

DISTRICT 7780

NEWSLETTER

October
2008



District Governor's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The official visits are over! The last month and a half flew by as Penny & I had the distinct privilege of spending time with fellow members and friends from Freeport, Sanford-Springvale, Bethel, Portsmouth, Portsmouth Sunrise, Kennebunk Portside, South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, South Berwick-Eliot, Boothbay Harbor, Bath Sunrise, Damariscotta-Newcastle, Bath, Breakwater Daybreak and our final stop back at our own home club in Hampton. We have been overwhelmed with your warm reception, your friendship and your dedication to serving your communities and those abroad.

I sincerely hope to see many of you at the Foundation-Membership Seminar on Saturday, October 25th at the York County Community College in Wells, Maine. This is an opportunity to share ideas and experiences, and to learn more about ***The Rotary Foundation*** and the significance that membership is having in our district.

As Governor, I am deeply concerned about the declining number of members in our district. In the last five years, we have had a *net loss of 200 members*. If we continue on the same road as we have, if we continue to look at membership in the same way, we will lose another 400 members over the next ten years. Six hundred professional and business men and women will be gone from our district. We need to make **membership** a priority today in each of our forty-one clubs. Imagine what the effect will be on our communities. Imagine what the effect will be on your own club. Rotary's strength is in the numbers, without members, we can't support our communities, we can't support the Rotary Foundation and we can't serve mankind. Please join your fellow Rotarians on Saturday, October 25th and discover how together we can turn this disturbing trend around. If you have any questions, please contact me at 603-944-5846 or bradjett@comcast.net

Warmest Rotary Regards,

DG Brad

Foundation/Membership Seminar
Saturday, October 25th, 2008 at
York County Community College
it's not too late to join us!!!
Walk in Registration welcome
\$20.00 per person

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Bethel Rotary Club



The Bethel Rotary Club has launched a seasonal fundraiser to support the lighting of a large blue spruce on the Bethel common for Christmas. A bulb in remembrance or in honor of a person or persons may be purchased to be placed on the tree. Bulbs were sold initially at a club booth at the annual Harvest Fest on the common in September. The club has provided support for maintaining the lighting on the trees in past Christmas seasons, and this effort will both support the project financially and recognize /remember area residents.



District Gov. Brad Jett and his wife, Penny (center), visited the Bethel Rotary Club on Sept. 23. Here, Bethel President Mike Steven, left, presents a check to Brad for the Rotary Foundation. At right is Assistant Governor Patty Rice

RI Day at the United Nations
 Saturday, November 8, 2008
 For more information,
 contact:
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"Can you Make My Dreams Real?"

Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Breakwater Daybreak



DG Brad Jett and Penny visited the Rotary Club of Breakwater Daybreak on October 8th. They also attended the Club's Board meeting on October 7th, and offered many worthwhile suggestions to improve the effectiveness of our member recruiting process. Governor Brad shared a story from his attendance at the 2004 RI Convention in Chicago that illustrated the benefits new members bring to Rotary by sharing their unique skills and the benefits that they receive by joining the family of Rotary.

The Rotary Club of Breakwater Daybreak served food to the public at two different events on the same day! *UPDATE*

The Rotary Club of Breakwater Daybreak, South Portland–Cape Elizabeth, served food to the public at the annual 'Art in the Park' AND at the first Maine all women's triathlon 'Tri for a Cure' both in South Portland on August 9, 2008.

'Art in the Park' was a fun day for families and children as artists from NE states and beyond showed and sold their work.

'Tri for a Cure' was staged at Spring Point, Southern Maine Community College Campus and raised over \$220,000 for the Maine Cancer Foundation to benefit cancer research and patient support programs. A number of athletes were cancer survivors or had experienced cancer with a family member.

The 2nd annual all women's triathlon 'Maine Cancer Foundation Tri for a Cure' will be held on April 8, 2009. Breakwater Daybreak will participate again.



