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A Word from Governor Marie....

My fellow Rotarians,

Before I discuss the focus for this month let me update on what Bruce and I have been doing. Since last month we have visited the following clubs: Westbrook-Gorham, Freeport, Sanford-Springvale, Rumford, Damariscotta-Newcastle, Dover, South Berwick, Topsham Expresso, Bethel, Breakwater Daybreak and Boothbay Harbor! It never ceases to amaze us how much the clubs in the District do! Several of the clubs are working on water projects together. Clubs are taking on the Dictionary project or doing something else in the way of promoting literacy. One club is still building houses with a vocational school. The clubs are pursuing the Blane Grant to promote immunization. One club completed a bandstand in their local park and the list goes on and on - it is truly amazing! There are a number of clubs working on projects together - that is absolutely fantastic! The fellowship and friendships that they are developing will last for years. You are all enlarging your Family of Rotary.

Bruce and I along with DGE Liz, DGN Brad and Penny and many of the PDGs and their spouses in District 7780, spent a good part of last week with about 400 other DGs, DGEs, DGNs and PDGs in Hershey, PA getting updated on Rotary. Ask them what they learned. Bruce and I had the privilege of having a private conversation with RI President Bill Boyd. He is a wonderful man and I wish you could all meet him and his lovely wife, Lorna. He is very down to earth and easy to talk to. He believes in supporting your local community as well as the communities of the world. When he speaks, it is from the heart.

Now on to the focus for October - Vocational Month. Vocational Service is often the forgotten Avenue of Service. It is one of Rotary's philosophical cornerstones and the foundation on which club activity is based. Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards. Many Rotarians say they don't do anything in Vocational Service but they do everyday of their lives with out thinking about it. For instance, think about the Object of Rotary.

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:
FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Now think about the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions. The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions was adopted by the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary

Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions

As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:
 Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;

Resources

Health & Hunger
Public Relations
Water

Youth Programs

Interact
RYLA
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Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation;
Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom I have a business or professional relationship;
Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations, which are useful to society;
Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession;
Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

I encourage all clubs to give all their members, new and old, the Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions to hang in their place of business.

Administration Login

Rotarians practice vocational service every single day. If everyone in the world practiced the Object of Rotary and The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions in their lives the way Rotarians do, the world would be a much better place to live and not have many of the problems it has today. As Rotarians, we need to continue to Lead the Way!

Marie



GSE TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district.

The OUTBOUND Team - approximate travel dates . . . April, 2007 D-7780 to D-1980, 2006-2007 GSE Exchange will be to Lucerne, Switzerland

If you are a Rotarian interested in being a Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team Leader to Switzerland in April 2007, please download the application on the District website and send it to GSE District Chair Steve Wight today!

We need GSE Team Member applications. We are asking all clubs in the District to recruit non-Rotarian young men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 in their communities to apply as a team member. This exchange is going to be for 4 weeks only. What an opportunity for these young people to go to Switzerland to leave how their vocation is practiced there. If you have a candidate, please download the team member application on the District website under GSE and send it to GSE District Chair Steve Wight today!

We are planning to do the interviews for Team Leader on October 14th and Team Members on October 28th. There is still time to apply - so do it now!!



Rotary International Director Michael K. McGovern, Rotary International President William B. Boyd, Past President Ann Lee Hussey, Chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees of Rotary International, Luis Vicente Giay

District 7780 Past President honored by The Rotary Foundation

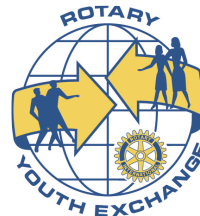
At the Rotary Zones 31-32 Institute in Hershey, PA at the formal banquet on September 30, 2006, Ann Lee Hussey, Past President of The Rotary Club of South Berwick was presented with the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World for the 2005-2006 Rotary year by this year's Chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees of Rotary International, Luis Vicente Giay. The plaque says - International Service Award for a Polio-Free World. In recognition of significant active personal service toward the goal of polio eradication. Ann Lee Hussey. Signed by Frank J. Devlyn, Chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees RI 2005-06.

The International Service Award for a Polio-Free World was established by the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation in order to recognize outstanding contributions to the effort by Rotarians. Active personal service is required by the prospective recipient of the award. Financial contributions, however noteworthy, are not a basis for this award.

