



Rotary International District 7780

Archive

Oct 4, 2007

[Home](#)

[print this page](#)

District Information

[District Governor](#)
[District Calendar](#)
[DG Official Visits](#)
[Officers & Chairs](#)
[District Secretary](#)
[District Treasurer](#)
[Photo Gallery](#)
[Photo Album \(2007\)](#)
[District Bylaws](#)

Governors Newsletter

[Current](#)
[Archive](#)

District Club Info

[Links to Clubs](#)
[Make Up Opportunities](#)
[Club Fundraisers/Events](#)
[Speakers Bureau](#)
[World Community](#)

District Events/Forums

[District Assembly](#)
[District Changeover](#)
[District Conference](#)
[Foundation Seminar](#)
[Interact Conference](#)
[Intl Convention](#)
[Membership Seminar](#)
[Mid-Term Assembly](#)
[NE Multi-District PETS](#)
[RLI Course Dates](#)
[United Nations Day](#)
[W.U.P.D.](#)

District History

[Historian](#)
[Past Governors](#)

Foundation

[The Chair](#)
[Alumni Directory](#)
[Annual Giving](#)
[Foundation Grants](#)
[Group Study Exchange](#)
[Polio Plus](#)
[Foundation Scholarships](#)

Literacy

[Literacy Chair Message](#)
[Literacy Awards 2009-10](#)
[Literacy PR Release](#)
[4 Way Test Contest](#)
[Read Across America](#)
[Literacy Resources](#)

Membership

[Chair Message](#)
[Committee](#)
[Membership Tools](#)

Resources

[Health & Hunger](#)



Sanford/Springvale Rotary President Richard Bergeron presenting District Governor Liz Cullen a check made out in her name to Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$100.00. This was presented to Liz during her official District Governor visit to Rotary Clubs around the District.

A Word From Governor Liz-

Rotary International Promotes World Peace

RI President Wilf Wilkinson met with thirty-two District Governors from Zones 31 and 32 on October 4 at the Zone Institute in Mystic, Connecticut to give us an update on Rotary's role in promoting peace throughout the world. Since our success in all of our international projects—including polio eradication—is due to our grassroots approach, President Wilf decided to use the same approach in promoting world peace.

In order to this, President Wilf took the initiative by holding Peace Seminars for high-ranking government officials who represent countries who are torn by civil war or whose relations with their neighbors are at best less than cordial and at worst violently hostile. This past summer more than 400 people attended each

Peace Seminar in Sophia, Bulgaria, Ankara, Turkey, and Nairobi, Kenya. In November, Nigeria will also host a seminar and in April, 2008, there will be a joint seminar in Detroit and in Winsor, Ontario. President Wilf decided to hold a Canadian/American Peace Seminar because we are an example to the world, and "We want to show the world an undefended border and celebrate what we have done in North America."

Rotary International also promotes peace in the world by awarding up to 60 World Peace Fellowships at six Rotary Centers in the United States, England, Argentina, Japan and Australia. The fellowships are awarded on a competitive basis. To find out more about the Rotary Centers please visit the Rotary International website at www.rotary.org.

District 7780 Foundation Seminar

The Foundation Seminar will be held on Saturday morning, November 10 at—you guessed it—York County Community College, aka John's Place. Registration will be from 7:45 to 8:30. The program will start promptly at 8:30 and will end promptly at 11:30. The cost will be \$18.00. We have planned a very full program: District Foundation Chair Peter Johnson PDG will unravel the mysteries of The Rotary Foundation; Annual Giving Chair Bob Laux PDG will tell us why we should contribute to the foundation and the various

Public Relations
Water

Youth Programs

Interact
RYLA
Youth Exchange

Service Above Self
Forms & Documents
RI Links/Contacts

Contact Us

methods of painless giving; District PolioPlus Chair Joan Correll will give us an update on polio; and GSE Chair Karen Wendell PP will talk about our upcoming exchange with the Philippines. We will have discussion sessions with our clubs about local projects they have done with help from District Simplified Grants as well as international projects accomplished through Matching Grants. Registration forms will be sent out to Presidents and Secretaries momentarily. Please plan to come and to bring as many people as possible!

District 7780 Coming Attractions

Please save the dates!

Saturday, February 23, 2008: RI President Wilf Wilkinson will be the guest speaker and Guest of Honor at the World Understanding and Peace Dinner at the Sable Oaks in Portland.

