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Youth Programs



Barbara Moulton (holding teddy bear) representing Kittery Holiday Baskets collects PJs, underwear, toys and food from Rotary Club of Kittery. The Rotary Club of Kittery has been participating in the Kittery Holiday Baskets program at Thanksgiving and Christmas for over 15 years. Barbara Moulton's mother started this program over 50 years ago when she was the town nurse. Barbara and her sister has since taken over. They are provided with names of families in the town that need assistance at Thanksgiving and Christmas. They have quite the assembly line system down for packing the food, clothes and toys says President-elect David Gooch.

A Word from Governor Marie-

My Fellow Rotarians:

Well, we are into a New Year – 2007 – and the holidays are behind us! A lot has happened since we last “talked”. Bruce and I attended many Christmas celebrations with the seniors and students around the District. It is so good to see so many clubs remembering our Senior Generation. Some of us are going to be the recipient of these dinners very soon! DGE Liz and I had the pleasure of attending the District Interact Conference on Saturday. Watch out folks, we have some terrific future leaders coming!

Tuesday the 10th, we had 120 leaders from around the District meet for Dinner at Keeley's in Portland. There was no ice storm this time! We had representation from 39 out of 41 clubs, plus our Rotary International Director Michael McGovern, 6 PDGs, 7 of the Assistant Governors for this year, 7 of next year's Assistant Governors and the District Secretary for next year! RID Michael reminded us to bring in new members. If everyone in the room brought in a new member this year, we would have 120 new members!

After a social hour, dinner and a brief meeting, the group broke up into three individual groups. DGN Brad met with the Vice Presidents to start developing his team for 08-09; DGE Liz met with the President-elects to start their training for 07-08 and DG Marie meet with the Presidents to go over the last half of their 06-07 year. From what I have heard, all the meetings were good. We were done and on our way home before 8:30 PM. We have an excellent team in place this year and have two more excellent teams coming up. Thank you everyone for making the effort to attend!

January is Rotary Awareness month! We could not have been more aware of Rotary than we were on Tuesday night. There were a lot of introductions, fellowship, team building and contacts made between clubs. We talked about being back at Keeley's on Friday, February 23 for the World Peace & Understanding Dinner. Invitations will be going out to the clubs by the end of the month. Please remember to register and pay in advance. Because everyone did this for the Mid Year Presidents Meeting, we did not have to ask someone to miss the social hour to check people in. THANK YOU! There was talk of the upcoming PETS March 15 - 17. Presidents, make sure that your president-elects register for PETS as soon as they get their invitation from the PETS committee. I still remember my PETS in 1990! I was so hyped when I left! I would like to see the biggest turnout ever for the District Assembly on April 18 at YCCC. Let's give DGE Liz our full support and make sure everyone gets trained for 07-08. Don't forget to put the District Conference dates on your calendar – Friday, May 18 through Sunday, May 20. Registration forms were given to everyone in attendance at the Mid Year Presidents Meeting. The registration form will be up on the District Website by the time you read this newsletter. Make sure you register with the District by

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the May 1 deadline. After that the registration fee goes up. In order to guarantee you get the District Conference room rate, you must register with the hotel by April 2. We have an eager President-elect in Kittery; he made his room reservation at The Colony Hotel Wednesday morning! I just noticed we do not have a place for your club title on the registration form so please add it. I can not stress enough that you print plainly so that Registration Chair, Maura Halkiotis is not trying to decipher your handwriting. I will have to type mine, as my handwriting is terrible, just ask Bruce! We will celebrate all the clubs accomplishments at the District Conference. June 26 is the Leadership Changeover Dinner at Keeley's. This is where I will say a short farewell and thank the 06-07 team one last time and then DGE Liz will welcome her team aboard and talk about her plans for the 07-08 year. I will hand over the District Governor pin and wear my PDG proudly! That is it for District Rotary Event Awareness for the rest of this Rotary Year. Lead the Way to the opportunity of having the fellowship experience of Rotary by sharing these dates with your fellow Rotarians.

DG Marie



Nominations Sought for District Officers

Clubs are asked to submit nominations for the following District 7780 Officers:

District Governor for 2009-2010

Budget & Finance Committee Member - Division A for 2007-2010

Qualifications for the duties of District Governor can be found in the Manual of Procedure and include:

- Having been a member of a Rotary Club for at least 7 years prior to taking office.
- Having served a full term as Club President
- Being a member in good standing of a club in the district
- Being a member in a functioning club in good standing which has no outstanding indebtedness to RI or to the District
- Demonstrating the willingness, commitment, and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor

Budget & Finance Committee Member from Division A comprising of Massachusetts and New Hampshire clubs.

