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DG Marie with Boothbay Harbor Club new member Connie Jones (previously a member of the Brunswick Club) and club president Marty Helman.

A Word from Governor Marie--

My Fellow Rotarians:

Well, winter started late but has been hitting some of us with a vengeance, which is good for the north country! In just about two weeks, it will be spring and the end of our year together will be here before we know it. Spring is the time to think of new beginnings and I know DGE Liz and her team are busy planning for the beginning of their year – PETS, District Assembly, etc.

March is Literacy month in Rotary. As you all know by now, literacy is very near and dear to my heart having grown up in a household where only one parent could read and write. It never ceases to amaze me to see how many projects are being done around the world to help promote literacy – building schools, providing equipment for the schools. Providing food to entice children to go to school. Helping parents earn money so their children can have clothes to go to school and endless supplies of books for the schools. You haven't forgotten about promoting it here in your own communities as well. The dictionary project that I talked about during my official club visits has been done by a good part of the district, which is absolutely fantastic! The stories related to this project have been wonderful. Then there are club members who read to school children, are mentors and the many clubs that give books to their local or school libraries in honor of their guest speakers. The clubs put a book plate inside saying it is from the Rotary Club of ----- in honor of our speaker and many have the speaker sign it. I have had the privilege of signing a number of these books this year but I have also seen a number of other people sign books. The looks on these peoples faces when they sign a book is just wonderful, they are very honored to do so.

We need to remember to promote literacy in our homes as well. We all lead busy lives but don't forget the simple pleasures in life. Instead of taking the time to "smell the roses", take the time to "read to your child or grandchild" or an elderly person whose sight is failing. You have all heard me say the best thing in the world is being able to hold a small child in your lap and read to them until they fall asleep. I have often heard people say, "that is nice but my children are too big to hold in my lap and read to them now but I make sure they have plenty of books to read." But just giving them books to read isn't enough. Take the time to sit down with them and ask them to read out loud to you. This is not only quality time with your child but at the same time you are checking on their reading ability. If they are having problems reading, find out why – do they need glasses, do they have dyslexia or just having a hard time and need some extra help. It is much easier to catch it when they are young and not let them struggle all through school and sometimes through life with this problem.

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Often times a child goes all the way through high school with a reading problem that no one picked up on. If this happens and they go out into the business world, it is not going to be any easier for them. They will struggle even more as they can't get a good job or if they do, they can't advance in their job or they are fired because they aren't doing a good job. As employers, we need to keep an eye out for an employee that is struggling in their job. We often assume they are lazy and don't want to work but it may be they are struggling to read directions or keep up with memos. Take them aside and try to find out what the real problem is. I know first hand that people are very reluctant to admit they can't read or write, as they are embarrassed or ashamed. They should not be made to feel this way.

When you can't read or write, your opportunities in life are very limited. Giving people the ability to read is the best gift you can give anyone. When you can read and write the world is open to you and you can do anything you want to. Please continue to help **Lead the Way** to a more literate world!

Marie



Michael McGovern to be Vice President of Rotary International

It is with great pleasure that I announce to District 7780 that Michael McGovern, a member of the Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, has been asked during his second and final year on the board to serve as Vice President of Rotary International. The President-elect selects the Vice President from the board members who will be serving their second and final year as RI Directors. President-elect Wilf Wilkinson announced this week his appointments during his year as President starting July 1. It is an honor for both Michael and our District to have him serve in this position during 2007-2008.

Congratulations, Michael!



World Understanding & Peace Dinner

We had our World Understanding & Peace Dinner on Friday, February 23, which just so happened to be Rotary's 102nd birthday. It was a very different event this year – no keynote speaker or speeches. PDG Bob Laux presented banners to the top three clubs for per capita giving to the annual giving program in 2005-06. District GSE Chair Steve Wight introduced our outbound GSE Team to Switzerland. The clubs asked if we could celebrate what they were doing around the world so that is what we did. We had a program book listing an international service project being done by our clubs somewhere in the world. All 41 clubs in the District were listed! We had a very short presentation by the President of Bath Sunrise Lin Maria Riggio and Casco Bay Sunrise President Dan Smith on their club's international project.

We had collected hundreds of pictures of club international service projects. DGN Brad and Penny Jett took a lot of these pictures and put them together with music for a very powerful presentation. I wish you could have all been present when it was shown!