May 2-4, 2008: Our District Conference at the Grand Hotel in North Conway. You can Register on line for the conference and the hotel at www.rotary7780.org. Sign up today for a chance to win free lodging for May 2 and 3.

June 15-18, 2008: Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles. You can register On line at www.rotary.org. Sign up today to insure your choice of lodgings and events!

Finally, in the first three months of this Rotary year I have visited thirty clubs in district 7780. Every club is involved with at least one international project and several, if not dozens of community projects. There are so many creative ideas and wonderful events going on that we can all benefit by sharing them with each other. How can we do that? By using the district website: www.rotary7780.org! I thank all of you who have shared your club's special moments by sending us your photographs and articles.

All the best!

Liz



Jay Spenciner PP Rotary Club of Bridgton leads the retention session at the District Membership Seminar

Gulf Coast Update

Boothbay Harbor's Marty Peak Helman recently visited numerous Rotary projects along the Gulf Coast, and she came home impressed by what she saw.

Rotary clubs from around the world -- most definitely including many from District 7780 -- contributed to a variety of Rotary funds that sprang up behind the flood waters. Using these funds and others, in the past two years Gulf Coast Rotary clubs in D-6840 have invested \$21 million to rebuild their home towns. That doesn't count the sweat-equity they have put toward the rebuilding, or the time spent organizing short-term volunteers from away, or overseeing the spending of the monies.

It's an acknowledged fact that the Rotary clubs that are most effective are those that are the busiest: Across the Gulf Coast district, Rotary membership is up and Rotary Foundation giving has hit a new high.

Marty's trip last month was timed to celebrate the grand reopening of the Mt. Olive Food Ministry, a rebuild accomplished by Rotary Rebuilds Slidell, which was paid for in part by contributions from several clubs in this District. For her work, the clubs of Slidell and Slidell Northshore honored Marty with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

There's much more to be done: Just as Rotary clubs revisit clean water and literacy programs every year, just as we have long-time commitments to Rotaplast and PolioPlus, similarly, it will take years to rebuild the Gulf Coast. The Boothbay Harbor club has now initiated a "reverse" grant to purchase literacy materials for a school in Plaquemines Parish, south of New Orleans, still hard hit by the storm.

For more information about the "reverse" literacy Matching Grant, please contact Marty Helman, mpeak@polaris.net; 207-633-6336.



Falmouth Rotary Shares!

Jim Gemmell of the Governor Baxter School receives a \$1,000 check from Falmouth Rotary President Aaron Rugh, center, and Gerry Giordano, right, from proceeds of the Rotary's concession sales at the 4th annual Show 'N Shine Car Show which was held July 29 at the school on Mackworth Island in Falmouth. The Downeast Porsche Club is the lead organizer of which Giordano is a member as well as his Rotary membership. Plans are underway for the 5th Annual show which will include hundreds of rare automobiles, music and food at a beautiful Casco Bay location.



Damariscotta-Newcastle Celebrates with a "Family of Rotary" Lobster Bake on the Damariscotta River

Rotary Cub of Damariscotta – Newcastle Hosts Fall "Family of Rotary" Lobster Bake

Rotarian Linda Brunner PP and spouse Dirk hosted the annual fall "Family of Rotary" social to thank club members and our extended family for all of their support and hard work this summer. Family members, some from as far away as California, honorary Rotarians and widows of dearly departed Rotarians joined in the festivities on the banks of the Damariscotta River, where a little rainy day dampness did not dampen the spirits of all involved. Joining in the family fun was even the winner of our recent dog show "Best Trick" category who proved that begging for lobster tidbits in his newest accomplishment.

Carol Ransom, President
The Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle



President Carlo welcomes new member Chris Doughty. Chris is with State Farm Insurance Co.

Westbrook-Gorham Inducts New Member!



Brunswick Coastal Rotary at the Great State of Maine Air Show

Seventeen BCR members and friends manned the "Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Ice Cream, Pretzels, Soda, And Sno Cones" kiosk at the September 15-16 Great State of Maine Air Show at the Brunswick Naval Air Station. Saturday's morning rains made for less attendance that day. Sunday's beautiful weather brought out a record crowd and made for a busy day for club Event Chair Sally LeBlanc and her crew.

New skills learned included how to make cotton candy in a 20 knot breeze, balancing the electric loads of our various machines, and salting pre-baked pretzels. Our folks had a lot more fun than those who only came to see the airplanes while raising money to fund our local community and international humanitarian projects.



Brenda (Gregoricus) Chapman past president of Saco Bay 2005-06 was married recently.

