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A Word From Governor Liz-

On the weekend of May 2-4, nearly 200 Rotarians and their families from thirty-eight clubs gathered together at the Grand Hotel in North Conway to celebrate the Stars of Rotary, the CLUBS. PDG George Chaffey and his wife Carol from the Rotary Club of Lamorinda Sunrise represented President Wilf Wilkinson. George brought us greetings and best wishes from President Wilf and emphasized Rotary's international programs, especially the life changing value of Youth Exchange.

In keeping with this year's theme, Rotary Shares, members from eighteen clubs in our district gave presentations to share their experiences this year in implementing President Wilf's emphases on Water, Literacy, Health and Hunger, Public Relations, Family of Rotary and Youth Service. Many thanks to Tony Wagner, Mike Daley, Deb Cote, Carolyn Johnson, Betty Hughes, Peter Johnson, John Dennen, Denis Elie, Angela and Joe Roberts, Dan Dolan, Dave Gooch, Gary Spears, Marty Peak Helman, Karen Wendell, Dick Bergeron, Ben Oliver, Joe Boyle, Berri Kramer, Sandra Bisson, Linda McMahon, Kurt Combar and Grace Connolly.

After lunch, the GSE team from the Philippines entertained us with a lovely dance from their country, and a video that they had put together of their visits to the clubs of District 7780. We then got to meet the five wonderful members of our GSE team: Leader Marty Peak Helman, Evelyn Andrews, Juliette Coombs, Catherine Hedberg and Christin Walth. In the spirit of fellowship, Marion Cheney from the Rotary Club of Dover organized a wine and beer tasting session on Saturday afternoon. In the spirit of shopping, many attendees took advantage of the proximity of some of North Conway's finest stores.

Saturday evening began with the Governor's Reception hosted by the Rotary Club of Newburyport, followed by dinner, dancing and awards for the clubs for outstanding service. Mike McGovern, Vice President of RI, and George Chaffey, President's Rep presented the awards to:

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Bath: Award for Outstanding Vocational Service
 Bath Sunrise: The Read with Me Family Literacy Project
 Bethel: Outstanding Support of the Youth of Bethel
 Biddeford-Saco: Award for Outstanding Service to Vocational Education
 Boothbay Harbor: Outstanding Support of the Family of Rotary on the Entire Peninsula
 Breakwater-Daybreak: Support of Int'l and Multi-Cultural Students at SMCC
 Bridgton Lake: Community Service: Care of the Stevens Brook Trail
 Brunswick: Club Service Award for Introducing R.P.M.
 Brunswick Coastal: Outstanding Service to the Children of Africa
 Casco Bay Sunrise: Service to the Children of Maine
 Damariscotta-Newcastle: Community Service Award for Building Bridges
 Dover: Community Service: Back to School, Milk and Meat, and Service to Seniors
 Durham-Great Bay: International Service Award for the Children of Pacumbu
 Exeter: Award for Outstanding Service to the Community of Exeter
 Falmouth: Award for Reaching Out to the Girls of Qarabagh
 Freeport: Award for Bringing Clean Water to the People of Honduras
 Fryeburg Area: Outstanding Service to the Youth of the Fryeburg Area
 Hampton: Family of Rotary Award for all that you do Together
 Kennebunk: Award for your Kindness to the Children of the Kennebunks
 Kennebunk Portside: Global Outreach Award for Many International Projects
 Kittery: Family of Rotary Award for Having so Much Fun Together
 Newburyport: Community Health Award for Blane Grant Immunization Clinics
 Ogunquit: International Service Award for the LaRomana Water Project
 Oxford Hills: Family of Rotary Award for all that you do Together
 Portland: Global Outreach Award for Your Projects in Honduras
 Portsmouth: Award for Outstanding Service to the Youth of Portsmouth
 Portsmouth Sunrise: Youth Service Award for the Chase Home Project
 Rochester: Award for Support of the Eye Mission, the Homeless Shelter and Rising Stars
 Rumford: Club Service Award for Rocking and Rolling
 Saco-Bay: Award for Outstanding Public Relations through the TV Rotary Auction
 Sanford-Springvale: Outstanding Service to the Parents and Children of the Sanford Adult Ed Center
 Scarborough: Outstanding Service to the People of Scarborough, Young and Old
 Sebago Lake: The "Rotary Shares" Award for all that you do together
 Somersworth: Award for Outstanding Service to the Community of Somersworth
 South Portland-Cape Elizabeth: Support of the Int'l and Multicultural Students at SMCC
 Topsham-Expresso: Family of Rotary Award for your Read Aloud Day at the Highlands
 Wells: Family of Rotary Award for all that you do Together
 Westbrook-Gorham: Award for Outstanding Service to Vocational Education
 Yarmouth: International Service Award for Bringing Clean Water to Nicaragua
 York: Changing Lives Award for your Scholarships to Non-traditional Students