My husband, Bruce who is not a Rotarian, said to me after we previewed this presentation at Brad and Penny's office the day before – "Everyone in the District should see this presentation – it is what it is all about!" Well it just may happen. Brad brought a few copies with him to the dinner and we gave them away for a \$25 donation to The Rotary Foundation. They were gone within minutes. Additional copies have been made and given away since then for a donation of \$25 to The Rotary Foundation. A copy has been sent to every club that did not get one through the generous donation of the Portland Rotary Club. You should all be very proud of what you have accomplished in making this a better world to live. I am so proud of this District and what it has done, is doing and is planning to do!



Andy Omo and Janeth Tarpley begin the daunting task of sectioning one of the many chocolate desserts offered at this year's "Death by Chocolate."

Bath Sunrise Rotary - ably assisted by members of the **Topsham Expresso Rotary** and the young adults of Oliver House in Bath - enjoyed another successful "Death by Chocolate" on Friday evening, 10 February at the Hyde School in Bath. Local restaurants in the Bath area offered their signature chocolates. Music was provided by the small jazz combos from Morse High School and the Bath Municipal Band, and both Rotary clubs combined their efforts to offer a silent auction of almost 100 items. Death by Chocolate is an annual event for Bath Sunrise, and this year Bath Sunrise invited Topsham Expresso to use this event as a fundraiser for the newly-chartered club.



RI President's Representative PDG Jane Malloy and husband Bob

President's Rep Announced for District Conference

President's Representative PDG Jane Malloy is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, but, has been a resident of Shreveport, Louisiana since 1977. She is a graduate of Miami University of Ohio, with a bachelor's degree in Sociology. After seventeen years at home raising children, she spent 21 years in social services administration. She retired as Director of the YWCA of Northwest Louisiana, a community

social services agency.

She served as president of a number of professional and community organizations. She continues to serve as a volunteer and board member for several local organizations which support social services and the arts.

She joined Rotary in 1988, and was Governor of District 6190 in 2001-02. Her involvement in Rotary has taken her to a number of countries in Europe and to South Africa. District service includes three years as District Trainer and three years as chair of the District Policies & Procedures Committee, initiating the District's first set of policies and procedures. She is currently the District representative to the 2007 Council on Legislation and the District Child Protection Officer.

Active at the Zone level, Jane is currently the General Chair of the 2007 Zones 29-30 Institute. She will continue as Water Resource Coordinator for Zone 29, a position that she has held for three years. Past service includes Program Chair for the 2005 Zones Institute, Training Leader for the 2006 Institute, two years as Rotary Zone 29 Membership Coordinator, and Board member of the Rotarians for Fighting AIDS Action Group.

Jane was a training leader at the International Assembly in 2006 and 2007 and is a faculty member of the newly initiated Rotary Leadership Institute, Heart of America Division. She is a recipient of the Rotary Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation District Service Award and the NCCJ Brotherhood-Sisterhood Award.

Her husband, Bob, was District Governor in 2005-06 and is also very active in Rotary projects, including chairing the 2007 Mid-America multi-district PETS. He, too, is a faculty member of the Mid-America Rotary Leadership Institute.

The Molloy's are Rotary Foundation Major Donors, Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors and Sustaining Members. Bob & Jane will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary in May. They have five children, and five grandchildren.



Bath Rotary Presents Grant to Morse High School

This has been a bittersweet time for the Bath Rotary Club. We have lost three long time members of our club, Jack Hart, Ed True, & Arthur Tainter. All three were active not only in Rotary but in the workings of our City of Bath as a City Councilor, Fire fighter, Sheriff and a third generation pharmacist. They leave a void that we all must try to fill. We have added four new members and are hoping to continue to add to our membership.

We are happy to present to the Industrial Arts Program of Morse High School a \$5000.00 grant for replacement of 25 year old equipment for students in our local high school. As Mark Merry, Program Instructor, thanked the members of our club, he reminded us that during those last 25 years, some 4500 students have turned that equipment on and off. Our gift then benefits a large segment of the citizens of Bath.

We continue to fund the building of a modular home by the Vocational School students and this coming year will start our third house with those students. Every day we are reminded of the impact of our club in "Leading the Way" for Bath youth.

Jayne C. Palmer, President 2006-2007



GSE Team Member Vacancies Filled

At the World Understanding & Peace Dinner on Friday, February 23rd, District 7780 GSE Chair Steve Wight explained that one of our outbound GSE Team members had to step down because of a job conflict. Our team member alternate happily stepped in to fill her slot only to have an issue with her business which caused her to step down as well. On Monday evening, the GSE Selection Committee met and picked the following two people to fill these vacancies:

Team Member: Catherine Keenan, Portsmouth, NH, IT Project Manager
Sponsor: RC of Portsmouth

Team Member Alternate: Ea Ksander, Community Development Specialist, Portsmouth, NH
Sponsor: RC of Rochester

Congratulations!



