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A Word from Governor Marie-

My Fellow Rotarians:

I have thought about what I would say to you in my last newsletter message. Where June is Rotary Fellowship Month, I felt it was necessary to tell about the Fellowship that Bruce and I saw and shared in during this past year and to say **THANK YOU**!

We have been thanked a number of times from Rotarians throughout the District for stepping up to serve once again as your District Governor and "chauffeur". Now it is time for me to thank you for the honor of being your District Governor a second time and for making it a terrific experience both times!

Bruce and I have been to every club at least twice. You have always made us feel welcome and been genuinely glad to see us and we thank you for that. We had quite a large Rotary Family before August 2006 and now we have an even larger one!

I have seen the clubs grow this year and what you have accomplished is fantastic! The World Understanding & Peace Dinner was a real celebration of what this District has done this year. You have made this world a much better place to live for so many people. I challenge any District Governor to be prouder of their district than I am. You are all involved in some project internationally through hands on, matching grant projects, donations of all kinds whether materials, supplies or money. I can't imagine what the world would be like without you and what you have done.

l want to thank my assistant governors for making my life so much easier this year - John Hebert, Area One; Brad Jett, Area Two; John Rainone, Area Three; Carolyn Lambert, Area Four; Tom Talbott, Area Five; Todd Doolan, Area Six; Jonathan Hiltz, Area Seven and Patty Rice, Area Eight. You all did a wonderful job – **THANK YOU**!

Past District Governor Trish Hunter did a fantastic job with the newsletter each month. We had clubs submit items that had never been in the newsletter before – it was great!

Webmaster David Longo, I probably gave him nightmares! I learned a lot about websites this year but screwed up a few things and David never said a word, just graciously fixed them. We added a lot of "stuff"

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to the website this year and the clubs have really started to use it more. Projects have been started as the result of being posted on the website and additional clubs have stepped up to take part in other projects. We got speakers up on the speaker's page and a few fundraisers on the fundraiser page. We even added a local community service page. We tried to take things down as they were done and always put the newest info at the top of the page.

There are so many people that made this year the success that it was that I can't possibly mention them all without forgetting someone and I certainly don't want to do that.

I had the privilege of announcing to the district that our very own Michael McGovern will be Vice President of RI next year. I also had the privilege of announcing that Jeff Pelkey, a member of my home club, will be DG in 2009-10. Sadly, we lost some special people from our district.

We had a wonderful GSE team that we sent to Switzerland – they did us proud! We had an equally wonderful team come here from Switzerland. They were all great ambassadors for their countries. I know I am getting old as the team members and our team leader were all young enough to be my children!!

We were honored at our District Conference to have as our RI President's Representative Jane Molloy and Bob Molloy, who are both past district governors. They are warm and wonderful people. Jane's presentations were very nicely done. We also had District 1980 Governor Peter Ottiger from Switzerland as an attendee at our conference. We had our four youth exchange students in attendance, along with two of the nine outbound students and three rebound students (one that have gone out and come back). We had both District 7780 and District 1980 GSE teams in attendance. We had a lot of Rotary information disseminated during the 16 breakout sessions; we saw adults coloring Wrap-a-smile quilts, and an English policewoman (?) in attendance; several brave souls did the Scavenger Hunt, we laughed until our sides hurt with Comedian Juston McKinney; a fantastic Silent Auction that raised \$7,275 for Our Rotary Foundation and we remembered all those special Rotarians that we lost this past year. There were almost 100 people involved in putting on the District Conference! Thank you, Conference Chair Rich Emerson and your committee for a fantastic conference and a job well done! For those of you who were unable to make it, you missed a good time.

We decided to recognize all the clubs for their service this year at the District Conference with the Governor's Recognition along with those clubs that earned the Presidential Citation and Governor's Award. All the clubs are winners because you all took part in service to your communities and around the world which made a difference in the lives of many people – that is what we are all about "making a difference". There were many water projects started, worked on or completed this year. Thousands upon thousands of people now have clean drinking water because of you. Literacy, which is very special to me, was promoted in our communities and around the world. Many clubs got involved in the Dictionary Project in their communities and you provided books and computers to schools around the world. You worked with the homeless and the elderly. Health awareness was promoted in our communities and spouse of NIDS, Rotaplast, dental work, hearing aid projects and Safe Passage. The Family of Rotary was really promoted this year. It was so good to see so many spouses and children at club projects and fundraisers as well as spouses of deceased Rotarians. Our Rotary Family grew by leaps and bounds this year. You should all be very proud of your accomplishments this year because you improved and changed so many lives. I feel that every club in the District is truly a winner but the real winners are the people you helped! **THANK YOU**!!