Outstanding service in the field of advocacy, however, is not precluded as a consideration for the award. International Awards, for outstanding service to the cause of polio eradication, is made annually. A maximum of ten of these are awarded. International Awards are made only by the Executive Committee of the Trustees upon recommendation by the International Polio Plus Committee.

Please all join me in congratulating Ann Lee on this very prestigious award!

Marie A. Williams, District Governor



Youth Exchange Orientation

by DG Marie

Bruce and I had the opportunity to be on hand when the six youth exchange students for District 7780 and four from District 7790 arrived at Sunday River Inn in Newry, ME on Friday afternoon, 8 September for their orientation weekend. It was amazing to watch them almost instantly bond! We got pictures of the District 7780 students and then of District 7780 & 7790, which I want to share with you. The following clubs are hosting District 7780 students: Bath Sunrise is hosting Marina and Aiko; Portsmouth is hosting Razvan; Saco Bay is hosting Laura; South Berwick is hosting Simon; and York is hosting Johanna. In my opinion, these are very brave young people that chose to leave their homes, families, friends and their native language to come to our country. Make them feel welcome when you see them.

While waiting for all the students to arrive, I had the opportunity to talk with Don Sweet, District

7780 Youth Protection Officer from York, ME about the program. He told me the following story – Former York, ME student Kaitlin Reese did her exchange last year in the capital city of Ghana, Accra. While there, she participated in the Accra Rotary Club's Polio immunization program in the countryside around Accra. She was so taken by this experience that she contacted the University of Vermont, while still in Ghana, and changed her major from political science to nursing. She entered UVM this fall in its nursing program. Don stated and I quote: "Our Rotary Student Exchange program raises awareness about global issues and makes our world a smaller and better place to live, one student, one family at a time." Don's statement says it all! Our students will Lead the Way to a better world for us all.



District 7780 students from left to right Razvan Birca – Romania; Yi-Chun (Aiko) Lin – Taiwan; Johanna Devalues – Ecuador; Marina Rangel – Brazil; Laura Achotegui – France and Simon Usenbenz – Germany.



District 7780 Students back row from left to right: Razvan Birca – Romania; Yi-Chun (Aiko) Lin – Taiwan; Johanna Davalos – Ecuador; Mariana Rangel – Brazil; Laura Achotegui – France and Simon Usenbenz – Germany
District 7790 Students front row from left to right: Antonia Sievekmg – Germany; Alexandru Petrescu – Romania; Rodrigo Curi – Brazil and Julietta Montano - Bolivia



Local Heroes Honored by Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club

The Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club recently held its Fifth Annual Hometown Heroes Night and hosted a sell-out crowd of over 200 Rotarians and local First Responders and their families.

Hometown Heroes Night is the Boothbay Harbor Club's response to the tragedy of September 11. What if, club members said, tragedy should strike home and we should lose a First Responder? And what if that loss was compounded with the realization that we had never properly thanked that emergency services worker for all that he/she did for our community?

In response, every year since 2001 the Rotary Club has hosted a banquet and evening of awards and festivities at Spruce Point Inn, and honored all the local emergency services teams in the Boothbay Region: fire, police, communications, ambulance services, and emergency management. And every year, Rotarian Angelo diGiulian, his wife Liz and business partner Joe Paolillo have generously "comped" the banquet hall, dinner and wait staff. That has meant that all the monies collected at the door go into a special fund that the service chiefs and their units may tap for special, unbudgeted needs.

Boothbay Harbor Rotarians Daren and Debbie Graves organized and MCed this year's event, and Gary Speers, retired police chief from Normal, Illinois and president of the Damariscotta-

Newcastle club, gave the invocation. It was poetry, and speaks of our communities' highest values:

Gracious Father, Tonight let us come together to honor, bless and give thanks to our Hometown Heroes.

Show me a person who spends endless hours in training with little pay, a person where a cry for help brings split-second dispatch, a person who is devastated when lives are lost or maimed, And I'll show you a Hometown Hero.

Show me a person who is graciously welcomed as a next-door neighbor, a person who often takes ridicule more than compliments, a person whose car is garaged with the grille facing out, And I'll show you a Hometown Hero.

Show me a person who sacrifices home life, TV ... even tender moments, a person visibly moved at the strains of our National Anthem, And I'll show you a Hometown Hero.

Show me a person who may be asked to give more than just dedication, who is then asked to give more ... and more ... and more, And I'll show you a Hometown Hero. Amen.
--Gary Speers, 2006

Club Presidents and Secretaries: Did You Know....?

