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Membership



Biddeford-Saco Rotary- PDG Ron Drouin, DG Liz Cullen and President Denis Elie keep the District 7780 Pink Flamingo Tradition alive at their meeting on August 8.

A Word From Governor Liz

Sharing Rotary

We will hold our annual District Membership Seminar on Saturday morning, September 15 at York County Community College in Wells. Registration is from 7:45-8:30. The program will be from 8:30 to 11:45. The cost is \$18.00 and includes a continental breakfast. Discussion groups will include:

- Retention: The perennial challenge led by Jay Spenciner, PP
 Rotary Club of Bridgton-Lake Region
- R.O.A.R. with Wilt Jones, AG, Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle
- Public Relations: Getting the word out with Marty Peak-Helman, PP
 Rotary Club of Boothbay Harbor
 District 7780 Public Relations Resource Coordinator
- The Family of Rotary: Sharing Rotary with Judy and Gary Speers, PP
 Rotary Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle
 District 7780 Family of Rotary Resource Coordinator

Who should attend? Presidents, Presidents-elect, club membership chairs, board members, new members and experienced members. Please come and share your ideas and concerns with all of the clubs in our district!

District 7780 Shares

In the Rotary year 2007-2008 it is a basic mission of the district to help clubs to learn from each

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other. We have a district-wide system for sharing information, namely the district website. I have visited twenty-one clubs since July first and I never cease to be amazed at all of the wonderful things that are going on. There are any number of incredibly creative ideas in our district and we can all benefit by sharing them with each other. We have golf tournaments, road races, car raffles, dog shows, a road rally and even a Rotary softball team just to name a few! Please take advantage of the Information Age by using and sharing the many pages on our website: www.rotary7780.org. The possibilities are endless!

We also share a support structure for carrying out Rotary initiatives. Are you looking for a dynamic speaker with a great program? The District 7780 Committee Chairs are ready, willing and able to come to your club. They are also sources of all the Rotary information that you want, and much, much more. Please contact:

PolioPlus: Joan Correll

Group Study Exchange: Karen Wendell PP

The Rotary Foundation: PDG Peter Johnson

Annual Giving: PDG Bob Laux

Public Relations: Marty Peak-Helman PP

Literacy: Carolyn Johnson

The Family of Rotary: Gary Speers PP

Interact: PDG Elias Thomas

Water: PDG George Rice

Health and Hunger: Judy Morin PP

Guess where you can find their contact information! Under Officers and Chairs on the district website, www.rotary7780.org.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have shared your club's special moments with all of us by sending your photographs and articles.

All the best!

Liz DG



2007-08 Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grants Awarded

Gov Liz is pleased to announce that District Simplified Grants for this Rotary year have been awarded. Our District received requests for about \$31,000 of Grant monies, against an available pool of a little over \$20,000. It is important to remember that the amount of money that is available to distribute among clubs in our district is directly related to the amount of money we, as both Clubs and as individuals, contribute to the Annual Program Funds of The Rotary Foundation. As many have heard "The more that goes in, the more than comes out – it is just that simple".

The District Foundation Committee, led by PDG Peter Johnson, is a mix of five Past Governors and four Past Presidents who spent significant time deliberating the merits of each request in hopes of achieving as equitable a conclusion as possible. Anyone wishing a more thorough understanding of the process need only call Peter, 800-451-0369(w) 207-846-6526(h).

A few grants were fully funded, a few were significantly discounted from the original request, and many fell in-between. The amount of the grants ranged from a low of \$700 to a high of \$2500. Grant recipients were the Rotary Clubs of Boothbay Harbor, Bridgton-Lake Region, Brunswick Coastal, Fryeburg Area, Hampton, Newburyport, Portsmouth Sunrise, Saco Bay, Sanford-Springvale, Sebago Lake, South Berwick, Wells, and Yarmouth.

Most importantly, Governor Liz noted, is that the District Simplified Grant program is a means to use a portion of Rotary Foundation assets to assist in a wide array of local projects, including multiple variations on a theme regarding literacy, community assets (such as playgrounds, a youth center, a senior center, a common garden, emergency medical services), and Meals on Wheels. "In all cases, this is about using relatively small amounts of capital to leverage Rotarians' time and involvement into much more meaningful programs than the dollar amounts suggest, and I find the entire process and the anticipated results to be both extremely exciting, bringing even more substance to the idea that ROTARY SHARES."