Within the last month we added our newest Rotaract Club at UNH and Interact Club at South Portland High School. Congratulations - Durham-Great Bay & South Portland-Cape Elizabeth!

June is Rotary Fellowship Month so please join us at the District 7780 Leadership Changeover Dinner on June 26 to say farewell to the Lead the Way leaders and welcome to the new leaders as they show Rotary Shares! We will make presentations to those presidents not at the District Conference, thank the current leaders for their accomplishments this year and see the new leaders sworn in. Please join us in FELLOWSHIP and FUN!

This year was a success because of you and what you did! By Leading the Way, you made a difference in the lives of the people in your communities and around the world. You should all be very proud of what you have accomplished this Rotary year, I know I am proud of you. Thank you for allowing me to be part of it!

DG Marie



SWISS GSE TEAM VISITS

Members of the Rotary Group Study Exchange team from Switzerland visited Bethel last week. The five Swiss members visited the Bethel Rotary Club Tuesday morning, then toured the Bethel Historical Society. Pictured are, from left: Stefan Hubeli, who works in banking; Michele Schaub, who holds a business engineering degree; Rolf Meier (team leader), who is retired; Lyn Gyger, who works for Rivella, the Swiss national soft drink; and Annette Stephani, an aircraft mechanic.



Bath Sunrise's "Share the Folks You Care About Social" Friday, June 1st, hosted the students from Oliver's House with DG Marie and President Lin Maria Riotto.



Bridgton-Lake Region's Jay Spenciner "Under Arrest" for Working Members too Hard!

Area 8 Club News by AG Patty Rice

The **Rumford** Club hosted the Swiss GSE Team at a recent meeting and enjoyed a casual cookout hosted by PDG Tim and Gladys Placey. They are also very pleased to have received both the Governor's Award and Presidential Citation. The Club will be hosting and congratulating the top ten students from both the Mountain Valley and Dirigo High Schools at their meeting on June 4th. Club members are busy planning their Rotary Road Race for July 1.

The Rotary Club of **Bethel** also enjoyed hosting the GSE Team and held a potluck supper at PDG Bob and President Cynthia Laux's home. They are planning a Dine Around with the Rumford Club on June 12 to enjoy some great fellowship. Club members are busy with their upcoming Golf Tournament and Yard Sale/Auction fundraising events.

The **Oxford Hills** Club is also pleased to receive both the Governor's Award and Presidential Citation at the recent District Conference. They enjoyed a presentation from the GSE Team. Club members are busy supporting the upcoming graduation by sponsoring the Senior Cruise, Project Graduation and presenting 5 scholarships at Class Night, in addition to honoring the top 5% of the graduating seniors at their meeting on June 6.

The Rotary Club of **Bridgton-Lake Region** has been busy with a very successful 4th Annual Taste of the Lakes Dinner/Auction. As soon as it was done, President Jay and several members headed to Kennebunkport to the District Conference to receive their Presidential Citation and Governor's Awards. Then it was back to business and hosting of the GSE Team with a joint meeting with the Fryeburg Area Club and then lots of fun events planned with the Team. At a recent meeting, President Jay received a visit from the local police and was handcuffed and charged with "working his members too hard"! AG Patty was there to witness the arrest!

The **Fryeburg Area** Club is working on their 4th Annual Antique Auto Show coming up on June 17. Club President Pat White and others were present at the District Conference and very proud to receive their Presidential Citation and Governor's Award. A special changeover dinner is being planned to "pass the gavel" and to present the first of what they hope to be an annual PHF award to a deserving member.



ROCHESTER ROTARY RADIO DAY RAISES \$3000 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

The Rochester Rotary Club kicked off their first ever Rochester Rotary Radio Day at 6 AM on Friday, May 4, with Rotarians Marilyn Berry, program coordinator, and Gary James, the WMEX 106.5 radio co-host for the 12 hour marathon which raised over \$3000 for local Rotary charities.

A local Rotarian or special guest came on air every half hour and told the story of Rotary throughout the day. Fred Hall, Jr., one of the charter members of the club, shared his memories of the early days of the club since its inception in May of 1960, when the all male club consisted of high-ranking Rochester businessmen who met weekly to promote the ethical business and community service ideals of Rotary.

A 47 year member and still active, Hall initiated and for the past five years has chaired the dictionary project where the Rochester Club donates over 300 dictionaries every year to all third graders in the local schools, including St. Elizabeth Seton. He said that he is really pleased with where the club is at today with the number of long term members, the gender diversity of the club and the younger members beginning to join. He was recently honored as the Rochester Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the year. Claire Bisaillon, one of the first females to join Rotary in 1989 when the national organization opened its doors to women, spoke of her entry into the club and how she soon felt at ease with the mostly male group and became its first female president in 1996-97.

