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District 7780 Newsletter April 2010

District Governor 2009-2010
Jeffrey S. Pelkey



District 7780 Clubs Raise More than One-Quarter-Million Dollars through Rotary Matching Grants

During the past year, 18 District 7780 clubs raised or pledged funds to support nine TRF Matching Grants that will make a difference in Egypt, Niger, Uganda, South Africa, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Colombia.

All told, the 18 clubs involved raised almost \$52,000 for these projects. The District supported these grants with another \$39,000 in "District Designated Funds," money previously contributed by D-7780 Rotarians to The Rotary Foundation. Once the District contribution, contribution of clubs in other Districts, and match from The Rotary Foundation are counted, our

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District clubs helped raise a total of just over \$286,000 for humanitarian work around the globe.

Because of the economic downturn, we can expect that The Rotary Foundation's money for Matching Grants will be tight again in 2010-11. If your club is interested in a grant project, please plan to attend the District Assembly breakout on large grants, and contact Marty Helman, district grants coordinator, at martyrotary@gmail.com to discuss your plans. To ensure that your grant project is funded, it is imperative that the application be ready to be filed on July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Lead Club	Other D-7780 Clubs	Description of Grant	Club Contribution	District "DDF" Contribution	Total Value of Grant
Exeter	Newburyport, Portsmouth	Sustainable garden in Niger	(3 D-7780 clubs) \$6750	\$5000	\$20,896
Durham GB	none	Pediatric hospital equip in Egypt	\$4000	\$4000	\$24,318
Brunswick Coastal	none	Clean water in Uganda	\$3300	\$3298	\$11,996
Casco Bay	BBH, Exeter, led by club in D-6220	Facility to build wheelchairs in Nigeria	(3 D-7780 clubs) \$2000	\$2000	\$63,350
Casco Bay	Bridgton, Portland, Bethel, Oxford, BBH, Fryeburg, clubs in six other districts	Wheelchairs for polio survivors in Nigeria	(7 D-7780 clubs) \$8000	\$5000	\$54,865
Breakwater Daybreak	BBH, SPCE, Hampton, Yarmouth, 14 clubs in 7 other districts	Three computer centers in Guatemala	(5 D-7780 clubs) \$4500	\$4500	\$72,650
S Berwick-Eliot	none	Children's hospital in Dominican Republic	\$9,900	\$5000	\$15,000
Hampton	none	Neonatal clinic in Colombia	\$8400	\$5000	\$13,500
Brunswick Coastal	BBH, Kennebunk Portside	AIDS hospice in South Africa	(3 D-7780 clubs) \$5,000	\$5000	\$10,100
TOTALS	9 grants involving 18 7780 clubs		\$51,850	\$38,798	\$286,575

Annual Giving Status for District 7780

As we are in the 10th month of this Rotary year, I thought I would give you an update on where District 7780 stands in its Annual Giving Goal.

Out of 41 District Clubs, 34 clubs have sent in donations to Our Rotary Foundation's Annual Giving Program. These individual club donation totals range from \$100.00 to \$6,560.00 totaling \$78,936.26 year-to-date. This is still about \$100,000.00 under our District goal that was set last year at PETS.

If we add the Annual Giving current total with the Restricted Giving and Permanent Fund donations, this District has contributed \$158,757.22 in total

to Our Rotary Foundation which is absolutely FANTASTIC!!!!

However, we need to remember that the SHARE funds that come back to the District in 2012-13 are 50% of only our Annual Giving donations. The SHARE Funds are where we get the money for our District Simplified Grants and Matching Grants so it is important to meet our Annual Giving Goal of about \$175,000. The more we give, the more we get back!

REMINDERS - If you want to present a Paul Harris Fellow at the end of this Rotary year, be sure to get your requests in NOW to the Rotary Foundation. Please do not wait until June to make your request when everyone else in the world is doing the same thing as you may not get it in time!

The Rotary Foundation now only provides the certificate, folder and pin. If you want a medallion to present, there is now a charge of \$15.00 to get it.

The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands!

