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A Word From Governor Marie-

My fellow Rotarians,

Before I discuss the focus for this month, let me update you on what Bruce and I have been doing.

In the last month we visited 27 clubs, had the privilege of inducting new members, presented Paul Harris Fellows, Sustaining Member stickers, took part in a dictionary project presentation, received a plaque for the District from the Rotary Club of Venezuela, and heard that hundreds of dollars have gone to local libraries to promote literacy. We learned about water projects throughout the district, thousands of dollars presented to The Rotary Foundation, Blane Grant applications to promote immunization, and Public Relations Grant requests.

We worked in a Soup Kitchen, learned about the numerous projects that are being done all over the world PLUS all the things that clubs do besides the ones listed above - WOW! The fellowship and friendships that they are developing will last for years. You are all enlarging your Family of Rotary.

Now on to the focus for November - Foundation Month.

The Rotary Foundation has two aspects – the giving or Funds Development portion, and the spending or Grant Awards. Since I was last District Governor, the annual giving program is almost double what it was nine years ago. We now have more international projects with grant awards than we have ever had before.

The Funds Development has two different areas that we need to think about – the Annual Giving Program and the Permanent Fund.

The Annual Giving Program (AGP) is the primary source of support for the programs of The Rotary Foundation. The money in the AGP is spent every year on Foundation Programs, such Humanitarian Grants which include the District Simplified Grants, Individual Grants, Matching Grants, 3-H Grants and Blane Grants. Then there are the Educational Programs, which include Ambassadorial Scholarships, Group Study Exchange, Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolutions and Rotary Grants for University Teachers. What about PolioPlus and PolioPlus Partners? Think of all the lives you have changed because of this one program alone!

The Permanent Fund secures The Rotary Foundation programs for the future through endowments. A portion of the funds is allocated to benefit Foundation programs every year, providing additional funds to meet the high demand for annual programs. The Permanent Fund has increased in recent years, which has enabled the Foundation to give more support to its annual programs. Donations to the Permanent Fund are usually in the form of Major Gifts or endowed funds, bequests, or life-income agreements. These types of donations can be very complex, so talk with an investment advisor along with our regional Rotary Foundation coordinator.

We need to be sure we all contribute to the Annual Giving Program each year so we can continue to do District Simplified Grants in our own communities and Matching Grants around the world.

Think about the good that your "Every Rotarian, Every Year" donation of \$100 does -

- One full year of education expenses for an underprivileged child in Thailand
- Dental and medical services to approximately 25 low-income individuals living in communities near Mexico City, Mexico
- Textbooks for a school in Villanueva, Colombia
- An osteoporosis education program and bone density screenings for six senior citizens in lowa, USA
- A 10,000-kilowatt electric transformer that powers an agricultural/educational farm operated by a children's orphanage in Mongolia.

Now multiply your \$100 by 5 or 10 and think what your \$500 or \$1,000 can do every year! Look at the impact your donation has on the world!

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Please remember to make your donation to The Rotary Foundation yearly. You have the opportunity to help make it a better, healthier and safer place to live for the next generation – what a tremendous gift! As Rotarians, we will Lead the Way!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your loved ones and friends.

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.



Bath Sunrise Rotary Club Latin American Fiesta Dinner and Silent Auction

Bath Sunrise Rotary enjoyed another successful Latin American Dinner this year, raising nearly \$3,000 for international efforts. In Zihuatenejo Mexico the club supports the Netza Project, a bilingual primary school for 350 indigenous Indian children. Bath Sunrise also supports Safe Passage, a project founded by recent Bowdoin graduate Hanley Denning, which provides educational opportunities to nearly 200 children who live on the Guatemalan City Dump. Likewise, the club supports Campo Alagria which serves "dump children" in Nicaragua. Rotoplast fields volunteer doctors and other medical professionals throughout the world, to provide free reconstructive surgery to indigent children with cleft lips and palates. And, as we have for many years, we are proud to add our contribution to the \$600 million dollars Rotary International has already expended to eliminate polio throughout the world.



Rotary Cub of Damariscotta - Newcastle Hosts "Friends Forever" Teens from Northern Ireland

The Rotary Club of Damariscotta – Newcastle was honored to host ten teens from the Ballymena region of Northern Ireland. Their visit to the mid coast region was sponsored and funded by the Rotary Clubs of Damariscotta-Newcastle and Boothbay Harbor. The group was accompanied by local program coordinator Erin Stodder and adult staff members Jim and Maureen Lynn.