The Rotary Club of Breakwater Daybreak split our work force for these two fundraisers with Rotarians from the Rotary Club of South Portland–Cape Elizabeth and Interact students from South Portland High School helping out.

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Travels of DG Brad & Penny



*Pres. Jimmy Hendricks & DG Brad
at the Freeport Rotary Club*



*PDG Elias Thomas, President Joe Hanslip
of the Sanford-Springvale Club & DG Brad*



*Pres. Mike Steven,
Bethel Rotary Club
presents DG Brad w/
a check for the
Rotary Foundation*



*The Dickinsons having a
good time at the Laux social*



DG Brad, Pres. Pat Lyons & AG John Pappas

October is Rotary Vocational Service Month

Vocational Service focuses on:

- Adherence to, and promotion of, the highest ethical standards in all occupations, including fair treatment of employers, employees, associates, competitors, and the public.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, not just your own or those that are pursued by Rotarians.
- The contribution of your vocational talents to solving the problems of society and meeting the needs of the community.



During October, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this essential element of Rotary. Discussions among clubs and districts on Vocational Service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service month is an opportunity to begin year-long Vocational Service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.

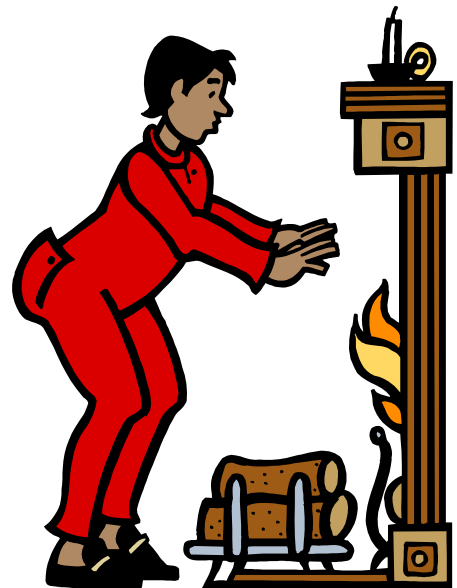
- Devote the first meeting in October to examining the second Avenue of Service, including The 4-Way Test and The Declaration of Rotarians in Business and the Professions. After expanding members' awareness, solicit their input in planning projects for the remainder of the year.
- Introduce a "mini-classifications talk" series in which each member gives a five-minute talk on his or her vocation. Schedule one speaker for the beginning of each meeting until everyone has made a presentation. The purpose: promote vocational awareness among Rotarians and help them recognize the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- Present a vocational award to someone in the community who has exemplified outstanding professional achievement while maintaining very high ethical standards. Promote the presentation within the community, and consider making it an annual October event.
- Invite experts to give a presentation on the vocational needs of the community and develop a project in response to those needs. Possible projects could focus on developing character, providing career information to youth, mentoring small businesses, or organizing workshops that provide employees with new skills.

Rotary Club of Bridgton-Lake Region



The Bridgton-Lake Region Rotary Club again partnered with the Fryeburg Area Rotary Club to sell stuffed baked potatoes at the Fryeburg Fair for the week of September 28th. This annual fundraiser is always a popular attraction at the fair and all hands are needed to keep the potatoes coming! Here is a finished product and a photo of Rotarian Dick Enright working in the potato booth.

We are involved in a collaborative effort called 'Project Warm'. Every winter day someone in our community wakes up to a cold house and a furnace without fuel. 'Project Warm' is a community effort to help individuals with temporary relief, a warm daytime place and information to help them help themselves this winter. Rotarian Faye Daley is the contact person for this project. Some areas our Club is helping is donating to the fuel collaborative and volunteering our time at the warm centers.



Rotary Club of Fryeburg Area



Induction of 2 new members, from left to right, Pat White, PP, Erlon Jones new member; Sarah MacGillivray, Pres., Brenda Bailey, new member.