Information Resources for New Club Officers

Did you know that the Club and District Support (CDS) staff at Rotary International serves as your primary contact at the RI Headquarters? They are ready to answer almost any question you may have about Rotary, and can provide you with advice on such topics as club elections, constitutional matters, club traditions and customs, club operations, and RI Board policy.

Do you know who your CDS representative is? Click [here](#) to find out.

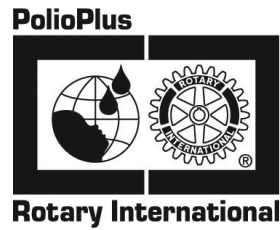
Have you seen some of our web resources that will make it easier for you to administer your club?

Helpful resources have been designed specifically for club presidents and secretaries, and can be found on the web by clicking [here](#).

- Learn how you can make online changes to your club's membership records, reference various Rotary Foundation reports, pay your club's dues online, and report next year's club officers using Member Access. Click [here](#) for full instructions and helpful suggestions.
- You can find a selection of informative club administration publications including audiovisual programs, club software, forms and supplies on the web by simply clicking [here](#).
- The Club President's Checklist is a month-to-month calendar, for the club president and president-elect, with reminders about important club and district functions, as well as RI and Rotary Foundation program due dates. Find it quickly by clicking [here](#).
- The Club Leadership Plan is a great new way to invigorate stagnant clubs, based on the best practices of effective Rotary clubs. You can find this plan on the web by clicking [here](#).
- Important information for Rotary clubs located in the USA is provided [here](#) regarding your

club's tax status and mandatory reports to the I.R.S.

The RI Secretariat staff looks forward to working with you and supporting your club's service efforts in the year ahead. Be sure to contact your CDS representative whenever you may need help from RI Headquarters!



Polio Eradication Update

*Polio Eradication Data as of 12 September, 2006
Courtesy of World Health Organization*

Case breakdown by Country

Country	Cases	Compared to same period in 2005
Nigeria	803	419
India	283	29
Somalia	30	1
Afghanistan	26	4
Namibia	20	0
Pakistan	17	15
Ethiopia	14	15
Bangladesh	13	0
Niger	10	3
DRC	7	0
Indonesia	2	236
Yemen	1	458
Nepal	1	0
Angola	1	7

The good news for 2006 is the decrease in countries reporting importation cases of the wild polio virus. There are currently only ten. Only four countries remain endemic – India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria, an all time low. The challenging news is the number of polio cases being reported thus far in 2006 for India and Nigeria.

Nigeria continues to account for 2/3 of all reported cases worldwide (803 of 1,228). The major problem exists in five states in northern Nigeria accounting for 84% of Nigeria's cases and 62% of the world cases. Problems remain dealing with resistant Muslim families, thickly settled areas and nomadic travel. Northern Nigeria is the only place in the world with uncontrolled transmission of the wild poliovirus. Uncontrolled transmission refers to the continued increase, year-to-year of the incidences of polio. It is estimated that 40% of the children here have never received the oral polio vaccine.

In India, the number of polio cases continues to be reported primarily from western Uttar Pradesh state. Moradabad and surrounding areas are reporting 52% of all of India's cases for this year, (148 of 283). These areas currently make up the only place in the world exporting poliovirus to other countries. The previously polio-free countries of Namibia, Bangladesh, Nepal and the DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo) are reporting polio cases originating in India. In other parts of India polio transmission is under control. Great progress has been made in the state of Bihar, the only other remaining reservoir of indigenous poliovirus circulation in India, where only 17 cases have been reported for 2006. This is proof that polio eradication strategies work when implemented correctly.

Uttar Pradesh remains a challenge due to an extremely high population density. Uttar Pradesh has a population of more than 180 million. Each month there are 500,000 births. There exists a weak sanitation infrastructure and poor quality water supplies. The key is to reach EVERY child

under the age of five during EVERY immunization campaign.

