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The fun(ny) side of Rotary-- Curt Combar, President of the Rotary Club of Freeport, inducts Rick Rhea as DG Marie chimes in with her trademark laugh!

A Word From Governor Marie-

My Fellow Rotarians:

It is May already! Our year together is winding down fast. The District Assembly is behind us and the District Conference is fast approaching. If you haven't registered yet, you still can but your registration form has to be in Maura Halkiotis' hands by May 9th! It is going to be a fun event with lots of fellowship and Rotary information along with a lot of FUN and LAUGHTER! I hope you will take some time to join Bruce and I along with your fellow Rotarians for at least part of the weekend of May 18 – 20 at The Colony Hotel in Kennebunkport, ME. Come meet our GSE Team from Switzerland and welcome home District 7780's team. Come hear from our youth exchange students – inbound, outbound and rebound! We have as our Rotary International President's Representative Jane Molloy and her husband, Bob from Shreveport, LA. We also have DG Peter Ottinger joining us from District 1980 in Switzerland. We have fantastic breakout sessions scheduled for both Friday and Saturday, exciting entertainment both nights with Juston McKinney, a comedian on Friday and a Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday night! We will recognize all deceased Rotarians since the last District Conference on Sunday morning during an Interfaith Service in their honor.

The Assistant Governors are busy working on their final reports about their clubs so they can have them to me by the Conference to sign and submit to RI. They have all been very supportive and helpful this year. Please thank them for their efforts when you see them. Congratulations are in order to Assistant Governor Jonathan Hiltz and his wife, Danielle on the birth of their baby daughter, Lydia Adelia Hiltz. She arrived on Wednesday, April 25th at 3:22 PM weighing in at 7lbs. 1.6 oz and 20 inches long. She is adorable!

June is the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City, the Leadership Changeover Dinner and RYLA Conference! District 7780 keeps the momentum going right up until the end of the year! DGE Liz and her team are gearing up to start their year, putting committees in place, making their plans and setting their goals and individual club budgets.

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Bruce and I have attended numerous Rotary meetings, special events, fundraisers and celebrations with the Clubs this month. I have had the honor to help induct several new members into Rotary again this month. We have heard some great speakers at the different clubs. It is great to go just as a Rotarian and listen to someone else do a presentation. I am sure the clubs like that, too!

Just as a reminder, if you are planning to make any Paul Harris Fellow presentations next month, you want to send your money into The Rotary Foundation NOW and request your recognition items. Remember there are 32,000 other Rotary Clubs around the world that will be sending their donations in as well and requesting their Paul Harris Fellow recognition items for June. As of March 31st, you have donated to The Rotary Foundation \$116,747.24 to the Annual Giving Program towards your goal of \$202,971.00. You have given \$103,522.00 to the Restricted Giving Program and \$39,759.67 to the Permanent Fund for an overall grand total of giving thus far of \$260,028.91!

As usual, District 7780 is Leading the Way by their generosity, which will offer more opportunities and a better way of life to many people they will never meet!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Marie



Jim Protzman, South Berwick Club Interact Liaison, Sharon Beckwith, South Berwick Club Vice President and Volunteer for Safe Passage, Alison Brown and Alison Wiechert, Co-Presidents Marshwood Interact Club, Kate Zacharias - Marshwood Faculty Advisor, Interact Members Krystal Martin, Aubrey Webster, Sarah Mulcaney, Alex Claus, Emma Morrison.

Marshwood Interact Club presents check for \$1,200 to Safe Passage

by DG Marie

Bruce and I were present on Thursday morning, May 3rd when Alison Brown and Alison Wiechert, co-presidents of the Marshwood Interact Club, along with their school advisor and some of their 20 club members presented a check for \$1,200 which is equal to 9,000 quetzaks to South Berwick Rotary Club member Sharon Beckwith who is a volunteer for Safe Passage. This is a huge sum of money as the average parent in Guatemala who picks the dump makes an average of 37 quetzaks daily! The donation is being used to support a high school classroom at Safe Passage in Guatemala for one year. There is hopes that some of the Interact students will be able to go to Guatemala with Sharon next April to see how their hard earned money was utilized. They are also hoping to correspond with the students in the classroom that their donation will be supporting. These are future Rotarians and our future leaders!