The joint Potato Booth at Fryeburg Fair for Fryeburg & Bridgton-Lake Region Club



Mary Rennie (VP & Interact Advisor) with future Interactor/Rotarian Ian MacGillivray parking cars at Fryeburg Fair

Use your professional skills during Vocational Service Month

Rotary International News

Rotarians have put Service Above Self for more than a century. Through vocational service, Rotarians serve others through their professions and promote high ethical standards. In honor of Vocational Service Month, encourage members to apply the skills and talents they use in their professions to your club's service projects. Or, create new projects that tap into your club's collective talent. To discover members' unique skills, members of the membership or service projects committees could conduct a skills inventory to determine a service project that maximizes their club's professional abilities.

More Travels of DG Brad & Penny



Ports. Sunrise Fellowship



*PRIVP Mike McGovern selling
Raffle Tickets to
AG Frank Butterworth*



*So. Portland
Cape Elizabeth Club
enjoying fellowship
during dinner*



*So. Berwick-Eliot Members
enjoying fellowship*



*First Lady Penny, DG Brad,
Booth Bay Harbor Pres.
Andy Hamblett*

Rotary Club of Hampton

October is a busy month for the Rotary Club of Hampton. 18 members participated in the semi-annual clean-up of our Adopt-A-Highway program. We also held our annual golf tournament, which raised about \$2500 for our charities account. We will be hosting 2 Friends Forever groups toward the end of the month and we will have Governor Brad's visit on October 14th. We look forward to seeing our District friends at the Foundation and Membership Seminar on October 25th.



Members of the Hampton Rotary Club pose for a picture during their coffee & donuts before their semi-annual Adopt-A-Highway clean-up.

Members of the Hampton Rotary Club work the registration table at their annual golf tournament.



Rotary Club of Kennebunk



"Sen. Susan Collins, past Rotary member & Paul Harris Fellow, addressed Kennebunk Rotary club at recent meeting on Congressional response to current financial situation."



Mark Your Calendar!!

Join us on the evening of Saturday, February 28, 2009

World Understanding & Peace Dinner

Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland, Maine

"Celebrating District 7780's Global Connection"

Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Kennebunk Portside

Kennebunk Portside Rotary is part of Maine Coast Cleanup effort

Kennebunk Portside Rotary took time Saturday, October 4, to clean up Goose Rocks Beach, Maine. Rotary members, along with family members and friends, have been participated in the annual Maine Coast Week Beach Clean Up. This year's group included 16 volunteers who removed over 450 pounds of trash from 3 miles of beach. Items such as discarded plastic bags, food wrappers, pieces of foam buoys, rope, and cigarette butts are removed from the beach, and tallied. This documentation is sent to the Maine Coastal Program and on to the International Ocean Conservancy. Portside Rotary Club participants had an enjoyable time at the beach, perform a community service, and be a part of an effort that, in 2007, removed more than six million pounds of debris from over 33,000 miles of shoreline worldwide.



Portside Rotary club members with family and friends joining in ready to tackle the beach for cleanup – Ron Karalus, Karen Schlegel, Alan Shepard, Dick Mason, President Peggy Belanger, Ki and Bill Lefler, Harvey Flashen, Charlie Coleman, Ted Trainer, Dave Jourdan, and Wayne Manchester.

Portside Rotary club members with bags of trash from their collection along the beach, mostly rope, cigarette butts, and misc. plastics and food wrappers. A great day to stroll the beach. We are proud of how clean our beach is and glad to participate to keep it beautiful.



Rotary Club of Ogunquit



Beware Rotary Park at Perkins Cove! Many Ogunquit Rotarians gathered at Rotary Park to build a scarecrow witch and other ghostly figures for the upcoming annual OgunquitFest. 'She' is seen here guarding the Park, warning folks to:
Beware if you walk through my park,
Especially if you're here after dark!