The teens, ranging in age from 15 to 17, are part of the "Friends Forever" program. This twenty year old program sponsored by the Ballymena, Northern Ireland, YMCA brings teens from both sides of the sectarian divide in Northern Ireland together in a year long program that explores the cultures, emblems and symbols of the opposing religious communities that have been in deadly conflict for so long. One major aspect of the program is a trip to the United States where they travel together how our melting pot culture manages to live and co exist without the tensions still present in Northern Ireland. It is this unique and valuable experience that they spoke about to the club.

Following the club presentation, they toured the Damariscotta-Newcastle area and a picture taking session was enjoyed at the Pemiquid Point Lighthouse Park. The group was then entertained at a luncheon put on by the International Committee at the residence of President-Elect Carol Ransom. Committee members hosting the group included Pat Musser, Linda Brunner, Will Fiske, Joe Kindred, John Atwood, Bill Thompson and Gary and Judy Speers. Each member of the "Friends Forever" team from Ballymena was presented with a white rose to symbolize their "Leading the Way" towards peace.



"Friends Forever" Group; Back Row - Lauren McLaughlin, Jamie Cunningham, Claire O'Boyle, Garrett Bell, Darrell Montgomery, Ciaran Devlin, Erin Stodder; Front row -Padraig Kerr, Nikki Kernohan, Anna-Grace Scullion, Tamsin Jordan, Maureen Lynn, Jim Lynn

GSE Team Leader and Team Leader Alternate Chosen

Please join me in congratulating

GSE Team Leader Kate Kokko and **GSE Team Leader Alternate Joan Correll** Kate Kokko, of Rochester NH, is thrilled to be leading this year's GSE Team to Switzerland! Kate is a member of the Rotary Club of Dover and is the Executive Director of the Southern Strafford Community Health Coalition, a network of municipalities, organizations and agencies in the Dover area that are working together on community-based public health and emergency planning and response efforts. Kate is a Big Sister as well as a scrapbooking and genealogy junkie in her "free" time. She is a New Hampshire native, born in Milford, NH and a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a BS in public health. Kate looks forward to broadening her recent international experience with Rotaplast (Cumana, Venezuela) to include the GSE program and is excited to be working with Rotary and the GSE team to bring the Northern New England experience to Switzerland.

Joan Correll, of Hampton, NH, is the GSE Team Leader Alternate for Switzerland. She was a registered nurse prior to taking on the management of her husband's architect business 20 years ago. In 1981, she co-founded Seacoast Community Women, a Club of like-minded women who raised funds for community projects and organizations. In 1998, she was a graduate of the Leadership Seacoast Program.

She married her husband, Rich, in1966 during the draft and Vietnam War. They started their married life near Cambridge, England, then moved to Syracuse, NY ending up in Hampton, NH. They have two grown children and a very special granddaughter who has added a very special dimension to their lives.

Joan has been a member of The Rotary Club of Hampton, NH since 1999. She has been very active in her Rotary Club since joining by serving on the Board and chairing numerous committees. She went on an NID (National Immunization Day) to India in 2004. In May of 2006, while on vacation she attended the very newly chartered Shanghai Rotary Club in China. As she puts it, Rotary around the world is simply awesome!



Area 8 November Updates from AG Patty Rice

The **Rumford Club** has concluded a very busy month of October! The majority of the members participated in some way in the annual Octoberfest held at the Oxford ARC in Rumford. The Interact Club was also a tremendous help at the Octoberfest by hosting the Pancake Breakfast and lunch. The proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast--\$200-- were donated to the Rotary Club and the proceeds from the lunch went to the Oxford ARC. A great time was had by all involved and the event was a smashing success!

The **Rumford Club**, through two of its members, donated \$200 to the Vietnam Library Project. Authur Meader and Joseph F. Roberts, Club Secretary (who is a Vietnam veteran) both donated \$100 each to the Project. Thanks to both these men for their support for this Project.

The last meeting of the month saw four members of the local Interact club being honored by the **Rumford Club**. The four seniors at Dirigo High School will be sorely missed upon their graduation. That meeting also featured Susan Isam as their guest speaker. Susan recently returned from the Carribean on the GSE trip and she gave a very interesting overview of her trip and experiences.

The **Rotary Club of Oxford Hills** has just wrapped up their 3rd Grade Dictionary Project distributing a total of 301 to students in the school district. Club members donated items and made up 2 baskets to raffle off at the recent Business Showcase. It raised \$129 and was good exposure for promoting what Rotary is and does in the Oxford Hills. A brand new project this year, an Appraisal Day netted the club \$400 and allowed members and the public to bring items in, and for a fee, get an appraisal of their worth. The Club welcomed District Govenor Marie for her annual visit with a BBQ and made a donation in her honor to the Paris Library Kids Program.

