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A Word from Governor Marie:

My Fellow Rotarians of District 7780,

September is New Generations Month. Our next generation is our youth of today. They are our leaders of tomorrow – Interact and Rotaract Clubs, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) students, along with our Youth Exchange students. We have three people in our District that are heading up these efforts, they are District Interact Committee Chair William Bassett from The Rotary Club of Wells; District RYLA Committee Chair Joe Pace from the Rotary Club of Durham-Great Bay and the District Youth Exchange Committee Chair Richard Derector from The Rotary Club of Bath Sunrise.

These people are busy starting their new year and I will ask them all to give us an update for next month's newsletter. YE Chair Richard Derector has provided us a chart below. It is important that you know where our Youth Exchange Students are throughout the District if you want them to come to your club. I admire these young people who go to a foreign country to live with strangers for a whole year, many of whom cannot speak the language proficiently. Not many adults would do that!!

If you have any questions on starting an Interact Club, the students that are currently involved in Interact would be wonderful to talk to. I am just amazed by how many more Interact clubs we have now than we did 8 years ago. I remember presenting the Interact Charter to the Newburyport High School Interact Club and Windham Interact Charter Night. As my grandchildren would say, "It was awesome!" I hope I get the opportunity to do it this year.

RYLA is another one of this District's great youth accomplishments. Imagine a group of 15/16-year-old students that come to camp for a long weekend. They don't know anyone and even if they do they aren't allowed to be together. I was amazed to see how these students bonded and encouraged each other. The trust that built up among the different groups was something to see. At the end of the weekend, these young people don't want to leave. They had no television; radios or computers for several days and you would think they couldn't wait to get back to them. The year I was an instructor for one of the LEGS (groups) in 1998, I saw many a tear when it was time to go home. I understand they have come a long way since I did it last – my year the outhouse didn't have a door (you needed a door guard) and the tent leaked! Even with all that, it was a wonderful experience and I enjoyed it tremendously. If you are interested in meeting and getting to know a great bunch of young people, get involved in RYLA.

Remember all these young people are our future leaders, take the time to get to know them – work with them, cry with them and best of all **laugh** with them!

Bruce and I are will be starting our club visits around District the week of September 11. We are looking forward to meeting up with old friends and meeting new ones as we learn about your clubs and all that you are doing as together, we **LEAD THE WAY** to make this a better world to live in.

Marie



YOUTH EXCHANGE UPDATE From Youth Exchange Chair Richard Derector

Dear District 7780 Rotarians,

The 2006/2007 Youth Exchange "season" is underway. We have six Inbound students in D7780 this year,

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and seven Outbound students from the district who have recently departed on their exchanges - what we call "the experience of a lifetime".

Our Inbound students are:

Name	Country	Host Rotary Club
Marina Rangel	Brasil	Bath Sunrise Rotary
Johanna Davalos	Ecuador	York Rotary Club
Lin Yi-Chun (Aiko)	Taiwan	Bath Sunrise Rotary
Simon Usenbenz	Germany	South Berwick Rotary
Laura Achotegui	France	Saco Bay Rotary Club
Razvan Birca	Romania	Portsmouth Rotary Club

Our Outbound Students are:

Name	Sponsor Club	Country
John Evan Feeley	Saco Bay	Argentina
Daniel Lambert	Sanford/Springdale	Paraguay
Elizabeth Fineberg-Lombardi	Portsmouth	Ecuador
Emily Silin	York	Peru
Sarah Capasso	South Berwick	Argentina
Sarah Hale	Bath Sunrise	Romania
Sophie Nelson	Durham-Great Bay	Slovakia

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If you are interested in having an Inbound student speak to your club, please contact me. Please take into account that the students need a month or 6 weeks to settle in to their new lives.

If you are interested in sponsoring an Outbound Student, the interview period runs through October 15th. For help and/or advice with this process, please contact me or our Outbound Chairman, David Wilson.

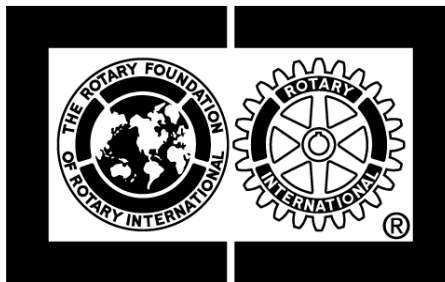
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Dover Rotary Hosts Lunch for Kids

On Wednesday August 16th, Dover Rotary hosted an outdoor lunch meeting for our "Back to School" project kids. These are kids who live in Dover Housing Authority housing and participated in a vigorous homework/study program and community service. Each child that completes the program receives school supplies and a Walmart gift certificate to shop for clothes and additional supplies. Also invited to our lunch were the winners of our college scholarships. Each winner was given an opportunity to speak about themselves and where they will be attending college.



2006-07 District Simplified Grants Announced

Our District's Rotary Foundation Committee met on 22 August and allocated this year's Simplified Grants between the 10 Clubs that applied.