Congratulations, Clubs of District 7780, for all that you do to save and change lives in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and all over the world!

Very special thanks are due to the District Conference Committee:

Jeff Pelkey, AG, DGE, Program Chair from the Rotary Club of Kittery,
 John Rainone AG, Silent Auction Co-chair from the Rotary Club of York
 Wilt Jones, AG, Silent Auction Co-chair from the Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle
 Beth Abbott, Silent Auction Assistant, from the Rotary Club of Oxford Hills
 Gary Berenson, President, Spotlight Coordinator, Rotary Club of Breakwater Daybreak
 Marion Cheney VP Wine-tasting Coordinator from the Rotary Club of Dover
 Phil Rinaldi PP, Program Printer, from the Rotary club of Dover

And from the Rotary Club of Newburyport:

Gerry Hirsch, PP, Conference Chair
 John Allison, Registrar
 Zack Longley, PP, Sergeant-at-Arms and Hospitality Chair
 Sue Christ, Assistant Hospitality Chair
 Geri Dorr, PP, District Secretary
 Chuck Withee President Elect, District Treasurer
 Peter Johnston, Conference Finance Officer
 Ted Shepard, Entertainment Chair and Spotlight Operator
 Sheila and Russ Johnson, PP, Communication Chairs
 Dan Appleton, PP, Welcome Committee Chair
 Grace Connolly, President, Governor's Reception Chair
 Jim Connolly, PP, Publicity Chair
 Josiah Welch, PP, Memorial Service Chair
 Dean McClellan, Balloon Raffle Chair
 Denise Hirsch, Balloon Raffle Assistant Chair
 Claudia Harris, PP, Thermal Tumbler Chair
 Gary Swerling, Donor of the printed gift bags

Further thanks are due to all of the members of the Rotary Club of Newburyport and their spouses who

came to the conference and helped out behind the scenes.

Special thanks to PDG Tim and Gladys Placey for serving as aides to George and Carol Chaffey, to RIVP Mike McGovern for presenting the awards and to PDG George and Carol Chaffey for coming from California to share our district conference.

Thanks as well to all of the clubs who donated Silent Auction items, who donated articles for the gift bags, and articles for balloon prizes. When all was said and done, between the Silent Auction, the Balloon Raffle, Marilyn, Elvis, John Wayne, The Lion, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow and the Three Stooges, we raised \$8000 for the Rotary Foundation.

Many thanks to all of you for coming and for your generous support!

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES ELECTED!

At the Conference, electors from district clubs elected PDG Bob Laux to represent our district at the next Council on Legislation in 2010. PDG Peter Johnson was chosen to serve as alternate. Electors also elected PDG Marie Williams to represent our district on the Nominating Committee for the next Director of Zone 31. PDG Bob Laux was chosen to serve as alternate. Thank you, PRID Dan Mooers for overseeing the elections!

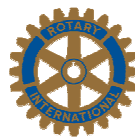
SAVE THE DATE!

On Tuesday, June 24, 2008 we will hold our annual Changeover Dinner at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. DGE Brad Jett and I hope that every president, every president-elect, every vice president, every past president, every PDG and, in fact, everyone in the district and their spouses will come and share the evening as we celebrate the 2007-2008 Rotary year and look forward to the 2008-2009 Rotary year! You will soon be hearing from DGE Brad, Registrar Ann Kaiser and me and we look forward to seeing you there!

All the Best!
Liz

Pix from the District Conference





Portland Rotary Club has MOVED!

The Rotary Club of Portland now meets at the Italian Heritage Center on outer Congress Street in Portland. After spending 25 of their 93 years at the Portland Club, The Rotary Club of Portland's Board of Directors announced the move, effective May 2. President Ben Lowry reports that the club is taking the move in stride and club member (past president and retired Maine Supreme Court Chief Justice) Vince McKusick celebrated his 50th anniversary with the Rotary Club of Portland at the new site. The club invites you to join them on Fridays at 12:15 and to check out their website at www.portlandrotary.org.