President Gary Speers presenting Paul Harris Fellowship to Rotarian Deborah Potter

What's New at the Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle

The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle celebrates with a "Family of Rotary" winter party. Fifty-Seven Rotarians and Rotary family members trekked through the cold to the beautifully decorated Jewell Lodge at Wavus Camp on Damariscotta Lake. The annual potluck dinner is a celebration of the efforts put forth by the extended "Family of Rotary" in support of club activities. Rotarians Karl Berger, Steve Burton, Wilt Jones, Joe Kindred, Bill Murdoch, Shirley Tawney, Doug Tigert, and Larry Townley were recognized by President Speers for "Leading The Way" in club activities, humanitarian projects and fund raisers. The highlight of the evening was a well kept and executed secret plan to award a Paul Harris Fellowship to a very deserving Rotarian. The long time chairperson of the David McLeod

memorial scholarship committee, Deborah Potter, received the honors to a standing ovation from the club in special appreciation for the ways that her years of work with our scholarship committee exemplify the educational objectives of The Rotary Foundation.

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



Rotarian Judy DeGraw with Ingrid, the girl she has sponsored through Safe Passage

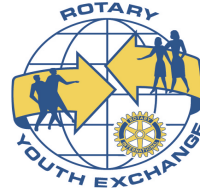
Boothbay Harbor's Foundation Giving Achieves Results

At the World Peace and Understanding Dinner last month it was announced that Boothbay Harbor ranked the third highest club in our District in contributions to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund in 2005-06, with an average of over \$200 per member. We are proud of that result, and even prouder that in the recent past, Boothbay Harbor has consistently been a leader in the District in this regard.

Our Club will have an opportunity to maintain that record with an upcoming Foundation check-writing day, but more importantly, we attribute our high level of giving to the fact that we consistently spend Foundation matching dollars! In fact, last month members of our Club traveled to Safe Passage, the educational support program in Guatemala, where we admired the new van we purchased this year with a TRF matching grant joined by Bath and Biddeford-Saco.

The reason for our trip was to spend quality time with these children who need so much and ask for so little. Here, Rotarian Judy DeGraw meets Ingrid, the girl she has sponsored since her first trip to Safe Passage, and whom this time she treated to lunch at McDonald's. Meanwhile, the project we organized to make and distribute quilts to the 100 children enrolled at the program's new preschool was overwhelmingly successful, and we were able to give each child two quilts, one to nap on at school, and one to take home to sleep on there. Here, Marty Helman helps a little girl choose her quilts, "una por la clase, y una por la casa"!





A Word From Our Youth Exchange Student In Romania

Hello All!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sorry I haven't written in awhile, I have been pretty busy here. Soooo Merry Belated Christmas and Happy New Year!!!!

I'm having a bit of a hard time remembering all the stuff I've done in the last 3 months. Well, for Christmas my host parents and I went up to the mountains and stayed at a cabin with a bunch of their friends, It was kind of hard because Christmas isn't celebrated here in as big a way as in the US, the Brazilians had the same problems too :(It was basically the only time I've really been homesick. But for New Year's things got much better, I went up to Jo's and we had a big new years party at her house.

Here in Constanta is goooooood, my host family is great, I'm going to be really sad when I have to leave :(I have a lot of friends all over the city, one of my good guy friends always jokes that I know more people than he does and he's lived here his entire life. School here is really really boring, but my school is very very close to where I live so it's not so bad. Every couple of days I go for walks with my friend Bogdon around the lake near by or to the sea, it's very fun and he is a really smart guy so we have lots to talk about. Here it's very uncool to be intelligent or show your intelligence, so it was nice to find someone who doesn't care about that. Things here have just gotten really normal for me, now the USA feels like a foreign country, which is a strange thing to experience. Hmmm since everything feels so normal it's hard to think of things I've been doing.

Well, two weekends ago I went to Ramnicu Valcea for a big meeting with the rest of the exchange students, it was really fun, and the next meeting is going to be in CONSTANTA !!! so I can't wait to show them all around the city. It was funny to see the Brazilians and the Mexicans playing in the snow, they were all like "YAY Snow" and I was like "NOT THIS AGAIN!!!" because we haven't had hardly any snow in Constanta, and I can't say I missed it AT ALL!!