The **Fyreburg Area Club** also hosted a potluck dinner for Governor Marie and invited her and Bruce to join them in distributing 116 dictionaries to their 6th grade class at MollyOckett School. They also made a donation in Marie's honor to the Guatemala Literacy Program. Club members recently heard from 2 students they sponsored, about their experiences this summer at RYLA. And finally, as a result of their joint efforts with the Bridgton-Lake Region Club in running the Potato Booth at the Fryeburg Fair, were presented with the Red Potato, the White Potato and the Blue Potato by Bridgton-Lake Region President-Elect Mike Daley. I guess you'll have to do a makeup at one of these clubs to find out the story behind the colored potatoes.....

The **Bridgton-Lake Region Club**, through Grant funding, will be distributing dictionaries to 3rd grade students at various Lake Region elementary schools. They have approved four new members to join their Club in the last month. Sounds like a challenge to the rest of the Clubs in the District! The Club also has plans for funds to be used for Christmas Angel and the Rotoplast projects. In conjunction with the

Brunswick Coastal Rotary Club, they have submitted a grant for a water project in Uganda.



The Bethel Rotary Club members and other volunteers recently transported several cords of wood to needy families in the area and to three paying customers. The proceeds from the paying customers totaled about \$1,100, and will be used toward helping other families in need with heating bills this winter. The wood, which was split by Rotarians last April, was donated by area resident Dave Freiday. Here, Pat Roma and Robin Gilbert place the wood on a conveyer belt that carries it to the back of a truck for delivery.



The Rotary Club of Fryeburg Dictionary Presentation

On Tuesday, October 10th Bruce and I had the pleasure of going with The Rotary Club of Fryeburg's President Pat White, President-elect Sarah McGillivray and Dictionary Project Chair Stan Gemborys when they delivered 116 hardcover dictionaries to the sixth graders at the Molly Ockett Middle School. The dictionaries were very well received. One young man thought he would have to give it back at the end of the school year. He got really excited when Club President Pat White assured him it was his to keep forever. It was wonderful to be part of this project!

-Marie

Boothbay Harbor Rotary Supports Youth Locally and Across the Globe

Rotarians often say that our mission is to change the world – one child at a time. Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club activities in October proved that saying many times over:

We met – and cried – with three young Thai women who, thanks to Friends of Thai Daughters, a program started by two local Boothbay Region residents, have been saved from a life of prostitution or worse. Their personal stories moved us – but we also know that thousands of boys and girls are sold into Southeast Asia's Golden Triangle sex trade each year, so we voted the \$750 needed to keep just one young person decently housed and fed and in school for one year. The Thai Daughters' visit to our Clubhouse proved the opportunity to take the accompanying photo.

Other international youth activities include our continued involvement with Friends Forever, and our brand-new support for the Vietnam Libraries project.

Back at home, we were charmed by two young local Boothbay Region High School juniors, both recent recipients of Club scholarships, who used their scholarship funds to help turn their dreams into reality.

This month also, sparked by a District Simplified Grant, we organized to give dictionaries to all the second and third graders in the three elementary schools in our Region.

And, our long association with and support for local Scouts is acquiring new impetus: A new Cub Scout Pack is being formed. Not only will we sponsor the Pack, but the boys plans to meet in the Scout Hall which we built and continue to maintain for our area Boy and Girl Scouts.

The circle of life goes round: This month we also said a sorrowful goodbye to long-time member (since 1947!) Fred Pratt, a past president, Paul Harris Fellow and, since his health deteriorated, honorary member of our Club. In Fred's memory we quickly voted a \$500 gift to the Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund, the scholarship program originally started by our Club and which has grown into one of the largest in the state.



Jane McBride and Patricia Zinkowski founded "Friends of Thai Daughters," an organization that works to protect and educate children at risk of being sold into prostitution. They visited the Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club accompanied by four young Thai women. Shown here, left to right: teacher Mammie Vandermieren; McBride; students Khai Kongsri and Mee Aryi, Rotary Club president Marty Helman, student Pui Suwimon, and Zinkowski. Pui was abandoned at age 10. She would have been an easy mark for predators who coerce children into the sex trade if it had not been for Friends of Thai Daughters.

Public Relations

I became involved in the Rotary Club of Portland in 1986, after meeting a new client at his place of work. His name was Bob Pierce, a member of the Portland Rotary, and he was wearing his Rotary pin on the lapel of his suit jacket. I asked about it, and he invited me to a meeting. He might not have known it, but wearing his pin was one of the best form of public relations a Rotary member can do.