Today, she feels like Rotary is her second family. Lisa Stanley, the current president of the club and Walter Hoerman, president-elect, covered such subjects as Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary in 1905, Rotary International, the Rotary Foundation, the 4-Way test, the mission of Rotary's crucial role in the global drive to eradicate polio and its educational programs to help build world peace and understanding.

Wendy Hendrix, guidance counselor and advisor to the Interact group at Spaulding High School, a Rotarysponsored service club for students ages 14-18, told of how this group has learned the importance of developing leadership skills and personal integrity, demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others, and advancing international understanding and goodwill. She also spoke of the Rising Star program which the Rochester Rotary club supports and celebrates on a monthly basis, where students who may have been struggling academically have diligently worked to improve their GPA scores and are recognized for their efforts with a special presentation, plaque and gift certificate at the Monday Rotary luncheon meeting.

The three youngest members of Rotary, all in their 20's and early 30's, Tim Cremmen, Jenn Marsh and Michelle Friedly, came on air together and spoke of how much they have learned and benefited from participating in such a positive, friendly and service oriented group. They challenged more young people to join the Rochester Club. They hope to reduce the average-age figure of the club membership from its mature age of 55.

Jenn Marsh is a third generation Rotarian. Her grandfather, Bob Koopman, was a charter member in 1960 and her father, Richard Marsh, was a Rochester Rotarian for years.

Special guest and Dover Rotarian, Katie Kokko, shared her experience with Rotoplast, a yearly Rotary project where she has traveled to Venezuela with a medical team and nearly 30 volunteers to assist in the surgical remedy of over 100 children and adults born with facially disfiguring cleft palates. Ann Lee Hussey, a South Berwick Rotarian and polio survivor, herself, spoke about the Polio-Plus international Rotary initiative that began 22 years ago and which has eradicated polio in all but four remaining countries in the

world, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria.

Other Rotarians who appeared throughout the broadcast (in order of appearance) are Cider Berry, Dave Keefe, Gerry Bisaillon, David Dubois, Barbara DeHart, Chip Noon, Gary Dworkin, Janet Atkins, Ron Poulin, Bob Knowlton, Steve Dore, and Alan Davis. They discussed Rochester Rotary's involvement with the local Homeless Shelter, the SHARE fund food drive, the Christmas lights tour for the elderly, the Holiday Parade, the Lilac Family Fun Festival, the Adopt a Highway program, local scholarships, bell-ringing for the Salvation Army, the Rotary golf tournament fundraiser, the Rotary Hospice room, the summer reading program, the first grade fingerprinting program, youth leadership programs, Rotary exchange programs, support of Rotary families during crisis, the support of Dr. Jordan's annual trip to Nicaragua to provide sunglasses and cataract surgery to youngsters and oldsters who are adversely affected by the bright sun so near to the equator with no UV ray protection, Frisbie hospital donating over \$100,000 of used medical equipment to Rotary to help outfit a hospital in that area and other worthy community and global projects. All of the members remarked on how much fun it was to be a part of the Rochester club while also attending to the serious and true mission of Rotary of personal and business ethics and service to the community. They especially enjoy the friendships and camaraderie at their weekly meetings and other social events.

Basically, every aspect of Rotary membership, local, national and international was covered during the broadcast. Funds were raised from local businesses and individuals buying advertising spots for the day. The net profit was donated to the club by WMEX. A surprise call came in from a Windham, NY club who was listening to the broadcast online and they donated \$50 to the Rochester Club in recognition of their effort.

The Rochester club is now 87 members strong and still has 21 past presidents actively involved. Among the local Rotary family are three parent-child duos, Dick and Ron Poulin, Marshall and Costigan Jarvis and Gary James and his daughter, Michelle Friedly. There are also five married couples, Cider and Marilyn Berry, Gerry and Claire Bisaillon, Read Cheyne and Marilyn Foster, Ron and Jeannette Poulin, and Greg and Judy Smith, Lisa Stanley, club president, thanked everyone involved at the end of the broadcast and said that it was a really productive, fun and informative day. She said, "The motto for Rotary, 'Service Above Self' was certainly showcased throughout the entire event. This first ever Rochester Rotary Radio Day was a huge success and I predict that it will become an annual fundraiser every May in honor of the local club's birthday of May 12, 1960." For more info on Rotary go to www.rochesternhrotary.org or call 332-2989.