Eeek I can't remember anything, I need to start writing these more often.

Oh, here is something that was really cool that happened to me, my friend Mircea and I were out one night with a bunch of friends and he randomly said to me "Before I met you I thought all Americans were stupid". I don't know, I just thought that was pretty cool because that was one of the things I wanted to get across to people when I came here, that Americans aren't as bad as people think they are. He also said before he talked with me he thought I really was stupid because of the "Right" and "Left" written on my shoes (hahahahahahahahahahahahahahahahah!!!!!!)

I made Chowder a couple of days ago for my host family, I really don't think they liked it at all, but it was good for me!! The kept on asking me "A soup with milk, are you sure??"

That's all I can really think of right now, I'll send an extra e-mail with Pics in it!!!!

LOTS OOOOO LOVE !!!!
SARAH



***Please read this communication and share it with all U.S. Club Presidents in your District ***

Effective 1 March 2007, Rotary International will have a new insurance broker, Lockton Companies, handling certificate of insurance issues and insurance questions for the U.S. Rotary Club and District General Liability Program. Lockton can be contacted Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm (CST) at the following:

Phone: (800) 921-3172
Email: rotary@lockton.com
Fax: (312) 681-6769

Certificates of Insurance: The process for creating a certificate of insurance will be changing slightly. Updated instructions can be found on Rotary's Insurance webpage at: <http://www.rotary.org/support/insurance/index.html>

Please note: The change in insurance brokers does not affect the insurance coverage for your U.S. Club or District. All certificates of insurance issued by our previous insurance broker, Aon, prior to 1 March 2007 will remain valid.

This notice will also be posted to Rotary's Insurance webpage:
<http://www.rotary.org/support/insurance/index.html>

Thank you for passing this information along.

Sincerely,

Scott Meise

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Durham Great Bay Rotary Ski Fellowship

Participants in Durham-Great Bay's first annual skiing fellowship outing February 28. L-R at summit of Loon Mountain are John Ramsay, John Belcher, Steve Kniaz, Bill Drapeau, Richard Whitney, Chuck Cressey, and Arthur Bradbury. A special treat was Richard Whitney's demonstration of chairlift collision avoidance techniques.



Photo by Bob Laux of a mother and child in Vietnam.

Happenings from Area 8 by AG Patty Rice

The **Oxford Hills** Club will be changing their meeting from Wed, 3/7 to Friday 3/9, as they will be hosting the Youth Exchange Students for the weekend and have delayed their weekly meeting until Friday when the students will be here. A busy weekend is being planned.

The Rotary Club of **Bridgton-Lakes Region** is having (or will have had by the time you read this) an Italian Wine Tasting on Saturday, March 3rd feature wines from Italy and assorted gourmet appetizers and light desserts. They will be selling art from local artists and all monies raised will be used to support the clubs projects.

The **Fryeburg Area** Club is getting ready for its next fundraiser, "Bowlathon", to be held on April 7th. This annual event raises money for youth activities in their area. They will also be hosting their 3rd monthly "Dinner Bell" where members buy, prepare and serve dinner to citizens of Fryeburg.

Rumford Rotary, recognizing that Rotary Int'l is a global organization, are making a global impact by donating to the water project in Santa Barbara, Honduras, to help setup a water filtration system to provide 12,000 people with clean water. They are also helping to support their community arts by donating tickets to Seniors Plus for an upcoming community concert.

The **Bethel** club's own PDG Bob Laux and Club President Cynthia Moran-Laux gave a public presentation at Gould Academy on their December trip to Vietnam for the dedication of a library at Hai Lang Township in the Quang Tri Province. The library was established as a joint venture between Rotary Clubs and individuals from District 7780 and U.S. veterans who served during the Vietnam Conflict.

	06/30/06	01/31/07	01/31/07	Year to date Change
ClubName	Club Size	Club Size	Attendance % for Month	
Bath	46	45	67.06%	-1
Bath Sunrise	21	20	92.60%	-1
Bethel	36	35	82.00%	-1
Biddeford-Saco	57			
Boothbay Harbor	38	42	71.59%	4
Breakwater Daybreak	14	10	80.00%	-4
Bridgton-Lake Region	23	29	72.00%	6
Brunswick	80	77	80.00%	-3
Brunswick Coastal	21	17	59.00%	-4
Casco Bay Sunrise	29	24	70.83%	-5
Damariscotta-Newcastle	61	60	68.13%	-1
Dover	85	84	64.31%	-1
Durham-Great Bay	52	51	70.10%	-1
Exeter	34	40	79.00%	6
Falmouth	18			
Freeport	23	22	81.70%	-1
Fryeburg Area	35	39	72.00%	4

