

DISTRICT 7780 NEWSLETTER

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District Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

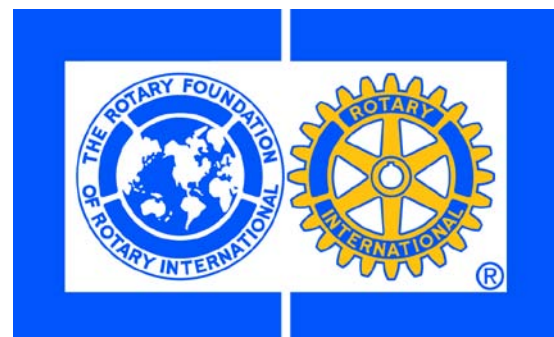
November is *Rotary Foundation Month* - a time at which I ask all of you to simply take the opportunity to pause and reflect about all of the great humanitarian projects that have been carried out in communities throughout our district and around the globe with the help of you & your fellow Rotarians and the assistance of our *Foundation*. Think about the experiences that we share with the GSE team each year. Paid in full by the Rotary Foundation - made possible by your dollars - your contribution. Think about all of our local projects that have been implemented through District Simplified Grant money over the years - dictionary projects, visiting library program, gardens & paths for a cancer care center, a van for a local food bank, preparing meals and serving patrons at our local soup kitchens, internet safety education, equipment and fencing for local playgrounds and so much more. And don't forget the projects that have become a reality around the world through matching grants that we have initiated - drinking water and latrines in Uganda, providing water for a 250 bed in Haiti, musical instruments for a school for talented, underprivileged children in Poland, wells to provide drinking water for schools in Kenya, equipment for clinical laboratory at a nursing college in South Africa and the list goes on and on. Please consider making a personal contribution **today** to the Rotary Foundation -and ask your club to support the Foundation by making a contribution as well. Together, we are changing lives and saving lives - and today, by making a contribution, we can make a difference in what we can accomplish tomorrow.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Rotary service,

DG Brad

A special "Thank You" to Brown Fox Printing of Scarborough for providing the Note Pads to all the attendees at the Foundation/Membership Seminar



Be Proud To Be A Rotarian

Bath Rotary Club

President Annie Merry looks on as City Arborist Tom Hoerth thanks the club after being presented a check for \$500.00



President Annie Merry presents a check to DG Brad with a donation to the Rotary Foundation

DG Brad presents a Make Dreams Real theme tie to President Annie's father, George Walker for his 55 years of perfect attendance to Rotary



Membership Retention
is vital to the growth of
Rotary

Bethel Rotary Club

The Bethel Rotary Club recently enjoyed a comedy skit entitled "Late Date," performed by the Senior Players. The players are a group of over-50 amateur actors who—acknowledging their middle-aged-to-senior memories—may read their lines during performances. The Players are a project of the Western Mountains Senior College.



At right is Bethel Rotarian Joe Arizzi.

In other news, the Bethel Rotary Club is coordinating a project to provide snow plowing for limited or fixed income area residents this winter at little or no cost. Club members are enlisting contractors and meeting with them at a planning breakfast. We will also hold our annual Fall Country Breakfast at Gould Academy's Ordway Hall in Bethel on Nov. 30 from 7:30 to 11 a.m. Join us if you can. And we are currently constructing a new website at www.bethelrotary.org. Visit us there.

District Four-Way Test Contest Announced

Looking for a way for your club to connect with youth in your community, celebrate Rotary, and promote use of the 4-Way Test as a tool for decision-making in every day life? Looking for an innovative local literacy project? Then the District 7780 four-Way Test Public Speaking Contest is a project your club should consider.

Throughout the fall, Governor Brad has promoted the District 4-Way Test contest during his visits to the clubs as a marvelous opportunity to introduce young people to the standard Rotarians use to make ethical decisions in our professional and personal lives. Building the Test into a public speaking contest for High School students fits well into Rotary's support of developing literacy skills (writing and speaking), as it complements any school's code of conduct or emphasis on anti-bullying and teaching tolerance.

Clubs interested in participating should contact their local high school to enlist the support of administration and staff. A sample letter that may be used to introduce the contest to schools is posted on the District 7780 website. Clubs who intend to participate in the contest must complete the registration form and remit the entry fee of \$200 by January 30, 2009 (Entry fees will be used for prizes at the area and district level competitions). Club level contests must be completed by 30 March. A district "Speak Off" will be held in April (date and location to be announced), with the four finalists competing at our District Conference in June.

This truly is a marvelous opportunity to promote and celebrate Rotary. Specific information, including the history of the 4-Way Test, sample letters, rules, and timelines are posted on the District website. Questions? Contact Carolyn Johnson, District Literacy Resource Coordinator.

November is Rotary Foundation Month

7780 Clubs “Make Dreams Real” Through Matching Grants

Sanitary facilities for a small village in India, hearing aids for needy children in the Dominican Republic, and a coffee cooperative in Uganda.