Rochester Rotary Club President Walter Hoerman presents Governor Liz with a donation to The Rotary Foundation



Gary Berenson, President of the Rotary Club of Breakwater Daybreak congratulates Jeff Hobbs, owner of Hobbs Funeral Home as being the first "Merchant of the Month". Jeff is a member of the Rotary Club of South Portland Cape Elizabeth. Criteria for receiving this award include outstanding service to the community and a record of social commitment. Hobbs has served the South Portland and Greater Portland area with distinction since 1941 and enjoys a sterling reputation within the community.

AREA 5 Club Updates from AG Shirley Mooers

Westbrook-Gorham

The Club is working on this year's Golf Tournament, which will be on Sept. 25, 12:00n at the Gorham Country Club. Sponsor types are: Platinum--\$600; Gold--\$450; Hole--\$100; Individual player \$80. Individuals and Businesses are welcome to donate prizes that will be awarded to the winning teams or individuals. Registration includes Green fee, riding cart and light buffet after the tournament. Registration forms must be completed and returned with your check by September 18, 2007. For more information or a registration form, contact Steven W. Rand.

Portland

Portland Rotarian George Crockett is heading to Africa again! This October George will be traveling for a polio immunization mission to Ethiopia. To maximize the value of the trip he will be working on other projects while he is there. One is with the Fistula Hospital that provides free surgery to correct problems resulting from child birth trauma. For more information go to: www.fistulahospital.org. Ethiopia is a scarf wearing country. The Rotary Clubs of District 7780 have been asked to bring scarves to give to the woman when they leave the hospital. It has been suggested and confirmed that American women accumulate them in the backs of their drawers. This is a chance to clean them out by bringing them to Rotary and contributing them to these women. Please contact George Crockett at gcrocke2@maine.rr.com if you can help with this very worthwhile project.

Breakwater Daybreak

The Club worked at "Art in the Park" at Mill Creek in South Portland. There was 100% participation along with some of the spouses of Rotarians. We cooked hot dogs, hamburgers and bratwurst with peppers and onions. It was a huge success, selling all of the supplies right up to the end of the day. The day was beautiful and we had a wonderful time. This is the third year and every year we have made more money to put back into the community.

SebagoLake

Our 4th Annual Poker Run was an extreme success! Great fun, awesome sun and a fabulous music! 75 boats entered in this year for the Poker Run with 4 hours of fun and sun on the lake. We all gathered to finish the night off with the music of Motor Booty Affair! With big hair and good food and a fabulous brew fest we had a blast.

Over all we were able to start a permanent fund, put away ½ of our Foundation pledge for this year and were able to fund 6 months of community projects.

Falmouth

President Aaron is proud of the fact that the Falmouth Club has reached their goal of almost \$90,000 for the Qarabagh District Girls School in Kabul Province, Afghanistan. The school will be for 250 girls, grades one through six, and additional space for a community learning center will be included for women's literacy and health education programs. The school will have eight classrooms, community meeting room, two administrative rooms, a library, one deep well, playground equipment, and surrounding wall. The school still needs things such as desks, but President Rugh is sure that they will be able to obtain them. Ann Payson of the Falmouth Club has been the driving force and thanks to her, friends and other members of the club, they were able to reach their goal.

Casco Bay Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Casco Bay Sunrise is sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Wayside Soup Kitchen on Friday and Saturday September 28 & 29 at the Shaw's Westgate store on outer Congress Street in Portland. Many clubs in the Greater Portland area support the Wayside Soup Kitchen by volunteering to serve meals so we wanted everyone to know what we have planned in case you would like to donate food to the program as well.



A good time was had by all at the Casco Bay Sunrise Rotary cruise on, where else--Casco Bay!



Governor Liz Vists Ogunquit Rotary

Left: President Ben Oliver has just presented Governor Liz Cullen a check for Polio Plus for \$100.00 She said that recently, 167 million were immunized in India one day.

Right: When a guest speaker comes to speak, especially the Governor, we present a small Thank You gift as a remembrance. Secretary Kathy Wright presents a Speaker's Pen to Governor Liz.