Hampton	69	72	72.40%	3
Kennebunk	71	67	83.50%	-4
Kennebunk Portside	37	39	85.62%	2
Kittery	23	20	72.00%	-3
Newburyport	77	74	52.00%	-3
Ogunquit	28			
Oxford Hills	42	44	83.18%	2
Portland	151	164	52.00%	13
Portsmouth	239	224	65.79%	-15
Portsmouth Sunrise	36	34	73.00%	-2
Rochester	83	86	77.10%	3
Rumford	25	25	69.00%	0
Saco Bay	70	69	67.18%	-1
Sanford-Springvale	42	51	70.31%	9
Scarborough	34	29	53.00%	-5
Sebago Lake	32			
Somersworth	18			
South Berwick	32	32	78.45%	0
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	51	49	77.00%	-2
Topsham Expresso	20	18	91.00%	-2
Wells	37	36	85.00%	-1
Westbrook-Gorham	38	41	75.00%	3
Yarmouth	34	28	61.00%	-6
York	58	59	80.18%	1
Totals	2020	1856	73.17%	-11

March is Literacy Month Adopt – Donate – Volunteer!

Nearly 800 million people worldwide, over age 15 lack basic reading and writing skills. More than 64 percent of them are women. About 113 million children do not attend school.

With stark statistics like that, is it any wonder that literacy has been a primary emphasis for Rotary since 1986? The Rotary International Board of Directors has made the promotion of functional literacy, reading and writing skills necessary to fully participate in everyday life, a special focus. There are multiple opportunities for clubs to become involved in literacy projects, both locally and internationally. The only limitation is our imagination. Whether working with our local schools, supporting early literacy programs for pre-school children, providing outreach for adults with limited literacy skills, or assisting children or women in far away communities, you might think of literacy projects through three lenses: Adopting, Donating, or Volunteering.

Becoming involved in a program that involves adopting creates a long term commitment to a program, a school, or a group of individuals. It could be providing scholarships to students who could not otherwise attend school, as in the case of many adolescent children in developing countries. Adopting students at risk in one of our local schools might mean checking in with students who would benefit by an adult mentor whose encouragement and support will keep their focus on success in school. This support and mentoring may be of great assistance to an individual enrolled in an adult education program, working to earn their GED.

There are many worthwhile projects that can benefit from your club's donations. Locally, many local nursing homes appreciate donations of books for their residents. Programs that serve low-income families would appreciate donations of resource materials to help new parents know how to best support developing literacy skills in their young children. There are many worthwhile international organizations that provide books and school supplies to students who would otherwise not be able to attend school. The structure is in place, these projects need the capital to continue their work.

And how many ways are there to volunteer time to support literacy? I can't imagine a primary grade teacher who wouldn't be thrilled to have volunteers in the classroom to read to or with students. Kindergarten and first grade teachers can always put adults to work listening to children's words and helping them to write down those words. Has your club offered to become involved in a vocational day at your local middle school – and as a part of talking about your professional life, underscoring the importance of reading skills? For those who are a bit more adventurous, opportunities abound to work with organizations who provide support for children in other countries, volunteering to work with children in orphanages, hospitals, day care programs, or schools.

During March, Literacy Month, I challenge each club to look at adopting, donating, or volunteering with

a new-to-you literacy project. If you would like additional or specific ideas or information of potential literacy projects, don't hesitate to contact me!

Carolyn Johnson
Literacy Chair, District 7780
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Bath Sunrise Rotary Donates Books to Mexican School

Bath Sunrise Rotary members assisted Dike Newell First Grade teacher (and Sunrise Rotarian) Marie Smith with her after-school Mexican Learn-a-thon.

The Bath Sunrise Rotary is a strong supporter of the Netzahualcovoli Bilingual Primary School for Indigenous Children in Zihuatenejo, Mexico. The school serves 480 children, mostly of Aztec descent, and Mrs. Smith recently returned from a trip to the school where she delivered 700 Spanish-language books donated by Bath Sunrise.

Mrs. Smith's first grade class stayed after school to learn about the customs, culture, language, dress, geography, and food of children attending the Netza School. They helped create -- and demolish -- a Mexican dinner, and, after dinner, they took turns trying to break a piñata they made.



Get Ready for District Conference

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As the days get longer and we get closer to spring, I would like to take an opportunity to remind and update you on our upcoming **District Conference May 18 – 20 at The Colony Hotel** in Kennebunkport.