GSE Team "Joe's Angels" and Friends

Hi Gov Liz!

Just want to express my sincere thanks for making possible, with the help of Karen Wendell and all rotarians in D-7780, the unforgettable and fun visit of "Joe's Angels" in Northern New England! We enjoyed very much the lunch and dinner at the District Conference last night.

May the good Lord bless and keep you safe in the palm of his hands!
Congratulations for your successful term as Governor of D-7780!

Your newly found admirer,
Joe Baradi



Damariscotta Rotarian Ann Angell serves up a delectable goodie next to the movie period centerpieces created by Rotarian Judy Speers.

Rotary Cub of Damariscotta –Newcastle Decadent Desserts and A Movie

The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle treated the citizens of the Mid Coast Maine area to a wonderful selection of Very Decadent Desserts. An hour of decidedly delicious dining, then it was movie time with a distinctly British Royalty theme as the audience enjoyed the historical plot twists and turns of *The Other Boleyn Girl* at the Lincoln County Community Theater. Rotarians and their partners out did themselves with their wonderful culinary creations, all to raise funds for Rotary projects and local humanitarian grants.

Carol Ransom
President, The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle



Kittery Rotarians Russ French and Marie Williams presenting dictionaries to the members of the Third Grade of Ms. Cara Gracalone at Frisbee School

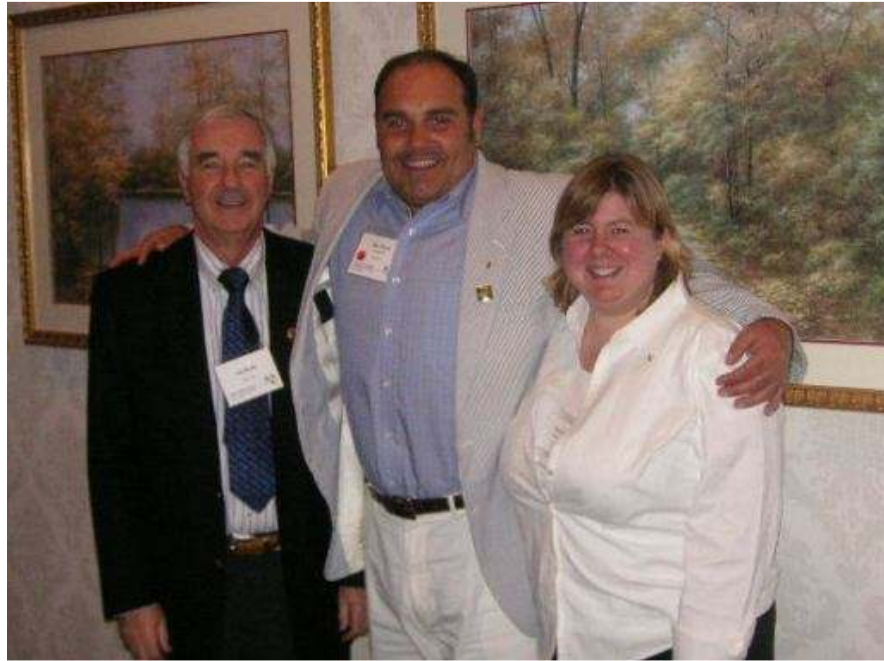
Kittery Rotary Dictionary Project A Great Success!