Bridgeton Lakes Region Rotary on a Crime Watch!

Pauline Dellosso is presented with a check for \$150 from Club President, Mike Daley, which will go towards Crime Watch signs for the town of Bridgeton.



Bethel Rotary donates to the Bethel District Exchange

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

The Rotary Club of **Rumford** has made an official change to their meeting place and will no longer be meeting at the Green Church. Their new venue will be The Boiler Room in downtown Rumford still at noon on Mondays. They are also working on their next Lobster Lunch scheduled for September 24th. They enjoyed lots of fellowship with Governor Liz during her official visit, and made a donation to Polio in her honor.

The **Bethel** Club enjoyed hosting Governor Liz on her official visit. After the Club's regular morning meeting, President Pat Roma and Past President Cynthia Moran-Laux took her on a tour of Bethel businesses and landmarks. A donation was made in Liz's honor to the Bethel District Exchange to benefit their food pantry.

The **Oxford Hills** Club held another successful lobster feed, selling all 450 lobsters. Club members are signing up for slots to help the local Oxford County Fair with parking, to raise money for the club. They enjoyed a great time with Governor Liz and presented a donation in her honor to the local homeless shelter.

The Rotary Club of **Bridgton-Lake Region** is participating in the Rotary Youth Exchange program and welcomes Maggie Pakalska who arrived from Poland. The Club is gearing up for their annual trek to the Fryeburg Fair, held 9/30-10/6, where they sell baked potatoes as a joint fundraiser with the Fryeburg Club.

The **Fryeburg** Club is also signing members up to work the Fryeburg Fair selling their baked potatoes. It's a great joint effort with the two clubs working together. Be sure to stop by their booth if you're at the fair, the toppings are great!



Pastor Frank Jewett gives **Oxford Hills** Rotary President Donna Martin a tee shirt in appreciation for the clubs donation to Gift For The Kids. Gift for the Kids provides aid and relief to orphans and vulnerable children with H.I.V. AIDS.



Bet You Thought PolioPlus Was Over!

So did I! That is until DG Liz Cullen asked me to Chair the District's PolioPlus Program. Those of us who have been in Rotary for a while know that RI's goal was to eradicate polio from the face of the earth by our 100th anniversary in 2005. Back in 1985 when this program began, along with our Partners, UNICEF, WHO, and CDC, twenty years seemed like a reasonable goal. Well, we almost made it. By 2005, polio was a disease of the past for 99% of the world. Unanticipated events such as conflicts and politics have slowed things down a bit, but we are back on track and moving forward on the final push. There are only four countries where the virus remains endemic – Nigeria, India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

PolioPlus desperately needs your help to finish this most ambitious project in Rotary's history. We need you to open your wallets as both individuals and as Clubs; we need you to use your legs and participate in an NID (National Immunization Day); and we need you to use your voice and spread the word.

As Immediate Past President Bill Boyd said, "Put simply, the job is not finished, and Rotary keeps its promises. We promised the children of the world that they would not have to face the threat of that dreaded disease. If we are to fulfill this promise, we need to stay focused until there is no more wild poliovirus."

Please contact me for any further information @ joanc@correllassociates.com or 603-964-9523. I promise to get you prompt answers to any questions and prompt information for how you may

help in this very important endeavor.

Joan Correll
District Chair, PolioPlus



The Local Paper Won't Print Anything About Our Club (and other urban legends)

Common wisdom in the Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotary Club was that the local Lincoln County News wouldn't run anything on Rotary. The club meets Tuesday breakfast, and the weekly editorial deadline is Tuesday noon. That tight deadline was really hard to meet, but even when club members busted a gut to do so, the paper invariably failed to run their article.

That was the situation when Gary Speers became president and de facto PR chair in 2006. Gary responded by doing something bizarre: He called up the editor directly, and asked what the problem was.

Simple question, simple answer: It turns out that, because the editor didn't often receive articles from the Rotary club, she didn't leave space for them. When they did show up, the paper was invariably full, and the material was usually out-of-date by the following week. Hence the cutting-room floor.

Simple answers usually result in even simpler solutions: Gary cut a deal. Gary would guarantee an article written and submitted every week by the Tuesday deadline, and the editor would do her utmost to make sure it ran in the paper.