Before an overflowing crowd at this year's first District Foundation Committee meeting, District Foundation Committee Chair Peter Johnson reminded all that "the amount of money we have available to grant through this program is directly related to the amount of money we contributed to The Rotary Foundation three years ago. The ongoing challenge of 'Every Rotarian Every Year' is indeed important", said Peter. Our individual contributions to Rotary's charitable arm are important to complement the contributions from our clubs. Three years ago our total contributions – from then 40 Clubs and about 2100 Rotarians - to Our Rotary Foundation was roughly \$140,000. District Simplified Grants are limited to a maximum of 10% of that number, so the Committee had about \$14,000 available to distribute.

"We were very excited that the Committee reached what we thought an equitable solution so that each of the ten applicants received full or partial funding. It doesn't always happen that all projects receive District funding, but this year it just seemed to line up nicely," said Katherine Rauf, District Foundation Grants Chair.

District Simplified Grants are awarded once a year in a group process. The largest grant approved was for \$2135, the smallest a little over \$700. Clubs receiving funds were Bath, Boothbay Harbor, Bridgton-Lake Region, Brunswick Coastal, Damariscotta-Newcastle, Dover, Hampton, Newburyport, Oxford Hills, and Rochester.

"Most importantly", added Peter, "the really great thing is to realize what these monies are doing". Here's the list: Educating youth about Internet safety, 2nd grade dictionary project, grade 1-6 'star' writing program, homeless youth school supplies and clothing, mentored-assisted-community service for troubled youth, community center creation, soup kitchen support, 3rd grade dictionary project, transportation program for mentally handicapped, and a summer reading program. "Its all about who we are and what we do", concluded Peter.

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR 2007-2008 Liz Cullen, DGE

Governors-elect from eight districts met on Saturday, August 19 in Nashua to begin making plans for the spring 2007 Presidents-Elect Training Seminar, fondly know as PETS.

From March 15-17, 2007, Presidents-elect from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Quebec will gather at the Sheraton Tara in Nashua to learn how to make the most of their year as president. Facilitators and speakers will include RIDs, PRIDs, DGs, PDGs, DGNs, AGs, PPs and possibly a PPRI. Topics will include: the Foundation, DDF funds, District Simplified Grants, GSE, and many others.. We also plan to have a session on the ABC's of Rotary.

Planning for next year, however, actually begins now. I would like to set up a network for all PEs in District 7780 to get to know each other and to share ideas, concerns, plans, coming events etc. For that purpose, if you are a president-elect, will you please send me an email at lizcullen@yahoo.com?

Please include your name, your club, your mailing address and contact numbers and anything else that you would like to say. Of course, if you are not a president-elect, I welcome your email as well. Let's all keep in touch.

Liz



Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club Donates Supplies to Habitat for Humanity

Lincoln County Habitat for Humanity president Henry Wyatt smiled as he took delivery of 12 pallets of first-quality doors, windows, screens, and other building materials from Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club president Marty Helman. The materials had been generously donated to the Rotary Club for their annual auction. After the auction was over, the Rotary Club donated the remainder to Habitat. "It's the incredible generosity of local merchants that allows Rotary to do the things we are able to do in the Boothbay Region," Helman said. "We're especially pleased that we are able to pass this gift along to Habitat for them to put to good use as well."

Area 8 Updates, from Assistant Governor Patty Rice

The **Bridgton-Lake Region Club** has had a very busy July and August planned. They had a successful Duck Race Fundraiser netting \$2400 plus. They are awaiting approval of a grant request for a project at a children's hospice in Lodz, Poland for which their Club has pledged \$5000 towards the project. They have taken a break, and enjoyed a beautiful summer day of fellowship at new Club President Jay and Loraine Spenciner's home. And they're still basking in the glory of winning the Governor's Trophy Challenge, way to go **Bridgton Lake Region Club!**

The **Rumford Club** had a very successful Golf Tourney in July and netted over \$3800 in profits. The members are very pleased to congratulate Pres-Elect Charley LeDuc on the birth of his baby boy, Henry Charles. Could he be a future Interactor and Rotarian?!

The Rotary Club of **Bethel** has had a busy summer with their annual fundraisers. Their Golf Tourney raised over \$10,000, their auction and yard sale raised over \$13,000 and their Art Fair netted over \$1,000. They'll be busy planning on how to spend these hard earned dollars in the coming months.

The **Fryeburg Area Club** had a successful changeover to new Club President Pat White and are gearing up for the new year. They're keeping Rotary awareness up as they've had to replace a fence surrounding a Rotary Tree and replaced it with a stone with a plaque indicating the Rotary gift. They've been busy providing refreshments after a summer concert and doing cleanup in their area.