- The candidate must be willing and able to serve as a member of the committee for the three year tem.

Nominations in the form of a resolution of the club, adopted at a regular club meeting, as described in the Manual of Procedure must be forwarded to DG Marie prior to January 15, 2007. Please feel free to contact her with any questions relative to the process.



District 7780 Interact Conference

The Wells Interact Club along with the Wells Rotary Club hosted District 7780's Interact Conference on Saturday, January 6, 2007 at the Wells High School. The Fryeburg Interact students left Fryeburg at 6:30 AM to arrive on time! The Wells Interact Club put on several interesting sessions:

M ke Kuna did "What Rotary Can Do for You"
 Emily Quinton and Sam Morse did "Projects"
 Sarah Cusack did "Interact and How We do It"
 Paul Harris (Erica Boulay) did "Rotary History"

The Wells Club made sure everyone was well fed. Everyone had a good time. DGE Liz was in attendance along with DG Marie. Wells Club President Rick Goodrich ta ked about Rotary in general - number of clubs in the District and around the world, DG Marie ta ked about Paul Harris and what leadership meant to him. Tim Roche, Wells

High School Interact Advisor really was enthusiastic about his leadership examples - he is the school coach so he used sports as his examples. District Chair Bill Bassett kept things moving in a timely fashion. It was a good day. If these students are a sample of our leaders for tomorrow, we are in good hands!



District Governor meets Paul Harris (Erica Boulay) at District 7780 Interact Conference



Greetings to all Rotarians from District 7780 and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As your delegate to the Rotary International Council on Legislation, scheduled for this coming April, I have received my first volume, containing 318 pieces of proposed legislation, for review and study before leaving for Chicago.

As a sample, there are proposals regarding changing the time for MAKE-UPS from 14 to 7 days, or increasing from 14 to 21 days. There are proposals limiting the attendance credit for attending an e-meeting. There are proposals regarding Rotary's next area of focus, following polio eradication. There are proposals for raising the age limit for Group Study Exchange participants from 40 to either 45 or 50. There are proposals for adopting the "bell" as an official symbol of Rotary and one to adopt SERVICE ABOVE SELF as the one and only motto. There is a proposal urging the RI Board to support a campaign to stop the practice of child slavery.

In that it is impossible for me to send you copies of all of the proposals, I urge you to access the Rotary Website: www.rotary.org and then navigate to the 2007 Council on Legislation and then visit the drop-down box containing proposed enactments, and review the articles and proposals yourselves.

If for any reason you wish to contact me and share your opinions regarding any proposed enactments, please feel free to do so, either by calling me at my office, or through Email. I will be most interested to speak with you and to hear your recommendations or concerns.

Thank you for the honor to serve as your delegate to the 2007 Council on Legislation. I look forward to being able to visit your Clubs following that week in Chicago.

Yours in Rotary service,

Elias

Elias Thomas III



Greg Latimer, Area Coordinator for the Salvation Army shares the great news with local Rotarians.

The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle Helps Set Local Fund Raising Record

The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle celebrated the end of a great year of "Leading the Way" in local humanitarian efforts with the news that the local Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing campaign for 2006 brought in a record amount of just over \$9600.00. The campaign coordinated by Rotarian Larry Townley is a true community effort involving Rotarians, Lions Club members and other community volunteers exceeded previous collections by well over \$1000.00. The local funding from this effort (eighty per cent stays in the Damariscotta-Newcastle area) goes towards providing heating assistance and the provision of emergency food and clothing for indigent and homeless individuals.



Governor Marie speaking at the Bethel Rotary Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon. PP Al Barth stands beside her.

Area 8 Happenings From AG Patty Rice

The Rotary Club of **Rumford** has made a huge donation to help homeless teenagers in their area with hundreds of dollars in gift cards and other items including blankets, pillows and duffel bags, and the gift cards were for food. Many of the club members made donations at their annual Christmas Party for this cause. The **Rumford** Club is also awaiting word on their application submitted for a Blane Grant.