Ogunquit Rotarians Sort Out the Bones. Some of the crew that put together the scarecrow display at Rotary Park at Perkins Cove are, left to right, PP Ben Oliver, Pat Arnaudin, Connie Griffin and Pres. Tracy Smith. The scarecrow display is part of a town-wide contest sponsored by the Ogunquit Chamber of Commerce for their annual OgunquitFest, October 24-26.



The Ogunquit Rotary Club held its annual yard sale last month and earned itself nearly \$800 for charitable projects locally and internationally. Photos show the scene as the morning sun rises over Ogunquit and illuminates the Yard Sale, revealing 'early birds' looking over offerings carefully arranged on tables (and doors) by club members who were especially aware that location is everything in a sales situation. Also seen here is Pres. Tracy Smith giving a live demonstration of some stilts while a potential buyer looks on.

More Travels of DG Brad & Penny



*Damariscotta-Newcastle social at
Pres. Phil Congdon's house*



View from the deck of Pres. Phil Congdon



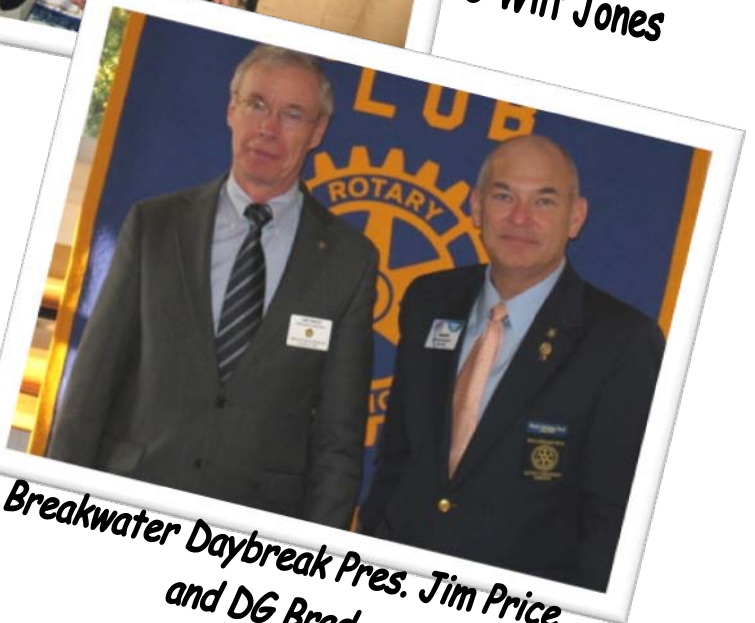
Pres. Phil, DG Brad & AG Wilt Jones



*DG Brad,
Pres. Annie Merry &
AG Wilt Jones*



DG Brad & Kennebunk Portside Pres. Peggy Belanger



*Breakwater Daybreak Pres. Jim Price
and DG Brad*

Rotary Club of Oxford Hills

We started our 300 Club Raffle. Glenn Huntley has been in charge of this since it's inception and he has done a great job. Basically, we sell 300 tickets at \$25.00 each, then give away several prizes of \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500, with a grand prize of \$1000. If we sell all the tickets, the club nets about 50% of the proceeds.

We also distributed 279 dictionaries to the 3rd grade students in SAD #17 later in the month. Thanks to Mary Lou Burns for coordinating this effort.

Lastly, I cannot let this opportunity pass without mentioning my white water rafting trip on the Kennebec River with the district exchange students. As one who is not too crazy about water sports, especially when the water is cold, I had a great time. Each fall and spring, Bob and Lynn Schott host the exchange students at their camp in Moxie Gore near Jackman and take them rafting. Bob is our Vocational Chair and Lynn is Interact advisor at the high school. I believe 26 people went rafting including the students, guides, Rotarians and guests. It's an all day trip. The first 10 miles were pretty rapid (pardon the pun) while the last 4 miles were relaxing and lazy. The weather was beautiful and we all had a wonderful time. This is a great opportunity for the exchange students to bond at their first meeting in September and to say farewell at their last meeting in May. Many, many thanks to Bob and Lynn, and their helpers, Joelle Corey and Beth Abbott. I don't think many of us realize how much work it is to put this trip together. I hope Brad and Penny can go with us next Memorial Day !