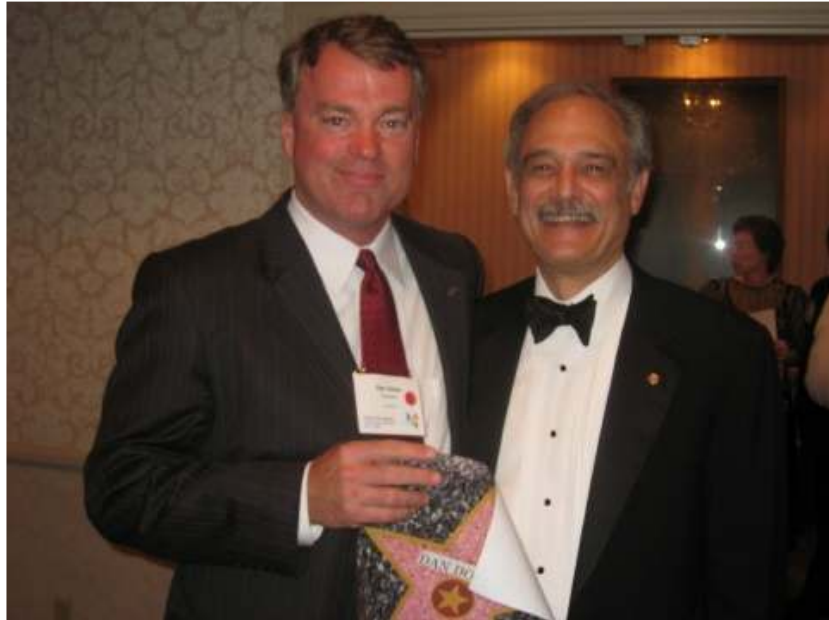
On March 5th the Rotary Club of Kittery presented almost 90 dictionaries to all the students in the five Third Grade classes at Frisbee School in Kittery.

This the second year of the continuing project led by Service Projects Committee Chair Russ French. Russ takes the time to describe the project and Rotary, he writes letters to be sent home to the parents encouraging them to get involved, and he makes sure each child's name is typed into the bookplate on their personal dictionary. Each child is told that they are special and unique and their name is important. The reaction of the students reflects the attention that he has made. The enthusiasm, the politeness and respect, and the fun as they start to explore all the information in the books, makes it clear the project has significant impact.

Many of the children were well aware of their older siblings in the fourth grade that had received Rotary Dictionary last year. Lieutenant of the Kittery Police Department, Russ was Kittery's Rotarian of the Year last year and recognized a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International President Wilf Wilkinson at the World Peace & Understanding Dinner in January, as members of his club recognized his many efforts on behalf of the community.

More Conference Pictures.....





ROTARY PARTNERS WITH "REBUILDING TOGETHER"

South Portland Club (and some family members), volunteered on a rainy May 3 to do needed improvements for a family's home in South Portland. They were one of two teams assigned to the job which was one of numerous projects done in a one-day effort sponsored by Rebuilding Together Greater Portland.

In the photo Rotarians are shown stripping and renewing roofing for a complex roofing job. In fact, several Rotarians also worked most of Friday to set up scaffolding for the job. The group also did other improvements for the residents of the house. Team captain, from the Rebuilding organization, was contractor John Hills.

This is the sixth year the Rotary club has participated in this effort.

Rebuilding Together is a nationwide, nonprofit volunteer organization with a mission to preserve and revitalize homes so low-income homeowners, especially those who are elderly or disabled or are families with children, can live in warmth, safety and independence.

(photo: D. L. Davidson)



Eleanor Swain and Brian Beckman confer during a break in the rain and the action at the Bath Sunrise Rotary Club's annual Mayfair yard sale. Bath Sunrise took in nearly a thousand dollars through the donations of friends and supporters. All the money raised goes to Bath and local community projects.

What's Happening in the Hills-May '08 by AG Patty Rice

The **Bridgton-Lake Region** Club is happy to report the approval of their 501C3 status with the IRS, and are anticipating increased donations because of this new exempt status. They continue to recognize their Students of the Month program at their club assembly meetings. Club members are very pleased that donations for their upcoming Taste of the Lakes Dinner & Auction are over \$10,000 and climbing! The event is scheduled for 5/30. For tickets and more info contact Cathy Fitzgerald atcathyxom@msn.com.

The **Fryeburg Area** Club is excited about hosting the GSE Team and will be bringing them to and from the District Conference. Club members have donated their hard earned dollars to help support the Lovell Rec Department and the Fryeburg Little League. They continue to recognize their Citizen of the Month program at the Molly Ockett School.

The Rotary Club of **Oxford Hills** has several members headed to the District Conference to learn and celebrate Rotary. Rotarians will be assembling and delivering flowers vases to senior residents at a local nursing home to brighten their day and to welcome spring. Club members are also planning their annual May Day Play Day, a free day for local children to have fun with face painting, climbing ropes, jumping in the Moonbounce, and learning safety lessons. This year it will be held on Sunday, May 18, because of school having to makeup from so many snow days.