The **Bethel** Rotary Club recently completed a very busy month of holiday fundraisers and activities. They had a Christmas tree lighting on the common, spent three weekends bell-ringing at the Bethel Foodliner, where the money collected helps support the Christmas for Children Fund for gifts for needy children in the area. The annual Santa Sunday at Sunday River Ski Resort provided its usual donation to the project. The club thanks Sunday River and all the "Santas" that participated. The **Bethel** Club also held their annual Christmas Luncheon for Seniors with about 180 attending. They concluded the holiday projects with their annual Christmas Baskets distribution to local children.

The **Oxford Hills** Club is busy spending some of their monies raised to help support the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program and Relay for Life. They continue to recognize the "Students of the Month" at the local high school by inviting them to breakfast

and supporting their pizza lunch with the school principal. Their Moonbounce will be inflated and bouncing in February at some indoor school events.

The **Bridgton-Lake Region** Club will be working on their "Hug-A-Bear" program where members will collect new, stuffed animals for the Police Department for them to use throughout the year as they encounter children in need of comforting.



Happy New Year!

This month's Rotary Foundation Thought is about Rotarian efforts to alleviate hunger through World Community Service.

Rotarians have rallied to the aid of nearly 3.5 million people affected by famine in Niger, one of the world's poorest countries. The West African country is, at the best of times, prone to severe food shortages resulting from insufficient rains.

The two Rotary clubs of Niger, both based in the capital of Niamey, have set up a crisis committee and a bank account to coordinate and facilitate relief efforts. In addition to contributing approximately US\$1,000 toward a disaster fund, the Niamey clubs are helping with the collection and distribution of emergency relief, including bags of rice from Rotary clubs in Côte d'Ivoire, and mosquito nets from Dakar, Senegal. The crisis committee is also working on procurement and transportation of food items, creation of cereal banks and a food exchange program and the purchase of life-saving medicine.

Rotary Volunteers are also sought to help promote vegetable gardening and the growing of off-season crops by irrigation. This is a long-term effort aimed at improving food security, diversifying food sources, and creating income-generating opportunities for farmers. We need to remember that even small gifts make a huge difference to people in need. World Community Service, and the support of *Every Rotarian, Every Year* is a way for our club to make a real and lasting difference.

Fundraising Success Strategy

Going once, Going twice:

The Vero Beach West club in District 6930 holds a monthly auction: books, camping gear, collectibles, stamps, etc. The item sells and the cash generated by the sale of the item goes to the Foundation in the seller's name. The person who buys the item gets the item, and has the option to "match" the amount. If they match the amount, the club will then match their match. Therefore, an item selling for \$20 generates a Foundation contribution of \$20 for the seller, and \$40 for the buyer. This has allowed the club to give \$355 per capita to the Foundation in 2003-04 and helped them clean out their closets! (For more information, contact Barbara Middleton, 772-564-7940.)

District 7780 Results AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2006

SHARE SUMMARY		
	2006/2007 US\$100 Per Capita District Benchmark:	\$202,000.00
	2006/2007 District Annual Giving Goal (club goals):	\$202,971.00
	2006/2007 Total of clubs Annual Giving Goals rec'd:	100%
	2006/2007 Total of Annual Giving for Period:	\$47,303.50
	2006/2007 Permanent Fund Earnings to Share:	\$0.00
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	2006/2007 Share Total:	\$47,303.50
Distribution of Share		
	50% of Share Total to World Fund:	\$23,651.75
	50% of Share Total to District Designated Fund:	\$23,651.75

Top three clubs ranked by Annual Giving per Capita:

CLUB NAME	PER CAPITA	YTD TOTAL
South Portland/Cape Elizabeth, ME	\$73.33	\$3,740
Hampton, NH	\$72.46	\$5,000
Portsmouth, NH	\$55.74	\$13,323

Roland P. Gagne

Annual Giving Chair

**GSE TEAM ANNOUNCED
by Steve Wight**

On behalf of the GSE Team Selection Committee I am pleased to announce the following selections for the 2007 GSE Team travelling from District 7780 to District 1980 in Lucerne, Switzerland:



Team Leader Kate Kokko, E. Rochester, NH
Member, Rotary Club of Dover *Community Pandemic Response Coordinator*



Team Leader Alt. Joan Correll, Hampton, NH
Member, Rotary Club of Hampton *Architectural Management*

Team Member Alison Pyott, Portsmouth, NH Sponsor: RC of Portsmouth *Financial Services*

Team Member Kristina Disciulo, Wells, ME Sponsor: RC of Wells *Occupational Therapy*

Team Member Jesse Utoh, Dover, NH Sponsor: RC of South Berwick
Hyperbaric Chamber Oper.