Public Relations is not just about sending out the proverbial press release and hoping the newspaper picks up the story. It's the simple matter of making others aware about our personal involvement in Rotary, with just the simplest of tools. I am not advocating getting a Rotary wheel tattoo on your arm, unless you have the arms for it. But wearing your Rotary pin is something we can all do. Here are some quick ideas to let others know you are a Rotarian! Letterman has his Top 10, so here are mine for Personal Rotarian PR!

- 1. Wear your Rotary Pin to work, to church, or to other community functions.
- 2. Take your business picture wearing your Rotary pin.
- 3. Wear a Rotary baseball cap to a ball game.
- 4. Frame the Four Way Test for your office.
- 5. Place your Rotarian Magazine in your doctor or dentists office.
- 6. Put a Rotary decal on your car.
- 7. Put the Rotary seal on your business card.
- 8. Put the Four Way Test on the back of your business card.
- 9. Use a Rotary Pen to sign deals.
- 10. Give everyone in your family a Rotary T shirt!

I encourage every Club President to take 15 seconds each meeting to announce one personal PR idea of the week. Keep the ideas in front of people. At the root of all Public Relations is a dogged determination to work it!

Submitted by Tom Talbott District 7780 Public Relations Chair



DISTRICT 7780 Annual INTERACT CONFERENCE

Please join us on January 6th, 2007 at Wells High School in Wells Maine for this year's Interact Conference. The WHS Interact Club is excited about hosting this year's event. We are planning a content rich, interesting and informative conference this year. Who is invited?

- · All Interact Clubs district wide
- · Interact advisors and faculty advisors
- · District officers

District Governor Marie Williams will be in attendance. She is very interested in participating in conversation, breakout sessions and Q&A forum's. She is specifically interested in:

- Literacy
- Clean Water Well Projects
- NID (National Immunization Days)
- · Projects for the homeless and hungry

We'll be organizing different topics of Breakout sessions for Local Interact members to participate in, share information and dialogue regarding issues and projects of interest and concern. We'll have access to kiosks during breaks and lunch to learn of organizations doing philanthropic and educational projects locally and internationally. These organizations include:

- · Biddeford Community Bicycle Center
- Summer of Service:
- Martin Luther King "Season of Service"
- Cultivating Community
- · Habitat for Humanity
- · Youth Service America

Directions to Wells High School:

Get off the Maine Turnpike at the Wells Exit. Go east on Rte 9 / 109 (towards Rt 1). Wells High School is 1.1 miles from the Turnpike exit.

- Time: Registration from 8:30-9:00.
- · Kickoff at 9:00 AM
- · Other scheduled details to follow

Please make note of this very important date in your calendars. Please pass along to all appropriate Interact members, Rotarians and advisors. We really look forward to the 06'-07' District 7780 conference. Your promotion is paramount to the success of this year's conference.

Sincerely,

William Bassett
District 7780 Interact Chair



Hampton Rotary Club Helps Feed the Homeless

The Hampton Rotary Club, with the help of District Governor Marie Williams and her husband Bruce, kicked off their new project of serving hot meals at a local soup kitchen on Monday, October 23. Hampton Rotarians prepared and served over fifty meals to very appreciative adults and children.

A local church which had been serving at the soup kitchen for years was unable to continue and the Hampton Club, led by Penny Jett saw the need and offered to help. The club applied for a district simplified grant and was awarded \$2,125 to pay for all the food needed for the season. Hampton Rotarians and their families will get together on Sunday afternoon to prepare the meals. Another group of Rotarians volunteer to serve the meals on Monday evenings. Each week, it takes about 8 – 10 volunteers to make it all happen.

The Hampton Rotary Club is very excited about continuing this project through the winter. The list of people within the club as well as family members wanting to participate is a long one.

Rotarian Magazine Celebrates Our District's Youngest Club President!

"Kate Kelly"
The Rotary Club of Newburyport

See Page 8 of the Rotarian Magazine's November Issue



It was early last week when I got a phone call from one of the mothers of the Marines in Alpha Company 1st Battalion / 25th unit returning to Maine after serving 7 months in Iraq. As we were putting up the banners, I met Cathy Thibeault. She drove by and stopped to introduce herself and say thanks for everything the Rotary club did to get the welcome home these soldiers deserved. From one mother of a soldier to another it was a heartfelt "OUR PLEASURE".