There are several challenges remaining to a polio-free world, a constant is funding. Polio immunization campaigns must be conducted routinely not only in the endemic countries but in all surrounding countries at risk. These surrounding countries are the poorer countries of the world where routine immunizations remain low. Of most immediate concern is the funding needed for immunization campaigns (NIDs and SNIDs) occurring this fall. Other campaigns are also scheduled for January and February of 2007. Rotary Districts and clubs are being asked to contribute now to fund these immediate needs. Rotarians in endemic and high risk countries battle the poliovirus year round. We must all show our support of our fellow Rotarians. It is requested that contributions be made to the PolioPlus Partners which funds the operating costs of immunization campaigns. If donated through PolioPlus Partners, each dollar contributed will be matched .50cents by RI. The PolioPlus office is asking for contributions to be applied to the highest priority needs as determined by the International PolioPlus Committee. If preferred, a specific country can be specified from the list at the PolioPlus Partners website. Contributions can come from clubs or individuals. A contribution to PolioPlus Partners accrues Paul Harris credits for a club or an individual. Credits accrued by a Club contribution can be used as incentives to increase Annual Giving from individual club members. Offer the credits as a match for an individual's cash contribution. Be creative; make this a win-win situation for all. Now is the time to reaffirm our commitment to the polio eradication initiative. Please show your continued support today.

Download a PolioPlus Partners remittance form:

www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/ppp_remit.pdf

View PolioPlus Partners Open Projects List at:

www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/ppp_openprojects.pdf

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



Hampton Rotary Club

Hampton Club Fetes Barrington
\$4000 Raised for Rotary Foundation!

The Hampton Rotary Club and District 7780 recently lost a stalwart Rotarian. James Barrington, a past-president of the Hampton club and member of the District finance committee, recently resigned his post as Hampton town manager after over nine years in the job to return to his native Texas.

The Hampton club decided to send James off in style and organized a Texas style BBQ in his honor. Dining on barbecued chicken and ribs, salads and cornbreads, over 200 town and Rotary dignitaries, Rotary members, and townspeople offered James a fond farewell.

Perhaps most importantly, the affair raised over \$4000 which was donated to the Rotary Foundation in James' name, including \$1000 for the Polio Plus campaign. With this donation, James' attained Foundation Major Donor status and, in fact, was presented at the BBQ with his crystal award by Rotary International Director Mike McGovern. James also presented Paul Harris Fellows to members, Deb Knowlton, Steve Ells, and John Nyhan.

A special visitor was District Governor John Henson from Henderson, Texas, James' home town. James had met John on a shuttle bus at the Rotary Convention in Chicago in 2005. When James' mother, living in the Henderson area, suffered a stroke earlier this year, John organized Rotary members in the area to look in on her and provide help, another example of the power of Rotary.

The Hampton Rotary Club will sorely miss James Barrington. The Canyon, Texas club is gaining a true Rotarian. We wish him all the best.



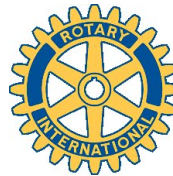
News from Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary

The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle winds up a busy "Lead the Way" summer campaign. After a brisk start to the new Rotary Year, the 61 members of the Damariscotta-Newcastle club are maintaining our "Lead the Way" stance in supporting local organizations and humanitarian efforts.

Already this year we have assisted the Miles Hospital League Rummage Sale effort (161 volunteer hours) in raising \$103,000 for new hospital equipment, assisted with the Lincoln Home Founders Day fund raising, completed the first stage of the Sea Thrift Cottage (Lincoln Home Volunteer run Thrift Shop) cleanup and renovation, worked at the Lincoln Home (Elderly Assisted Living Facility) Yard Sale. Club members have also helped with The Round Top for Performing Arts auction, assisted with the Community Housing Improvement Program work day and sponsored the Cub Scout Pack 213 fund raising event.

Our Mid-Summer Festival raised money for The Lincoln Home, Cub Scout Pack 213, The Maine Art Guild, The Lincoln County Animal Shelter, The Chesapeake Bay Retriever Rescue Society and The Heidi Fund to provide protective vests for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit. We are well under way into our Literacy Initiative through the September "Kick Off" of the Third Grade Dictionary Project in local schools and by providing books signed weekly by our featured club speakers to area school libraries.

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



Brunswick & Topsham Espresso Rotary host Tour de Merrymeeting Bay

"Topsham Espresso and Brunswick Rotary co-hosted the Tour de Merrymeeting Bay for the benefit of club programs and the Topsham Parks and Recreation Department. Club volunteers provided a fully supported loop ride around the lower reaches of the Androscoggin and Kennebec Rivers and Merrymeeting Bay. Good pavement, rolling hills and outstanding scenery provided for bay vistas, farmland, forest, streams and picturesque villages. This event provided for rider customized loops running 25 to 56 miles in length, depending on route. We expect a longer loop option for experienced riders next year.