Team Member Kelly-Anne Rush, Windham, ME Sponsor: RC of Bridgeton-Lake Region
HS Soc. Studies Teacher

Team Mem. Alt. Wendy Freedman, Newcastle, NH Sponsor: RC of Portsmouth *Home Interiors Retailer*

New District 7780 Rotaplast Chair

For several years, Fryeburg Area Rotarian, Brenda Thibodeau has served as District 7780's Rotaplast Chair. Effective January 1, 2007, she stepped down as Chair and turned the reins over to Bill Dunn. Bill is currently the Treasurer of The Rotary Club of Yarmouth, has been a member of the Rotaplast Committee for five years, as well as volunteered for two missions in Venezuela. This year he will be the Assistant Mission Director for the Tacna, Peru trip in May. For more information on this trip, please check District 7780's World Community Service page at www.rotary7780.org. Bill can be contacted at wdunn@gestalt-llc.com. Brenda will continue to serve on the committee and speak to clubs and organizations about Rotaplast International. Brenda can be contacted at gtfib@fairpoint.net.

**Boothbay Harbor Celebrates Its Elders and Youngsters
at Holiday Time**

We frequently have young visitors at the Boothbay Harbor Clubhouse, and the youngsters are invariably terrific additions to our meetings.

This month, two dictionary recipients – Jacob Bishopp, third-grade son of Rotarian Tammy Blackman, and Chelsea Graves, second-grade granddaughter of Rotarians Debbie and Daren Graves – spoke to the Club to express their satisfaction with the product. Jacob really liked the information on American presidents. Chelsea's favorite part was the fact that her granddad had come to her classroom to help pass out the books.

The kids returned in force the week before Christmas to lead us in Holiday song and spirit – but only after, at their request, we started the evening with the Pledge and "God Bless America." Then it was on to "Rudolph" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and other seasonal delights. Rotarian Viv Daniel accompanied us on the Clubhouse piano, and then after supper the entire crowd – ranging in age from 7 to 77 – jumped into the borrowed YMCA bus and, with Santa driving, sang and offered Christmas cheer at both St. Andrews Village and St. Andrews Hospital (see photos).

The Holiday season is also the time we reach out to those less fortunate in our community with checks to both the Boothbay Region Home Fuel Assistance Fund (\$1500) and the Boothbay Region Food Pantry (\$2500). We're particularly proud to support the Food Pantry, which the Club helped start in 1992, and which later spun off as a

separate entity.

Earlier in the month we remembered our Rotarian widows (no Rotarian widowers as yet; let's keep it that way as long as possible!) by delivering Christmas wreaths to them. This is a holiday service tradition that we have been doing for years, and once again we purchased the wreaths from Brunswick Coastal, thus helping our Rotary neighbors with their holiday fundraiser at the same time! Our most venerable recipient is Edith Dodge, widow of Kenneth Dodge and aunt of current club member Billy Dodge, who remarkably still lives in her own home, and who is looking forward to celebrating her 101st birthday in January! We wish her and our 14 other Rotary widows a very happy, healthy new year.



Boothbay Harbor Rotarians, kids and grandkids carol at St. Andrews Village.

 Polio Eradication Update – January 11, 2007

Polio Eradication Data as of Sunday, December 31, 2006
 Courtesy of World Health Organization

Total Cases	in 2006	compared to same period in 2005
Globally	1874	1749
- in endemic countries	1756	778
- in non-endemic countries	118	971

Case breakdown by Country

Country	Cases	Compared to same period in 2005
Nigeria	1062	675
India	624	62
Somalia	33	131
Afghanistan	31	7
Namibia	20	0
Pakistan	39	25
Ethiopia	17	20
Bangladesh	17	0
Niger	12	9
DRC	11	0
Indonesia	2	297
Yemen	1	478
Nepal	2	3
Angola	1	9
Kenya	2	0
Cameroon	1	1

The Polio Eradication Campaign has been reinforced by the new WHO Director-General. As she took office on

January 4, 2007, Dr. Margaret Chan, reiterated WHO's commitment to global polio eradication. She spoke of inheriting important commitments from her predecessor. "Foremost among these", she emphasized, "is the drive to eradicate polio. Quite simply, we must succeed. This is not just about meeting a goal. It is about delivering a perpetual gift to every future generation of children to be born." She reminds all of us the words we need to follow.