The **Oxford Hills Club** has just wrapped up their biggest fundraiser with a joint auction and flea market with the Kiwanis Club. Net proceeds were \$16,000, \$8000 going to each club. This joint effort sends a great message to the Oxford Hills Community on service clubs working together for a common cause. They also have planned a Fellowship Fun Night joining **Oxford Hills Rotary**, Kiwanis and the Lions Club. Do I see a challenge here for other Rotary Clubs to join forces with other service Clubs? **Oxford Hills** also had another very successful Annual Lobster and Clambake in August. They've been working with the elderly at a local nursing home, wheeling patients to the Concerts in the Park, no casualties have been noted so far!

Bath Noontime Rotary Club asks Looking For Your Dream House???

The Bath Rotary Club may have just what you're looking for with a recently completed "vocational project" – a spectacular 3 bedroom home. Since 1972 the Bath Rotary Club has sponsored the Bath Vocational School building program by purchasing the building materials and buying toolships for each member of the class. This allows students to have hands on experience building a house. The result of last year's project is now for sale in a quiet residential neighborhood in Bath.

The design of each house is a classroom project with the entire frame of the house being built by the students. It is a modular unit which is then moved to its current location for finish work. Rotary partners not only with the school, but with Bath Housing Authority which assumes responsibility for the final product including the sale.

So get in your bids before it becomes somebody else's "dream come true" instead of yours. Jayne C. Palmer, President Bath Noontime Rotary

Fiesta Dinner & Silent Auction, Bath Sunrise Rotary

The Bath Sunrise Rotary Club will be holding its annual Latin American Fiesta Dinner and Silent Auction on Friday, 29 September 2006 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Bath Senior Center, 45 Floral Street, Bath. The proceeds from this event benefit Latin-American international service projects in education and healthcare.



Damariscotta Newcastle Rotary Volunteer of the Year Award

The Annual Damariscotta-Newcastle Lions and Rotary Club Golf Tournament and Auction event at Wawenock Country Club in Walpole Maine, Saturday August 26th was the setting for the presentation of the Second Annual Lions and Rotary Community Volunteer of the Year Award in memory of Neal Sprague. The Presidents of Lions and Rotary, Lynette Naylor and Gary Speers were honored to recognize a member of our community who has demonstrated the tradition of volunteerism, community spirit and civic participation that Neil Sprague exemplified in his many years of "service above self" to our community

Our recipient this year, Mr. Walter Shorey, likely does not consider himself a volunteer! He just thinks of himself as a neighbor, doing what neighbors in Maine do. Neighbors help neighbors shovel snow, mow lawns, and plow out streets. Neighbors help the widows and less fortunate in their neighborhoods with siding, roofing and clothing.

This neighbor however does all of this and much more! This neighbor sees a Grange Hall building that needs siding and does the entire job himself. Trained in his youth as a proud Navy Sea Bee, he knows how to get this kind of job done! He gets to the local grange meetings two hours early to fire up the furnace for everyone else on cold and snowy days. This neighbor supported his local volunteer fire company for years at the same time supporting himself, his wife and four children, at his own business as a welder, something else he learned from his service with the Sea Bees.

We haven't even scratched the surface of everything this neighbor does for others, including the activity most prominently mentioned in his nomination by numerous members of our community.

This neighbor was born on the 4th of July 1927, rather symbolic of the Yankee spirit and tradition of quietly taking care of his family, neighbors and community.

Presidents Naylor and Speers and the late Neil Sprague's wife, Janice Sprague, presented the 2006 Lions and Rotary Community Volunteer of the Year Award in memory of Neil Sprague to Mr. Walter Shorey of Sheepscot, Maine.





Great Public Relations Opportunity!

Rotary International has a grant program that allows clubs to apply for up to **\$3000** to be used in local advertising and public relations messages. My goal is to take this one step further, and for that we have a great media partner, WGME 13.

Within the WGME broadcast area, 33 Rotary clubs from 9 counties can effectively be served by the signal. Here's the opportunity:

1. Each club donates \$750 to the media campaign on WGME: 33 x \$750 = \$24,750
2. Rotary PR Grant provides \$750 for each of the 33 clubs: 33 x \$750 = \$24,750
Combined Cash TOTAL to WGME: \$49,500
3. WGME receives \$49,500 cash. WGME will then match the amount of commercial time through a combination of Public Service Announcements, and WGME In-Kind messages, effectively doubling the campaign.

Total Media Opportunity: \$99,000

Scheduling will be a mix of Prime time, early morning and late afternoon, News slots, and weekend specials. In other words, we are not going to be buried with late night, overnight, early Sunday morning spots. This is a legitimate media program that puts us in play.

Backing up a bit. \$750 is a lot for many clubs. I appeal to you in two ways. First, your investment is parlayed up significantly, so its going to work hard. But if that level is out of range, I ask you to consider a lesser amount, which will still go to excellent use.

The odds of getting the grant approved will be dramatically increased with more clubs participating. But with a deadline of October 1, we need to know your decision. We'll tally it up, and make the best presentation possible.

Note that if you donate \$750, your club is still eligible to apply for another \$2250, which can be used in your local newspaper, cable, or radio.

Call me with questions! Thanks!

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