The Tour de Merrymeeting Bay was started by the Brunswick Rotary club in 2002. Topsham Rotarians began supporting the even in 2005. This year's event had 52 cyclists and raised over \$3000 for programs."



Freeport Rotary Raises Thousands!

Saturday September 30th the Freeport Rotary Club hosted its annual flea Market in conjunction with Freeport Community Services Chowder Challenge. Trash became treasure, lots of chowder was consumed and a good time was had by all. Most importantly, several thousand dollars was raised to support Freeport Rotary's scholarship program and international water project.

Also in September local businessman Jay Yilmaz came to visit Freeport Rotary and present a check for \$1925 to the Club's Pure Water for Santa Barbara Honduras project. Jay operates the hot dog carts around Freeport (including one owned by Freeport Rotary at the entrance to L.L. Bean). This summer, after learning about Pure Water Jay raised the price on each bottle of water he sells by \$.25 with the proceeds going to the project. DG Marie Williams was on hand to receive the check along with President Curt Combar.



Brunswick Coastal Rotary Update

Brunswick Coastal Rotarians recently completed a gardening project at Gilbert Place, which is a supportive, permanent housing facility in Bath. Tedford, the local homeless shelter fairly recently acquired and completed renovations on the former apartment building and had moved residents into the units. Shelter staff had reported that the lawn of the facility was in desperate need of landscaping and requested assistance. Rotarians and the residents of Gilbert Place worked together to rake, seed and plant grass, perennials and bushes. The lawn now looks terrific and everyone enjoyed a day of fellowship in working together. This project continued an ongoing relationship between Brunswick Coastal Rotary and the Tedford Shelter. The Rotarians have worked on several other projects at the shelter and for the past year and a half have provided one meal per month for residents of the Tedford singles shelter in Brunswick.

Brunswick Coastal Rotary is continuing their work in Uganda and hope this year to provide a well on the grounds of the Mbabaali Memorial School for AIDS Orphans, located near Kampala, Uganda. The well would provide water for the students and staff of the school as well as for the residents of the surrounding community. At present the only water available at the school are containers of water which are delivered twice per day, by bicycle! Needless to say this does not begin to meet the needs of the school. The Mbabaali School is the only school in the area that provides a tuition free education and therefore is always filled to capacity, needing to turn away 15-20 applicants each day. The Entebbe Uganda is the host club for this project.

News from Area 8 from AG Patty Rice

The **Fryeburg Area Rotary Club** members will be working shifts jointly with the **Bridgton-Lake Region Club** at the Fryeburg Fair from October 1 to October 8, selling baked potatoes with 6 different toppings. The money raised is for community projects and club operations. They are also looking forward to Governor Marie's official visit, and will be having a potluck supper to welcome the Governor and give their members a chance to meet her.

The **Bridgton-Lake Region Club** is partnering with the **Fryeburg Rotary Club**, and will again be

selling baked potatoes at the Fryeburg Fair during the week of October 1st as one of their major fundraisers for the year. They will be celebrating their Club's 15th anniversary with a dinner on Friday, October 13th at 'Fine Kettle of Fish' Restaurant. Congratulations **Bridgton-Lake Region!** The Club is also kicking off Interact for the school year with Lake Region High School. They continue to provide manpower to the Lakes Environmental Association's ongoing trail development project through the town of Bridgton.

The **Rotary Club of Oxford Hills** spent time helping out with parking cars at the local Oxford County Fair. 80.5 hours were volunteered and they're anxiously awaiting a donation being made by the fair association to the club for their time. They're also very happy to receive a check for \$1,000 for a District Simplified Grant to help handicapped adults with their transportation costs. And finally, several of the inbound foreign exchange students together with Oxford Hills Interact club members spent a weekend getting acquainted during a recent rafting trip.

The **Rumford Rotary Club** recently donated \$100 each to 5 River Valley Libraries to help promote literacy. They've been busy raising money at their Lobster Lunch and Pancake Breakfast events. Is lobster a new possibility for a pancake flavor?

The **Rotary Club of Bethel** is supporting the Vietnam Library Project that is to be completed in November with a dedication planned for early December. They have also been discussing the transition into the new Club Leadership Plan, designed to be better aligned with the activities that clubs actually do. They're looking forward to the official visit from Governor Marie, along with a social event the night before.



(From left to right: Debra Andrews, Director of SMCC's Center for Global Opportunities, SMCC President James Ortiz, Breakwater-Daybreak Rotary Club President, Alan Mills and Breakwater-Daybreak Rotary Foundation chair, Bill Arnold.)