The final four endemic countries have instituted new strategies to combat the challenges faced to immunize every child. The four remaining polio-endemic countries are: India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. It has been a tough but determined fight for the last three years to come from six endemic countries to only four – the lowest in recorded history. It is the last strongholds of the wild polio-virus that will be the toughest to eliminate. Always remember – we started with 125 countries in 1985 and are now at four; we started with three strains of polio and now are fighting just two, with one of those reported in low numbers. Our progress has been great.

The indigenous transmission of polio is now clearly identified by populations and geographical regions. These areas are currently being targeted and will continue to be as well as continued immunizing of total populations. Nigeria remains our major stronghold with six states in their northern region our global epicenter of polio, now reporting over half of all the global cases. They have implemented strategies that include supplementation of their polio program with vaccines for other childhood diseases and mosquito nets for malaria prevention. India has managed to bring under control the outbreak in western Uttar Pradesh, its polio epicenter, and is now dealing with the spread of cases to other polio-free states. Part of their strategy was to target the less than two years of age group of children in the high risk areas. In addition the number of large-scale campaigns has been increased to 4-week intervals with supplementation of emphasis on a birth-dose, and the use of the monovalent oral polio – which gives immunity twice as fast as the tri-valent vaccine, commonly used in the past. Afghanistan and Pakistan are working together to combat the spread of polio at border crossings. Both countries remain polio free in most areas, with the polio cases being reported in specific geographical regions.

Our continued success in the eradication program is dependant upon the cooperation and dedication of the leaders in the remaining four countries. We now have vaccines that are twice as effective and we have the means to identify and track the poliovirus faster than before – making importation cases easier to control. The key to success is continued financial support from the entire global donor community. We hope that you will continue to support the polio eradication program through Rotary's PolioPlus Partners.

Download a PolioPlus Partners remittance form: www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/ppp_remit.pdf
View PolioPlus Partners Open Projects List at:
www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/ppp_openprojects.pdf

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Lee Hussey
District Polio Eradication Chair, 2006-07



Santa (Gordon Lewis) visits at the Ogunquit Rotary Club's Christmas party

Literacy Awareness

I noticed in the recent Rotarian that January 4th commemorates the birthday of Louis Braille, who developed the

system for written communication for people who are blind and on January 6th Samuel Morse, the designer of Morse Code, gave the first demonstration of the telegraph. January is Rotary Awareness Month: how appropriate it is for Rotarians to continue our commitment to promote and support literacy by considering alternative means of communication to create awareness.

There are many projects underway in our district to strengthen the acquisition and development of literacy skills. Most notably, the Dictionary Project is one that has enabled clubs to forge or strengthen connections with their local schools. The Dictionary Project is an excellent means to create awareness of Rotary in your community. When the dictionaries are distributed, clubs may want to include a letter to parents explaining the project and highlighting other service projects in which your club is involved. As you present the dictionaries to the students, you may take the opportunity to talk about the 4 Way Test, underscoring Rotary's commitment to high ethical standards. Have you thought about including a bookmark or bookplate in the dictionaries that includes the 4-Way Test and the name of your club?

Some clubs are using communication tools to create Rotary Awareness through literacy by donating a book to the local library instead of presenting speakers gifts. This is a wonderful way to promote literacy and honor speakers in an ongoing way. Again, it is an opportunity to create a greater awareness about Rotary.

If your club is looking for a different avenue for literacy, recall the work of Braille and Morse and consider how you may help people with disabilities develop strong literacy and communication skills. Are there resources for children or adults who are deaf or blind, or have other disabilities, in your community? How might your club support these programs, financially or through hands-on involvement? Literacy connotes the ability to read, but how might we reach individuals who do not have that skill or that ability?

As your club considers ways to create Rotary Awareness, I encourage you to look at using literacy projects as a natural partner to assist in this challenge. If I can be of assistance to your club in your efforts to learn more about literacy challenges or projects, do not hesitate to call on me!

Carolyn Johnson
District Literacy Chair

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Rotary in ACTION!

January is Rotary Awareness Month, and what better way to increase public awareness of Rotary than through Interact, Rotaract and EarlyAct? Not only do these students, potential future Rotarians, learn about the goals and spirit of Rotary, but their parents and teachers do as well.