Our efforts culminated at 11:10 AM this morning when the bus drove by and the Marines saw the employees at Topsham branch of Atlantic Regional Federal Credit waving the US flag and State of Maine flag welcoming them home..... One of our employees' had a cousin on the bus and he told her "It was unbelievable that the signs had been changed and the amount of people that were there to greet us was totally unexpected". Welcome back to small hometown Maine.

DGE's Corner

On Thursday, November 2, District 7780 held the annual Membership Seminar as well as the annual Foundation Seminar. As always it was a pleasure to see old friends and make new friends from all over the district. That evening, the Rotary Club of Portsmouth held a gala fundraiser for Friends Forever. Hundreds of Rotarians and other Portsmouth area supporter of Friends Forever were there as well as members of the Rotary Club of Salem, Mass. in District 7930 and the Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs, NY District 7190, Zone 31.

Clubs, Districts, Zones. What do they mean?

Throughout the world, there are more than 31,000 Rotary clubs and more than 1.2 million Rotarians. The club, large or small, provides the cornerstone of Rotary for, despite its vast size, Rotary remains a grassroots organization and most service efforts are carried out at the club level. Rotarians are members of their clubs, and the clubs are members of Rotary International.

All of these clubs are grouped into 529 districts with an average of 40-45 clubs in a district. Each district is led by a governor who serves for one year. The District Governor is an officer of Rotary International and serves for one year as its representative in the field. Each district also has assistant governors and various committees whose job is to support the clubs. In turn, districts are grouped into 34 zones. On average, each 15 districts make up a zone. District 7780 is in Zone 31.

Every other year, each zone elects a Past District Governor to serve on the Rotary International Board of Directors for a two-year term. For example, in the Rotary years 2006-2007 and 2007-2008, Michael McGovern from Zone 31 (as well as District 7780) is serving as one of the 17 Directors of Rotary International. For the years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, Michael Colasurdo from Zone 32 will serve as Director. For the following two years, the Director will again be from Zone 31. In total, there are 19 members of the Board of Directors of Rotary International: the 17 Directors representing 34 zones plus the President and the President-elect. The President is the highest officer of Rotary International and is elected from among past directors. The President serves for a term of one year. This year's president is Bill Boyd from Pakuranga, New Zealand and next year's president will be Wilf Wilkinson from Trenton, Canada.

Yet, in spite of the vast scope, size and structure of Rotary International, Rotary's success lies in the clubs, large and small, whose individual members volunteer so much time, talent and treasure to make a difference in our world.

Liz Cullen, DGE

District Attendance

Club Name	6/30 Size	9/30 Size	Attend. for Month	Yr to Date Change
Bath	46	46	73.84%	0
Bath Sunrise	21			-21
Bethel	36	36	85%	0
Biddeford-Saco	57	60	63%	3
Boothbay Harbor	38			-38
Breakwater Daybreak		12	62.5%	12
Bridgton-Lake Region	23	24	75%	1
Brunswick	80	80	73.9%	0
Brunswick Coastal	21	19	49%	-2
Casco Bay Sunrise	27	26	57%	-1
Damariscotta-Newcastle	61	60	63.16%	-1
Dover	90	84	57.04%	-6
Durham-Great Bay	53	52	70.6%	-1
Exeter	38	38	79%	0
Falmouth	24	ĺ		-24
Freeport	26	20	86%	-6
Fryeburg Area	39	38	70%	-1
Hampton	69	64	83.5%	-5
Kennebunk	71			-71
Kennebunk Portside	37	39	82.24%	2
Kittery	23	23	66%	0
Newburyport				
Ogunquit				
Oxford Hills	42	42	82.16%	0
Portland	163			-163
Portsmouth	239	237	47.95%	-2
Portsmouth Sunrise	36	34	71%	-2
Rochester	83	88	75.4%	5
Rumford		25	61%	25
Saco Bay	69			-69
Sanford-Springvale	44	51	69.79%	7
Scarborough	34	33	71%	-1
Sebago Lake				
Somersworth				
South Berwick	32	32	84.17%	0
So. Portland-Cape Elizabeth	52	51	75%	-1
Topsham Expresso		16	88%	16
Wells	38	37	80.81%	-1
Westbrook-Gorham	42	39	65.8%	-3
Yarmouth	34	30	53.33%	-4
York	59	57	85.16%	-2
TOTALS	1847	1493	71.2%	-354

REMINDER

Be sure to check the District Website periodically for updates to the following web pages:

World Community Service - variety of new projects being added all the time
Club Fundraisers - see what other clubs are doing
Speaker's Bureau - send us your info on good speakers and see who other clubs have had
Polio Plus - current information updated monthly
District Interact - Information about District Interact Conference
District Conference - Updated information and more coming all the time

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