The Conference committee is diligently working to put together a great weekend for fellowship and Rotary information. We are putting the final touches on a terrific informational program to hear about various club projects, Youth Exchange, PolioPlus, water projects, literacy, Interact, Rotaplast/Wrap-A-Smile, setting up a charitable 501(c)(3) entity and much more. There will be club displays to view, both inbound and outbound GSE team members to meet and our silent auction has wonderful items you will be anxious to bid on...all to raise money for our Foundation. The committee is putting together a scavenger hunt for your free time and plans are in the works for a very exciting entertainment venue on Saturday.

We are pleased to have Rotary International President William Boyd's appointed representative Jane Molloy from Shreveport, LA join us. Jane is Past Governor of District 6190 in 2001-2002. She will be accompanied by her husband Bob, who was also Governor of District 6190 in 2005-06...truly another family of Rotary!

Registration deadline for The Colony Hotel is April 2nd to guarantee the special room rate of \$149 per night. After this date, you will have to pay their standard rates...contact them now at 207-967-3331. Also, don't miss the conference registration deadline of May 1st. This deadline makes the committee's job easier for planning so please help us out...and save yourself the late registration cost. The registration form is available on the District website at www.rotary7780.org.

You won't want to miss this year's conference! I look forward to seeing you.

Rich Emerson
Conference Chair

Upcoming Rotaplast Mission

The Rotaplast mission to Tacna, Peru in May is coming together. The District's Rotaplast Committee met again on February 26th and recommended to Rotaplast International 2 more volunteers for the trip. That brings the total to 4 of the 5 volunteer slots we are allowed to fill for our \$30,000 support for the mission. These 5 volunteers are in addition to the participation of the District's Rotaplast Ambassador, Bill Dunn, who is the Assistant Mission Director. Those of you who have seen the DVD from the World Understanding and Peace dinner know what a difference these missions can make in the lives of children in these remote parts of the world who are born with cleft lips and/or palates.

While we have recommended 4 of the 5 volunteers we are allowed, there may still be time to get in an application. If you have any questions on Rotaplast or volunteer applications, Bill can be reached at (207) 847-9342 or wdunn@gestalt-llc.com. The next Rotaplast Committee meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm on March 26th at the Sable Oaks Marriott in South Portland and is open to all who would like to get involved with Rotaplast.

DGE's Corner-

2007-2008: ROTARY SHARES

On January 29, at the International Assembly in San Diego, RI President-Elect Wilf Wilkinson announced the Rotary theme for the coming year: ROTARY SHARES.

In his words, "In choosing this theme, I thought about how much of Rotary is about sharing. We share our time, we share our talents, we share our money with others who need our help. We share our kindness and we share our love."



President-Elect Wilf went on to announce that he will continue to build on the four emphases that President Bill Boyd chose for this year: Water, Health and Hunger, Literacy and The Family of Rotary. These areas are built on each other. Clean water and adequate nutrition are prerequisites for healthy families. Children need to be healthy and well fed in order to learn in school. Families need to be healthy and literate in order to break the cycle of ignorance and poverty through education and vocational training. The Family of Rotary helps to build stronger clubs now and prepare the next generation to continue to meet these needs in the future.

Not only are we asked to share our time, talents and treasure. President-Elect Wilf, also asks us to share Rotary with other business and professional leaders in our community. He has set a goal for each of us to bring in at least one new member in the 2007-2008 year, for bringing in new members is the single most important thing that we can do in order to ensure the continuation of Rotary and the good that we do.

In conclusion, Wilf reminds us, "Rotary shares because Rotarians care. Rotary shares because Rotarians know the needs. Rotary shares because Rotarians provide Service above Self."

Liz Cullen, DGE



NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS IN BETHEL

Several members (seated) of the Bethel Rotary Club were recently named Paul Harris Fellows, in recognition of their contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Receiving recognition were: Alison Aloisio, Amy Chapman (who accepted the award given in memory of her mother, Ruth Wight, by her brother, Rotarian Steve Wight), Dr. Kevin Finley, Read Dickinson, Scott Hynek, and Rick Whitney. Standing are current Paul Harris Fellows Pat Roma, Jim Monahan, Robin Zinchuk, Bob Laux, Bruce Powell, Rene McGrew, Mike Liberti, Rotary District 7780 Foundation Chair Peter Johnson, Cynthia Moran-Laux, Laurence Austin and Walter Hatch.

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