Breakwater Daybreak Rotary Club Presents Donation to Southern Maine Community College

Alan Mills, President of the Breakwater-Daybreak Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, and Bill Arnold, The club's Rotary Foundation chair, presented checks totaling \$13,000 to Southern Maine Community College President, James Ortiz on September 13, 2006.

The money was raised at the 2nd International Food Festival that was held last April. The food festival was a collaborative effort between the members of the Breakwater-Daybreak Rotary club and international students from SMCC. The money will be used to fund scholarships to International and Multi-Cultural students attending SMCC. Rotary President Mills said: "By providing scholarships to Multi-cultural and International students, we hope to promote world understanding and peace amongst the students of SMCC and the greater Portland Community."

SMCC President Ortiz thanked the club for their donation and promised support for continued collaboration between the college and the Breakwater-Daybreak Rotary club.



A Typical Day at the Rotary Foundation

For some Rotarians, The Rotary Foundation and its operations and grant procedures remain shrouded in mystery. At the Rotary Institute last week in Hershey, PA. Luis Vicente Giay, Chairman of the Rotary Foundation, gave the audience of several hundred Rotarians, an idea of what goes on at 1560 Sherman Avenue in Evanston on a typical day. The Rotary Foundation has 200 employees, and every day they receive 40,000 emails, 5000 phone calls, 3,500 faxes and 500 letters. All told, they handle one ton of paper per diem. They also receive 25 requests for new Paul Harris Fellow recognition each day as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars in contributions.

These ponderous details aside, Chairman Giay went on to mention several ways in which these contributions are disbursed. The Board of Trustees is charged with bestowing the funds wisely and, among many life-changing projects which he mentioned, one stands out as representing the very essence of Rotary International.

Two weeks ago, The Board of Trustees decided to give two very large (over \$500,000) and equal grants to be shared by the Rotary clubs of Israel and Lebanon with the stipulation that they could use the money in whatever way they saw fit. Israel chose to spend the money on schools and Lebanon chose to spend it on hospitals. However, both countries agreed to donate an equal share of the grant money to a large maternity hospital in Jerusalem. This hospital treats 10,000 patients a day for prenatal care, births, and post- partum care. What makes this hospital so very special, however, is the fact that the director of the hospital is a Christian, most of the doctors are Jewish, and all of the patients are Muslim women.

News of accomplishments such as these serves as a reminder of the magnitude of Rotary influence throughout the world and the force that Rotary can be for interfaith, interracial and international understanding. Rotary's goal of making a difference in a troubled world makes one not only proud to be a Rotarian, but also HONORED to be a Rotarian.

Liz Cullen, DGE

Portsmouth Rotary Club sponsors Friends Forever Gala



President Jerry Glynn at our Member Appreciation Day with part of the exhibit showing all the projects of last year

The Rotary Club of Portsmouth moved their annual Lobster Bake this year to the Portsmouth Elks. It was well attended and the food was excellent! We also celebrated Rotary with our first Member Appreciation event. Each Rotarian received a 4 Way Test Coin and Russ Grazier and several Rotarians provided the entertainment. It was a fun and relaxing event under the tent at the Redhook Brewery.

Our club provided the cooks for the annual Regatta for the disabled put on by the Community Development Services. see <http://www.portsmouthrotary.org/DisabilityAwareness.cfm>

Friends Forever program is putting on a Gala Fundraising Event at the Wentworth by the Sea on November 2nd and our club voted on designating funds to become a major donor! see <http://www.friendsforeverusa.org/events/index.asp>



Bath Sunrise Rotarians Repair Gazebo

On Sunday, September 10, 2006, several Bath Sunrise Rotarians gathered at the Library Park Gazebo to effect a few much-needed repairs to the structure, replacing some damaged decking and latticework around the base.

Bath Sunrise Rotarians resting after their labors, surrounding their newly-mounted plaque. From left to right are Brian Beckman, Eleanor Swain, Jon Hiltz, Lin Maria Riotto, Charon Curtis, and Erika Helgerson. Betty Hughes is seated.

And Finally.....

District 7780 & Rotary International Corrections & Updates

Bath Sunrise Club - NEW MEETING PLACE - Mae's Cafe, 160 Center Street, Bath, ME
Topsham Espresso Club - CORRECT MEETING TIME - 7:15 am
Bridgton Lake Region Club - CORRECT SPELLING - Bridgton does not have an E in it

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