Changes Made to the District Bylaws

During the business meeting of the District Conference on Friday, May 18, 2007, the District voted to accept the changes recommended to the District By-Laws Section 304 - Foundation Committee. The entire section was rewritten so that the District By-laws would follow along with the suggested committee structure from the Rotary Foundation Manual. The new wording for Section 304 - Foundation Committee in the District By-laws is as follows:

Section 304 – Foundation Committee.

304.1 Composition. The District Foundation Committee shall adhere to the current number and composition requirements as stated in the District Rotary Foundation Committee Manual as published by Rotary International.

304.2 Appointment. The appointment of a new Committee Chair for a three-year term is the responsibility of the incoming District Governor in conjunction with the future governors in place at that time. Any vacancies in the committee during the Rotary year shall be filled by the District Governor. The committee shall consist of a past district governor as the chair plus three (3) other past district governors and other qualified Rotarians. All members shall have three (3) year staggered terms. The incoming District Governor shall appoint one past district governor and any other qualified Rotarian(s) to fill the vacancies created by those whose terms are expiring.

304.3 Duties. The duties of the District Foundation Committee and its subcommittees shall be as set forth by the trustees of the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. If the trustees have not set forth responsibilities for a subcommittee, the responsibilities of that subcommittee shall be as agreed upon by the District Foundation Committee and the District Governor.

This change has been made to the District By-Laws on the District Website under Guiding Principles.



While Rotarian Bill Bailey roofs, his daughter Christin paints, and they both wear the results. Rebuilding Together has a job for all ages and skill levels.

Boothbay Harbor Rotary Believes in Rebuilding Together

Six years ago, the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club organized the Midcoast Maine affiliate of Rebuilding Together, and we remain highly involved in this program of neighbors helping neighbors! This national organization helps homeowners who need a little extra assistance with the physical labor we all need to do to maintain our homes. The homeowners Rebuilding Together targets include those who are at risk of losing their homes on account of age, disability and/or low income.

This year, a total of 175 Boothbay Region volunteers including 17 Rotarians and another half-dozen Rotary family members came together on a gorgeous Saturday morning to help upgrade 20 homes. Most of the Rotarians formed our own work crew, and we worked alongside the homeowner, a single mom living with her teenage son. Those Rotarians with the qualifications roofed or carpentered, and the rest of us painted and hauled trash. A few of us even had the pleasurable task of delivering lunches to the work teams!

All agreed that it was a great way to spend the day helping a neighbor who, at days' end, had a new roof on her ranch, a new deck leading to her front door, freshly painted trim and foundation, and a cleaned-up yard.



Rotarian Skip Kreahling savors his job as team captain on Rebuilding Together day!



tor Zone 31: PDG Dave Benson - Coordinator Zone 32: PDG Joe Dino RI Membership Development Member: PDG Toni McAndrew

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"Rotary Dream Team": Rotarians Pat Musser, Judy Speers, Rotary Partner Carmen DiGregorio, Rotarian Karen Filler, Rotary Partner Judy Jones.

Rotary Cub of Damariscotta - Newcastle

Decadent Desserts and a Movie

Decadent Desserts and a Movie too! Who could resist? The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle joined with the Lincoln County Community Theater to present "Dream Girls and Dreamy Desserts" for a wonderfully enjoyable and entertaining evening.

The experience started out with an hour to enjoy the most decadent desserts you could imagine, and coffee, tea or a choice of soft beverages. The desserts were all prepared and donated by Rotarians and their partners in what has become a competition to provide the most visually appealing and tasty delicacies possible.

Members of our Family of Rotary staffed six different serving stations each decorated with the Dream Girls movie theme and set up throughout the lobby and interior of the theater. Decadent Dessert and Movie patrons sampled from about fifty different dessert varieties and ate as much as they desired.

After an hour of Decadent Dining, our movie goers were ushered into the theater to view and enjoy the Oscar nominated movie. Proceeds from the annual event go to support Rotary service projects and programs and the Community Theater.