Rotary's youth service began in 1917 and throughout the 1920s and 1930s Rotarians continued to sponsor other organizations who served children and young adults in their communities. Gradually, however, the idea evolved that young people themselves should be actively engaged in community service projects. Rotary clubs around the world began forming youth service clubs based on the principles and guidelines of their own club. By 1960, the concept of service had expanded to include the international community. RI President Harold Thomas appointed an Ad Hoc Committee on Youth to study the feasibility of establishing a specific program that would engage students internationally and that would have specific guidelines for adoption by all Rotary clubs.

The program was named Interact, combining the words "international" and "action". The first club was chartered in 1962. Interact clubs are open to all students in their last four years of secondary school. Clubs must perform a minimum of two service projects each year: one to benefit their school or community and one to further international understanding. District 7780 has 29 Interact Clubs with hundreds of young members who enthusiastically give their time and energy to help make their communities and the world a better place.

As early as the 1920s, Rotary clubs were sponsoring university students and young professionals who wished to serve their communities. The real impetus to establish a specific Rotary program at the university level, however, grew out of the Interact Program. Once Interact students began to graduate in the 1960s, Rotary clubs and Interactors began to look for a way to continue their service relationship.

The new program was named Rotaract, combining the words "Rotary" and "action". The first Rotaract Club was chartered in 1968. Rotary clubs around the world embraced the idea at a time when student protests were of growing concern. The Rotaract program would not only keep former Interactors within the Rotary family, but would also serve as a means of "channeling the energies of young adults into positive activities that could benefit their communities". Many Rotaractors go on to become Ambassadorial Scholars or members of Group Study Exchange teams. District 7780 has Rotaract Clubs at the University of New Hampshire and the University of Southern Maine.

The third "act" is EarlyAct for elementary students from ages five to thirteen. Although EarlyAct is not an official Rotary International program, many clubs operate under the aegis of local Rotary clubs. EarlyAct's goal is not only to provide a natural succession into Interact, but also to give young students an awareness and knowledge of their community and the world. Club guidelines are modeled after those of Interact and EarlyAct members are required to carry out three service projects each year: one school project, one community project and one project to further international understanding. District 7780 has at least one energetic EarlyAct club sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wells. If your club sponsors an EarlyAct club, please let me know.

Liz Cullen, DGE



In Memoriam:

Past District Governor George Cashman 1925-2006

December 29, 2006 marked the passing of George A. Cashman, PDG, father, Rotarian, community leader, and friend. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family. George leaves Rosemary, his wife of 58 years, nine children and sixteen grandchildren.

George joined the Rotary Club of Newburyport in 1953 and was justly proud, not only of his 53 years of perfect attendance, but also of his 53 years of continuous Rotary service. He served his club as Treasurer from 1954-1956, as President in 1957-1958, and, for the next fifty years, continued to serve at one time or another on every club committee. Predictably, the Membership and Foundation Committees were dearest to his heart. George was the wise patriarch of the Newburyport club. In the words of President Kate Kelly, "We could call George with any question and he would always have the answer."

After serving as District Treasurer from 1965-1967, George went on to become District Governor for the 1994-1995 Rotary year. Subsequently, he served as Chairman of The District Scholarship Committee, Chairman of The District World Community Service Committee and Chairman of the District Membership Committee.

While continuing to take an active role in his club and in the district, George simultaneously served as chairman of over thirty city, county and state committees for over fifty years. He remained dedicated to his alma mater, Holy Cross College, and, for many years, served as director of the Alumni Association. In fact, people who knew George are fond of saying, "He never met a committee that he didn't like."

George was a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and, in 2006, George was recognized by Vincente Giay, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, for his generosity to The Rotary Foundation, his commitment to the ideals of Rotary and his dedication to Rotary's humanitarian efforts throughout the world. George received The Rotary International Presidential Citation in 2001 and Newburyport has recognized his service through the Club President's Citation and the Four Avenues of Service Award.

In 1972, George wrote to President Nixon and RI President Hickman to promote the idea that Rotary clubs be founded in Russia and China in order to promote better world understanding. Years later, his dream was realized.

George was a man of wit, wisdom and vision, and his life embodied the spirit of a great Rotarian: a devoted father, a dedicated citizen, a tireless leader, and a loyal friend.

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