Rotary Club of Portsmouth



Rotarian Peg Millar received the Distinguished Service Award from President Janice Wood at a recent meeting. She is shown here with Rotarian PDG Mort Schmidt and District Governor Brad Jett. Peg was acknowledged for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Club and Rotary at large. She is an inspiration to all of us! Congratulations Peg!

Tricia Cummings was named a new Paul Harris fellow at a recent meeting and is shown surrounded by her family and District Governor Brad Jett. Tricia is the Administrator of the Edgewood Centre in Portsmouth, a mother of three, and actively involved in the community through local Boards, Associations and Rotary. She currently serves as Chairperson of the Club's Harvest for Hunger Committee and participates in many others. We're very fortunate to have Tricia as a Rotarian in our Club.



There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto Service Above Self, Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

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Rotary Club of Rumford

The Rumford Club is moving forward with our weatherization project and it is right on track. The majority of applicants have been interviewed and a list of materials prepared. Training has been held for Team Leaders and we have a large number of people that have committed to working on the project, including quite a number of our Interact Groups as well as club members. The response has been excellent. We have had hundreds of dollars of material donated in addition to \$2,000 being already donated. We have many that are in dire need for the winter and people can only imagine the conditions and circumstances that we have discovered preparing for this project.

Our club again participated with the Hope Association in putting on the Octoberfest. The Interact Groups did a Pancake Breakfast at the OctoberFest as well as hosting the Pancake Breakfast at Black Mountain of Maine's Fall Family Festival.

The Club as well as the Interact Group each had a booth at the Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, where they were able to promote the organizations and all the projects they do.

And a special congratulations to Patty and Dave Duguay who were both honored as Paul Harris Fellows at the same time! A first for the Rumford Club!



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Saco Bay

As the shadows grew longer on Saturday, October 4, local Rotarians and Girl Scout Cadets were able to look back and reflect on what a prosperous and successful day they had for their community. Host by the Saco River Walk Project, a small army of Cadets from Saco's Girl Scout Troop 364 worked at opening-up access to paths and removed bamboo and trash for Saco Public Works to chip and dispose of.

At the same time, members of the Rotary Club of Saco Bay, lead by chairmen Sam Anagnostis and Curt Scamman, brought together materials and labor to transform a once washed out hill into a viable stair system so community members and visitors can have greater access to the scenic river area. Over a series of four-weeks Rotarians came together to cut, measured and prepped for the installation. At the end of the day, with plenty of day-light left, they were proud to say the stair system was complete. Funding for the project came from club president Dan Colby's grant writing and ability to leverage his relationship with the Rotary District 7780, the local Rotary Club of Saco Bay and the Saco River Walk Committee. What use to be a steep decline with slippery footing is now a clear access to the present trail from Hall Avenue. Designed for walkers, bicyclists, and those outdoor lovers who are interested in wanting a closer look at the Saco River, the stair system and trail will provide another option for people to get out and enjoy more of what their community has to offer.



(l to r) Rotarians Curt Scamman, Dru Laduke, Dan Colby (Club President), Sam Anagnostis and Saco River Walk Co-Chair, Laurie Mooney



Members of the Rotary Club of Saco Bay, Saco Girl Scout Cadets, Troop 364, Saco Public Works and Saco River Walk Committee

Final Stop for DG Brad & Penny.... Hampton



*Hampton Rotary at dinner
the eve before Home Club Visit*



*First Lady Penny & DG Brad
are welcomed back to
their Home Club*



AG John Pappas, Hampton Pres. Rick Neville & DG Brad



Who said Rotary bells are used just to start and end the meeting?