What do these three “needs” have in common? They are all humanitarian projects that clubs in our District are working to make happen, and they are leveraging club funds and doing so via Rotary Foundation Matching Grants. Congratulations to Sanford–Springvale, Portland and Brunswick Coastal who are truly “making dreams real” by reaching out in tangible ways to neighbors in need both in this hemisphere and on the other side of the world.

And there’s more: South Portland Cape Elizabeth is currently exploring a hunger project in Haiti; Casco Bay Sunrise is hoping to build wheelchairs in Nigeria; and Durham–Great Bay plans to provide equipment to a children’s hospital in Egypt. As amazing as all these projects are, perhaps the most ambitious Matching Grant currently in the “we can do it” stage in our District is Falmouth’s dream to equip the school in Afghanistan that they built with club funds last year.

District matching “DDF” funds – as well as Rotary International matching funds – are available to help make your club’s humanitarian dreams real. For more information, check out the District website pages that describe “Foundation Grants,” or email Marty Peak Helman, District grants coordinator, at grants@walterfoundation.org.

Rotary Club of Bridgton–Lake Region

The Rotary Club of Bridgton–Lake Region has recently inducted 5 new members and named four members as Paul Harris Fellows. They have interviewed and selected 9 outstanding students to be honored as their Students of the Month who will be invited to join them at a meeting as the year progresses. The Club continues their efforts with “Project Warm”, a community effort to help individuals with temporary relief, a warm daytime place, and information to help them help themselves this winter.

Bridgton’s newest Paul Harris Fellows:
Tom Churches, Bob Mawhinney, Mike Daley
(not present, Kathy Story)

L to R: Tom Churches, Bob Mawhinney, Edna Fadden, Faye Daley, Mike Daley



Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco

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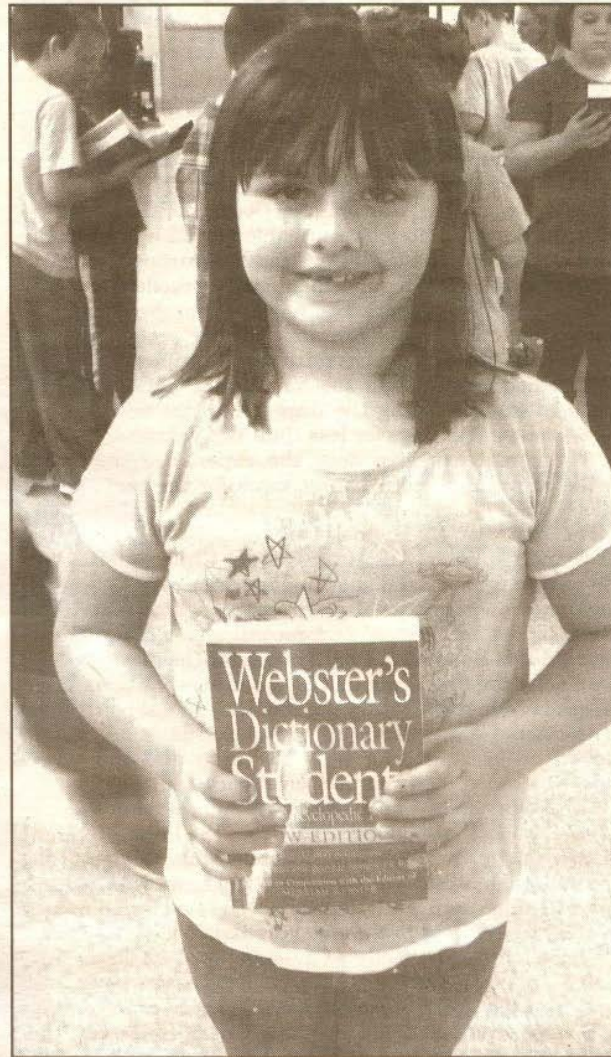
Club stresses importance of literacy

Rotarians from the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club recently visited local third graders to talk to them about the importance of literacy. While visiting they surprised them with a brand new dictionary to bring home and use throughout their education. About 700 third graders received dictionaries through the Dictionary Project in the following schools: Biddeford Primary, C.K. Burns in Saco, Dayton Consolidated, Jameson Elementary in Old Orchard Beach, Mildred L. Day in Arundel, Notre Dame de Lourdes in Saco and St. James in Biddeford.

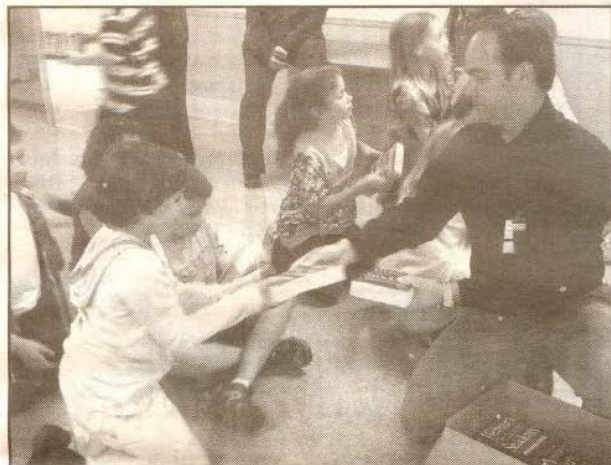
The Dictionary Project is a Rotary International initiative. The goal of the project is to assist all students in completing the school year as good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by providing students with their own personal dictionaries. Reading is the most important skill. It is the starting point for all the economic and social opportunities this world has to offer to an individual.