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“Share the Magic of Rotary”

at
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
Villanova, Pennsylvania
July 13-14, 2007

THIS CONFERENCE WILL FOCUS ON CLUB GROWTH

and should be attended by all

- ◆ District Governors
- ◆ Club Presidents
- ◆ District Membership Development Committee members
 - ◆ Club Membership Development Chairs
 - ◆ Assistant District Governors
- ◆ Every Rotarian interested in building Rotary

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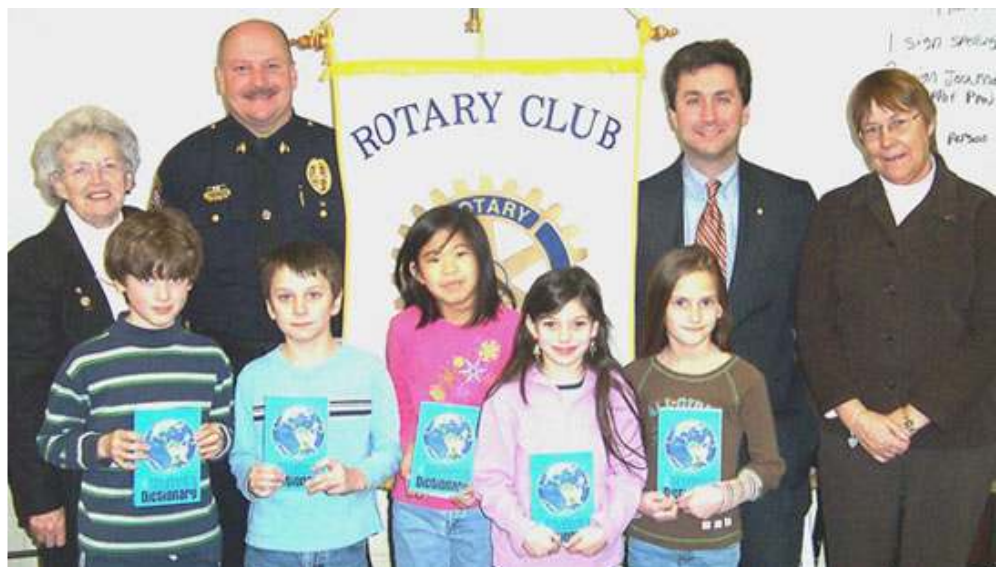
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CONVENER: RID Mike McGovern
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Coordinator Zone 31: PDG Dave Benson - Coordinator Zone 32: PDG Joe Dino
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Rotary
International
Presidential Conference



The Rotarians are I-r Lezlye Shea, club secretary, Officer Russ French, Vocational Chair, Kevin Rheume, Rotarian and Ellen McClure, Community Service Chair.

The Rotary Club of Kittery presented 83 third graders in the Kittery School system with their own dictionaries - each one was personalized with their names. Officer French prepared a letter that was sent home with each student telling them about the project and encouraging the parents to make a game of the students looking up words. The dictionaries were presented on March 16th after several delays because of snow! The students all wrote thank yous to the club. Many of them commented on the longest word in the dictionary - 1909 letters but they didn't know how to pronounce it! This is a very worthwhile project and one that the students are all thrilled with.



Tacna, Peru Rotaplast Trip

At least six Rotarians and Rotarian-related volunteers will not be able to attend the District Conference. They will be in Tacna, Peru as part of a 30 member Rotaplast team providing cleft lip and cleft palate surgery to children in this remote region of Peru. Based on a previous Rotaplast mission to this area, it is also expected that the team will provide medical care to burn victims. Tacna is only a few miles from the border with Chile. The non-medical members of the team from

District #7780 and their respective roles include:

Bill Dunn – Assistant Mission Director (member of the Yarmouth club)
 Gary Howard – Photojournalist (President-elect of the Yarmouth club)
 Jim Rolston – Ward Coordinator (member of the Exeter club)
 Ted Alex – Sterilizer (Past President of the Portsmouth club)
 Linda Sorensen – Recovery Room Assistant (wife of the President-elect of the Fryeburg club)
 Carolyn Kokko – Medical Records Keeper (sister of GSE Team Leader Kate Kokko of the Dover club)

The District #7780 team will assemble at Boston's Logan airport the afternoon of Monday, May 14th, and fly to Miami where they will meet most of the rest of the team and 35-40 boxes of supplies. The rest of the team is coming from all over the United States, western Canada, Chile, Nicaragua and Peru. After an overnight flight to Lima, the team will have about a 12 hour layover before the flight to Tacna. Besides unpacking logistics, the actual mission in Tacna will consist of opening and closing clinics and 6-7 twelve hour days of surgeries. The team will be tired, but also invigorated by seeing the changes they make in the lives of these children. The team will leave Tacna on the evening of Saturday, May 26th and will have plenty of stories to tell when they get home.



Kittery Rotary Club supports Guatemala Literacy Project

Linda Chisholm, President Rotary Club of Kittery presents Carolyn Johnson District 7780 Literacy Chair a check for \$500 towards the Guatemala Literacy Project on her recent visit to the club to discuss this project.



Boothbay Harbor Honors Local "Doer" And Remembers Widows of Former Members

Almost every year since 1960, the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club has honored a senior citizen who has lived Rotary's ideals and given the community a lifetime of superlative service. Our beloved Boothbay Region is filled with marvelous, giving people, and it's hard to choose, but one of the most favorite things we do is select just one of our neighbors to toast and roast each year.

This year's honoree, Loraine Nickerson, is "the best friend an animal ever had," in the words of Rotarian Chip Griffin, a member of the committee who selected the honoree. Her activism on behalf of domestic animals was triggered in 1954 when she discovered a box of kittens that had been thrown out with the trash at the dump. That year she helped to organize the Boothbay Region Humane Society, which she has served as president since 1970. She has also served as humane

agent in the Midcoast Maine region for the past 42 years, a position that has kept her on the road for as much as 30,000 miles a year in order to rescue countless dogs, cats, and other domestic and wild animals.

Ladies who are the widows of former club members were special guests at the celebration. We thanked them for the Rotary service that their husbands gave to our community, and we assured them that we continue that traditions of service continue today. Also on hand were previous winners of our Lifetime Service Award. Shown here, left to right, are Florence Harrold (1999 honoree); Loraine Nickerson (this year's honoree); Joan Rittall (widow of Chetley who was the 2005 honoree); and Sonny Simmons (1992 honoree).



"Family of Rotary" Breakfast Hosts, President Gary Speers, Rotarian Judy Speers

Rotary Club of Damariscotta – Newcastle Honors "Family of Rotary" Partners

The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle hosted a Family of Rotary "Bring your Partner to Breakfast" meeting at the Second Congregational Church. Chef Tom Swartz prepared a wonderful fare included his renowned "Lobster Eggs Benedict" as Rotary Hosts Gary and Judy Speers thanked the club member's partners for their support with all of our humanitarian projects and local fund raising efforts.

A moment of silence was dedicated to the memory of our long time Family of Rotary member, Past-President Wallace Rich.

Each Rotarian introduced their partner and shared a special memory of their years together. Our special partners attending were Bill Babcock of Newcastle, Jon Angell of Damariscotta, Mary Jane Tigert of Bremen, Barbara Townley of Damariscotta, Jane Murdoch of Damariscotta, Judy Jones of Newcastle, Elaine Laird of South Bristol, Mark Potter of Damariscotta, Pam Van Siclen of Nobleboro, Carol Thayer of Litchfield, Ann Covington of South Bristol, Bettie Fiske of Damariscotta, Dirk Brunner of Walpole and Judy Speers of Newcastle.

Focusing on "What You Didn't know about my Partner" Rotarians proudly told of their partner's lifetime accomplishments ranging from authoring educational publications in Russia to building rocking horses for grandchildren. Other's shared some of their tales about unusual first dates and everyone offered a round of applause upon learning of an innovative haircutting technique introduced by one partner.