The **Rumford** Club enjoyed hosting the GSE Team and sharing fellowship and fun with them. Club members are gearing up for a pancake breakfast planned in conjunction with Walmart as part of their Children's Miracle Network Day on May 10th. Proceeds will go towards the Guatemala Playground project to help fund a soccer field.

The **Bethel** Club also enjoyed hosting the GSE Team and spent some time in the snow with them, skiing and snowshoeing. Club members are busy planning for two of its biggest fundraisers of the year - the 13th annual golf scramble tournament at the Bethel Inn and Country Club on Monday, June 23, and the annual Rotary Club Auction and Yard Sale June 28. The club recently welcomed new member Lorena Tyler of Northeast Bank. They are also participating in several Camp cleanups, and members are hoping to get personal "camp" cleanups for their own yards!



Photo from the 4th International Food Festival put on by the Breakwater/Daybreak and South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Clubs, along with SMCC. These smiling faces say it all!



Boothbay Harbor Celebrates Both Elders and Youth

The decibel level in our Clubhouse probably hit an all-time high the first Thursday in April when we invited our Cub Scouts and their families to a mac-and-cheese dinner. Rotarians Mike Thompson and Dwight Swisher judged the boys' Pinewood Derby entries, and declared each one a winner! Our personal favorite, however, was crafted by Cub Jacob Bishopp, who frequently comes to our meetings as a guest of his Rotarian mother, Tammy, and whose name badge proudly reads, "Future Rotarian."

Then, on Patriot's Day, we honored our 31st annual Lifetime Service winner. That's how long our Club has been honoring a local senior citizen who we feel exemplifies the commitment of service to the community that Rotary holds dear. Rotarians Chip Griffin, Ken Honey and Bruce Tindal announced this year's winner, Ed Harding, who has been a mentor, a local public official and, most important, one of the founders of our community's beloved Fisherman's Festival. A sell-out crowd at the Clubhouse heartily agreed that Ed had earned the accolades and the title— even if he is a Lion!





Three new members at the Westbrook Gorham Club. Mike Foley (L) sponsored Robert Corthell and Patty Kennedy. Their two businesses are in Westbrook. Stan Sawyer sponsored Andrea Todd located in So. Portland and Biddeford. President Carlo is in front.



DGE'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It has been a pleasure seeing so many of you at the District Assembly and District Conference during the last few weeks. These events have provided all of us with the opportunity to share ideas, to learn from each other and as always make new Rotary friends.

I look forward to seeing you at the District Changeover Evening on June 24th in Portland at the "Holiday Inn By the Bay". It's an evening of celebration for all of the hard work & fun over the past twelve months, an evening for District Governor Liz to honor the accomplishments of the class of 2007-2008. It has been a

wonderful year of which we have learned how much more effective we are as Rotarians when "Rotary Shares." It is also the evening to attend and show your support for the incoming class of Club Presidents, who have given much time over the last six months to preparing themselves for their role as leaders of your clubs in the 2008-2009 Rotary year. Since January, they have attended the Future President's Dinner, Pre-P.E.T.S, P.E.T.S., the District Assembly and many also attended the District Conference, often taking time away from their families, friends and their jobs to learn as much as they can, to continue to make our clubs healthy, strong and effective in our communities and throughout the world. It's also the time to say thank-you to all of the current and incoming assistant governors and district team who are always ready and willing to step up and support the needs of the clubs and their members throughout our district. Hope to see you there! Enjoy some of the pictures taken at the District Assembly and District Conference of 2008.

In Rotary Service,

Brad



KENNEBUNK PORTSIDE ROTARY WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

MEETING DATE: Tuesday 29 April 2008
 MEETING PLACE: COMMUNITY CENTER
 KENNEBUNKPORT, ME
 MEETING TIME: 0715

This Week's Editor: Don Curry
 Next Month's Editor: Anita Troegner

Choregus Rand lead us in If I Had a Hammer with some vigorous bell banging by our very own President Sandy, who remarked that the high school guests of last week should have been here today to see that we really can sing.



Due to the unfinished state of the kitchen, Alan and Anita were unexpectedly called into KP duty.



Brunswick Coastal Tedford Gardening Project

President Tom Stypinski writes, "we had a good time and learned some gardening tips from Joel Leak and the other Master Gardeners".



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