"Our Rotary Club has a proud tradition of supporting our area's students and schools," said Frank Gooding, president of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club. "Each year we provide thousands of dollars in scholarships to local, college bound students. We sponsor a service club at Biddeford High School called Interact and an essay contest among the area's middle school students. We are proud to start a tradition of supporting literacy among our young learners."

As a service organization, the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club is committed to actively participating in our community. We represent a variety of different businesses who share a common goal, making our local community a better place to live and work. For more information about the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club, visit www.biddeford-sacorotary.org.



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THANKS - Jenny Sawyer, above, a third grader at Dayton Consolidated School, is proud to be among the 700 students to receive new dictionaries from the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club.

At left, Biddeford-Saco Rotarian Christian Doyon hands one of the dictionaries recently given to local students to Elizabeth Bell. (Photos courtesy of Julia Chasse)

Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club

Helping to Beat the High Price of Heating Oil

The Boothbay Harbor Rotary Club has a long-standing relationship with Rebuilding Together, and it paid off in October when we got together to winterize the homes of some of our neighbors. We insulated, blanketed, fixed cracks and put plastic over windows. (Now, if we just had time to do the same for our own homes!) Here, Rotarian Skip Krehling gets ready for a day of carpentering and repairing. But there's more: Our club is sponsoring a Warm Holiday Wishes Dance on Friday December 21, with all proceeds to benefit our community's Home Heating Oil Fund.



Boothbay Harbor Honors Local Veterans

The Boothbay Harbor clubhouse was filled to capacity recently for our Rotary club's annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner. Our guest speaker was Bath Iron Work's Russ Hoffman, who talked about the new programs at the shipyard, but the real honored guests of the evening were the 47 veterans, actives, Gold Star honorees and military widows (including 12 of our own Rotarians) who stood and quietly spoke about their service, which ranged from World War II to the current conflict in Iraq. We thanked each of them for that service; they thanked Rotary for inviting them to dinner.



Boothbay Harbor Rotary's own Bob Jacobson, an Air Force veteran, and Muriel Jacobson, a Gold Star widow, were honored along with military widow Sandy Terry (standing).



Derek Anderson (left), who drove a tank in Iraq, confers with Palmer Payne, a Korean War veteran.

Rotary Club of Breakwater Daybreak

Rotary Club of Breakwater Daybreak President Jim Price presents a 'Good Hunting' award to Membership Chair Gary Berenson for organizing the first Club Recruiting Meeting on 22 October. Seven guests attended in response to personal invitation letters that Gary sent to 195 business and civic leaders. The Club also designed a new web page www.breakwater-rotary.org to attract prospective members using graphics from Rotary International's Humanity In Motion public image campaign. District Governor Brad Jett tagged three 30 second Public Service Announcements from Humanity in Motion with Club contact information. Club Publicity Chair Ilse Yanis arranged for local access television in South Portland to show these PSAs. The Club developed ¼ page color ads promoting the event and paid to run them in two weekly newspapers. Breakwater Daybreak also created a new Club Brochure for prospective members to explain Rotary and the expectations of being a Member. Membership Chair Gary said, "I look forward to following up with each of these guests to determine if they are willing to join. We are pleased with the level of interest shown at this first Recruiting Meeting. Breakwater Daybreak will plan a second Recruiting Meeting for 21 Jan 09."



Rotary World Interact Week November 2 - 8, 2008



The Rotary Interact Club of South Portland High School, under the leadership of Jennifer Majors, will hold a birthday party on November 4th to honor Rotary Interact. The Interact Club has grown in size and is comprised of committed students who are providing community service projects. During World Interact Week they will hold a school wide clean up, help the Portland Narrow Gauge Railroad with their Halloween activities, and conduct a 'green' fundraiser by collecting old ipods, cell phones and other hand held technology devices. Past accomplishments of the Rotary Interact Club have been food and bottle drives, Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) selling Christmas trees with the Rotary Club of South Portland/Cape Elizabeth, school wide clean up, tutoring at a local elementary school, raising money for Dollars for Change (Aids communities in Africa) and helped at the first all women's Triathlon Tri for A Cure, (Maine Cancer Foundation for research and family support). Great job, South Portland High School.