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



GSE Hosting Schedule for D1980 from Lucerne, Switzerland

Sat-Mon	May 5-7	Arrive Logan Airport 3:30pm Swiss Intl Air #52	Met by Newburyport Acclimation & Sightseeing
Mon-Wed	May 7-9	Kennebunk Portside	K-P mtg Tues 7:15am
Wed-Sat	May 9-12	Biddeford-Saco	B-S mtg Wed 12:15
Sat-Tue	May 12-15	Yarmouth, Freeport, Falmouth	Yar mtg Mon 7:00am Fal mtg Mon 4:15pm
Tues-Fri	May 15-18	Damariscotta-Newcastle Boothbay	D-N mtg Tues 7:15am Booth mtg Thurs 6:30pm Bath Sunrise mtg Fri 7:30am
Fri-Sun	May 18-20	District Conference	Host: Billy Hobbs, Wells
Sun-Wed	May 20-23	Bethel, Rumford, Ox Hills & Rumford	Rum mtg Mon 12n Beth mtg Tues 7:30am OxH mtg Wed 7:30am
Wed-Sat	May 23-26	Bridgeton, Fryeburg	Brid mtg Thurs 7:30am
Sat-Wed	May 26-30	Hampton Area	
Wed-Sat	May 30-Ju 2	Durham-Great Bay, Dover	D-GB mtg Wed 7:30am Port Sun mtg Thurs 7:30 Port Noon mtg Thurs 12:15
Sat	June 2	Depart Logan Airport 6:55pm Swiss Intl Air # 53	



Pres-Elect Mike Dailey with 3rd Grade Recipients of Dictionaries

Bridgton-Lakes Region Rotary Club Presents Dictionaries



Updates from Area 8 by AG Patty Rice

The **Fryeburg Area** Club has been very generous, distributing their monies raised on projects to help support the area with recent donations to the Fryeburg Rec for the little league team, Lovell Rec, Odyssey of the Mind Team from MSAD #72 and a water project in India. They will be gathering applications and selecting their scholarship recipients. Three scholarships will go to deserving seniors at the high school, one of which is designated to go to a vocational student. A fourth will be given out if they have adults applying for continued learning opportunities.

The **Rumford** Club is thrilled to receive their Blane Grant to address immunizations in their area. The funding will be used for promotional and educational purposes to raise awareness of immunizations from babies to seniors. Their first target group will be pre-teens. They are also pleased to welcome PDG Tim Placey as a new member of their Club.

The Rotary Club of **Bethel** has also been busy distributing monies raised to worthwhile causes including Camp Susan Curtis, which is a camp for disadvantaged children to help them gain confidence and self worth. They've also donated funds to the Western Maine Girls Program as well as the Mahoosuc Kids program. The Club is looking forward to their "bring a friend" meeting, encouraging members to bring a friend to breakfast to learn about Rotary.

Oxford Hills Rotary Club is gearing up for their annual May Day Play Day, a free day of fun for the kids in the community which includes use of their Moonbounce, Ropes Course, face painting, Fire Department Smoke House, race cars, games and much more. This event is a way of saying "thank you" to the community for supporting all their club fundraisers. Club members will also be visiting one of the local nursing homes to spread sunshine to the residents with their flowers and visits to welcome spring to the area. Happy Spring!

The **Bridgton-Lake Region** Club has a full agenda planned for the upcoming visit of the Swiss GSE Team. They'll be staying with members and touring their area. Ticket sales are in full swing for their Taste of the Lakes Dinner/Auction to be held on May 18th. Area merchants have donated many

exciting items for their silent and live auction totaling over \$10,000. This year's dinner will benefit local libraries and other Rotary projects.

10 April 2007

President
Bethel Rotary Club
Bethel, Maine 04217

Dear Rotarians:

I am writing to happily and proudly report that what began with a generous grant from your club, still continues with good strength and promise.

Hopefully some few of your more senior members will remember the instrumental support you extended to a student from Bethel who had just graduated from Emory University. With a Rotary grant she traveled to Ghana and there earned her master's degree in International Affairs. Returning to America, she worked for a few years as the Assistant Director of the African Studies Department at Northwestern University.