If you know Brenda, Rotary never leaves her mind. She had a "dollar dance" with the bride and groom and raised \$100 for the Foundation. Here is Brenda and former Past President Gary "Doc" Hammond dancing.



FREEPORT ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL

Third graders in Freeport and Pownal were the lucky recipients of personal dictionaries courtesy of the Freeport Rotary club. "Dictionary Day" is part of Freeport Rotary's Literacy Project designed to improve reading ability for all children. Freeport Rotary adopted this program in 2006 and plans to make it an annual event for all incoming third graders in Freeport and Pownal. The dictionaries were enthusiastically received and will be put to good use by these young readers.



Governor Liz Cullen and President Carol Ransom celebrate all of the accomplishments of the Damariscotta-Newcastle Club.



The Sanford/Springvale Rotary Club receiving the Goodall Hospital "Distinguished Community Service Award"

Pictured left to right are George Hissong, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Goodall Hospital, Mariann Goff, Past President of the Sanford/Springvale Rotary Club; Richard Bergeron President of the Sanford/Springvale Rotary Club and Darlene Stromstad President & CEO of Goodall Hospital. The presentation was made during the annual Goodall Hospital Gala held Saturday, September 29, 2007.



Bethel Rotary Gets Visit From Irish Rotarian!

Sylvia Tennant and Joan Lambert, from Dublin, Ireland recently visited the Bethel Rotary Club. Sylvia belongs to Rotary in Dublin and is a past president. The club she belongs to was the first to be established outside of the United States, in 1911.



Bethel Rotarians Laurence Austin, Mike Steven and Ellie Andrews cook at the recent HarvestFest, held on the Bethel Common. Undeterred by the showery weather, the Rotarians served up hot dogs and hamburgers to hungry festival-goers, with the proceeds going to support the Bethel Club's projects



Bridgton Lake-Region Rotary is participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange this year. Our student, Maggie Pakaska, visited our Club on September 13th and shared information about herself, her home country (Poland) and what she's been doing so far in Maine! She'll be staying with three different families during the year while attending Lake Region High School. She is 16 years old and has been studying English for a number of years. Enclosed is her photo; standing with President Mike Daley.

"What's Happening in the Hills" by AG Patty Rice

President Dave Sorenson of the **Fryeburg Area** Club recently returned from a trip to China. He had the opportunity to go to a Rotary meeting, and there were members just at his table from Austria, Germany, Japan, Texas, France and **Fryeburg, ME**. Wow! What a true international organization we belong to!

The Rotary Club of **Rumford** just completed a successful lobster lunch with 325 orders delivered. Miranda Brackett, a MVHS senior, spoke about her RYLA counseling experience and presented the club with \$225 towards next year's RYLA recipient. What an amazing young lady and certainly a future leader!

October is shaping up to be busy. To kick the month off the Club, with the help of the Interact Cub, is going to open the Fun and Fitness Fair at Black Mountain of Maine with a pancake breakfast. The following weekend, 10/13, is their Oktoberfest, starting off with a pancake breakfast, then opportunities for palm and Rune stone readings, with many items for sale like holiday crafts, baked goodies, jams & jellies, toys, jewelry and more! Pizza for lunch and a Chinese auction are also on the schedule. For more info, contact President Charley Leduc at cleduc1@verizon.net.

The Rotary Club of **Bridgton Lake Region** held a successful blood drive and reported 58 pints were obtained for the Red Cross. They will be hosting Governor Liz and touring her around the famous Fryeburg Fair (the largest fair in Maine). Rumor has it they may even put her to work serving up their delicious baked potatoes, a joint fund raiser project with the **Fryeburg Area** Club.

The **Oxford Hills** Club has ordered their dictionaries to be delivered to all 3rd graders (300+) in their District. They will also be moving outdoor playground equipment for the Child Health Center, as they have sold their building and are moving their operations center. The Club originally helped assemble the equipment several years ago, so they've offered to move it, as a community service project. The Club is also planning on having a booth at the upcoming Business Showcase to promote PR for their club.

The **Bethel** Club recently participated in the area Harvest Fest and raised money to support their club projects. They are also working on increasing their PR image, and are designing placemats to use at Club events to promote the many projects they support. The **Oxford Hills** Club was more than happy to "share" this marketing tool with their sponsor club.



How Large is Your Rotary Wheel?

My husband and I recently spent a weekend in western Pennsylvania, and as we always do when we are exploring new territory, we kept our eyes peeled for those blue Rotary wheels that are posted on the side of the road announcing where Rotary meets in that community.