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Club News

Boothbay Harbor Rotary Sponsors Chamber "After-Hours"

The Boothbay Harbor Club held a green-flavored Chamber of Commerce open-house and "After Hours" on St. Patrick's Day. More than 50 Chamber members crowded the Clubhouse to eat, drink, make merry and learn about Rotary. A drawing was held, and the winner was asked to choose a local charity to whom the club wrote a check for \$100. Runners-up received two free meals redeemable at a future Rotary meeting, plus the chance to ring the club bell! The Boothbay Harbor club picked up the idea of the open house at last fall's Membership Seminar



Club pianist Viv Daniels tickles the ivories with Irish favorites and Vice President Jim Stormont checks out the appetizers during Boothbay Harbor's St. Patrick's Day "After Hours" event.

6th International Food Festival Supports the Link to Education

The **Rotary Clubs of Breakwater Daybreak and South Portland – Cape Elizabeth** in partnership with Southern Maine Community College celebrated a successful International Food Festival and Silent Auction on Saturday, March 27th.

The event is designed to promote awareness and improve understanding of different cultures while raising funds for international and multicultural student scholarships. Scholarships were awarded to eleven students at the event.



The foodline



Scholarship Recipients

SMCC's Culinary Arts faculty and students prepared and served sample portions of appetizers, soups, side dishes, entrees, and desserts.



The Scholarship Group



The Crowd enjoying the event

Countries represented in these selections included Japan, Spain, Lebanon, Chile, France, Puerto Rico, Korea, Ireland, Greece, Morocco, Nigeria, India, Mexico, Argentina, Sweden, Italy, Tahiti, and The Netherlands.

 The **Rotary Club of Kittery** held it's 7th Annual "Taste of Kittery" on "tax day" this year. With the great support of over 15 local restaurants and food vendors and scores of local businesses the event was a great success once again. The wide array of food choices was complemented by the great choice of wines served up by "The Clown".



Kittery Town Manager Jon Carter trying one of the great wine choices included in the ticket price

Three tables of Silent Auction items and two raffles kept people circulating. Music during the evening was provided by Ray DeMarco on the key board. The fundraiser is also a great

social event for the club as friends and family members joined in setting up and cleaning up and keeping the supplies available to a hall full of happy diners.



Peter Robinson tries out the pasta selection The annual event is always a good time

Saco, Maine – The Rotary Club of Saco Bay is proud to acknowledge that two local citizens were honored recently as Paul Harris Fellows, one of the highest honors bestowed upon Rotarians and non-Rotarians. After an informative presentation, at a regular club breakfast meeting, Tom LaChance, organizer of the Old Orchard Beach Ballpark, talked about the progress being seen at the Ballpark. Mr. LaChance was pleasantly surprised to receive the honor to acknowledge his passionate effort to revitalize the once active icon in Old Orchard Beach. Afterward receiving his honor, Mr. LaChance commented that “I accept this honor for the countless others who have poured their time and money into a dream that will soon become a reality. It’s also important to understand, too, that I can only accept this because of my wife and family are so understanding and supportive. They allow me to be away from home knowing this project is bigger than one person. I love them and accept this in honor them.” Along with Mr. LaChance’ family; members of the Old Orchard Beach Town Council, Town Managers Office and Mr. LaChance’ supervisor from the U.S. Postal Service were in attendance to be part of the honor.



Tom LaChance, and Rotary Club of Saco Bay club President, Dennis Robillard

The second community citizen presented with a Paul Harris Fellow, happened during the 21st Annual Rotary Auction. Mr. Jerry LaPierre, Building Manager for the Martin Center in Biddeford was honored during the live broadcast hosted by Time Warner Cable. The honor was presented by Past Club President of the Rotary Club of Saco Bay, Deb Cote, who grew-up with him and was proud to be part of the presentation. Mr. LaPierre along with his family were cited for their continuous support of the Westbrook Skating Rink, the Community Bicycle Center in Biddeford and for his fund raising and grilling skills on behalf of the Biddeford LAX program. “I am very surprised to receive this honor”, Mr. LaPierre said, “but I am most impressed you were able to get my wife, Linda, and family here, too!” Mr. LaPierre has been part of the Rotary Auction team for years coordinating technical support and on-site support, making sure the annual auction goes off without a hitch.



Rotary Club of Saco Bay Past-President, Deb Cote and Jerry LaPierre.

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