Gary G. Speers President 2006-2007 The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle



Hey! Is that our Governor Marie? See more at the District Conference Pictures page





District 7780 Attendance

| | 06/30/06 | 04/30/07 | 04/30/07 | Year to date Change |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ClubName | Club Size | Club Size | Attendance % for Month | |
| Bath | 46 | 49 | 68.29% | 3 |
| Bath Sunrise | 21 | 21 | 93.00% | 0 |
| Bethel | 36 | 35 | 82.00% | -1 |
| Biddeford-Saco | 57 | | | |
| BoothbayHarbor | 38 | 42 | 62.88% | 4 |
| Breakwater Daybreak | 14 | [| | |
| Bridgton-Lake Region | 23 | 28 | 79.00% | 5 |
| Brunswick | 80 | 77 | 71.00% | -3 |
| BrunswickCoastal | 21 | | | - |
| Casco Bay Sunrise | 29 | 21 | 61.90% | -8 |
| Damariscotta-Newcastle | 61 | 59 | 67.41% | -2 |
| Dover | 85 | 81 | 71.49% | -4 |
| Durham-GreatBay | 52 | 49 | 72.00% | -3 |
| Exeter | 34 | 40 | 67.00% | 6 |
| Falmouth | 18 | | 0110070 | |
| Freeport | 23 | 21 | 85.60% | -2 |
| Fryeburg Area | 35 | 38 | 78.00% | 3 |
| Hampton | 69 | 75 | 65.00% | 6 |
| Kennebunk | 71 | 66 | 76.80% | -5 |
| Kennebunk Portside | 37 | | /0.00/0 | -0 |
| Kittery | 23 | 21 | 80.00% | -2 |
| Newburyport | 77 | | 00.0070 | |
| Ogunquit | 28 | 30 | 85.00% | 2 |
| Oxford Hills | 42 | 45 | 88.95% | 3 |
| Portland | 151 | 163 | 49.00% | 12 |
| Portsmouth | 239 | 225 | 68.25% | -14 |
| PortsmouthSunrise | 36 | 223 | 00.2370 | -14 |
| Rochester | 83 | 85 | 78.40% | 2 |
| Rumford | 25 | 25 | 68.00% | 0 |
| SacoBay | 70 | 64 | 70.76% | -6 |
| Sacobay Sanford-Springvale | 42 | 49 | 77.53% | -0 |
| Scarborough | 34 | 30 | 50.00% | -4 |
| SebagoLake | 34 | | 30.00 70 | + |
| Somersworth | 18 | | ┟────┤ | |
| Somersworth South Berwick | 32 | 22 | 75.86% | 0 |
| | 51 | 32 | | 0 |
| South Portland-Cape Elizabeth | 20 | 50 18 | 70.20% | -1 -2 |
| Topsham Expresso Wells | | | 95.00% | |
| | 37 | 39 | 80.00% | 2 |
| Westbrook-Gorham | 38 | 41 | 59.10% | 3 |
| Yarmouth | 34 | 25 | 72.00% | -9 |
| York | 58 | 60 | 74.99% | 2 |
| Totals | 2020 | 1704 | 73.26% | -6 |



Casco Bay Sunrise Receives Foundation Grant

Casco Bay Sunrise's Reverse Grant with Poland: a \$12,500 check presentation to the East End Community School. Molly Curtis 4th grade student from the school was the keynote speaker on Friday afternoon, June 8th.





1. Is it the truth? 2. Is it fair to all concerned? 3. Will it build goodwill & better friendships? 4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The DGE's Corner~

Hail and Farewell

"Ave atque vale." Remember your high school Latin? The term "Hail and Farewell" popped into my head as I was thinking about the upcoming Changeover Dinner, the end of the 2006-2007 year and the beginning of 2007-2008.

We celebrated the accomplishments of the past year at the Colony in May at our great District Conference. The celebration will continue on June 26 at the Changeover Dinner when we once again gather as a district to honor and thank club presidents and district leaders for all they have done for Rotary during the past year. "Farewell" is too strong a word, but the dinner does mark the end of another Rotary Year.

The same evening, we will "Hail" the incoming presidents and wish them every success for their hopes and plans for the best possible year ahead. Everyone in the district is invited and the more the merrier. If you can join us that evening simply contact your president or your president-elect.

We have quite a few events planned for the coming year so please save the following dates for this fall:

District Membership Seminar: Saturday morning, September 15 at YCCC

District Foundation Seminar: Saturday morning, November 17 at YCCC

Plans are already well underway for the 2008 District Conference and it is not too soon to register. It will be in North Conway, NH on May 2, 3, and 4, 2008. The names of the first fifty people who register for the conference will be entered in a raffle. The prize is a free room for both nights.

The registration form and detailed information will be posted on the district website within the next couple of weeks. Please keep your eye on the website for this and for news of all of the exciting things happening in District 7780.

All the best in 2007-2008!

Liz Cullen, DGE



Governor Marie with DGN Jeff Pelkey at the District Conference



Club signs from the 2007 District Conference at the Colony

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| | -6:00 PM Social Hour, 6:00 PM Dinner |
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