One year later, the Damariscotta-Newcastle club has a scrapbook full of articles and photos that have run weekly in the Lincoln County News, and general recognition of the club and its activities has never been greater in the community.

There's a moral to this story. If you feel your local paper or media outlet is ignoring you, remember Gary: Pick up the phone, get to the bottom of the problem and work out a solution.

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



Brunswick Coastal Club "Takes a Walk"

Recently the Brunswick Coastal club took a week off from their usual meeting place (China Rose Restaurant, 42 Bath Road, Brunswick, Wednesday, 6 PM) and instead on August 22nd, "took a walk" taking advantage of Maine's cool late summer evenings and sea breezes. Willing club members took a short hike in the Skolfield Shores Preserve in nearby Harpswell. The trail provided views of bird habitat marshland, colonial shell middens and an historic boathouse along the Preserve's 4400 feet of shorefront overlooking Middle Bay Cove. After the walk a short regular club meeting was held at the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust's new building on Harpswell Neck Road. The HHLT (<http://www.hhlmaine.org/>) is dedicated to preserving the natural and cultural resources of Harpswell. The members enjoyed salad and pizza, conducted club business, inspected original paintings by local artists Donna Coffin and Lennie Mullaney and talked with guest Rotarian Norbert Hootsmans from the Netherlands.



Auction Chair Foster provides last minute instructions to BBH Rotarians

Boothbay Harbor Auction Breaks all Previous Records

The Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club's 50th annual Charity Auction and Flea Market held in early August was the absolutely greatest ever! The club raked in a record (and whopping) \$37,000 gross, all from selling cast-offs donated to us at no cost other than the back-breaking labor of hauling them off.

Even better (almost!) than the money was the feeling of fellowship and teamwork exhibited by the entire club through the long weeks of preparation leading up to the all-important setup Friday and auction Saturday. Auction Chair Foster Stroup especially recognized the contributions of our newer members, who pitched in with the more experienced ones to get the job done.

Our visiting "summer Rotarians" were an essential part of the work team, and so were numerous family members (spouses, moms, kids, grandkids) as well as neighbors and just about anyone we could con into putting on a Rotary work shirt and pitching in! In keeping with our tradition, we wrapped up the Auction celebration by awarding Paul Harris honors to three multi-year non-Rotarian volunteers.



Hampton Rotary President Dan Dolan presents a check to TRF on behalf of DG Liz Cullen

Rotary Leadership Institute
Coming soon to a location near you!

October 27, 2007 Dartmouth Medical Center
Lebanon, N.H. Sessions 1-2

November 17th Bates College
Lewiston, Me. Sessions 1-2-3- Graduate

March 8, 2008 York Community College
Wells, Me. Sessions 1-2-3- Graduate
A strong Club is strong Rotarians-
Come one Come all
Register on line at www.rlinea.com



Rotarian Linda Brunner (PP) "Shares" directions to great deals with a MMHL Rummage sale customer.

Damariscotta-Newcastle "Shares the Workload"

Question: Take six "Circus Big Top Tents", thousands of hand-me-down items, great weather and add a dash of dedicated volunteers and what do you get? Answer: The annual Miles Memorial Hospital League Rummage sale in Damariscotta, Maine, the site where Damariscotta-Newcastle Rotarians proved once again that "Rotary Shares".

Over the three and a half days of actual sales the event billed as the largest Rummage Sale in New England raised a record \$128,000 for equipment for our local Hospital. Rotarians share the workload with other community volunteers during the week long setup period and the sale by assisting with sorting, pricing, arranging tent layouts, parking, sales and twenty four hour a day security details. This year our Rotarians alone shared three hundred twenty two volunteer hours of their time and talent to make the fund raiser a smashing success.