At present this graduate of Ethel Bisbee is in her first year at Queens College, University of Cambridge in England. She is working on her PhD in International Affairs. And today received word that she has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study next year in Nigeria.

The stone that you threw into the pond, with such generosity, made ripples that still spread. As parents, we thought of you soon after we opened the envelope with the Fulbright news. We are grateful to you.

Thank you for your vision and commitment to a smaller world.

Sincerely,

Sordana & Mary Gillies
The parents of Alexandra Gillies



District 7780's next three Governors at the District Assembly-
Jeffrey Pelkey, DGND, Liz Cullen, DGE and Brad Jett, DGN

DGE's Corner: 7780 Holds Our Annual District Assembly

On Wednesday, April 18th more than one hundred and sixty-five Rotarians from District 7780

attended the District Assembly. Once again, we were able to enjoy the hospitality of York County Community College in Wells, Maine. Although it was a gloomy morning, and despite the fact that many towns were dealing with the aftermath of a devastating storm, thirty-nine clubs sent representatives to the assembly.

Just as PETS is designed to provide training for presidents-elect, the goal of the District Assembly is to provide training for club committees for the next Rotary year. On April 18, twenty-one discussion leaders from District 7780 led seventeen different breakout sessions designed for that purpose.

Topics included the six Presidential Emphases of Water, Literacy, Health & Hunger, The Family of Rotary, Public Relations and Youth Service. We also talked about the role of the newly-formed Club Administration Committees as well as the increasingly important role of the Club Foundation Committee. Membership, that perennial challenge was discussed in detail as was Having Fun while Fundraising.

District 7780 has strong programs for our young students as shown by the enthusiastic interest in RYLA, Youth Study Exchange, Interact, Rotaract and Early Act. For older students—students of Rotary, that is—we had a session on The Rotary Leadership Institute.

A breakout session on Applying for Grants unlocked the mystery of the grant application process while a discussion of the roles of Club Secretaries and Treasurers stressed the responsibilities involved as well as those elusive RI and District deadlines.

In the 2007-2008 Rotary year there will be no "District Projects" and no "Governor's Trophy Challenge". I have one goal: I hope that every club in our district will be eligible for the Presidential Citation. Several clubs and I reviewed the requirements in a breakout session and reached the conclusion that it is definitely within the reach of every club. The district's job is to help every club attain it.

Remember, it's all about the clubs. You are the stars!

Liz Cullen, DGE



Brunswick Coastal Rotary Provides School Supplies for Homeless Teens

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The members of Brunswick Coastal Rotary spent one of their recent club meetings filling forty backpacks with school supplies that will be given to homeless teens in the greater Brunswick area. The club was awarded a District Simplified Grant to benefit the Merrymeeting Project, which is a program that assists homeless teens, in order for them to remain in school. Many of the students in the program find temporary housing by "crashing" at a friend's house, sleeping in cars, or on the street. The Merrymeeting Project does not provide housing, but gives a safe place where the teens can talk and receive assistance with accessing other social service programs.

With funds received from the grant, Coastal Rotary was able to purchase clothing, toiletries and school supplies. The Brunswick Wal-Mart donated fifty dollars worth of school supplies and a member of the club received a generous donation of several backpacks from [Berry Manter](#). After

filling the backpacks with basic school supplies, they were delivered to the Merrymeeting Project's office.



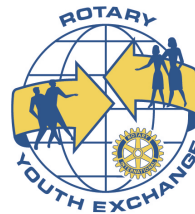
Outbound Youth Exchange Students at their orientation meeting at Freeport High School on Sunday, April 29, 2007

Back row left to right:

- Kayla Shepard Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside, going to Peru
- Hannah Miller sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bath Sunrise, going to Ecuador
- Ashley Briggs sponsored by the Rotary Club of Freeport, going to India
- Shona Workman sponsored by the Rotary Club of Saco Bay, going to France
- Kyra Gould sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oxford Hills, going to Turkey

Front row left to right:

- Adrienne Marino sponsored by the Rotary Club of Portsmouth, going to Taiwan
- Bethany Gamble sponsored by the Rotary Club of Wells, going to Brazil
- Alison Sweet sponsored by the Rotary Club of York, going to Kyrgyzstan
- Ayden Grout sponsored by the Rotary Club of Durham-Great Bay, going to Peru



District 7780 March 2007 Attendance

	06/30/06	03/31/07	03/31/07	Year to date
ClubName	Club Size	Club Size	Attendance % for Month	Change
Bath	46	46	68.17%	0
BathSunrise	21	21	82.60%	0
Bethel	36	35	89.00%	-1

Biddeford-Saco	57	62	64.56%	5
BoothbayHarbor	38	42	72.31%	4
Breakwater Daybreak	14			
Bridgton-Lake Region	23	28	82.00%	5
Brunswick	80	77	69.30%	-3
BrunswickCoastal	21	17	58.00%	-4
Casco Bay Sunrise	29	21	75.45%	-8
Damariscotta-Newcastle	61	64	75.73%	3
Dover	85	85	72.55%	0
Durham-GreatBay	52	50	73.00%	-2
Exeter	34	40	77.00%	6
Falmouth	18			
Freeport	23	23	72.40%	0
Fryeburg Area	35	38	80.00%	3
Hampton	69	74	71.00%	5
Kennebunk	71	66	76.00%	-5
Kennebunk Portside	37			
Kittery	23	20	78.00%	-3
Newburyport	77	75	47.00%	-2
Ogunquit	28	30	85.00%	2
Oxford Hills	42	44	75.58%	2
Portland	151	163	43.00%	12
Portsmouth	239	228	64.88%	-11
PortsmouthSunrise	36	36	67.00%	0
Rochester	83	87	75.80%	4
Rumford	25	25	76.00%	0
SacoBay	70	64	68.29%	-6
Sanford-Springvale	42	49	69.56%	7
Scarborough	34	30	61.00%	-4
SebagoLake	32	33	63.00%	1
Somersworth	18			
South Berwick	32	32	69.66%	0
South Portland-Cape Elizabeth	51	49	76.80%	-2
Topsham Expresso	20	18	90.00%	-2
Wells	37	40	77.00%	3
Westbrook-Gorham	38	41	65.80%	3
Yarmouth	34	26	65.00%	-8
York	58	60	76.22%	2
Totals	2020	1939	71.72%	6



Blaine Grant Awarded to five Rotary Clubs

The 5 clubs in Bath, Bath Sunrise, Brunswick, Brunswick Coastal & Topsham Expresso applied together for and were given a Blaine Grant to promote health awareness in their communities.

Here is the recommended schedule that they obtained from The National Center for Disease Control (CDC) and have in their brochure:

Birth to 18 years old:

Hepatitis B
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis
Haemophilis Influenza B

Inactivated Poliovirus
Measles, Mumps, Rubella
Varicella
Meningococcal
Pneumococcal
Influenza
Hepatitis A

Teens:

Varicella (chicken pox)
Hepatitis B
Measles, Mumps, Rubella
Tetanus-Diphtheria

College students:

Meningococcus

Adults over 18:

Tetanus-Diphtheria (every 10 years)
Influenza (adults 50 & older)
Pneumococcal (adults 65 & older)
Hepatitis B (adults at risk)
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (susceptible adults)
Varicella (susceptible adults)

Travelers:

Consult your physician or check
www.cdc.gov/travel/vaccinat.htm
for the most current
information on your destination.



Falmouth Rotary Funds Girl's School in Afghanistan

Construction will begin in June on the Falmouth Rotary Club's school for girls in Afghanistan. Located on the Shomali Plain about 50 miles north of Kabul, the school will provide a primary school for 250 girls, who until now have had no facility. The Club has raised enough funds for most of the construction, but still needs to raise a small amount by September so that the school can be completed by November 2007 and turned over to the

village. With over 5 million children returning to school in Afghanistan in 2007 the need to rebuild schools is enormous. Falmouth Rotary Club is proud to be contributing to the educational future of these girls.

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