The Rotary wheel is one of the best-known logos in the world, right up there with Coca-Cola's red stripe and the AT&T globe. It's also one of the most respected! So all we need to do is use it!

And clubs in 7780 are using the Rotary wheel in the most innovative ways. Many of our clubs wear that wheel on our work shirts, as decals on our cars, print them on placemats at fundraisers, and include them on the bookplates of the books we give to elementary school kids and as speaker honoraria to the local library. Think about it: If you give a book, that's a service. If you give a book with a bookplate inscribed with your club name and the Rotary wheel, that's a service PLUS it gets the Rotary name distributed all over town.

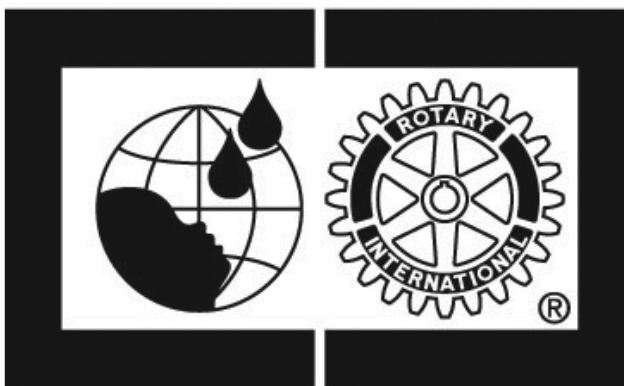
The prize for largest free-standing Rotary wheel in 7780 (and as far as I know, the world!) goes hands-down to the Wheel of Saco Bay and Kennebunk. It's big! The Wheel was originally conceived and built by Al Carignan of Saco Bay, and in addition to publicizing local events, it was frequently loaned out to other clubs, rolling (on its own trailer!) as far as Rhode Island to take part in parades.

By 2006, after years of hard use and exposure to the weather, the Wheel was on its last cog. Its renewal is an incredible story that exemplifies "Rotary shares!" At the heart of the story: David Moravick and Ronald Gagne arranged for the Wheel to be rebuilt by the Center for Technology using the original template. Today, the Wheel is once again a movable "fixture" announcing Rotary events and fundraisers all over York County.

To create your own wheel, mega- or otherwise, contact David Moravick of the Kennebunk club. To purchase Rotary bookplates, placemats and other signage, check out the official Rotary catalogs. Or, save money and print your own: You can download PDFs of the Rotary wheel from the RI website: <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/graphics/index.html>

Do you have an insurmountable problem – or a fabulous project – related to Club public relations? Let me know: mpeak@polaris.net and I'll share your wins and seek ideas to help cure your woes. Together, we'll spread the word on all the great stuff our clubs do!
--Marty Peak Helman, District PR Coordinator