District Attendance

All Clubs	Members 6/31/2007	Members After Last Meeting	Attendance Average	# of Meetings	Plus/Minus
Bath	50	50	66.59%	5	0
Bath Sunrise	18	18		4	0
Bethel	38	38	87%	5	0
Biddeford - Saco	57	58	62.91%	3	1
Boothbay Harbor	41	42	67.95%	4	1
Breakwater Daybreak					
Bridgton - Lake Region	27	27	78%	4	0

Brunswick	74	75	67.60%	5	1
Brunswick Coastal	17	17	55%	3	0
Casco Bay Sunrise	22	23	64%	3	1
Damariscotta - New Castle	58	57	75.93%	4	-1
Dover	78	78	72.99%	3	0
Durham - Great Bay	49	49	65%	3	0
Exeter	40	38	69%	4	-2
Falmouth	20	21	55%	3	1
Freeport	22	23	75.70%	3	1
Fryeburg Area	40	41	69%	5	1
Hampton	70	72	71.90%	5	2
Kennebunk	65	65	74.29%	4	0
Kennebunk Portside	39	39	80.22%	5	0
Kittery	21	21	79%	5	0
Newburyport	72	74	64%	4	2
Ogunquit	30	31	80%	3	1
Oxford Hills	45	43	81.40%	3	-2
Portland	154	155	43%	4	1
Portsmouth	225	226	59.06%	3	1
Portsmouth Sunrise	37	36	57%	4	-1
Rochester	83	83	74.55%	5	0
Rumford	27	27	69%	4	0
Saco Bay	66	67	69.03%	4	1
Sanford - Springvale	49	49	67.39%	4	0
Scarborough	26	26	57%	4	0
South Berwick	32	31	65.38%	3	-1
South Portland - Cape Elizabeth	50	50	70.40%	3	0
Sommersworth					
Topsham-Expresso	20	21	94%	5	1
Wells	37	37	76%	5	0
Westbrook - Gorham	41	41	65.80%	3	0
Windham - Sebago					
Yarmouth	25	27	54%	4	2
York	57	54	78.23%	4	-3
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Youngest Paul Harris Fellow

The newest member inducted into the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club is Keith Wells. Keith recently moved here from New Hampshire and is the assistant manager at Uno's in South Portland. In attendance at his induction was his wife Karlee and sons Hunter and Haydn. Keith's father in law, Jim Barrington is a long time Rotarian currently residing in Texas, and had previously honored Karlee and Hunter as Paul Harris Fellows. This recognition is named after Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary International and is given with a significant donation to the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation is the source that funds the man, varied programs of Rotary International (matching grants for international service projects, Polio Plus eradication efforts, disaster recovery to name a few). At the induction, Keith's son Hayden was recognized by grandfather Jim Barrington as a Paul Harris Fellow. There is no record of ages of Paul Harris Fellows, but certainly Hayden, at age 2, is the youngest ever recognized in the South Portland/Cape Elizabeth Club! For more information about Rotary, go to www.rotary.org.

DGE's Corner

As District Governor Liz's membership seminar is scheduled less than a few weeks away, I can't help but realize on how important and vital each one of us is to our clubs, our district and ultimately to the world of Rotary.

I look at my own club in Hampton, NH and realize the lifetime friendships that I have forged with the members of my club. When I reflect, on what my club means to me personally, I realize that my fellow Rotarians are just not members of the same club, but members of my extended family. I feel like I am one of the lucky ones, because I have reached that point in my life, where I just don't attend a meeting once a week, but actually look forward each week to the fellowship, the sharing of my life with theirs and theirs with mine, and the extraordinary opportunity to make a difference in our community and throughout the world together. We take the time to be with each other and to get to know each other, not only when we roll up our sleeves at services projects like our local soup kitchen, blood drives, highway & park clean-up, Salvation bell ringing, or fundraising events, but even at pool parties, cruises, softball games, evening cocktail parties, football fellowship and so much more. When men & women join Rotary, young or old, it's at a time in our lives when we're ready to work together, and more importantly respect one another for the good of all that we can accomplish together. Take the time to value who is already in your club – we all need to be mindful that everyone has something to contribute to the dynamics and strength of each club. Every existing member is vital to the overall success of our clubs, district and to the world.

Hope to see you all at the membership seminar on Saturday, September 15th at York Community College.

Yours in Rotary,

Brad
Brad Jett, DGN

ROTARY THANKSGIVING
(To the Tune of I've Been Working on the Railway)

words by Alan Mills 2005

**We've been working hard for Rotary
Throughout this blessed year.
We've been working hard for Rotary
With fun and with good cheer.
Now it's time to stop and give thanks
And count our blessings dear.
Yes it's time to give thanks for all our friends right here.**

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