Rotary Club of Fryeburg Area



*Mary Rennie (VP and dinner chair)
with her husband Dave*



*Members of the Fryeburg Area club pose for
a photo op after distributing dictionaries
at the Molly Ockett School to 6th graders.*



Fryeburg summer member Peter Paloucci



Group shot of Fryeburg Members

*Future Rotarian Michael Malia,
son of PP Peter Malia*



District 7780 goes to the UN



First Lady Penny & DG Brad



RI President-elect John Kenny poses with Joan Correll District PolioPlus Chair and Pres.-elect of the Hampton Rotary Club



Members of Newburyport, Portsmouth, Exeter and Hampton listening to RI Pres. D.K. Lee



Interactors Sydney Dunbar, Bobbi Surette, Kyra Gould with Advisor Lynne Schott Oxford Hills Rotary Club



Oxford Hills Rotarian Lynne Schott & DG Brad

Rotary Club of Hampton

The month of October in the Hampton Club was all about our relationship with "Friends Forever." For those of you who don't know, Friends Forever works with local communities in the United States and teens from around the world to promote peace by replacing fear and suspicion with laughter and trust. Friends Forever instills a desire for peace, understanding, and cross-community friendship into the lives of our next generation's leaders and decision-makers.

Every year, the Hampton club donates money, resources, and time to make this program a success. Led by member and past President Dr. Craig Kelleher, a group of 5 Irish Catholic teens and 5 Irish Protestant teens from Northern Ireland, and a group of 5 Jewish teens and 5 Muslim teens from Israel were encouraged to develop lasting friendships by experiencing a trip to Boston, small plane and antique car rides, a UNH hockey game, and an 8.5 mile roundtrip hike up NH's Mount Chocorua.

The group of Irish came to one club meeting to share their experiences and progress with our members and the group of Israelis came to another club meeting to share their progress. By the looks and sounds of things, those areas of the world have a little more peace coming their way in the future!



30 Friends Forever mountain climbers and leaders stop at Chocorua Lake in NH to take the annual pre-climb group picture. Some brave kids from the Israeli group took off their boots and waded into the cold water!!

28 of the 30 climbers who started out made it to the top of the mountain. One Irish climber broke his foot on the way up, just below the summit, and a leader stayed with him until the Israeli group picked him up on the way down. He was quite a trooper as he made it down fine, albeit with a different party.



Rotary Club of Kennebunk



Kennebunk Rotary's 17th Annual Presidential 5-K Road Race was held on October 11th. The weather was beautiful and the race went off without a hitch. Several participants indicated that it was the best race they had ever participated in. Planning began in March and continued through the summer, with it all coming together on race day with over 20 Kennebunk Rotarians doing everything from registration to traffic control. Including the 1-K kids' Fun Run, 200 runners enjoyed this event, which culminated with plenty of good food, great prizes and high spirits. The Kennebunk Rotary Club thanks Norm Labbe, Smilie Gregg Rogers and their team for providing the community with such a great event.

Rotary Club of Damariscotta–Newcastle

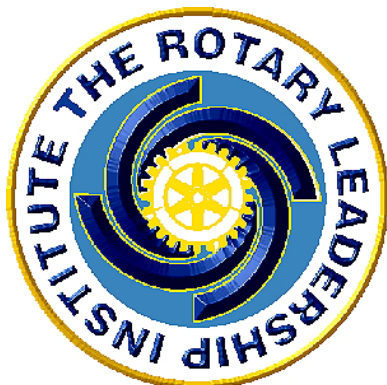
Rotary Club of Damariscotta – Newcastle Goes for the Irish!

Members of the The Rotary Club of Damariscotta–Newcastle and their families spent a week hosting ten fantastic young people from Belfast Northern Ireland as part of the Friends Forever USA teen peace initiative. Rotarians hosted the teens in their homes for an evening, took them to Pemiqual Point Lighthouse, escorted them to Lincoln Academy High School for a day, worked alongside them during a community service Project at The Lincoln Home Assisted Living Facility and feted them at a Community/Teen night visited by Governor Brad and Penny Jett. Family of Rotary members and even took them “Trick or Treating”! Rumor has it that the teens even convinced host Rotarian Gary Speers to try his hand at flying through the tree tops at the Camp Kieve High Ropes course.



Phil Congdon President, The Rotary Club of Damariscotta–Newcastle

Congratulations RLI Grads!



District 7780 had a terrific presence at Rotary Leadership Institute held this past weekend at USM Lewiston. Nineteen Rotarians from our District participated in the day-long programs designed to increase knowledge about Rotary and develop leadership skills that will strengthen our clubs. Those attending discussed, with fifty Rotarians from five districts, topics such as getting involved in service projects, leadership within the club, public relations, the Rotary Foundation, and analyzing our clubs to ensure success.

Congratulations are in order for Rhonda Emerson and Martin Bailey (Casco Bay), Penny Jett (Hampton), and John Griffith (Oxford Hills) for their "graduation" from RLI. Their commitment, interest, and enthusiasm for Rotary is to be commended.

Marty Peak Helman (Boothbay Harbor) and John Rainone (York) are to be commended for completing the Faculty Training Course, enabling them to be part of the staff at future RLI programs. They join a strong cadre of RLI presenters who hail from District 7780.