PolioPlus

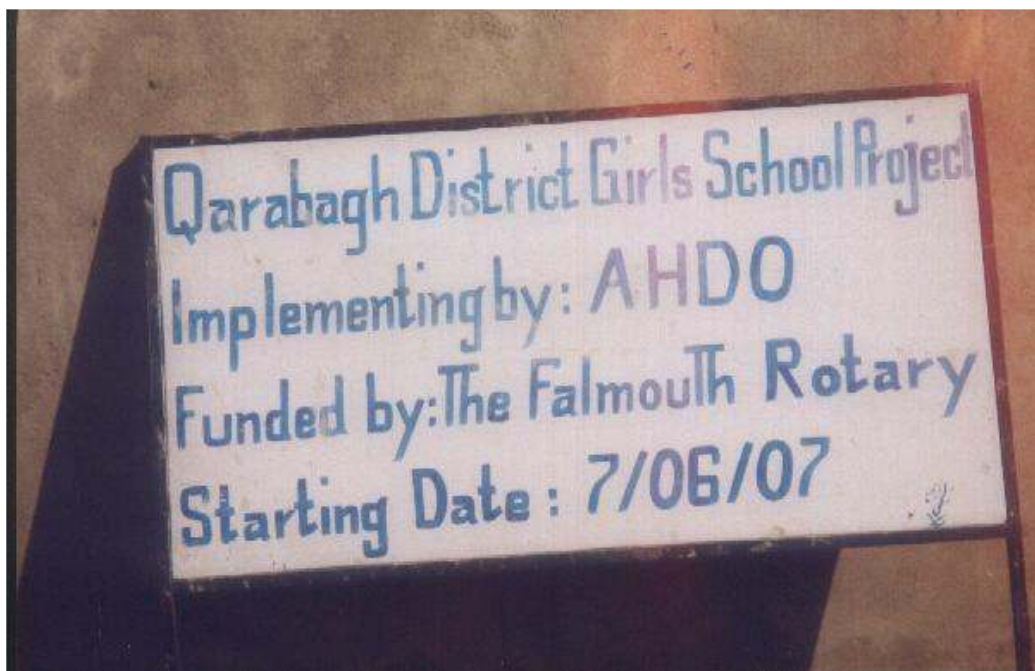


Rotary International

The War Goes On And So Does Polio

The War goes on and so does Polio. Our news these days is dominated by the war in Iraq. However, please know that your PolioPlus dollars are assuring that NID's (National Immunization Days) continue during these dangerous times, even throughout the perilous areas involved in the war, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan included. For Rotary to continue it's very important role in eliminating this devastating disease, we need the funding. Please consider allocating your foundation contributions for this most worthwhile endeavor. Let's help wipe this dreaded disease off the planet once and for all. We are so close. For more information on how you can help, please contact me (joanc@correllassociates.com) or check out PolioPlus on RI's web site (www.rotary.org), under the heading "The Rotary Foundation".

Joan Correll, PolioPlus Sub Committee Chair
Hampton Rotary Club



Falmouth Rotary's Afghan School Update

Falmouth Rotary Club is pleased to report that the Qala Bibi Girls School was handed over to the community on October 9, amidst a wonderful ceremony. Sherwali Wardak, executive director of Agriculture Health and Development Organization based in Kabul spoke on Rotary's behalf. His organization did an excellent job as our implementing partner, from developing community consensus to hiring the contractor, assuring that construction standards were met, and managing construction funds. In addition, we received invaluable

support from Emerald City Rotary Club (Seattle) Rotarian Suzanne Griffin, who lives in Aghanistan and works for Save the Children. She donated her time to provide guidance and project monitoring.

Sherwali is traveling from Afghanistan to Maine November 1-7, to report on the project to Falmouth Rotary Club. Rotarians are invited to Falmouth Rotary's weekly meeting on Monday, November 5th at 4:30 to see pictures and hear Sherwali talk about the importance of education in peace-building.



Rear, l-r: Adolph Gerrick, Gorham; Luke Van der Krol, Gorham; Olivia Hebert, Westbrook; Alex Grant, Westbrook; Front, Hannah Lilly, Gorham; Aimee Clarrage, Westbrook. Each student told about their RYLA experience

Westbrook Gorham Hosts RYLA Students



DGE's Corner~

G.E.T.S. (Governor-Elect Training Seminar) Mystic, CT – ZONE 31 & 32

I just returned yesterday from beautiful Mystic, CT where Past, Present and Future Governors, Trainers, Directors, Past RI Presidents and all of their partners were joined by RIVP Mike McGovern, and RI President Wilf Wilkinson and his wife Joan for an incredible week of Rotary education, training and of course fellowship.

The emphasis of the training, as it is with our own district, focused on the foundation and membership, both key and vital components to the continued success of Rotary International.

FOUNDATION

We all know how important it is to put a face to the foundation – to constantly remind each and every one of us why we as individuals and our clubs need to be contributing to the Foundation each year. I have to share with you how proud I was to be in a session this past week when District 7780 was announced as having double the number of matching grants than any other district in our Zone. You are involved in so many projects all over the world, that I couldn't help but remember all of the images on the video at last year's World Peace & Understanding Dinner Event –it is your faces that I and so many others in the district see when we think of "The Rotary Foundation".

MEMBERSHIP

One of the best ingredients for a good, strong and healthy club is fellowship. Many Rotarians are also

members of their local chamber of commerce and if you are like me and other members of my club, we look forward each month to socializing at Business After Hours, (BAH) not only with one another, but other business leaders and owners each month. Why not consider a Rotary After Hours (RAH), once a month or every other month and share Rotary with family members, friends and your local community. You will create the opportunity to not only strengthen the fellowship in your club, but you will be exposing other potential members to the magic of Rotary.

Yours in Rotary,

Governor-Elect Brad Jett

Content Copyright © 2003-2012 ""Rotary International District 7780 USA"". [Additional Copyright, Trademark and Website Information](#)

Powered by [ClubWizard™](#) Service Club Website and Management Software. [Click here to find out more about this web site and how it works.](#)