** and TRF matching grants, totaling \$19,000. The power of cooperation in Rotary! The club also had its fourth annual "Hometown Heroes Night" at the Spruce Point Inn, with approximately 200 community members celebrating the Boothbay region's first responders and listening to Michael Johnson, Fire Chief

from New York City describe his experiences at Ground Zero on 9/11.

The Rotary Club of **Damariscotta-Newcastle** celebrated Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow **Larry Townley** for his selection by a joint committee of Rotarians, Lions and a community member-at-large to be Volunteer of the Year. **Larry's** activities include participation in volunteer organizations, civic and church leadership, and volunteer spirit. Thanks to the joint team effort of the **Rotary-Lions** club members, their largest fund raiser of the year was held on a beautiful day, Saturday September 10th at 75 year old Wawenock Country Club. Rotary chair, **Shirley Tawney**, worked hard with Rotarians and Lions to keep all the golf balls in the air. The golf tournament coupled with the post tournament auction looks like it will better both clubs goals from last year.

The club had the pleasure of hosting Governor **Bob** and partner, **Cynthia** on September 13th. Club members thoroughly enjoyed Bob's presentation and both Bob and Cynthia's time with us.

October plans include team building and camaraderie at our Annual Lobster Social at Past-President **Linda Brunner's** Home on October 1st, and our annual gathering at the Boothbay Harbor Club, always a fun time at the "haba".

## AG Club Highlights – Area 8 – Bobbi Steele-Marotta

The Rotary Club of **Bethel** recently held one of its annual fundraising events on the Bethel Common during the "Harvest Fest." Bethel Rotarians served up hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken sandwiches to hundreds.

This is one of numerous Club activities which serve to support their local and international projects.

The Rotary Club of the **Bridgton Area** in concert with the Rotary Club of **Fryeburg** will once again be selling potatoes during the

"Great Fryeburg Fair" from October 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 8<sup>th</sup>. If you get a chance to visit this "Maine Classic Fair" don't miss it! And stop by to visit the booth. You never know who might be serving up spuds!



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### Quotes from Rotary

*"The second object of Rotary is the encouragement of high ethical standards in business and professions. . . Correct principles are like compasses; they are always pointing the way. And if we know how to read them, we won't get lost, confused, or fooled by conflicting voices and values. . . Who is responsible for Rotarian's acting ethically? All of us – every Rotarian is responsible for their own actions!"*

*Mike Webb, RIBI Vice President, 2/05*

***"There is no limit to what a man can do if he does not care who gets the credit!"***

*Sign over a small home in India, as noted by Mike Webb, RIBI Vice President*

*"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 organization the best kept secret in the world? Why are you so selfish about sharing this great organization we call Rotary with others?***