RLI participants included Rotarians from Boothbay Harbor, Bridgton-Lake Region, Casco Bay, Damariscotta-Newcastle, Hampton, Oxford Hills, Saco Bay, Sanford-Springvale, Yarmouth, and York. The next opportunity to attend RLI in our District will be Saturday, March 7 at York County Community College in Wells.

Additional opportunities to attend RLI will be offered throughout New England in the spring, including sites in Lincoln RI and Rutland VT. These programs are open to any Rotarian who would like to become more knowledgeable about Rotary while spending an energizing day learning and interacting with other enthusiastic Rotarians. For more information about Rotary Leadership Institute, including dates, locations, and registration for future institutes, check the website: www.rlinea.com

Rotary Club of Kittery

In October Kittery held our first "Celebrity Waiter Dinner". An idea that was done years ago in the South Berwick Club. The concept is that each "waiter" sells tickets to friends who come to be "served" by them. The waiters set the table and determine the theme, if any. Although everyone gets the same meal, the description and mode of service is up to the waiter. The Club got some great support from District celebrities! In a mad-cap fun evening we had black-tie formal, south seas beach party, north pole toy shop, not-so blushing brides, red hat color, bank parties (with balloons that burst frequently of course), hospital wards, pirates, and crazy woodcutters. Dinner was served on tin plates, fine china, paper plates, medicine bottles, polished silver, or plastic! In addition to the ticket price for going for club service work the waiter tips alone raised well over \$1000 for polio plus! A very fun fundraiser



Top hat and tails, formal gowns, towering centerpiece, and a personal table violinist set the tone at this table

Shades of things to come, this beautiful bride held court at (her?) table ~ our esteemed DG-Elect, looked dashing all night and did not spill anything on that white ensemble!



A crazy nurse (Julia Pelkey), a maid without honor (Fire Chief Obie), and a south seas damsel (Pam Gray) each raised fits of laughter at their respective tables.



Rotary Club of Kittery cont.

The sophisticated waiter PDG Elias Thomas took a break from serving royalty (he polished silver all day) at his table (which included the "Queen PDG Liz), to check out what that dastardly Pirate Captain DG Brad Jett was serving to his crew of wild Hampton pirates on their tin plates.



Pam Gray told her table to wear Hawaiian shirts and they arrived to a South Seas beach party, including inflated palm tree and shark. (the shark could not find a seat and so left early)



Rotary Club of Ogunquit

Almost everybody in the Ogunquit Rotary Club dressed up in Halloween costumes recently for lunch. Here we have, back row left to right, Paul 'Father Time' Breen, Don 'Dark and Mysterious' MacAulay, George 'The Sheik' Wilson, Joe 'Scot Highlander' Boyle, Richard 'Warlock' Littlefield, Ben 'Cool Police' Oliver, Norm 'King of Arabia' Wilkinson, Bill 'The Devil' Zechel, and Gordy 'Mexico or Bust' Lewis. Second row, left to right, Arlene 'The Witch' Breen, Ellen 'Little Bo Peep' Farber, Mary 'Pumpkin Girl' Littlefield, Carol 'The Butterfly' Brennan, Pres. Tracy 'Fairy Godmother' Smith, Connie 'Old Maine Reader' Griffin, and Kathy 'The Original Annie' Wright. Front row, kneeling, Eleanor 'The Pirate Moll' Vadenais, Mary 'When Wesley Retired' Haines, and Pete 'Minuteman-Pirate' Woodbury. We thank Guest Arlene Breen and Visitor Bill Zechel who participated in the mirth.



Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

October is a fairly quiet month around the Oxford Hills. We continue selling tickets for our annual 300 Club Christmas Raffle with weekly drawings to start in November. We sell 300 tickets at \$25 each for a total of \$7,500.00 and give 1/2 of it away, netting the club \$3,750.00. The grand prize is \$1,000.00 with lesser prizes of \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500. We draw the winners at our weekly meetings and it's a lot of fun to see who wins. Many thanks to Glenn Huntley who has headed this event for many years.

We inducted three new members during October. Rebecca Dowse joined us with a classification as consultant, and Bob and Irina Kahn joined us with classifications of surgeon and artist respectively. We now have the elusive net gain of 1 member for the year.

Rebecca Dowse and Linda Earle were able to help out at the Child Health Center's open house on October 18th. They took turns monitoring the Rotary Moon Bounce for the event. The Club has been a big supporter of the Child Health Center through the years and we're always glad to help them out. In fact, the Health Center is dedicating a Rotary flag to the Club which will be placed on top of their largest piece of playground equipment.

Lastly, President John and his wife, Shelley, became proud first time grandparents on October 9th with the birth of daughter Courtney's and son-in-law Michael's son, Zachary Michael. Courtney, Mike and Zachary live just a couple of blocks away from DG Brad in Hampton, NH.



District 7780 is still accepting applications for Team Leader and Team Members. Please help us get the word out about our exciting Exchange with Poland.

For more information contact:
Karen Wendell,
GSE Chair
karen.wendell@comcast.net

President John stands with new member, Rebecca Dowse along with her sponsor, Tally Decato.

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Thoughts From The Membership Committee

Saturday, October 25th I had the opportunity to sit in on three breakout sessions at our District's Membership/Foundation Assembly held in Wells, ME. In every session that I attended the same question was raised.

- How do we retain members?

There are clubs in our District who have a great success with the Fireside Chat. Prospective members meet with members and discuss the basics of Rotary, financial and time commitments, club activities, committees and club expectations of their members. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the prospective candidate, their reason of wanting to join your club and their interests and expectations. Some Clubs like to invite the prospective candidate's partner to the Fireside Chat.

Keeping new and active members involved is essential for retention.

- Get the membership involved with the new member's installation. Don Lamprey, PP Rotary Club of Hampton will share his installation ceremony with other clubs. I am definitely going to use it my year as President.
- Develop a mentor program. Partner the new member up with another member who will show him/her the ropes for six months.
- Have Committee chairs ask new members to join a committee. Most new members want to hit the ground running...you will find out their interests in the Fireside Chat.
- Have your new member do a classification talk within the first 30 days of their installation. Members of the Dover Club look forward to hearing new members 20 minute talk. We have shared some great laughs at our classification talks.
- Ask new members to be a Greeter for the first month. What is a better way to meet the membership?
- Gary and Judy Speers and their Club of Damariscotta-Newcastle hosted a pot luck supper...98 people arrived versus the 68 anticipated. Talk about Club spirit.
- Hands-on projects...Invite the Rotary Family, more volunteers and you are not asking the family to compete for time with your members.

Engage, Challenge, Involve and Communicate are some of the key activities to keep our members.

Marion Cheney
Membership Committee
PE/Secretary
Rotary Club of Dover, NH

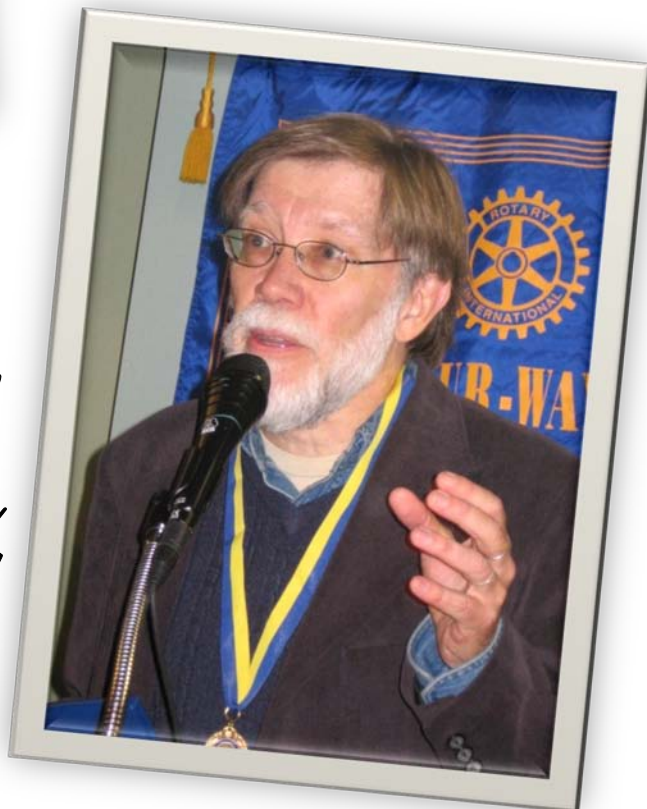
"Don Lamprey, PP Hampton Rotary Club will share his installation ceremony with other clubs. I am definitely going to use it my year as President."

Rotary Club of Portsmouth



Ten students from the Friends Forever program visited the Portsmouth Rotary Club recently to talk about their experiences in the United States. This wonderful program fosters the development of a greater sense of peace and acceptance in the world between Irish Protestants and Catholics.

J. Dennis Robinson was named a Paul Harris fellow at a recent meeting of the Portsmouth Rotary Club. A noted author and historian, Mr. Robinson spoke briefly about the importance of embracing and telling the story of Portsmouth with all of its most interesting facets, so that people will be drawn back time and again to this historic area.



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Rotary Club of Rumford

Weatherization Project A Tremendous Success

With over 40 volunteers, the Rumford Area Rotary Club led the way in helping the needy in the River Valley area prepare their homes for the coming winter. Hundreds of dollars of materials were donated, many companies allowed their employees to donate their time and skills, others donated tools and still others donated financially to help with the project. Over 40 homes were winterized during the project. Some required much work while still others just needed minor attention.

In a recent meeting of the Club Board, it was noted that one local company had donated \$5,000 to go toward the project. It was decided that the project will become one of more than just this year's duration. Two Thousand dollars will be set aside for a start on the project for next winter as the club directors voted to make it an annual one. The Club Board decided to partner with one of the local agencies to help assist the elderly that are homeowners and have a need for fuel assistance. Those applicants will be screened by the local agency and then forwarded to the Club Board of Directors for their consideration. Work that may be needed on the homes of those applicants would also be considered because of the surplus of materials not used in the initial project. Volunteers would be solicited not only from the club but also from the community for the continuing work.

The recipients of the club's efforts were extremely thankful for everything that had been done to help them. A majority of the club's Interact groups also were very instrumental in helping with the project. It was truly an effort whose success was brought about by the entire community and businesses.



Rotarian PP Linda French and her husband Bill assist with the collection of materials for their winterization project.

PDG Tim Placey assists Dave Duguay with their winterization project, as a result of a District Simplified Grant to help fund the project.

Rotary Club of Saco Bay

Community Leaders Honored by the Rotary Club of Saco Bay

Saco, Maine - Members of the Rotary Club of Saco Bay recently had the pleasure of honoring two distinctive citizens from the Saco and Old Orchard Beach areas with Paul Harris Fellows for their selfless contributions and inspiration they have provided with their communities. Past-President, Deb Cote, set the stage by explaining that the Paul Harris Fellow is not only presented to Rotarians for their contribution to the ideal of service but is also designed to honor others for their commitment to service and deserving of recognition.

Andrea Berlin, Chairperson of the Conservation Commission in Old Orchard Beach, was honored by her friend Assistant Town Manager, Louise Reid. "Andrea's competent performance in fulfilling a town's dream of Memorial Park demonstrates not only a high level of expertise, person effectiveness, specialized skill, but a person who inspires vision for future success!" Ms. Reid went on to add "This honor bestowed on her (Andrea) is well deserved in recognition of Service Beyond Self."

Mr. Lucien Chantigny, owner of TJ's Pizza, accepted his award from club President Dan Colby with the following thoughts " TJ you have set an example for many by your contributions to your community. For example the TJ's Pizza golf tournament to provide scholarships at the Biddeford Center for Technology. This tournament was founded by you nearly 17 years ago and has now raised in excess of \$250,000 for the students. Another example is your continued sponsorship and support of youth programs in the community – whether they are sports teams, schools, or Scouts. And we can not forget your unselfish support of local service organizations, including our own Rotary Auction on an annual basis. Your contributions have been enormous and have not gone unrecognized."

The Paul Harris Fellow started in 1957, to honor the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris. At that time a Fellowship was established in his honor to acknowledge contributions of US\$1000 for the humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation that continue today. These programs range from providing food, portable water and health care to needy people of the world, to delivering immunizations and shelter to millions.

As Past-President Cote concluded "Today we are one step closer to a better, more peaceful world because we are able to recognize noted members of our community for their contributions in making everyone's life a little better."



Past-President Deb Cote, Andrea Berlin, Lucien Chantigny, and Club President Dan Colby.



Rotary Club of Biddeford-Saco & Saco Bay

UNE'S ROTARACT CLUB TEAMS UP WITH YORK COUNTY FOOD RESCUE TO PROMOTE TURKEY DRIVE

Biddeford, Maine - Jamee Robinson, President of UNE's Rotaract Club, teamed up with York County Food Rescue Program to sponsor a turkey drive for needy families in the York County Area.

UNE Rotaract's mission is service within and beyond the community. Its goals include reaching out to the UNE community and nearby communities through volunteer service or donations in the past.

Robinson states, "It's said that the holiday season brings out the best in people. I like to think that our group encompasses the same spirit all year round with each and every one of our volunteer experiences."

The York County Food Rescue is the primary link between food distributors/sellers and the non-profit organizations that serve the hungry of York County.

Jodi Bissonnette, the Director of the York County Food Rescue Program, states, "The number of families that these pantries are helping has more than doubled in the past year. I can only see it getting worse. We need folks like UNE to step up and help. We are all but one paycheck from being in need ourselves."

The turkey drive was held at Shaw's, 510 Alfred Street in Biddeford on Friday, November 7 from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. They accepted donations of turkeys and non-perishable food items to present to needy families in York County.



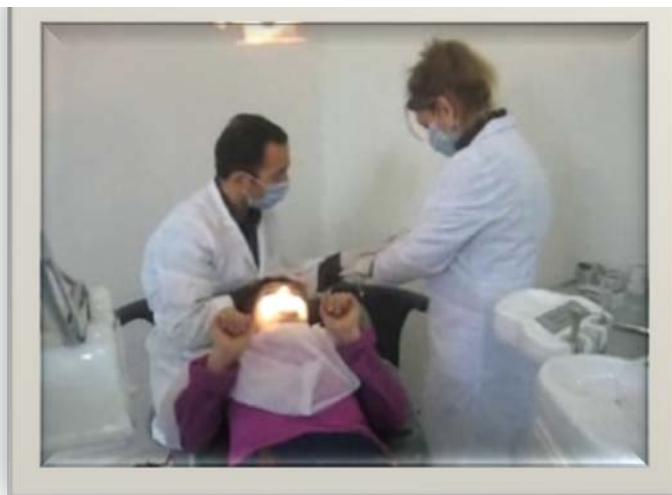
Rotary Club of South Portland–Cape Elizabeth

Cathy Herold, Bob Herold of the Portsmouth Club, Janet McLaughlin and Marge Barker of the South Portland - Cape Elizabeth Club enjoy a rest stop in Ethiopia the day after participating in an NID west of Addis Ababa with Ethiopian Rotarians and Rotaract members and US Rotarians. This was part of a 10-day immunization program throughout the country in October.



Rotary Club of Westbrook–Gorham

"On 10/29/08 the Azerbaijan dental clinic funded by Rotary International grant #53653 given to Westbrook- Gorham Rotary Club five years ago opened its doors to help several disabled young patients from the Saray orphanage. Dr. Akif , a local Azeri dentist donated his services and he and two other local dentists will each be donating a day a week for the near future. One other dentist, Dr Mahire, a recent graduate is assisting and is being mentored to eventually take over the operation of the clinic. The clinic found a home in a newly built structure founded by the Caspian Compassion Project, who also provides administrative support. The mission of the clinic is to serve the dental needs of indigent young people in the area surrounding the clinic. Another purpose is to provide a residency program for Azeri graduate dentists as they receive very limited clinical training in their undergraduate courses. I am planning to visit the operation in May 2009 where Rotarian Don Gornell , the originator and main implementor of the clinic will discuss this aspect of the project. A five minute video is being produced to help fund the operational costs of the clinic."



Submitted by Wayne K Lopez DDS ,grant receiver Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club

Call For Nominations

Please read the following very important notice and give it very serious consideration. It is time to submit the names of candidates for District Governor and for a seat on the District Budget and Finance Committee. Please notify PDG Trisha Hunter, Chair of the 2008-2009 District Nominating Committee, thunter@championnetworks.com or myself if you have any questions relative to the process.

Nominations in the form of a resolution of the club, adopted at a regular club meeting, as described in the Manual of Procedure must be forwarded to **DG Brad prior to January 15, 2009**

Nominations Sought for District Officers

Clubs are asked to submit nominations for the following District 7780 Officers:

District Governor for 2011-2012

Qualifications for the duties of District Governor can be found in the Manual of Procedure include:

- Must have been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least seven years
- Must be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district with no outstanding indebtedness to RI or to the district.
- Must have full qualifications for such membership in the strict application of the provisions therefore, and the integrity of the Rotarian's classification must be without question
- Must have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June, provided that this period is at least six months
- Must demonstrate willingness, commitment and ability, physically and otherwise, to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the office of governor

Budget & Finance Committee Member for 2009-2012

Division C (Cumberland, Lincoln and Sagadahoc Counties)

Includes Bath, Bath Sunrise, Boothbay Harbor, Breakwater Daybreak, Bridgton-Lake Region, Brunswick, Brunswick Coastal, Casco Bay Sunrise, Damariscotta-Newcastle, Falmouth, Freeport, Portland, Scarborough, Sebago Lake, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Topsham Expresso, Westbrook-Gorham, Yarmouth

- Candidate must be willing and able to serve as a member of the committee for the three year term.

District Governor-elect Corner

It was wonderful seeing so many of us together a couple of weeks ago for our district foundation and membership seminars.

We had a wonderful cadre of discussion leaders, offering some insightful information and leading outstanding discussions about many topics concerning our clubs, district and the many wonderful international opportunities that are available to us.

If you were not able to attend or were able and wish one of the discussion leaders to join your club at a meeting or spend some time with your board planning for the future, please let Governor Brad or myself know and we will be glad to connect you with them. We also have a wonderful speakers bureau posted on our district web site. The web site also contains our district leadership and committee chair information and each of these folks would love an opportunity to spend some time with your club assisting them in any way possible.

Over the years we have learned that club growth represents an important part of what we as Rotarians do to maintain our effectiveness as Rotary Clubs and to further the good works we do each day in our communities. Yet club growth is one of the areas that we as individual members struggle with the most. Each of us knows many outstanding community and family members, and is still uncomfortable with asking them to join our organization. It's time that we as Rotarians share the secret, let others know what you already enjoy, let them in on the wonderful opportunity to serve, to share fellowship and to grow personally and professionally.

As we search for others to join us, let us not forget those already around us in our clubs. Membership retention is proving to be one of our biggest challenges as well. This is an easy one, yet it is still often overlooked. Be mindful of your fellow Rotarians, are they missing at a meeting? Do they have a need for some help at home or work? Are they being challenged as a club member, asked to serve on club committees, or as a club officer? These are simple questions for us all to ask of our brother and sister Rotarians, don't leave retention up to the club leadership, including and caring about our fellow club member are all of our responsibility.

In closing, as many of your clubs contemplate your club leaders for the upcoming years let's not forget that Governor Brad has put the call out for nominations for several positions in our district including District Governor for 2011-2012. Please consider those around you, who will our next leaders be. You as members have the opportunity to recommend to your club and together nominate our next leader.

Enjoy your upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday.

God Bless,

Jeff

Jeffrey S. Pelkey
District Governor 2009-2010
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